



MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7 August 2024 (14:00 – 17:00)

MORREESBURG DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE

1.	Opening and Welcome
	<p>Bertus Senekal welcomes everyone present at the meeting and thanks them for sacrificing their time to attend. He mentioned that if someone does not understand Afrikaans, they should indicate so that it can be translated. He also expresses gratitude for the good rainfall received so far.</p> <p>Joepie Burger opens the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>Attachment 1 – Attendance Register Attachment 2 – List of excuses including Paul Truter</p>
2.	Climate change and the effect on fires specifically on the West Coast (Prof. Stephanie Midgley (Western Cape Department of Agriculture)).
	<p>Questions and Discussion:</p> <p>Is it not just a natural cycle? Historical data suggests that natural cycles occur and will continue, but there are human-made factors involved that will cause more disasters and have greater impacts that will change the entire climate system. Variations will still occur within this.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to watch the documentary "For the Love of Our Planet."</p> <p>Are there any incentives for landowners to increase carbon in their soil, such as improving water retention in the soil? There are currently no state incentives available; all incentives are currently private through carbon accreditation systems. Some landowners have already access these incentives and are making good money from this, however this a difficult process and does not work for everyone. However options are being explored for the Western Cape.</p> <p>Will burning stubble fields be banned in the future through legislation or stricter permit conditions due to the large amount of carbon released into the atmosphere each year? It is unlikely to be regulated through legislation; it is more about considering the current practice against the higher costs of other management options, although it is internationally accepted that the practice is detrimental to the soil and carbon emissions.</p> <p>How can funding processes be expedited, especially regarding funds to prevent large fires, for example, by creating strategic firebreaks to conduct smaller controlled burns? The state (national and provincial) does not have the funds and can no longer provide disaster relief funding. Financial and insurance institutions need to become more involved, but it is a very difficult process to get them proactively involved. However, policy could be developed in the future, especially with the Climate Change legislation that has been promulgated.</p> <p>Bureaucracy complicates the implementation of risk reduction actions such as controlled burns – are there ways the state and politicians can support the execution of more controlled burns? The existing legislation is regulated by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. On a global scale, we are not in the worst position, particularly due to the presence of Fynbos and the two oceans provides a buffer against extreme heatwaves.</p> <p>When research is conducted and actions are implemented, the local fire chiefs should also be involved.</p>

	<p>Cooperation between tertiary institutions exists to coordinate research.</p> <p>The general public must be informed that fires are essential to prevent large mega fires from occurring.</p> <p>Attachment 3 – “Climate change and the effect on fires focussing on the West Coast”.</p>
3	Approval of Previous Minutes
	<p>Everyone received the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 August 2023. The meeting is asked whether the minutes can be considered correct and complete and whether this can be accepted as correct. Approval proposed by Joepie Burger and seconded by Jacques van Rooi.</p>
4	Election of New Management
	<p>No election of new management takes place – it remains unchanged.</p>
5	Membership Fees
	<p>Due to rising prices and the cut in funding from, among others, the Working on Fire program, we unfortunately have to increase our tariffs. The loss of contribution from the Working on Fire program alone is only R360 000.00 per year. Furthermore, the current tariffs that other FPAs charge at national and provincial level, especially for state land, have also been looked at, so that we can increase the tariffs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tariff increase of 15% on all membership fees are presented to the meeting for discussion and were accepted. The decision is proposed by Barry Schreiber and seconded by Renshaw Brown. • Joining fees are discussed, and it is decided that the joining fee should be R2800.00 (VAT included). This is proposed by Barend Brand and seconded by Gielie Hanekom. • The meeting supports the proposal that tariffs regarding state land should be generic and aligned with other Fire Protection Associations (FPA). The proposed tariff for State Land of R3.00 per hectare (VAT included) is discussed. The decision is supported by Bridget Johnson and seconded by Pierre Nel and is thus accepted. • For members with linear properties (roads, pipelines, power networks, etc.), the tariff of R38.00 (excluding VAT) was discussed. The decision is supported and proposed by Barend Brand and seconded by Thys Basson. • The meeting suggests that all tariffs should exclude VAT, as the member can claim back the VAT. • Service delivery costs are also increased by 15%, which applies to our variable expenses, e.g., transport, food for teams and other expenses. • The tariffs will be effective immediately for new members joining and will be implemented in the 2024/2025 financial year. This was proposed by Barend Brand and seconded by Thys Basson.
6	Annual Report Greater Cederberg FPA 2023/2024
	<p>Charl briefly explains to the new members what the functions of the GCFPA (Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association) are.</p> <p>On an organizational level, Marietjie Valentine resigned in January, and her duties are now divided amongst the three staff members in the office.</p> <p>Twenty-two new members have joined. The GCBBV has expanded by 41,942 hectares, of which 20,241 hectares are from existing members who added properties, and the rest are new members.</p> <p>Our partnerships were discussed, particularly the excellent cooperation with the West Coast District Municipality, which provides significant support to our members. The revision of the GCBBV business plan is currently work in progress, to ensure alignment with the WCDM:IDP (Integrated Development Plan).</p> <p>There are major challenges with the Working on Fire Programme and the new contract with DFFE (Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment). The Working on Fire program is funded by DFFE. The GCFPA no longer receives the R360 000.00 per year; it now amounts to approximately R8,000 per year, but there are significant delays with payments. There are also various challenges, such as protective clothing, equipment, and the transportation of the teams.</p> <p>Production is driven by the needs of members. 20.49 hectares of firebreaks have been completed, while the hectares of controlled burns and stack burning decreased. Members should contact the GCFPA staff if there is a need for work on their properties, especially where the conditions of fire management plans must be implemented.</p> <p>Are we fire-ready?</p>

