

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Weekend water crisis**

On Saturday, 24 June 2017 everyone in Sabie woke up to a cold Saturday and no water in the taps. It soon became apparent that the main water pump station feeding the entire town and surrounds had broken down.

The starter at the main water pump station kept on cutting out due to the motor overload caused by the bearings that had ceased. The starter was replaced and the pump was disassembled to replace and install a new bearing. After long hours of hard work and dedication by the York team and the Thaba Chweu Municipality, the pump was reassembled, tested and in full operation by 18:15 on Saturday.

After the team ensured that the pump was at full operation without further incident, individuals drove to the various tanks within Sabie to ensure that the water had reached all the reservoirs. The team retired home for a well-deserved rest after a 12 hour shift. Velly Nkosi however remained on shift until 22:00 to start all the booster pumps.

A huge thank you to this team and all those that were involved in repairing the pump to give the town water.

*From left to right:*

Sarel Lamprecht, Friday Sekatala (Municipality) Velly Nkosi (Municipality), Elvis Masiya, Manie Rossouw and Dirk Smith



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