

FARR is reaching far during May

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The FARR* Project Staff in Prince Albert, Merweville and Leeu Gamka were extremely busy during the month of May 2023. Several programmed activities were held, which included a variety of educational and support sessions for Senior Citizens (Merweville and Prince Albert); for Youth (Leeu-Gamka); for Primary School Learners (Prince Albert); for the Parents of these learners, as well as the Community-Based ECD (Early Childhood Development) programme in Merweville. The Community Workers, Mushcke Hendriks and Anquenic Devenish, are also continuously recruiting pregnant women to enrol in FARR's Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby© programme, before their 20th week of pregnancy. This specific programme is offered in co-operation with the local Primary Health Care Clinics and strives to provide pregnant women with information and skills to enable them to make better informed decisions so as to have healthier pregnancies and babies.

FARR's main focus is to increase community awareness regarding alcohol abuse and alcohol related harm, and to assist community members and professionals to prevent babies from being born with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder). To do so, FARR has 15 project sites/offices in the Free State, Western, Eastern and Northern Cape Provinces.

FARR's project in the Prince Albert Municipal area also includes Merweville and Leeu Gamka. We have project offices and staff in Prince Albert (Noordeind) and Merweville.

If you need more information about our work or want to pay us a visit, please contact the FARR Project Coordinator, Christel Botes at 072 483 4336. Kindly also consider offering your services as a volunteer on any of the above-mentioned programmes. At present, we have a great need for assistance once or twice a month for an hour in our Learner Support Programme in Prince Albert. Thank you to AWARE.org (Association for Alcohol Responsibility and Education) for financially supporting the Prince Albert project.

Together we can create a healthy and safe community by being self-aware about our own alcohol use and support pregnant women in our circle of friends and family to have alcohol-free pregnancies.

"It always seems impossible until it's done." ~ Nelson Mandela ■

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ZERO CARBON CHARGE**ENVIROAFRICA CC****NEMA AND NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS****THE PROPOSED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PLANT AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE FACILITY, N1, NEAR PRINCE ALBERT, WESTERN CAPE**

Notice is hereby given of the intention to submit an application for environmental authorisation and the public participation process, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as well as a Water Use License Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)(NWA). The proposed solar PV renewable energy plant and electric vehicle recharge facility includes activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by Zero Carbon Charge to undertake a NEMA application process for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed solar facility.

Application for environmental authorization to undertake the following listed activities* in terms of NEMA EIA Regulations 2014:

Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. 1, 12, 24, 27, 28, 67

Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 4, 12, 14, 26

Application in terms of NWA: Sections 21 (c) and (i)*.

*Please note that the listed activities above may change during the course of the NEMA Application process. Registered I&APs will be notified of any changes.

Project Description & Location: It is proposed that a solar photovoltaic (PV) plant, electric vehicle recharge facility, battery energy storage system, ablution facilities, shop/farmstall, including associated infrastructure, be developed on Portion 2 Farm Goeiemoed No. 90, Prince Albert. An area of approximately 16.5ha will be assessed.

The proposed site is located on the corner of the N1 and the R407 (Prince Albert Road), approximately 40km north-west of Prince Albert. Site co-ordinates (approximate central point): 32°59'21.20"S, 21°41'15.10"E

Public Participation: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the applications and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to either, or all of, the projects to the contact details provided below, **on or before 31 July 2023** in terms of the environmental aspects (NEMA Application) and **on or before 31 August 2023** for water related issues (NWA WULA Application). In order to register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name/s, and provide their name, address & contact details (*indicating your preferred method of notification*) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. You are also requested to pass this information to any person you feel should be notified.

Please note that only Registered I&APs will be notified of the availability of reports and other written submissions made (or to be made) to the Department by the applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; will be notified of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision; and will be notified of the applicant's intention to appeal the decision, and where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

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