	<p>The fire statistics show that the past year’s fire season was relatively quiet (12,993 hectares burned). The FPA attended 18 fires, nine (9) of which were caused by people/members. Several aspects are highlighted that indicates that we are not fully fire-ready. Burning permit rules are not being followed and adhere to, fires are not being reported, IC’s (Incident Commanders’) instructions are not being followed, our equipment is broken and or not maintained, access routes are overgrown, and in some cases, insurance to cover for aerial assistance remains a challenge and in some cases staff remain insensitive towards fires in certain areas.</p> <p>The MoU for Aerial Support is also highlighted as one of the concerns, and guidelines are discussed on how to make prior arrangements with insurance institutions, how to complete and submit the form.</p> <p>Various awareness campaigns are implemented either by the WoF (Working on Fire) teams or through collaboration with other institutions. The Algeria Valley and the Wupperthal "Wildfire Pre-Attack Plans" are examples. The CGFPA website still offers all our documents for members to download and use. Members are requested to continuously update their property and contact details and submit it to the GCFPA office. Necessary forms are available at www.cederbergfpa.co.za. The FDI (Fire Danger Index) is distributed via the Fire Management Unit WhatsApp’ Groups, which works better! A major awareness event is planned for the Citrusdal area in October.</p> <p>Engela Celliers attends various workshops and seminars funded by herself and other institutions – the training focuses on Incident Management and Command System.</p> <p>Fire Management units:</p> <p>Twenty (20) of the 31 fire management units have their fire management plans, five (5) of which were completed this year. During the process, 171 members were visited. The Department now visits the areas to ensure that members comply with the fire management plans and conditions. If members do not comply, the exemption for the establishing of firebreaks on all property boundaries will be cancelled, and members will then be legally required to make breaks along all boundaries. The importance of the Fire Management Plans are again emphasized to the meeting; this is an important document that requires a significant amount of input in terms of time and funds.</p> <p>The runways are now self-sustaining with the installation of the boxes that contained all the pipes and pumps to assist with the filing up of the aircraft. The importance of the correct completion and submission of the MOU for aerial support is emphasized again. Members contributed approximately R2 000 000.00 for aerial support during the past season.</p> <p>Budget:</p> <p>Various funding applications were submitted during the term, including for new vehicles. This is an ongoing process. Funding is also being sought through the WC Provincial Grant in Need, to purchase two new vehicles. The income and expenses are presented, and indications are that there will be a deficit of R276 710.00, mainly caused by the loss of funds previously received from the WoF Program.</p> <p>Various challenges are discussed during the presentation, including members not paying their invoices, government departments paying late due to their internal financial processes, delays in payment of funds from DFFE, members not complying with the requirements of the Fire Act or the respective Fire Management Plans, as well as the long-term sustainability of the FPA.</p> <p>Focus areas for 2024/2025 will include the completion of five more Fire Management Plans, establishing partnerships with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, additional funding and Incident Command training for some of our members.</p> <p>Charl also takes the opportunity to thank all involved partners and service providers for their support and cooperation in helping the GCFPA functioning and delivering successful services to our members.</p> <p>(See Annexure 4 – Annual Report 2023/2024).</p>
7.	Financial Year Report 2023/2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income – sources of income: Membership fees, joining fees, management fees and sales (fire beaters). Membership fees have increased to R 1 358 615.00. Joining fees amounts to R 97 900. • Expenditures – fuel, awareness, protective clothing, maintenance, salaries, rental of premises. The

