

Don't flush the toilet after every use.

If it's yellow, let it mellow!



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doesn't scare — Steenhuisen

ken' despite port from voter base



INDS: DA federal leader John Steenhuisen, right, Mphahlele Bhangane, left, and provincial chair Andrew Whitfield, held a virtual rally, parts of which were broadcast from live. **Picture:** WERNER HILLS

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had lost in the DA.
Discussing the hotly con-
tested northern areas that have
seen parties such as the PA,
GOOD and the Northern Al-
liance campaign fiercely. Steen-
huisen urged voters not to
waste their votes on small
parties.
"I'm very worried for the
people's sake because what
could end up [happening] is a
split vote and giving the coun-
cil back to the ANC would be a
terrible situation."
"What this city needs is a
stable government that can fo-
cus for a full five years on ser-
vice delivery, housing, roads,
fighting poverty and bringing
investment.

"If we let the ANC through
the back door by thinking
we're being clever by voting for
one of these smaller parties,
we're actually opening the
door for the ANC."
The PA contested three
wards in Johannesburg last
week, winning two.

Yesterday, PA national
chair Marlon Daniels said it
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I've done it



Irvette van Zyl smashes the 50km world record at the Nedbank Runfitted Breaking Barriers ultra-marathon in Summerstrand, Gqeberha, on Saturday. Report on back page. Picture: WERNER HILLS

Department switch on R electricity b

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Nelson Mandela Bay's depart-
ment of education will have
light for the first time in nearly
a year after the department set-
tled its R56m electricity bill on
Thursday.

Since September, staff at the
department's offices in Gqeber-
ha and Kariega have had to
travel as far as Graaff-Reinet
and Matieland to make use of
electronic equipment.

On other occasions, they sat
idle, unable to get work done.
Most employees had not
worked a full day in months.
The department had been
without lights since 2019 be-
fore it was switched back on
when the municipality un-

blocked all meters at the start
of the nationwide lockdown in
March last year.

The lights were switched
off again in September, when
the municipality started
blocking meters again, and
workers have been in the dark
since.

But on Friday, education
MEC Fundile Gade said the de-
partment had paid R56m that
was owed to the Bay munic-
ipality and R16m to the Buffalo
City municipality.

A further R19m owed to
Amathole was due to be paid
on Wednesday.

When a reporter from The
Herald visited the Gqeberha of-
fice in Sidwell at 1pm on
Thursday, she was not allowed
in as the staff were already
going home.

At the Kariega office on Fri-
day, the staff sat in dark offices.
They said they crossed their
fingers every day that their lap-
top batteries would last long
enough for them to finish
working.

An employee, who asked
not to be named because he is
not permitted to talk to the
media, said they were forced
drive elsewhere to get their
laptops charged, print docu-
ments and do anything else
that required electricity.

"I leave home with my laptop
top fully charged in the morn-
ing and work as much as I

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