

How Talitha's big moment inspired the entire nation

When 20-year-old Talitha Luiters from Atlantis stepped onto the pitch to sing the national anthem ahead of the Springboks/ Wallabies game a few weeks ago, the moment was bigger than just a performance. For this talented soloist it became a statement of pride and hope, echoing from her hometown to audiences across the country...

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Premier Winde promises action after engagement with residents

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Atlantis en omliggende gebiede het verlede naweek met skok en leedwese verneem van die ontydige dood van Suster Olivia Pharo. Sy het die gemeenskap vir jare bedien as verpleegsuster by Wesfleur Hospitaal. Met haar aftreegeld het sy besluit om 'n gemeenskaps-kliniek te stig, met die visie vir beter mediese opsies plaaslik. Baie sal haar egter onthou as meer as net 'n verpleegsuster – sy was inderdaad 'n mentor en raadgever, wie tyd gemaak het vir almal, jonk en oud. Rus in vrede, suster Pharo!

Inwoners gewaarsku oor nuutste WhatsApp bedrog

Die Stad Kaapstad het inwoners gewaarsku oor 'n nuwe WhatsApp bedrogspul en doen 'n beroep op almal om waaksaam te wees teen individue wat hulle as stadsamptenare voordoen.

Bedrieërs kontak glo inwoners via WhatsApp en dreig dan dat inwoners se dienste afgesny sal word weens uitstaande munisipale skuld. Onlangs het 'n inwoner 'n WhatsApp-boodskap ontvang, gevolg deur telefoonoproepe, waarin valslik beweer is dat sy elektrisiteit afgesny sou word. Die bedrieërs het dringende betaling versoek in 'n bankrekening of via e-Wallet. Die inwoner het snuf in die neus gekry en onmiddellik die Stad in kennis gestel. "Ons doen 'n beroep op alle inwoners om waaksaam te bly en enige verdagte voorvalle aan te meld. Ons herinner inwoners daaraan dat die Stad niemand via WhatsApp of enige ander sosiale-media platform oor

die sny van dienste in kennis stel nie, en dat geen stadsamptenaar ooit betaling via e-Wallet of persoonlike bankrekeninge mag versoek nie. Dit is belangrik dat alle betalings deur die Stad se amptelike kanale gedoen word, soos om 'n munisipale kontantkantoor te besoek of deur elektroniese betalings te maak. Ons vra inwoners om hul familie en vriende, en veral die bejaardes, in te lig sodat hulle van hierdie bedrieërs bewus is. Verifieer altyd eers deur die Stad se Skakel Sentrum te bel by 0860 103 089," het die Burgemeesterskomiteelid vir Energie, Raadslid Xanthea Limberg, gesê.

Die publiek word daaraan herinner om enige verdagte aktiwiteit aan te meld deur die Stad se Bedrog-hotlyn te bel by 0800 32 31 30, per e-pos na fraud.hotline@capetown.gov.za of deur die naaste polisiestasie te kontak.

Winde commits to address challenges in Witsand

BABALO MBULWANA

During an engagement on Friday, 29 August 2025, Witsand residents came out in numbers to raise long-standing issues affecting their daily lives, engaging Premier Alan Winde, the City's JP Smith, and other mayoral committee members. Several pressing concerns were highlighted, some of which community leaders have consistently done for years

"Despite submitting a memorandum to the Sub-council on 18 October 2018, again on 25 February 2025, and following up with several meetings, the community has yet to see meaningful progress," said a spokesperson. A walkabout, led by SANCO Spokesperson Banathi Magani, gave residents an opportunity to engage with government officials directly. The organisation highlighted how the lack of resources and development opportunities continues to affect young people and cultural initiatives in Witsand. "We have been raising the same issues for

years, including the darkness in Witsand, lack of safety, and poor service delivery. Our people are tired of waiting. We need urgent solutions, not more promises," said another SANCO representative. On Thursday, 4 September, during the Open Government Session held at the Atlantis School of Skills, the Witsand community leaders seized the opportunity to once again raise their concerns and put forward practical ideas for improving service delivery, safety, and infrastructure in the area.

Winde assured residents that action will be taken. "I hear your frustrations, and I acknowledge the challenges Witsand is facing. My commitment is that we will not only listen, but we will act. I will ensure that your concerns are addressed within the timeframes we set together." A crucial meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 9 September 2025, at the Sub-council 1 offices, where key issues pertaining to Witsand were due to be discussed.

New hospital manager promises 'elevated services' at Wesfleur



DR. MEYER SWANEPOEL

The Western Cape Government Health and Wellness department recently appointed Dr. Meyer Swanepoel as the new Manager Medical Services at Wesfleur Hospital in Atlantis.

Swanepoel brings a strong background in clinical care and healthcare leadership. His journey in healthcare has taken him from serving as a medical officer to medical manager, giving him insight into the challenges and opportunities in the public health sector. "I enjoy public healthcare because I believe it's where the greatest need exists, and where the most meaningful impact can be made," says Swanepoel. With this guiding principle, he has set his sights on strengthening primary healthcare services in the so called 'Atlantis Basin', working in close partnership with the teams at Wesfleur Hospital and surrounding primary healthcare clinics (Saxon Sea-, Protea Park- and Mamre Community Day Centres). "My goal is to help organise the healthcare service in the Atlantis basin in a way that brings preventative and primary healthcare closer to the

community, without excessive waiting times, and with services that the public can respect and trust," he explains. "I would like to see the level of services elevated, not only in terms of clinical care, but also through the development of staff training opportunities at the facility.

Continuous learning is vital to quality healthcare. We want to serve the community in a way where members of staff and the public feel genuinely respected," he says. In a statement, his department said they are confident that under Swanepoel's leadership, the hospital will 'continue to grow as a centre of compassionate, efficient, and community-driven healthcare'. Wesfleur has been at the receiving end of negative criticism for years, with members of the public often accusing the hospital of bad service and unprofessional staff behaviour.

