

Limpopo Cllrs. impressed by Midvaal's achievements

Sixteen Councillors from Limpopo recently visited Midvaal and the following letter was forwarded to the Executive Mayor of Midvaal, Cllr. Timothy Nast.

“Dear Mr Mayor

Visit to Midvaal by Limpopo Councillors

It would be difficult for us to select the highlight of our visit to Midvaal this past week, as there were so many things that we observed.

However, the word enthusiasm comes to mind & under that banner are all the wonderful things that you & your Municipality have achieved. Some of these achievements that we saw were clean and functional clinics; service to your residents; operating libraries; a swimming pool used by many of the area's residents; a clean modern working environment for the municipal staff; infrastructure maintenance; neat suburbs that are being looked after; a high school

dedicated to the pursuit of excellence; development of industries along the R59 corridor including the new Heineken Brewery and so the list goes on. We shall also not forget the beautiful Christmas tree put up by an enthusiastic business sector, & put an end to a wonderful stay.

Congratulations to you and all your staff; you are really an inspiration to all, and proof of what can be achieved with enthusiasm.

Yours Sincerely

Graham L. McComb
Caucus Leader”



WALKERVILLE BUSINESS FORUM

Recently a meeting was held between the Midvaal Municipality and property owners in Walkerville to discuss the potential negative effects that the re-routing of the R82 may have on existing businesses in that area. Council suggested that the Walkerville residents and business owners who would be affected by the re-routing of the R82, formulate a framework plan for the development of a Business and Tourist district in Walkerville.

The existing R82 is a Provincial Road and therefore Council cannot, as per their by-laws, maintain or upgrade the road in any way whatsoever. However both Council and business owners agreed that much can be done to improve the general cleanliness and appearance of the business node.

Pursuant to these objectives, the W.B.F. started the clean-up by enlisting the help of local businesses and upgrading the vacant plot at the 4-way stop. This has already made a marked difference at the intersection.

It is the Council's view that once the existing road falls under the control of Midvaal there will be an ideal opportunity to build traffic circles with raised gardens and water features, cyclist/pedestrian tracks and possibly even a bridle trail along the route. The entire route would then be ideal for annual night markets, exhibitions, etc.