

# Rubbish rules in Park Rynie

LITTER has for some time been a problem at Lot 23 and surrounds in Park Rynie.

The property belongs to the Department of Public Works, with the smaller building being used by the Department of Labour and the larger by the Independent Electoral Commission.

"The condition of the buildings, structures and grounds is disgusting and has been that way for years," said ward councillor, Edwin Baptie.

"I have engaged regularly with both the Department of Public Works and the Department of Labour to get the premises cleaned up and restored."

He has even on occasion taken Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) teams to the site to clean up and remove piles of litter.

The state of this property also adversely affects its neighbour, a nursery.

Quintus de Klerk, who currently runs the nursery, pointed out that he has often had to personally clean up the area surrounding his property as the litter is very off-putting to potential customers.

"Many people don't use bins and throw their litter in the street," said Mr De Klerk. "Unfortunately, this litter is then blown down to this little patch of land and becomes problematic. To add to this, people visiting the cafe next door and the petrol station, as well as those who queue at the Department of Labour often throw their food packaging and other rubbish on the ground."

Mr De Klerk said that when the property outside the nursery becomes



Quintus de Klerk shows some of the litter strewn on the ground near his business near the spot where a vagrant stays. Inset: A close-up view of a pile of rubbish.

strewn with litter, he takes matters into his own hands and on most mornings, he can be seen picking up rubbish. "Just last Saturday, this place was

covered in rubbish and I picked up so much that I had to call a friend with a bakkie to come and load it all up." Mr De Klerk said that a possible

solution could be to place more rubbish bins in the area as there are hardly any visible. The Department of Labour next

door however, has a number of bins inside the property, but he says it is evident that these aren't being used. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**