SASSA introduces biometrics to curb fraud and errors

September will usher in a new digital era for the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), with the introduction of the mandatory Beneficiary Biometric Enrolment in all its offices.

It is expected to revolutionise the administration of social grants, and is set to be a precursor to detecting and preventing any potentially fraudulent activities in SASSA's grant system. The biometric enrolment is a strategic move to ensure every grant recipient is verifiably authentic and that SASSA's systems are resilient against manipulation and error, especially in cases involving forged green Identity Documents that frontline staff cannot reliably detect. In addition, the biometric enrolment will ensure:

- Significant reduction in fraudulent applications and duplicate payments.
- Reliable verification of beneficiary authenticity and

- proof of life.
 - Reduction in inclusion errors.
 - Streamlined processes.
 - Enhanced audit outcomes and stronger record integrity.
 - Improved public trust in the Social Assistance Programme.
- The agency said this initiative will strengthen risk controls, contributing to a more secure and accountable grants system, whilst ensuring that social grant recipients are living individuals at the time of application.

Grant applications captured and approved from 1 September 2025 onwards will include biometric fingerprint enrolment or facial recognition through electronic Know Your Client (eKYC). Applications without biometric data will be immediately put into review, notifying the client of the need to capture biometrics as per the review processes. For grant enquiries, people can call the toll-free number 0800 60 10 11.

Residents get rare opportunity to engage Premier and ministers

MAXI VAN WILLINGH

On Thursday 4 September 2025, the Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, met with residents from Atlantis and surrounding areas at the Atlantis School of Skills, along with Mayoral Committee (Mayco) members, provincial government ministers, and their officials.

This initiative, known as "First Thursdays," was started by the Premier a few years ago when he was the Western Cape Minister of Finance, Economic Opportunities and Tourism. It provides residents and entrepreneurs throughout the Western Cape with a chance to voice their concerns and get immediate responses on pressing issues from different government departments. The aim is to connect the Western Cape Government with local communities and residents, allowing them to engage directly with officials from both the Western Cape Government and the City of Cape Town.

Residents have the opportunity to express their concerns and share their ideas with officials to receive assistance, explained Regan Thaw, Media Liaison Officer for the Premier. This initiative is also being taken "on the road" to other locations, as it was recently in Atlantis, to broaden its reach and connect with more communities and residents." An elderly resident, Bernard Jacobs, expressed his hope

that the government will investigate the conditions at the Sonstraal Old Age Home in Avondale, among other issues. He said the facility desperately requires proper upkeep to ensure it is livable for the elderly residents. "I'm worried about the lack of bathtubs, as we only have showers," he explained. This poses challenges for some seniors, including his wife, who said she slipped and fell after using the shower because of the slippery floor.

not just a way for political parties to gain points

Carmen Booysen (54) felt motivated to attend the event because she wanted to tackle the problem of young people not having enough opportunities. Through her involvement in a community project called Youth in Leadership Integration, she has seen many local youths struggling and feeling hopeless. "They have not been given the tools to build their future,



and that leaves them hopeless," she explained. Ronel Viljoen from the City's Community Services and Health Department said most of the questions they received at their table were about general concerns regarding ECD centres and the steps needed to get them up and running and officially registered.

Another resident, Marc André Daniels, believes that this initiative serves as a solid communication strategy between the Western Cape Government and the locals. He also feels that it is not just a way for political parties to gain points, which he thinks adds to the initiative's value. "This is not about politics, but it's about real engagement," he said. Daniels had a chance to chat with officials from Police Oversight and Community Safety about a personal issue. "The official really put me at ease and made me feel

like a resolution is on the horizon." His only worry was that not many residents were taking the chance to voice their concerns and said he hopes these engagement happens at least once or twice a year in Atlantis or nearby areas.

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The Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ) has the following vacancies available:

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Purpose of the Position:
The Marketing and Communications Specialist leads the implementation of ASEZ's marketing and communications strategy, aligned with the Business Development Strategy to attract Greentech investors committed to local integration. The role also develops and delivers tailored marketing and communications initiatives for a diverse range of stakeholders, fostering the integrated ecosystem of Atlantis and its surrounds, in line with the ASEZ mandate.

Skills and Competency Requirements:
The role requires a person with a strong mix of the following skills and competencies:

- Broad business knowledge and commercial acumen
- Strong influencer
- Strong marketing exposure
- Strong writing, editing and visual skills
- Broad exposure to the Greentech industry
- Knowledge of the Western Cape and Broader South African and Global Economic Landscape
- Medium term operational planning and implementation skills
- Ability to perform consistently under pressure
- Strong computer and technology-based skills and competence

Experience Requirements:
In addition, the following experience and exposure is required to undertake this position:

- Prospective candidates must hold a degree in Marketing / Communications / Journalism or relevant equivalent
- Minimum of five years' generalist marketing experience, ideally across 2 environments with commercial and / or public sector experience
- Focus on previous direct marketing and communications experience

Duties:
The Marketing and Communications Specialist reports to the Business Development Executive and will be responsible for a set of multi-faceted key performance areas as depicted below.

- Market the ASEZ - Develop targeted campaigns for diverse stakeholders, manage digital platforms, social media, and marketing collateral, and represent the ASEZ at key local events.
- Champion ASEZ brand integrity by developing brand management protocols, ensuring alignment with corporate identity standards, and training staff on consistent brand application across presentations and materials
- Lead ASEZ communications by developing and implementing targeted strategies for diverse audiences, including the Atlantis community, local leadership, and business stakeholders, as well as internal teams
- Oversee the event implementation function
- Develop key industry relationships in support of the marketing and business development role in the ASEZ
- Compliance and Risk Management
- Reporting, Communication and Administration

An all-inclusive, market related cost to company remuneration will be offered for the position. This is a three-year contractual agreement, subject to the successful candidates signing and delivering on the agreed performance. A three month probation period will apply.

