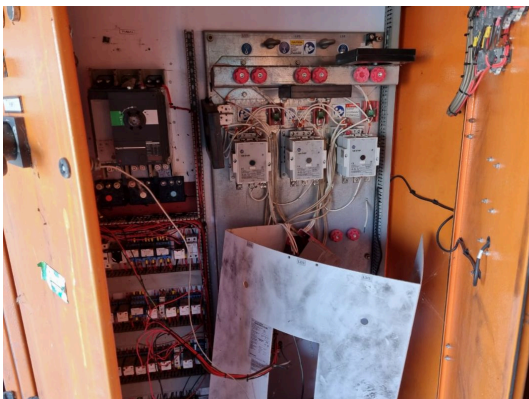




PROJECT:
MR. MIKE BOLHUIS'
FLAMINGO PROJECT

KAMFERS DAM'S
DILAPIDATED
INFRASTRUCTURE



Mr. Mike Bolhuis receives continuous feedback regarding the flamingos of Kimberley's Kamfers Dam. Although the flamingos of Kamfers Dam are flamboyant in their varied shades of pink, the man-made dam and the surrounding sewerage works remain a concern for the survival of these beautiful birds.

- Gogga Pump Station is central to the Kamfers dam-dilemma.
 - Most of Kimberley's sewage goes to Gogga pump station.
 - From there it is pumped to Homevale sewerage treatment works.
 - The pumps at Gogga pump station as well as the pipeline to Homevale sewerage treatment works, are out of order.
 - This results in the sewage running out into a field behind Gogga pump station, flowing into the Platfontein pans.
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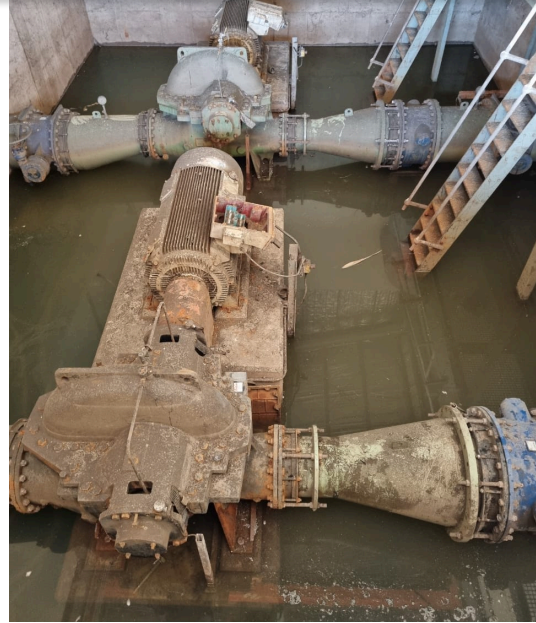
The entire infrastructure was supposed to be fixed and/or upgraded in 2019, after the initial flamingo crisis when Mr. Bolhuis had to step in and rescue dying Flamingo chicks from the blazing hot sun and parched dam surface. Millions were spent at that time for the upgrade however it seems again as if nothing is working and much of it has been looted and vandalised.

- Even though the municipality and the mining companies tried to establish a working and efficient infrastructure, nothing currently works at the sewerage treatment works and the sewage just flushes into Kamfers dam.
- Kamfers dam is currently overflowing which in turn is a threat to the train tracks.
- Currently, there is already so much water in the Platfontein pans that it is already pressing against one of the main tarred roads and there is concern that the road will give way.
- Kamfersdam's water is pushing past the railway tracks on the west and south sides.

Kamfers Dam cannot handle all of Kimberley's sewage water. It is too much water. When the train tracks overflowed another pipeline to another farm's pan was constructed, named Langlegpan. It was again linked to another pipeline back to the Vaal River.

The purpose was so that if there was too much PURIFIED water going to Kamfers Dam, they will be able to "divert" some of the water to the pan and back to the Vaal River and thus control Kamfers Dam's water level.





The problem is:

1. The pumps that must divert the water are out of order.
2. They cannot pump untreated water away via the pipeline to the river.
3. The sewerage treatment works is not working and cannot purify the water.

The municipality is now under severe pressure to repair Gogga pump station and the pipeline to the sewerage treatment works. But if the water cannot be purified and the pumps that must pump the water back to the Vaal River does not work, there will be too much water for Kamfers dam.

If the pumps and pipeline are not repaired and there is no extra water going to Kamfers Dam, Kamfers Dam may dry up again. However, since the dam is currently overflowing and another wet weather cycle is about to start, it is unlikely during the next breeding season.

The dam currently sustains about 30 000 adult flamingos with a few youngsters observed from breeding at other locations such as Botswana. The algae growth of the dam is enough to sustain the current population for the next month or so until another analysis will be done or until the summer months start. The algae levels have been stable for the past 18 months.



<https://youtu.be/qZizXXSfQlg>

Not all sewage goes through Gogga pump station. Some of it goes directly to Homevale sewerage works and it is *this* water that is continuously flowing into Kamfers dam. Some of the clean "drinking" water that enters the stormwater system also ends up in Kamfers Dam. It contributes to the increase of the water levels of the dam and does not even include the water from Gogga pump station. Kamfersdam is one of the lowest points in Kimberley therefore it receives most of the water from the surrounding catchment area as well.

The fluctuating water levels of Kamfer's Dam therefore makes it impossible for the flamingos to breed there.

Either there is too much water, or there is too little.



The water running from Gogga pump station and the leaking mains' pipelines into the Platfontein Pans is like a river.

The EFF are also getting involved, calling the area "Lake Zamani Saul" after the Premier of the Northern Cape!

See the above drone photo by Ms. Beryl Wilson and Ms. Heidi Volscher of the MacGreggor Museum, showing the road affected by the water on the Platfontein plains.

- There is a clay bed under this road which is now water-logged due to this unwanted sewage from Gogga pump.
- The danger of the road "moving" and eventually collapsing is real.
- The number of water birds killed crossing the road is way beyond normal and is a concern to the resident nature lovers.
- Recent articles in the local press and complaints from activists Mrs. Beryl Wilson and Mr. Brian Culver seem to have been ignored by the Municipality and Provincial government.
- This situation has been ignored and has remained unattended for the past six years.
- Mr. Brian Culver notes: "Kimberley literally stinks like a sewage farm these days with raw sewage all over the place - everywhere except where it should be treated."

The only way it will work for the flamingos (and Kimberley's people) is if the ENTIRE system is repaired - so that the dam's levels can be kept constant and at the right levels - this will make the flamingos' breeding sites optimal.

The municipality of Kimberley is faced with a daunting task if they need to ensure the safety and conservation of their "created" tourist attraction and the dire needs of their ratepayers as well. The community has issues regarding their freshwater supply - their water is cut off during the nights in an endeavour by the municipality to replenish the reservoirs. The residents have been dealing with these and other non-delivery issues for more than a year.

Specialised Security Services and Mr. Mike Bolhuis have been inundated with complaints from concerned residents of Kimberley and conservation activists with regards to the deplorable situation in the area. Mr. Bolhuis has personally raised his concern on several occasions, and this has just resulted in empty promises from the governing authorities.

We would like to remind you of their commitment which was broadcasted nationally on The New Bolhuis, Season 2.

<https://youtu.be/zoO4eeGRHIg>

Mr. Bolhuis would like to request the rate payers of Kimberley and concerned members of the public to forward this document to create awareness of the dilapidating situation in and around Kimberley. Please send your personal concerns, any photos, or videos as proof, to our email address (mike@mikebolhuis.co.za) to assist us in our endeavor to continue to escalate awareness of this problem.

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