	<p>largest expenses are salaries and transportation (fuel).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary expenses are the same as last year; no increases or bonuses have been paid out. • Maintenance of the vehicles are more due to the aging FPA vehicles and the replacement of the FORD bakkie's engine (>R84 183.00). • Rental expenses are higher as rent is now also paid for the Porterville Head Office. • No assets were purchased. • Challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members (Private and Government institutions) do not pay membership fees on time; R324 000.00 outstanding at the end of July 2024. Government institutions have not yet been invoiced; we are awaiting for purchase order numbers. We must pay VAT and PAYE, and if the money does not come in on time, these amounts become overdue at SARS, which then has a ripple effect on cash flow. ○ Members can help us recruit new members by providing the contact details of neighbours and where properties are sold, bringing the new owners into contact with us. ○ The world remains expensive. ○ We need to find and convince new members, and everyone must help with this. <p>Outstanding membership fees – the constitution states that if members do not pay within 90 days, their membership will be suspended. If such a member wants to re-join, they must pay joining fees and membership fees before they can become a member again.</p> <p>The issue of charging interest after 90 days is discussed. The meeting unanimously agrees that the charging of interest after 90 days should be investigated and implemented where membership fees are 90 days overdue. Fire permits and membership certificates are only issued when membership is paid in full.</p> <p>Regarding payment by Government Departments, is it only FPAs that are experiencing delays and have systems/processes been investigated to overcome this? This is due to the procurement systems/processes within government departments that are delaying the payment of invoices – there is nothing the GCFPA can do about this. This has worsened over the last two years, especially with CapeNature.</p> <p>The financial report were accepted as correct by Joepie Burger and seconded by Jacques van Rooi.</p>
8.	<p>Feedback from West Coast District Municipality: Fire Brigade Services</p> <p>The West Coast Fire Brigade attended 652 incidents, of which 196 were veld and forest fires related. Four were relatively large, two of which burned within our area (West Coast District)(Piket-Bo_Berg and Porterville) and the others spread from other districts to the West Coast (Paardeberg and Ganzekraal).</p> <p>The other 456 incidents were their own incidents and the provision of the full service to Cederberg and Matzikama Municipalities (various emergencies such as accidents and structural fires_.</p> <p>Fire Permits: 331 permits were issued in 2023, and 451 permits this year (2024) (120 more permits). The increase caused chaos because landowners blatantly disregarded permit conditions. Stricter conditions are planned for the future and various meetings with Agricultural Associations has already been undertaken. The burning permits costs remain free for GCFPA members this year.</p> <p>Free firefighting services are no longer available due to budget cuts (R14 million) and amendments to the West Coast District Municipality's fire services tariff structure.</p> <p>The existing MoU with the other Districts and the City of Cape Town was re-implemented this year, where West Coast Fire Brigade provided assistance in other Districts during major incidents. The City of Cape Town (R89 000.00) and Cape Winelands DM (R360 000.00) received invoices for the services rendered.</p> <p>The West Coast Fire Brigade offers non-accredited Basic Firefighting training, which has seen interest, but no formal confirmations received. Training is available from May to October, and the GCFPA will coordinate the training opportunity for up to 30 people at a central location per Fire Management Unit. Currently, only attendance certificates will be issued.</p> <p>New tariffs for fire services: The old tariffs were R2790.00 per hour for the first hour, regardless of how many vehicles and personnel were involved. After the first hour, the tariff changed according to the type and number of vehicles and the salary level of the personnel involved at the incident.</p> <p>The new tariffs are R20 000.00 for the first hour, and thereafter an hourly rate (which has also increased) will</p>