Reasonable travel in and around Cape Town will be expected therefore a valid drivers license and reliable transport is a prerequisite.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Purpose of the Position:
The Supply Chain Management (SCM) Administrator supports the Supply Chain Management Specialist in implementing an effective and comprehensive supply chain function within the ASEZCo, in line with PFMA requirements and the requirements of the ASEZCo.

Skills and Competency Requirements:

- Ability to work under pressure
- Knowledge of a PFMA and related SCM legislative requirements
- High attention to detail, coordination and administrative skills
- Strong database management skills
- Computer literacy: Microsoft Office, Email and Relevant Systems
- Multi-tasking skills and a "can-do" attitude

Qualifications & Experience Requirements:

- Relevant SCM qualification at National Diploma / Degree level or equivalent
- Minimum 2-3 years previous experience in SCM, ideally in a diverse environment
- Minimum 1 years' experience in a PFMA environment

Duties:

- Execute the price quotation process in line with PFMA and related SCM legislative requirements.
- Oversee, coordinate, and advise on the process of drafting specifications
- Assist in the bid evaluation process
- Assist the SCM Specialist in implementing tender / competitive bidding processes.
- Support the SCM Specialist in providing technical advice and assistance to all business units.
- Assist with the daily, weekly, and monthly SCM processes
- Implement all data management linked to SCM requests, RFQs, tenders, deviations, variations, contract management and related registers
- Implement cost control measures across all SCM functions
- Provide SCM and data management input into reporting requirements as required

An all-inclusive, market related cost to company remuneration will be offered for the position. This is a two-year contractual agreement with an option for renewal, subject to the successful candidates signing and delivering on the agreed performance. A one-month probation period will apply.

Should you comply with all the aforementioned then you should not hesitate to apply. Forward your application accompanied by a cover letter and detailed CV to The Human Resources Specialist of the ASEZ to hr@atlantiszez.co.za

CLOSING DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Direct all enquiries to Siyasanga Tetyana: Human Resources Specialist hr@atlantiszez.co.za

Should you not have received any response from us within 14 days after the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

College students shines at inter-college competition

Two exceptional student entrepreneurs from West Coast College Atlantis Campus excelled at the prestigious Allan Gray Makers Entrepreneurship Inter-College Competition, which took place recently at Northlink College's Tygerberg Campus last month.

Bringing together the best student entrepreneurs from the Northern and Western Cape region to vie for a place to represent the region at the upcoming national competition, the event showcased talent, innovation, and determination. Solomzi Ndingandinga, from Atlantis Campus, achieved second place in the "*I have an innovative business idea*" category, while Lerato Phoko, also from Atlantis Campus, secured third place in the "*I have a general business*" category at

the regional competition. These remarkable achievements are a testament to the dedication, creativity, and perseverance of our students, as well as the guidance and support provided by our college team. André Muller, Acting Deputy Principal for Innovation & Development, expressed his pride:

"We are proud of these student entrepreneurs and we hope that by giving them this sort of exposure, they will take the experience and include it not just to establish a thriving enterprise, but build on it to become even more successful and employ people in the community to help alleviate the scourge of unemployment that our country and communities are experiencing."



TENDER NOTICE

The Atlantis Special Economic Zone Company, SOC Ltd (ASEZCo), invites prospective bidders to submit proposals for Leasing of Office space in Atlantis for a period of three (3) years.

TENDER REFERENCE NO. ASEZ 001 2025

Description : Leasing of Office Space in Atlantis

Closing date : 3 October 2025 @ 11:00am

COMPULSORY BRIEFING: 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025 @11:00AM

Tender documents are available on the e-Tender portal and on www.atlantiszez.com. All submissions must be dropped in the tender box on or before the closing date and time.

The tender box is located at the reception area of the Atlantis Foundries Business Park William Gourlay Road, Atlantis Industria, Cape Town.

Submissions sent via electronic mail delivery will not be accepted. For enquiries, please contact Supply Chain Management unit via email scm@atlantiszez.co.za

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'No-mow'
to let fynbos
flourish



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Milnerton's air



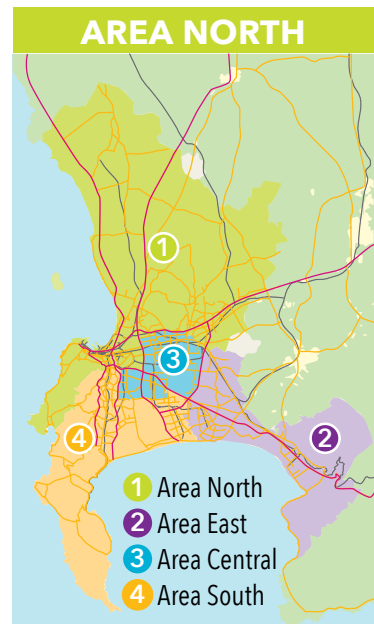
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Stopping
river waste
in its tracks



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Repaired
NMT route
good to go



Bayside back on track: Work on the multi-million-rand Bayside canal upgrade in Milnerton will resume in October following the resolution of a contractual dispute with the service provider. The upgrade was temporarily suspended in November 2024 at 55% completion. The project is a key City investment to improve water quality in the Rietvlei by enabling Bayside canal to cope with increased stormwater flows during peak periods and addressing pollution of stormwater channels into the vlei. The provision of naturally structured treatment facilities is a major focus to improve the quality of stormwater runoff from the canal into the Rietvlei. This is why construction will first focus on the stormwater canal leading to the primary sedimentation ponds, as well as the bypass canal from the secondary treatment channel to Rietvlei.



