

RIETSPRUIT FORUM

MISSION

The Rietspruit Forum aims to actively involve all stakeholders in formulating an Integrated Water Management Strategy for the Rietspruit Catchment.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To promote and/or encourage the protection, use, development, conservation and management of water resources within the Rietspruit Catchment;
- ✓ To develop an Integrated Water Management Strategy that will holistically address water resource issues of the Rietspruit Catchment in a systematic manner;
- ✓ To identify, encourage and enable consistent and meaningful participation of all possible role-players in the Rietspruit Forum; and
- ✓ To formulate practical short, medium and long-term action plans that will ensure effective implementation of the Integrated Water Management Strategy of the Rietspruit Catchment.

DELIVERABLES

- To identify all role-players and keep them involved in the Rietspruit Forum;
- To build capacity within stakeholders (primarily previously disadvantaged groups) on issues of pertinence in the Rietspruit catchment;
- To identify all possible impactors and water users within the Rietspruit catchment;
- To provide the opportunity for all role-players to participate in a forum that is transparent and representative of the Rietspruit Catchment.
- To establish and manage a water resource monitoring and reporting structure for the Rietspruit catchment; and
- To consider present and future water user requirements within the Rietspruit catchment.

The Rietspruit Forum, in promoting the aims of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998), is a non-profit organisation consisting of all role-players participating in environmental management of the Rietspruit Catchment. Committed role-players include Government Departments, NGO's, Local Authorities, Mines, Industries, Water Service Providers and the general public within this catchment. Forum meetings are held quarterly where role-players can actively participate in management of the catchment.

The Rietspruit Forum Management Committee has been established to co-ordinate and manage activities for and on behalf of the Rietspruit Forum.