	<p>be applicable according to the number of vehicles and personnel present. This implies an increase of nearly 740%, and Truter De Kock, on behalf of the Malmesbury Agricultural Association, objects to the drastic increase. It is mentioned that the number and type of vehicles, distance from the nearest fire station, and number of personnel are not taken into account – everyone pays R20 000.00 for the first hour, regardless of the resources at the scene.</p> <p>It is confirmed that no one has a problem contributing to the delivery of services, but that R20 000.00 is ridiculous. The immediate consequence will be that landowners will not report fires and small fires will escalate into larger fires. A letter has already been received from the Malmesbury Agricultural Association that is objecting to the tariffs. Discussions are already taking place within the WCDM that tariffs may be adjusted downwards within the financial year after the approval of the tariffs. It appears that a tariff of R4500.00 for the agricultural industry for the first hour will be accepted, but the proposed tariff of R20 000.00 cannot be removed. Agricultural associations must still write complaints to the Municipal Manager regarding the amended tariffs.</p> <p>It is further proposed that the first hour should be something like R1500.00 and that the R4500.00 should be charged thereafter. This will ensure that landowners will call sooner to report a fire. Bertus mentioned that the tariffs for the 2nd and 3rd hour have not been adjusted. However, this will cause a financial loss to the WCDM. Landowners should include firefighting costs in their insurance portfolios – it is paid annually and is relatively cheap. This will cover cost for fire fighting using ground and aerial support. The GCFPA will also write a motivation letter to the Municipal Manager in support of the implementation of the reduced tariff for the agricultural industry.</p> <p>Bertus mentions that alternative ways are currently being looked at how the West Coast DM can support the GCFPA in order to make fire management more sustainable. Preliminary discussions have already taken place with the financial manager, but all landowners within the West Coast DM will then have to cooperate and form part of the process and model. More information will be announced at a later stage.</p> <p>What is the problem with the fire permits? The rules and regulations of the fire permits are not adhered to. The example of burning on Orange and Red days, where landowners must be finished burning by 12:00, because the wind picks up after that, burning on holidays and Fridays, no one is notified of controlled burns, these are just a few examples.</p>
9.	<p>Closure of the meeting</p> <p>Bertus thanked everyone for the good attitude and the time that members sacrificed to attend the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 17:00.</p>

Minutes approved at the Annual General meeting on the 19th August 2025 at Moorreesburg.




Bertus Senekal

Chairperson – Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association




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Annual General Meeting
Algemene Jaarvergadering
7 August / 7 Augustus 2024
WELCOME / WELKOM




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Annual Report
2023-2024





Greater Cederberg
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Introduction / Overview

Introduction 

 **OBJECTIVE:** 

Planning and Implementation of Integrated Fire Management – “not a fire fighting institution”

What do we do?

- Integrated Fire Management

- Members adhere to the Fire ACT (Integrated Fire Management Plans)
- Protection of infrastructure (fire prevention)
- Establishment of fire breaks (prevent run away wild fires)
- Prescribe burns (fuel reduction)
- Assist with fire suppression
- Awareness (FDI and other social media)






Management Structure

GCCBBV

- Lede:**
 - Grondeienaars
 - Staatsdepartemente
 - Semi-staatsinstellings
 - Gemeenskappe
 - HoA's
- Voorsitter**
- Uitvoerende Komitee**
- Vennote:**
 - WoF
 - WCMD
 - PDMC
- Hoof kantoor:**
 - Algemene Bestuurder
 - 2 x Area Bestuurders
 - Finansiële Bestuurder
- 2 WoF Basisse:**
 - 2 Basis bestuurder
 - 52 span lede