MyCiTi officially the 'smart' way to travel: Some 150 MyCiTi bus drivers are undergoing the City's Smart Driver training to improve driving behaviour, save on fuel, lower carbon emissions, cut on maintenance costs, reduce risk and, above all, increase passenger safety. Pictured with Mayco member for Urban Mobility Cllr Rob Quintas (left) and Deputy Mayor Ald Eddie Andrews (right) are drivers Michael Petersen, Philasande Mvuli and Jabu Lawrence Nkala, proudly displaying their certificates. Another 400 MyCiTi drivers will complete the programme over the next two years. The City introduced the Smart Driver training for all its fleet drivers in 2013.

City needs help containing the creep

Recreation and Parks is actively managing ivy infestations in public spaces. Yet community awareness and action remain critical to control this invasive creeper across town.

English ivy (*Hedera spp.*) is a flowering species from the Araliaceae family and is native to Europe. It was originally introduced to South Africa as a groundcover and ornamental climber, but in Cape Town, its rapid spread has become a growing concern in both public and private spaces. The *Hedera canariensis* and *Hedera helix* are particularly problematic.

Let's cut it down to size

The ivy is listed as a category 3 invasive species under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and must be managed accordingly. In sensitive or riparian areas, its status escalates to category 1b, requiring control.

If left unmanaged, ivy blocks a tree's sunlight and causes branch dieback. The added weight that the creeper adds to the distressed tree often results in collapse and also increases the risk of wind damage in open areas. The plant outcompetes and displaces local vegetation, which damages our biodiversity.



Creeping up on us: The City is calling on residents to help it control and contain *Hedera spp.*, commonly known as 'ivy' or 'English ivy'. The creeping, climbing invasive plant poses a serious threat to the local environment.

If you have ivy in your garden, use what is left of the cooler months – ivy's dormant phase – as a strategic opportunity to control or remove it safely, following the steps below:

- Manually pull out the stems and roots. The stems can be removed from the ground of a standing tree. Upper vines will die if they are not rooted, so they can be left to rot.
- Follow up regularly to remove any new growth.
- Dispose of the cuttings responsibly. Do not dump trimmings in natural areas, as the plant may re-root and spread.
- Either dry the vine clippings on a plastic or canvas sheet or a paved surface, and then shred, or solarise in black trash bags until the vines are no longer viable.

*** Report ivy overgrowth in public spaces by logging a service request via the City's C3 system. Alternatively, log sightings on the iNaturalist app and website to help the City track infestations.**

'Cause no Capetonian needs to rough it

The City's Street People Programme Unit continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of Cape Town's rough sleepers, having helped over 5 000 people off the streets in the past financial year. This they did through access to City-run Safe Space and partner shelters, work placement and reintegration programmes, family reunification, and help to overcome substance abuse.

Of those assisted in 2024/25, some 690 participated in development programmes at one of the Safe Spaces, and 80 were placed in Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) job opportunities. More than 620 were referred for social grants, identity documents, specialised care facilities, and substance abuse treatment.

The 2025/26 budget includes R9,9 million for upgrading and expanding existing Safe Spaces, another R1,7 million for support programmes and winter readiness, and R1,4 million for the EPWP street people economics project.

*** To access services relating to street people, dial 0800 872 201.**



Drop in for dignity: The Street People Programme Unit's walk-in centre in the Strand Street concourse in central Cape Town operates from 06:30 to 16:00 on weekdays, offering a range of services.

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Die Stad se program vir straatmense gaan voort om 'n tasbare verskil te maak in die lewens van diegene wat in Kaapstad se strate woon. Die program het die afgelope boekjaar meer as 5 000 mense gehelp om van die straat af te kom. Inwoners se hulp word benodig om *Hedera spp.*, wat ook as 'klimp' of ivy bekend is, onder beheer te bring. Dié kruip- en rankplant is 'n indringerspesie wat 'n ernstige bedreiging vir die plaaslike omgewing inhou. Sowat 150 MyCiTi-busbestuurders ontvang tans Smart Driver-opleiding. Dié kursus van die Stad verbeter bestuurders se gedrag agter

die stuur, help verlaag brandstofverbruik, koolstofvrystellings, instandhoudingskoste en risiko, en verbeter veiligheid vir passasiers. Die opknapping van die Bayside-kanaal sal in Oktober hervat noudat 'n kontrakgeskil met die diensverskaffer uitgestryk is. Met hierdie projek bestee die Stad etlike miljoene rand daaraan om watergehalte in die Rietvlei te verbeter.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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No mow, let them grow

To give Cape Town's spring flowers and fynbos a chance to grow, bloom and seed, the City will again be following a 'no-mow' approach at selected public open spaces, greenbelts, road verges and parks from July to November. The affected areas will be marked with temporary signage to inform residents of the adjustment to the mowing schedule and encourage respect for these special natural spaces.

Many of the earmarked no-mow areas contain remnants of critically endangered vegetation and pockets of high biodiversity, and often serve as corridors that connect larger biodiversity hotspots such as conservation areas, nature reserves and national parks.

Nominate a no-mow area
Residents can help support Cape Town's unique biodiversity by nominating local parks or green spaces to be included in future no-mow areas. Send your suggestions to RP.Enquiries@capetown.gov.za.
*To view the full list of no-mow locations across the metro, go to <https://bit.ly/41Bq61M>. Areas not on the list will be mowed as per the normal annual schedule.



'Mowratorium' on cutting:
The City will be halting mowing at selected public parks and open spaces until November so that the Mother City's endemic and indigenous flowers and fynbos can flourish.

Building hope, breaking down barriers as social housing pipeline rolls out

One of this administration's most important priorities is to break down the unjust spatial legacy of our country's past – to make our city fairer and more accessible, and to give more Capetonians a better chance at building a life of dignity and prosperity.

