

WHAT'S Cooking?



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Carrot cake with a twist!

Rustenburg – My love for cooking started at a very young age because of my mother – Leonie – who was always busy in the kitchen. She taught me how to make everything from rusks to bread and could make a meal for a king from scratch.

After school I started working full time but started baking in the evenings to make an extra buck. I loved making carrot cake for a close colleague as it was her favourite dessert – with a lot of nuts – and over the years I've chopped and changed my recipe to get it just perfect. I'm very grateful to my sister and brother-in-law for allowing me to live out my passion for cooking at Vetkoek Den.

Cake

Ingredients

- 500ml sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 3ml vanilla essence
- 375ml oil
- 500ml flour
- 5ml baking powder
- 10ml baking soda
- 10ml ground cinnamon
- 750ml grated carrots
- 200ml fine coconut
- 250ml pecan nuts
- 250ml canned pineapples (fine)

Instructions

1. Mix the sugar, eggs, vanilla, and oil together.
2. Add the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon to the egg mixture.
3. Add the carrots, coconut, pecan nuts, and pineapples to the flower mixture.
4. Bake for 1 hour in a 180° oven.
5. Let it cool down.

Icing

Ingredients

- 1 can condensed milk
- 500g icing sugar
- half a cup lemon juice

Instructions

1. Mix everything together until smooth.
2. Once the cake is cooled down, spread over the top.

Tip: if the mixture is too thick, add more condensed milk.

Our ONGOING struggle for water

Rustenburg – After three months of having their pleas fall on deaf ears, community members converged at Magalies Water's Rustenburg office on Monday 7 June, demanding to be heard.

"For the past three months we haven't had a drop of water. Our children have to go to school dirty. Even as we stand here, we are dirty, because we don't have water. We can't cook food, we can't wash our clothes, we don't even have water to drink. It is completely inhumane," a displeased community member said in an interview with *Platinum Weekly*.

Another community member said that he is lucky enough to have water, but that he is not happy with the quality of the water as it stinks and is brownish of colour. One of the protesters noted: "When our children drink the water, it upsets their stomachs."



Magalies Water media specialist David Makgae addressed protestors.



Signing the MoU

The signs of the protestors were a clear indication that they are fed up. They demanded to see the CEO – to share their frustration with him. Magalies Water CEO Sandile Psychology Mkhize arrived to receive a memorandum of understanding (MoU) from a representative of the community. Addressing the issues noted in the memorandum he said: "We take note of your concerns, and we undertake to ensure that water tanks are deployed to provide water to those who have been affected by the water shortages."

Vaalkop Water Treatment Works issues...

Mkhize also explained that an unfortunate incident in the early morning of 4 June led to a prolonged period of water supply interruptions as an underground high-tension power supply cable at the Vaalkop Water Treatment Works was found to be defective, compromising electricity supply to the plant. Their technical team worked throughout Friday until the early hours of Saturday morning to resolve the problem. Upon testing the fixed cable, the technical team discovered that the high-tension cable had a defect at another location. Local mines were asked to assist with their fault locating equipment, which was provided to the Magalies Water team on Saturday morning around 08:15. Fixing of the defective underground high-tension cable was successfully completed on Saturday around 18:00 and the Vaalkop Water Treatment works was restarted.

Water cannot be restored immediately...

Mkhize further noted that water cannot immediately be restored as it can take up to four days for the water to flow into all the pipes.

This can also cause the water to run brown for a while. A community member loudly responded to this comment: "But the water is always brown!"

Frustration and tensions rising...

Mkhize said in a statement: "While Magalies Water understands the frustration of communities, it is critical for residents to understand the existing protocols between Magalies Water and the local municipalities, particularly in respect of communicating plant breakdowns and/or water supply interruptions. It remains the responsibility of the communications departments and/or assigned contact person from the various municipalities to ensure that all communication is cascaded to their respective constituencies."

"Magalies Water does not have any authority to directly communicate with residents on issues of water supply interruptions."

"The role of Magalies Water remains that of providing bulk water services to municipalities within the area of operation. The bulk water supplied should consistently meet and exceed the SANS 241 water quality standard at the point of sale – where Magalies Water has put a bulk water meter. Once the water has passed the point of sale, potable water enters the reticulation network including the reservoirs, which are owned by the respective municipalities thus automatically becoming the responsibility of the water services authority (municipality), to ensure that the water adheres to the aforementioned water quality standards," the statement goes on to say.

Water demand far outweighs supply

"The potable water produced by Magalies Water up to the point of sale has been shown to be consistently compliant to good-to-excellent levels of the SANS 241:2015 water quality standard. Currently bulk water supply to the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM), in general terms is at a deficit, ia mainly due to the rapid growth of the city. The current bulk water supply which is supplied to RLM by Rand Water through Barnadsvlei, Magalies Water via Vaalkop and RLM through its Boospoort plant, indicates an across the board shortage of bulk water supply. Further to that, the current water demand, far outstrips the supply capabilities of the designed systems," the statement explains.

Editor's note: These reasons might very well be behind the unacceptable levels of water supply in Rustenburg. But our people are fed up of listening to the 'reasons behind'. We want solutions and someone to take responsibility for and control of the situation, as it is obvious that Magalies Water has handed the ball to the municipalities.



Community protest at Magalies Water after no or poor supply of water in several areas.

NW dam levels continue to drop

NW – The Department of Water and Sanitation encourages the public to maximise water conservation during this winter season, as dam levels continue to decline compared to last week.

As of 7 June 2021, decreased dam levels were reported as... Disaneng dam at 69.4%, Ngotwane dam at 55.8%, Olifantshoek dam at 48.3%; Koster dam at 52.8%, Lindleyspoort dam at 48.9%, Marico Bosveld dam at 91.9%, Molatedi dam at 53.8%, Madikwe dam at 76.4%, Taung dam at 95.3%; Roodekopjes dam at 100.6%, Vaalkop dam at 87.1%, and Buffelspoort dam at 100.1%.

As of 7 June 2021, dam level increases were reported as... Boospoort dam from 100.1% to 100.7%, Setumo dam from 48.8% to 49.9%, Hartbeespoort dam from 98.7% to 99.3%, and Boskop dam from 101.1% to 101.4%.



Hartbeespoort dam