GCFPA Membership

Year	Membership	Hectares
2023	795	1 030 360
2024	817	1 072 302
	22	41 942

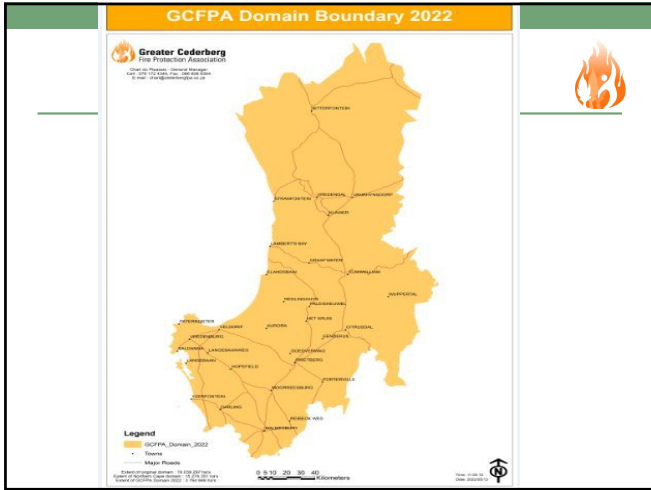
- ± 21 701ha = 22 new members joined
- ± 20 241ha = Existing members expand properties
- Four Local Municipalities are now paid up members
- Various attempts to increase membership base via - Insurance institutions, farm visitations, Farmer Associations (challenge!), media releases. An ongoing action!

Potential members complain about joining fees!



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Our boundary



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Our Partners


GCFPA's Partners

- WCDM (West Coast DM)
- WoF (Working on Fire/Kishugu JV)
- PDMC (Provincial Disaster Management) (Mutual Aid Funding)
- Western Cape UFPA

West Coast District Municipality

- FDI to the value of R62 000
- Assist with some prescribe burns
- Permits free for members (R342 000)
- Suppression free if members comply
- Communication equipment such as radio's to GCFPA and Wof Dispatch Centre (R 26 000.00)
- Aerial assistance to the value of R722 000


West Coast District Municipality




The review of the GCFPA Business plan is currently work in progress... This plan will be revised to link directly with the West Coast DM IDP to unlock potential funding streams.

GCFPA Objective	Activities implemented	WCDFARS alignment of activities	WC-DM Strategic Objective	Actions required from WCDM in support of the GCFPA	Estimate budget
To minimise all extreme fire risks to a moderate level by 2028	Identify high fire risk areas within the domain. Provide inputs into the Incident Action Plans (IAP).	High risk areas identified and Incident Action Plans completed that deals with risk reduction, preparedness and initial response.	Objective 1.	Provide GIS mapping support to identify and map these high risk areas. Related information will become available for the Disaster Management Centre at Moorreesburg	R80 000.

Working on Fire / DFFE



- New contract signed in January 2023;
- 2 X Working on Fire Bases (Porterville and Vredenburg);
- Assists in Awareness / Social Campaigns;
- 1 X Fire Truck and 1 X SU (transport teams and 3000l / 1000l water capacity).





Working on Fire / DFFE



- **Huge challenges:**
- We don't received the R30 000 / month anymore (- R360 000);
- FPA contributions divided by 271 FPA's at National level (± R 8000 / month);
- Calculation mistake - 311 700 hectares VS 3 111 700ha covered by the GCFPA (process underway to rectify the "typo"), will be rectify later.....;
- No payment since Oct 2023;
- Transport and recruitment remain a challenge;
- PPE/PPC remain a challenge and negatively influence production;
- Meeting at national level next week and escalation to political level.

Western Cape UFPA

All 5 Western Cape FPA's are members;

We have continued representing the GCFPA on various Provincial and National platforms

- National Veld and Forest Fire Working Group
- National Disaster Resilience Roundtable
- Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment Fire Working Group
- Provincial Fire Awareness and Education Task Group
- Provincial Fire Working Group

Additionally, we are consistently working on getting membership fees from Gov departments and Parastatals for the GCFPA:

- SANRAL – restructuring process underway R80 000 outstanding
- ESKOM- no progress

No-funding available to support a fulltime manager!




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Our production statistics

This is driven by members' needs and requirements!

Production: 2024 (Ha)



Year:	Firebreaks (ha)	Alien clearing	Stack burning	Block burning (Ha)
2023	18,82	0	0,35	398
2024	20,49	0	2,08	121
Variance	1,67	0	1,73	-277

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Wildfire statistics



Are we Wildfire Ready?