When people live in difficult circumstances, far from economic opportunities and reliable transport, their options in life effectively shrink. To build Cape Town into a city of hope for all who live here, we must put far more Capetonians within reach of those opportunities, and break down the barriers that keep them locked out.

That is why our pledge to speed up the delivery of more affordable housing across town is so important. At our Council meeting in August, we took another big step forward on this mission when we handed over one of the best-located parcels of land in the city centre – the 'Fruit & Veg' site at the top of Roeland Street – to our private-sector developer partner for a mixed-use development that will include 237 social housing units.

These units are subsidised rental flats aimed at those with a monthly



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

household income of less than R22 000. We now have around 12 000 such units at various stages of development in our social housing pipeline, of which 4 000 are in inner-city areas such as Woodstock, Salt River and Maitland. This offers tenants easy access to services, opportunities and amenities.

Tenants of the 'Fruit & Veg' development specifically – so called for the Food Lover's Market store, formerly known as Fruit & Veg City, located there – will have the entire city centre on their doorstep, with MyCiTi bus stops just a block away. There are

schools nearby, and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology is just a short stroll away. This is the kind of address that can instantly change people's lives.

This model where we partner with the private sector holds the key to unlocking affordable housing for thousands more families. Developers who bid on these discounted properties have to deliver a minimum number of social housing units as part of their mixed-use development. And should they fail to meet this threshold, ownership of the property would revert to the City.

Our friends at Province, too, have three exciting inner-city projects in their social housing pipeline. We will continue to play an enabling role to support these provincial projects, as well as to contribute financially where we can.

Project by project, we are chipping away at the massive demand for affordable housing in the metro, and giving more Cape Town families the chance to reimagine their future and restart their dreams.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor



Report robots for repair

Cape Town's 1 661 signalised intersections enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists, and keep traffic flowing. Faulty traffic lights can wreak havoc on our already busy roads and residents' travel times, especially during peak hours. If you spot any broken or irregular lights, please report it as soon as possible.

- Here's how:**
- Download the City app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
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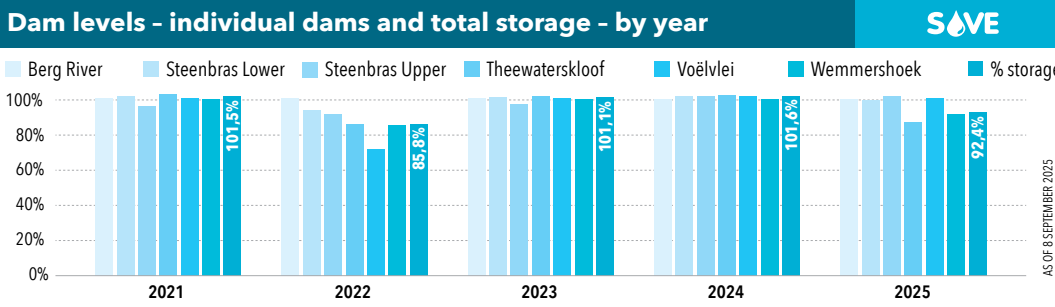
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Western Cape dam levels slightly lower than this time last year

The dam levels for Cape Town are sitting at 92,4%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

restriction level.
Municipal water may be used in gardens only before 09:00 or after 18:00, but never to hose down paved areas.
• Visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater or www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations to access the regulations.



Once-off write-off a chance to reset

The 2025/26 budget includes the write-off of some R2,2 billion in old debt for qualifying beneficiaries. By having their old debts written off, beneficiaries undertake to pay their dues going forward. If not, write-offs are reversed.

Write-offs apply to qualifying owners of residential properties valued between R450 000 and R7,5 million. Other potential beneficiaries are those in zero-value indigent properties, income-based indigent customers, and residents who receive pension and social grants.

Some non-profit, public-benefit and social institutions may also meet the requirements.

The goodwill shown through debt write-offs is proven to foster a stronger payment culture. As a result, the City has been able to maintain an annual collection ratio of above 95% during tough economic times. As at 30 June 2025, the collection ratio was 97,83%.

Support doesn't stop there
Aside from the debt write-off initiative, the City

also still offers extensive rates and services relief to pensioners and those relying on social grants and indigent support.

**To find out more about the debt write-off drive, visit your nearest walk-in centre, or email payment.arrangements@capetown.gov.za. For more on other relief options, email rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za or indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za. Alternatively, dial 0860 103 089 for info on all City assistance.*

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KORTLIKS

Een van die administrasie se belangrikste prioriteite is om die onbillike ruimtelike nalatenskap van ons land se verlede reg te stel. Dit is waarom die Stad se belofte om die voorsiening van bekostigbare behuising te bespoedig so belangrik is. Vir dié doel is een van die bes geleë stukke Stadsgrond in die middestad – die 'Fruit & Veg'-terrein in Roelandstraat – onlangs aan 'n privaatsektorvennoot oorhandig om 'n gemengdegebruikontwikkeling te bou wat 237 sosiale behuisingseenhede sal insluit.
Om die stad se lentebloem en fynbos 'n kans te gee om te groei, te blom en saad te skiet, staak die Stad weer van Julie tot November

