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Bringing Gas-to-Power to the Garden Route: where does Nautilus Bay fit in?

The Gourikwa Power Development Company (GPDC) is initiating a project to develop an indigenous gas-fired power station in the Garden Route. The project is seen as a strategic investment in South Africa's energy security, enabling the utilisation of our gas resources and igniting a local gas industry and the associated economic development.

The development will include the physical power plant, the required gas supply pipeline and electricity offtake.

The selected site for the power station is a portion of Farm 419, adjacent to the new Garden Route Municipal Waste Site. The plant will be supplied via indigenous gas from the Block 11B/12B gas field, located in the Outeniqua Basin approximately 175 kilometers off the southern coast of South Africa.

Impact of the proposed project on Nautilus Bay

In order to minimise the impact of the project on landowners and the environment, the preferred gas supply pipeline route is part of/adjacent to the existing PetroSA pipeline servitude. The pipeline servitude will require a 10m linear strip, with additional space during construction. The construction will require a trench to be dug, the pipeline installed, and the trench backfilled.

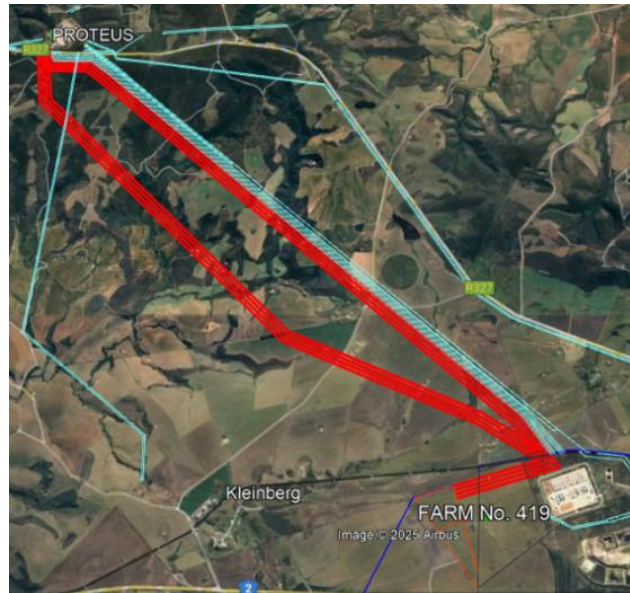
According to project manager Brian Day, it is not yet clear whether the existing PetroSA pipeline will be used, or if the existing line will be upgraded or replaced.

Over the past two weeks, GPDC has been carrying out environmental impact studies on all the areas/farms affected by the project. Based on the findings of these studies, further negotiations will be initiated between GPDC and the affected parties.

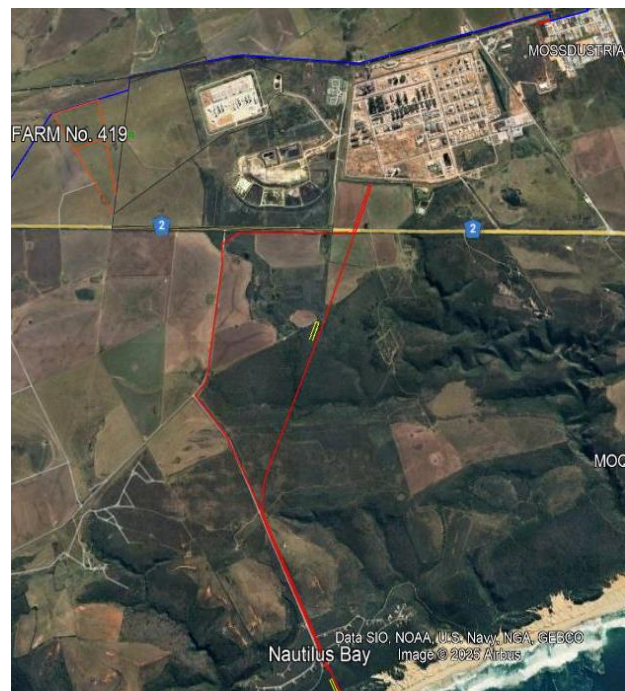
The plant is planned to produce up to 3000 MW of electricity and will require connection to the Proteus substation via three new high-voltage transmission lines. These lines are proposed to run adjacent to the existing Gourikwa-Proteus transmission lines.