Photo : Engela Celliers

Fire statistics (Total HA)

2019 -	12 795,85 ha
2020 -	5 644,90 ha
2021 -	9 023,12 ha
2022 -	961,92 ha
2023 -	6 654,00 ha
2024 -	12 993,00 ha

Fire statistics (Causes Vs Ha)

Fires 2023 - 2024			
Date	Name of the Fire	Ha	Cause
11 Dec 2023	Mokvlak (Porterville)	218	Wheel of truck
21 Dec 2023	Remhoogte (Sneeberg)	1	Lightning
26- 29 Dec 2023	Salizakraal (Yzerfontein)	703	Wood Cutters
27 Dec 23 - 15 Jan 24	Paardeberg (Paardeberg)	2898	Children
11-Jan-24	De Draai (Porterville)	7	Road Reserve
18-Jan-24	Gert Glaassen Farm Fire	644	Control fire
19-20 Jan 2024	Riebeecksrivier (Riebeeck)	92	Motor accident
29-Jan-24	Staweklip (Piket-Bo_Berg)	143	Unknown - Arson?
2-5 Feb 2024	Burglers Post (Piket-Bo Berg)	616	Flare up
5-8 Feb 2024	Goedverdiend (Halfmanshof)	5	Unknown - Arson?
10-12 Feb 2024	Klispomekaar (Noordelike Cederberg)	3	Electrical powerline
20-Feb-24	Klein-Bissos (Porterville)	48	Control fire
28-29 Feb 24	Winkelshoek (Piketberg)	856	Electrical powerline
28 Feb - 1 March 24	Osdam (Aurora)	1050	Burning of waste site
11-Mar-24	Voorberg (Porterville)	50	Control fire
19-22 March 24	Achtvlei (Piket-Bo-Berg)	750	Gedvenwacht - Cooking fires
22-23 March 24	Rockheaven (Groot-Winterhoek)	78	Lightning
27 April - 6 May 24	Uitkyk (Groot-Winterhoek)	4843	Electrical powerline
		12 993	

Lessons learned

PLEASE report fires immediately!!
West Coast -
022 495 0231 / 022 495 0229

- Non compliance to Fire Management Plans;
- Not fire ready (Equipment not operational, no defendable space, access roads not open etc);
- Does not report fires immediately and or provide the correct information;
- Does not comply to burning permit requirements (Stricter Enforcement);
- Does not adhere to the instructions of the IC and or operational plans (lack of training);
- No insurance in place to cover for expensive aerial support;
- Staff are not informed and or sensitive towards fires;
- Members does not read e-mails and or WhatsApp's;
- Delays in dispatching aerial support!

MoU for Aerial Support

- Needs to be discussed with your insurance broker;
- The form is available on www.cederbergfpa.co.za from the 1st December;
- Must be completed and signed off in full (complete according to the example provided);
- Must include the full insurance amount that is available for using these resources;
- Must be submitted to the GCFPA offices at admin@cederbergfpa.co.za (we can do nothing with this completed form!). The member still have to phone the dispatch office to activate the resources – this is only to provide rapid response when required!

We are loosing valuable time!




Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association

Our awareness drive

- Fire Danger Index via WhatsApp
- General Information and Application Forms
- Newsletter
- General Awareness on social media, e-mail, WhatsApp Groups
- Articles - Newsletters
- Attend Stakeholder Meetings
- Design new awareness materials and
- Engagement with PDMC regarding new awareness materials (funding application)

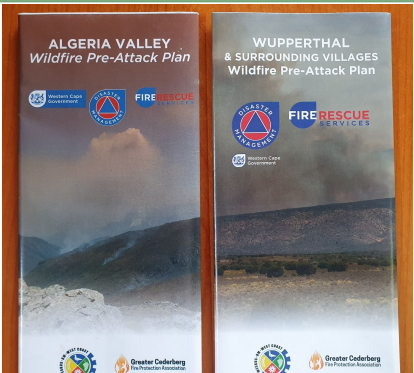
Awareness & Social Activities done by WOF Team

- 10 School Fire awareness
- 6 Community Fire Awareness
- 1 Public/School Awareness
- 1 Social development events in local communities



Regional Community Engagement Event planned for Citrusdal in October to involve farmworkers as well!

Wildfire Pre-Attack Plans (x2)




ALGERIA VALLEY Wildfire Pre-Attack Plan

WUPPERTHAL & SURROUNDING VILLAGES Wildfire Pre-Attack Plan

Logos: Fire Rescue, Disaster Management, Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association

Newsletter 2023



GEFA Newsletter/ Nuisbrief December 2023

By: [Name], Date: 20 Dec 2023 @ 09:28:46

Photo: Helicopter at a fire scene

Text: Hier is 'n foto van 'n helikopter wat 'n brand bestryf... (The text is in Afrikaans and describes a helicopter's role in firefighting.)