grassnaktiwiteite in sekere openbare oop ruimtes, groenstroke, parke en op party padrande.
Die 1 661 verkeersligkruisings in Kaapstad verbeter veiligheid vir voetgangers en motoriste en laat die verkeer aanhou vloei. Stukkende verkeersligte kan chaos veroorsaak op ons besige paaie, en reistye drasties verleng. As jy op enige stukkende of swak gesinchroniseerde ligte afkom, meld dit so gou moontlik aan.
Die begroting vir 2025/26 maak voorsiening vir die afskrywing van sowat R2,2 miljard se ou skuld vir kwalifiserende begunstigdes. Met die afskrywing onderneem begunstigdes om voortaan hulle skuld te betaal. Indien nie, word afskrywings omgekeer.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Enye yezinto eziphambili ngokubaluleka kolu lawulo kukucazulula ilifa lelizwe lethu elinganabulungisa kwixa elidlulileyo – ukwenza isixeko sethu sibe nobulungisa kwaye sifikeleleke ngakumbi. Yiyo loo nto isibhambathiso sethu sokukhawulezisa unikezelo lwezindlu ezifikelekayo kwidolophu iphela sibalulekile. Kutshanje sinikezele ngenye yeepasile zomhlaba ezibekwe kakuhle kumbindi wesixeko – indawo ye'Fruit & Veg' kwisitalato iRoeland – kumphuhlisi wethu wecandelo labucala kuphuhliso oluxubeneyo oluya kubandakanya iiyunithi zezindlu zoluntu ezingama237.
Ukunika iintyantyambo zasentlakohlaza zaseKapa kunye nefynbos ithuba lokukhula, lokudubula kunye nembewu, iSixeko siya kuphinda silandele indlela 'yokungachetywa' kwiindawo ezikhethiweyo zikawonkewonke,

iibhanti eziluhlaza, iimida yeendlela kunye neepaki ukusuka kweyeKhala ukuya kweyeNkanga.
Iziphambuka ezinemiqondiso ezingu1661 zaseKapa zomeleza ukhuseleko lwabahambi ngeenyawo nabaqhubi beemoto kwaye zigcina izithuthi zihamba kakuhle. Iirobhothi ezingasebenzi kakuhle zisenokwenza umonakalo kwiindlela zethu ezixakekileyo namaxesha okuhamba, ingakumbi ngamaxesha omsebenzi. Ukuba ubona naziphi na izibane eziphukileyo okanye ezingaqhelekanga, nceda uxele ngokukhawuleza.
Uhlahlo lwabiwomali luka2025/26 lubandakanya ukucinywa kweR2,2 yeebhiliyoni zeerandi kwityala elidala kwabo bafanele ukuxhamla. Ngokucinywa kwamatyala abo amadala, abaxhamli bazibophelela ukhulawula iimfanelo zabo ukuya phambili.

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City to clamp down on illegal angling

The City is calling on the public to help protect Rosendal dam in Durbanville by respecting existing no-fishing regulations. Despite clear signage and regular patrols, illegal fishing continues to pose a serious threat to wildlife and undermine ongoing efforts to rehabilitate the area.

The dam supports a variety of indigenous bird species such as cormorants, cattle egrets and Egyptian geese, as well as indigenous plants forming part of the larger aquatic ecosystem. Conserving this biodiversity is essential to the City's broader environmental goals and community wellbeing.

Recent events have underscored the need to stamp out unregulated angling in Cape Town's sensitive local ecosystems. At Rosendal dam, a cormorant was found dead, suspended from a tree by fishing line. The same fate nearly befell an Egyptian goose at Sonstraal dam shortly thereafter, although the bird managed to return to the water.

Don't become 'catch of the day'

Fishing at undesignated sites and without a valid permit is illegal. According to City and CapeNature policy, all anglers must obtain a CapeNature recreational fishing licence. Residents wishing to fish legally in the greater Durbanville region are encouraged to get a permit and fish only at designated City sites, such as Doordekraal dam in Bellville. This serves to protect both fish populations and other, dependent species in the ecosystem. Law Enforcement officers will be on patrol, and those breaking the law will be fined.

** If you witness illegal fishing or come across injured or deceased animals at any of the dams in Area North, contact Recreation and Parks at rp.enquiries@capetown.gov.za, or report it directly to Law Enforcement on 021 480 7700. Information about the permitting process is also available from the email above.*



Angling at nature's expense: Illegal angling at Rosendal and other dams is inflicting significant damage on local ecosystems, causing tragic biodiversity losses. The image of a cormorant found dead at Rosendal dam, suspended from a tree by fishing line, is a distressing reminder of this.

City's keeping an eye on Milnerton air

To safeguard residents against any potential harmful exposure to hydrogen sulphide in the Milnerton lagoon area, the City has parked a mobile air quality monitoring station at the canoe club to take ongoing readings.

An air quality monitoring station is in operation at Milnerton lagoon as part of the City's broader efforts to restore the lagoon environment. Air quality results will also be shared with the public.

Initially placed at the Woodbridge Island complex in February, the monitoring station has now been moved to a permanent location in the parking area of the Milnerton canoe club. The mobile mini-laboratory is equipped with a continuous air quality analyser for the full-time measuring of hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) levels – the gas responsible for the rotten egg odour sometimes experienced in the area. Readings are taken every 10 to 15 seconds. Data is automatically stored and analysed to assess exposure against international standards.

Since installation, the technology has helped Scientific Services detect varying levels of H₂S in the area. While foul odours may be experienced at times, 100 days of data indicate that there were no exceedances of the World Health Organization's recommended maximum of 150 micrograms per 24 hours. The City utilises the WHO guideline, as South Africa does not have its own H₂S air quality standard.



Mini-lab brings peace of mind: Cllr Zahid Badroodien, Mayco member for Water and Sanitation (fifth from the left), joined City officials and members of the Section 80 Advisory Committee on Water Quality in Wetlands, Waterways and the Coastal Environment in visiting the mobile mini-lab that is scientifically measuring hydrogen sulphide levels in the Milnerton area.

Atlantis neighbourhood watch all kitted out

In July, the City enhanced the capabilities of the Oasis neighbourhood watch in Atlantis by providing the 27-member team with equipment such as bodycams, traffic control lights, LED vehicle lights and night vision goggles. In 2025/26, more accredited neighbourhood watches across town will receive assistance to the tune of nearly R4,4 million via ward allocations.