Construction is expected to commence in 2032.

*A public information meeting regarding the project and proposed timelines (see graphic below) will be held on **Wednesday 13 August 2025** at the Dias Hotel. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting and use the opportunity to engage with project representatives.*



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Reserve Manager's Report

1. Building Projects

- Units 16,17, 25, 34 and 52 are under construction, while units 43 and 31 are being upgraded.
- The aesthetics committee will meet again on Friday 22 August, at 08:30.

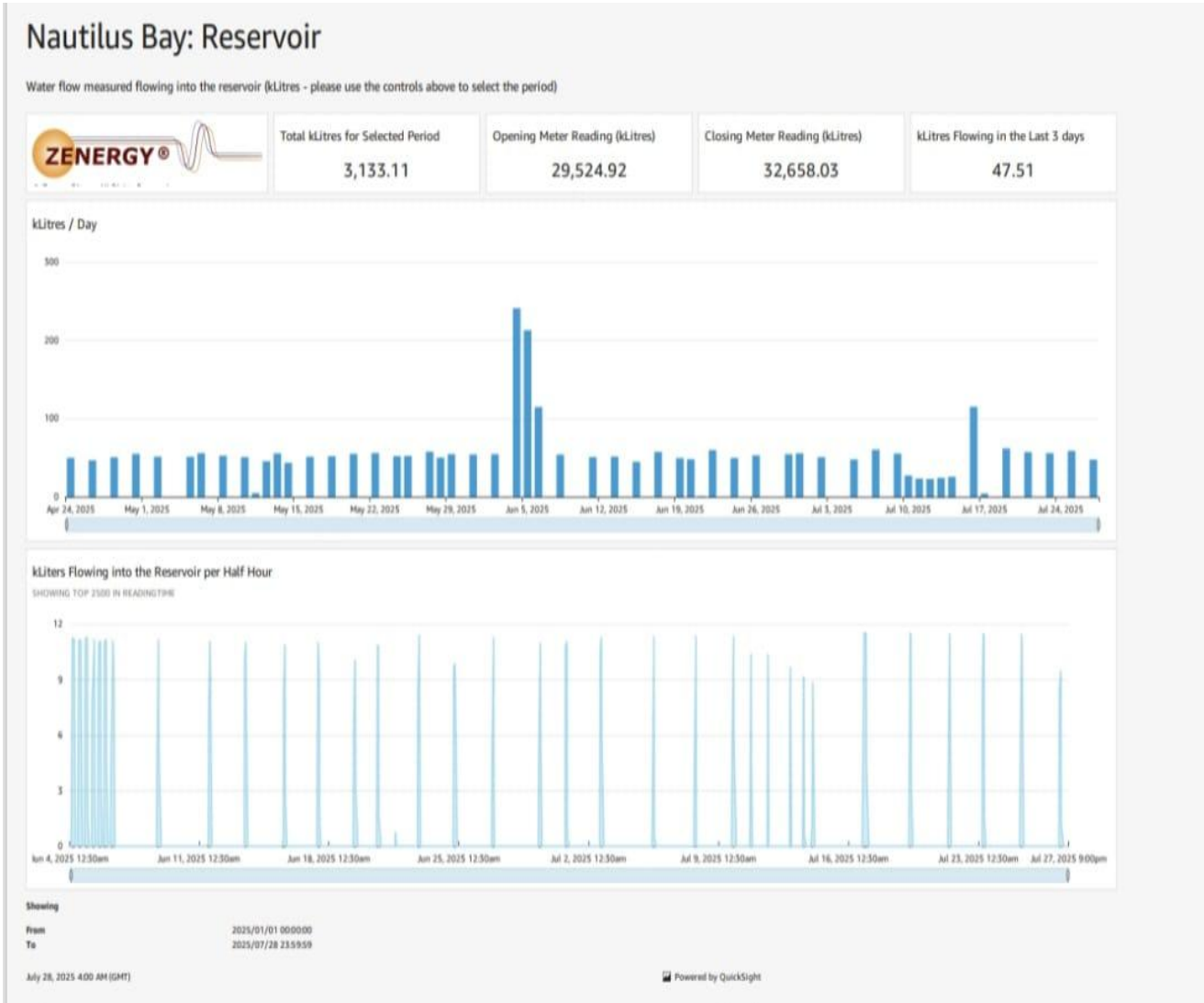
3. Estate Projects

- The removal of alien vegetation is ongoing. Please report any rooikrans trees in your garden that need to be removed. We are trying to get this side of the reserve completely cleaned up.
- After many complaints of speeding, the installation of speedhumps will begin this month. Please be on the lookout for them.
- We now get daily water reports from the reservoir.
- Repairs to the road leading to the main gate have been completed.

2. Water

■ Water usage for the month was measured on 25 July.

■ The bulk water reading was 32 611 kl; the reserve used 852 kl.



Out and about Upcoming events

[Midbrak Market](#)

Brinkleys River Village
Every Saturday from
9:00

[Wild Oats Farmers
Market](#) Sedgfield,
Every Saturday

8-10 August
[Klein Karoo
Klassique,
Oudtshoorn](#)

16 August
[Winter Wine Festival](#)
[Fancourt, George](#)

28-30 August
[George Landbouskou](#)

20 September
[Oktoberfest](#)
[George](#)

3-5 October
[Kyknet Buite Ekspo](#)
[Hartenbos](#)

12 October
[Garden Route Kite
Festival](#)
[Sedgefield](#)

Important reminder

*Homeowners who
have not yet complied
are requested to
submit their
approved, up-to-date
building plans in
accordance with
Guidelines for the
Conservation Levy.*

4. Environment

■ Residents are invited to join us on Fridays when the beach is cleaned. Thank you to those who regularly lend a hand, and to everyone who picks up litter when walking/fishing on the beach.

5. Maintenance

- Maintenance was carried out on the lawnmower and all grass-cutting equipment; grass was cut where necessary.
- Regular cleaning of the viewing deck is ongoing.