GCFPA Website

<https://cederbergfpa.co.za>

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

West Coast District Municipality **022 433 8700**

Cape Winelands District Municipality **021 887 4446**

GCFPA Facebook page

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Weskus Distriksmunisipaliteit: 022 433 8700

Kaapse Wynland Distriksmunisipaliteit: 021 877 4446

Groter Cederberg BBV: 022 931 2083

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1.2K likes • 1.3K followers

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Fire Danger Index

Website – www.cederbergfpa.co.za

Facebook – Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association (needs some upgrades)

FMU WhatsApp Groups – *Work better than e-mails!*

Drop a Pin – Handy tool

**DROP
A PIN**

STEP 1:
Open Whatsapp

#GRAINFIRE
www.cederbergfpa.co.za

Staff Capacity building

- Logistics Section Chief (LSC)
- ICS 100
- International Seminar on Disaster Management
- Incident Management Team Scenario Based training Exercise — Task book completed – 100% . Assessed by City of Cape Town as a LSC.
- Logistics Section Chief Course – FEMA Based – Lead Instructor Roylene Gaul – LSC Type 1.

Workshop / conference attended

- 8th International Wildland Fire Conference – Porto – attended by the GCFPA Regional Manager.
- Northern Rockies Wildland Fire Study Tour Montana - GCFPA Regional Manager.

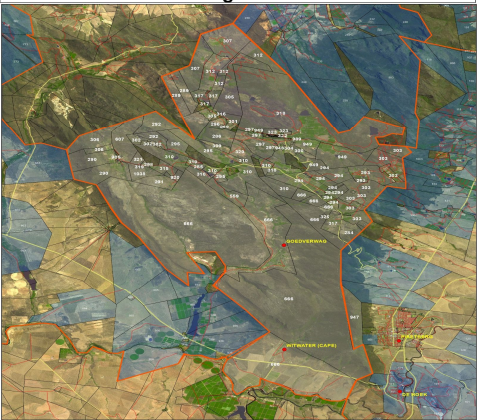


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Our Fire Management Units

Charli du Plessis - General Manager
Call: 079 172 4340
E-mail: charli@cederbergfpa.co.za

Piket Bo Berg Fire Management Unit



Website: www.cederbergfpa.co.za
Emergency Numbers: 022 833 8906
GCFPA Dispatch: 860 961 8215

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Fire Management Units



PORTERVILLE WHEAT FARMERS FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT



FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN / BRANDBESTUURSPLAN
2022 - 2027
Charli du Plessis
General Manager
079 172 4340 / 079 172 4340
Erigen Celliers
Regional Manager / Oorwagingskurier
0800 045654 / 0800 045654

JUNE 2022

Current Management Units – 31

Current actions:

- Each Member is on our GCFPA WhatsApp groups - Important communication easier
- Integrated Fire Management Plans
- Implementation of IFMP (fuel reduction, firebreaks etc.)

Integrated Fire Management Plans

Objective:

Identify the current fire risk on property level and provide the member with a implementation plan that will ensure compliance and to reduce his/her risk on property level.

The planning process:

- Individual assessment of each property
- Property visitations by the GCFPA Staff;
- Discussions with members regarding historical fires, resources and actions undertaken to reduce the current risk;
- Identify additional risk and mitigation actions;
- Compile the IFMP to include all the members and
- Send out for reviewing & sign-off by members

Integrated Fire Management Plans

Status 2023:

IFMP APPROVED & EXEMPTIONS RECEIVED	FOR SIGN OFF AT MEMBERS / DFFE	IN PROGRESS
15 completed	Wuppertal, Het Kruis (DFFE) Olyfenbosch Kraal	Darling, Aliandale and Kapteinskloof

Status 2024:

IFMP APPROVED & EXEMPTIONS RECEIVED	FOR SIGN OFF AT MEMBERS / DFFE	IN PROGRESS
Het Kruis, Olyfenbosch Kraal, Kapteinskloof, Aliandale, Darling (5)	Wuppertal	Zyerfontein and Hopefield

171 members visited.
Total of 20 FMP completed.
Time consuming process and sign off not priority for members!

Exemption Certificates

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Integrated Fire Management Plans

The Implementation process:

- Make use of WoF teams to assist with fuel load reduction and fire breaks to ensure compliance!