In addition to equipment handovers, the City's 16-year-old support programme for neighbourhood watches also includes training and skills development in areas such as

first aid and control room monitoring. Moreover, watches have access to the Trusted Partner app. This first dedicated smartphone app for neighbourhood watches in South Africa is directly integrated into the City's control room and emergency services. This allows safety partners to get help instantly, while also coordinating all other neighbourhood watch procedures directly from their phones.

** For more on neighbourhood watches, including how to start one, search under 'Neighbourhood watch' on www.capetown.gov.za.*



Watching out for our watches: The Atlantis-based Oasis neighbourhood watch is now better equipped to walk the beat thanks to a City handover of bodycams, night vision goggles and the like. Ald JP Smith, Mayco member for Safety and Security, was there when the group received the safety and security gear.



Opening up the opera world: The City and the Cape Town Opera chorus hosted four concerts in the communities of Gugulethu, Woodstock, Pinelands and Kuils River in June and July. The events unlocked the opera experience for local audiences, taking it out of the traditional theatre space and bringing it to residents where they live. The 45-minute performances included traditional African spirituals and operatic music. More concerts are planned, so do keep an eye on your community noticeboard. For more on the chorus, see www.capetownopera.co.za.

Atlantis helps pick PV's name

The City's first utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in Atlantis is nearing completion. By the end of the year, 12 850 solar panels will start to power the local grid in the area.

To make the plant truly part of the Atlantis community, local residents were asked to help choose a name for the installation. The winner will be announced at an on-site ceremony in December.

The R200 million solar plant project has brought about significant upskilling of local labour as well as business opportunities in the renewable-energy sector.

New traffic measures at Milnerton Primary

Following public participation, the City has converted a number of roads around Milnerton Primary School into time-restricted one-ways. The conversions apply from 07:00 to 08:30 and again from 14:00 to 15:00 on school days. The affected roads are Langerman Avenue (from Arum Way to Begonia Street), Begonia Street (from Langerman Avenue to Graaff Avenue) and Graaff Avenue (from Begonia Street to Zastron Road). This will create safer access for school learners and improve the flow of school traffic.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad doen 'n beroep op die publiek om Rosendaldam in Durbanville te help beskerm deur die bestaande verbod op hengel te gehoorsaam. Ondanks duidelike inligtingstekens en gereelde patrollies hou onwettige hengel steeds 'n ernstige bedreiging in vir die natuurlewe, en ondermyn dit voortgesette pogings om die gebied te rehabiliteer.

'n Luggehaltemonitoringstasie is in werking by die Milnerton-strandmeer as deel van die Stad se werk om die meeromgewing te herstel. Monitoringsdata sal ook aan die publiek beskikbaar gestel word.

Die Stad het in Julie noodsaaklike toerusting soos lyfkameras, verkeersbeheerligte, LED-voertuigligte en nagsigbrille aan die Oasis-buurtweg in Atlantis oorhandig. Nóg buurtwagte sal in 2025/26 soortgelyke bystand ontvang.

Saam met die Kaapstad Opera-koor het die

Stad in Junie en Julie vier konserte in Gugulethu, Woodstock, Pinelands en Kuilsrivier aangebied. Die konserte het die opera-ervaring vir plaaslike gehore ontsluit deur dit te bring na waar mense woon.

Die Stad se eerste fotovoltaiiese sonkragaanleg op 'n nutsdiensskaal, wat in Atlantis geleë is, vorder goed. Teen die einde van die jaar behoort 12 850 sonpanele die plaaslike omgewing van krag te voorsien. Om die aanleg waarlik deel van Atlantis te maak, is die plaaslike gemeenskap gevra om 'n gepaste naam vir die installasie te help kies. Die wenner sal in Desember aangekondig word.

Ná openbare deelname funksioneer 'n aantal strate rondom Laerskool Milnerton nou op bepaalde tye van die skooldag as eenrigtingstrate. Die reëling is van toepassing van 07:00 tot 08:30 en weer van 14:00 tot 15:00.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko sihlaba ikhwelo kuluntu lokuba luncedise ekukhuseleni idama iRosendal eDurbanville ngokuhlonipha imigaqo esele ikho yokungalobi. Ngaphandle kwemiqondiso ecacileyo kunye nokujikeleza rhoqo, ukuloba ngokungekho mthethweni kusaghubeka kuyingozo enkulu kwizilwanyana zasendle kwaye kujongela phantsi iinzame eziqhubekayo zokubuyisela indawo kwisimo sangaphambili.

Isikhululo sokuhlola umgangatho womoya siyasebenza kwichibi eliseMilnerton njengenxalenye yeenzame ezibanzi zeSixeko zokubuyisela imekobume yechibi. Iziphumo zomgangatho womoya nazo kuya kwabelwana ngazo noluntu.

KweyeKhala, iSixeko siphucule izakhono zonogada bengingqi yaseOasis eAtlantis ngokubonelela iqela lamalungu angama27ngeekhamera ezisemzimbeni, izibane zolawulo lwendlela, izibane zezithuthi zeLED kunye nezixhobo zokujonga ebusuku. Ngo2025/26 oonogada bengigqi abavunyiweyo baya kufumana uncedo oluphantse lube yiR4,4 yezigidi kusetyenziswa ulwabiwo lweewadi.

Ikwayala yeOpera yeSixeko neKapa ibambe iikonsathi ezine eGugulethu, eWoodstock, ePinelands naseKuils River kweyeSilimela nakweyeKhala. Imisitho yavula amava eopera kubaphulaphuli basekuhlaleni, beyikhupha kwindawo yemidlalo yeqonga beyisa kubahlali apho bahlala khona.