- New water troughs have been installed at the pump stations and are cleaned every Monday.
- Weekly inspections of all the pump stations, the sewerage plant and internal firebreaks are ongoing.
- The sewerage plant is operating as expected. The plant was seeded twice during the month.

6. Security

- No incidents were reported during the past month
- Residents are requested to please report any security issues to Marcel or Markus Killian.
- Please inform Marcel if you will be away for an extended period, and you would like security to carry out patrols /inspections of your property during your absence. Kindly also inform security if someone will be housesitting for you. Unsuspecting housesitters may be rudely surprised by having a flashlight shone in their eyes during routine night patrols of vacant properties.

A whiter shade of pale

Here in Nautilus Bay, we are privileged to see bushbuck (bosbok in Afrikaans) on an almost daily basis. Recently, residents have reported seeing a slightly different-looking female, with a lot of white over her body, instead of the normal bushbuck colouring.

This phenomenon is known as leucism, the partial loss of pigmentation (colouring) that causes a pale colour, spotted, white-washed or white colouration of the hair. It is quite a rare condition caused by a genetic mutation inhibiting melanin and other pigments from being deposited.



Rene Hodges

This pigmentation loss affects various other animals too – birds, mammals and reptiles - where the feathers, hair, cuticles or scales may exhibit a whitish colouration.

Leucism is similar to albinism, but the latter leaves the animal with a complete lack of colour, resulting in a totally pale animal. Albinism may also cause pinkish eyes.

Usually, leucistic or albino animals battle to survive in the wild as they are highly visible and easily singled out by predators.

Thank you Rene Hodges for the interesting information, and the photograph of our resident 'wit bokkie'.

References:

Kariega Game Reserve; Pressreader; Treehugger; Wikipedia

Nautilus Bay Exco expresses its gratitude to all owners for their timely levy payments, enabling Marcel and his team to keep our beautiful reserve in pristine condition.