The auditing process:

Officials from DFFE visited three (3) FMU's to ensure that members comply to the recommendations as per FMU plans. Non-compliance to the FMP's will cause the cancellation of exemptions – members will then **have to comply with the Fire Act specifically "the establishment and maintenance of firebreaks on all property boundaries!"**




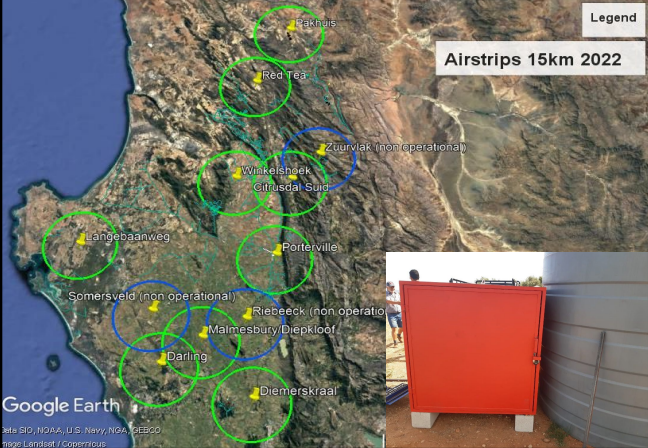
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Our airstrips

Porterville Base:

- 1 X Air Tractor 802, 1 X Huey chopper and 2 X Spotters
- 7 Private Airstrips used with equipment available on site - "fully self operational"


Large investment in time and energy in order for members to complete and submit the correct signed MoU for aerial assistance before a fire starts!. The total value in aerial assistance paid by members in the 2023/2024 fire season ±R2 000 000.00

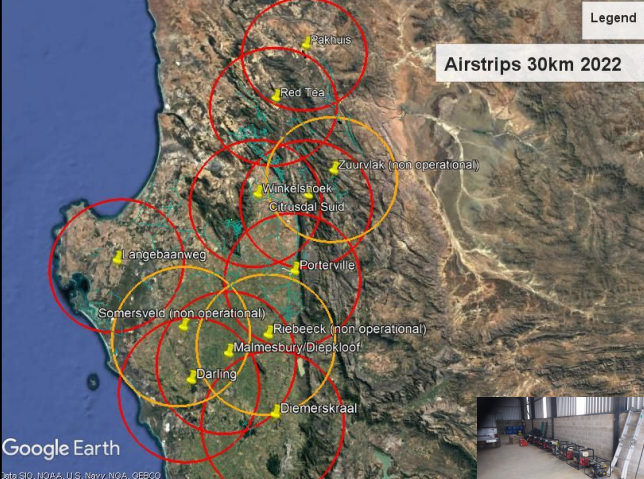
Airstrips 15km 2022

Legend

Locations marked on map: Rakkus, Red Tea, Zuurvlak (non operational), Winkelshoek, Citrusdal Suid, Langebaanweg, Porterville, Somersveld (non operational), Riebeeck (non operational), Malmesbury/Diepkloof, Darling, Diemerskraal.




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Airstrips 30km 2022

Legend

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Administration and Budget



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Securing additional funding

Various submission to the insurance industry – without any success so far, but is a ongoing action;

Amazon SA – R 11 000 000 at WCUFPA level,

WC: Provincial Grant in Need Funding – 2X Vehicles,

Various donation applications submitted for new vehicles – still awaits feedback.



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Challenges / Focus areas

Challenges



- Participation and involvement from members to ensure compliance;
- Government Departments not paid up;
- Members not paying invoices;
- Delay in payments from DFFE/WoF JV
- Finding additional support / resources / partnerships
- Sustainability

Focus Areas



- Partnership WC_DOA (Capefarm Mapper and training)
- Basic ICS training
- Completion of at least 5 FMU Plans
- Finding additional income streams / support / resources

Conclusion



All members, inputs, valuable comments and guidance;

Municipal managers and the Fire Chiefs from the West Coast and Cape Winelands;

PDMC – support and funding of initial attack, awareness materials and staff capacity building;

All fire fighting personal from the West Coast and Cape Winelands DM;

Kishugu pilots and ground staff

Aerial support received from West Coast and Cape Winelands DM;

The GCFPA operational staff for hard work and commitments.

WCDMC – Hosting us today!

Any questions