Uzmzimveliso wokuqala weSixeko osebenza ngelanga wephotovoltaic (PV) eAtlantis sele ukufutshane ekugqityweni. Ekupheleni konyaka, iiphaneli zesola ezili12 850 ziya kuqalisa ukunika amandla igridi yendawo yasekuhlaleni. Ukwenza isityalo sibe yinxalenye yoluntu lwaseAtlantis ngokwenene, abahlali bendawo bachelwa ukuba bancede bakhethe igama laso. Ophumeleleyo uya kubhengezwa kweyoMnga.

Ukulandela intathonxaxheba yoluntu, iSixeko siguqule inani leendlela ezijikeleze iSikolo samaBanga aPhantsi saseMilnerton.zaba ziiindlela eziya kwicala elinye ezimiselwe ixesha. Uguqulo lusebenza ukususela ngo07:00 ukuya ku08:30 kwaye kwakhona ukususela ngo14:00 ukuya ku15:00 ngeentsuku zesikolo.



Next step for Vygekraal river upgrade

The initial phase of public comment on the City's planned upgrade of the Vygekraal river, which forms part of the Salt river catchment, concluded at the end of July. All inputs on the pre-application basic assessment report (BAR) are now being considered and any necessary changes made. The next step will be to start the formal application process to Province, during which a draft BAR will be made available for another round of public comment.

Showing the Vygekraal some LUW

The Vygekraal river upgrade forms part of the City's Liveable Urban Waterways (LUW) programme. The section to be upgraded flows from Jakes Gerwel Drive through Nantes Park, between Bridgetown, Silvertown and Kewtown, towards the N2. The project scope will also include a small section of the Blomvlei and Jakkalsvlei rivers. The aim is to increase the river's capacity to carry water, reinforce and stabilise its banks, and create a safer, more functional river corridor. This will help protect nearby infrastructure, reduce the risk of flooding, and support local biodiversity.

To this end, the City will be submitting a water use application in terms of section 21 of the National Water Act to allow for sediment and vegetation management, erosion control, and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure.

Trash traps help fight river pollution

Waste interceptors are proving to be an affordable, adaptable and effective solution to trap river litter, stopping it from reaching the ocean.

To help gather and remove waste from Cape Town's waterbodies, the City has invested R3 million in the installation of 20 waste interceptors in polluted rivers and waterways across town. In Area North, interceptors are located in the Spoordam pond at Railway Road, Peerless Park North; the Kuils river upstream of Bottelary Road; the Amandel dam at Majik Forest, Durbanville; the Bayside canal in Table View; the Sati river at Sati Road, Milnerton; and at the Milnerton riding club.

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Waste interceptors are simple yet effective systems designed to trap floating litter and debris before it enters larger waterbodies or reaches the ocean. They offer an affordable and adaptable solution for litter

reduction, tailored to hold specific volumes of typical types of waste found at each location. All interceptors are maintained regularly according to a routine schedule. Cleaning takes place at least twice per week, as well as before and after rainfall events.
**The interceptors are already having a remarkable impact on the environment, so please help the City safeguard these systems. Report any tampering or vandalism. Dial 107 from a landline, 021 480 7700 from a cellphone, or log it online at www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests.*

Good catch: The newly installed waste interceptors are proving to do the trick, trapping trash in some of Cape Town's most polluted waterways. This one located in the Soet river in Strand yielded a catch of 600 bags of litter.



Extra hands to tackle trench reinstatements

City teams have been working around the clock to reduce the backlog of trench reinstatements where work on pipe bursts and other underground services required digging up paving. While the list of older reinstatements is steadily shrinking, new pipe bursts occurring on a daily basis make it hard to get ahead.
The City fully understands residents' frustration. That is why four professional service providers were appointed at the beginning of August to help speed up the process by working across multiple sites at the same time. The contractors have been deployed across the administration's four service areas.
In Area North, reinstatements are under way in Durbanville, Blouberg Rise, Cape Farms, Montague Gardens, Parklands, Rugby, Sandown, Sunningdale, Table View, Brooklyn, Phoenix, Royal Ascot, Century City, Milnerton Ridge, Milnerton, Melkbosstrand, Bloubergstrand,

West Riding, Sunridge, Atlantis, Flamingo Vlei, Robinvale, Saxonsea, Sherwood, Marconi Beam, Paarden Eiland, Summer Greens, Burgundy Estate, Sanddrift and Atlantis Industrial.

Determined to catch up: Four appointed contractors should help the City speed up the metro-wide reinstatement of dug-up pavements, driveways and road kerbs following pipe bursts and other underground work.



Safety first
Heavy rains can result in deep, flooded potholes at sites awaiting reinstatement. Residents are urged to contact their councillor to report any such sites that need to be made safe. The councillor will assist with escalating these through internal notification processes.



Fixed, for you: The non-motorised transport (NMT) lane between Paarden Eiland and Woodstock is up and running again. The City had to repair the footways after vandals and cable thieves damaged the infrastructure. Hedges and overgrown foliage have also been cut back. This popular lane forms part of the Woodstock NMT corridor and is used by many cyclists, pedestrians and MyCiTi commuters travelling to and from Table View, Parklands and Milnerton.

KORTLIKS

Die aanvangsfase van openbare kommentaar op die Stad se beplande opknapping van die Vygekraalrivier, wat deel is van die Soutrivier-stroomgebied, het in Julie geëindig. Alle kommentaar wat ontvang is, word nou oorweeg. Om vullis uit Kaapstad se watermassas te help verwyder, het die Stad R3 miljoen bestee aan die installering van 20 afvalonderskeppers in besoedelde riviere en waterlope.
Stadspanne doen alles moontlik om plaveisel te herstel waar werk aan gebarste pype en ander ondergrondse dienste uitgevoer is. Hoewel die lys agterstallige herstelwerk stelselmatig korter raak, is dit moeilik om voor te kom aangesien nuwe voorvalle van gebarste pype gereeld aangemeld word.

Die baan vir niegemotoriseerde vervoer tussen Paardeneiland en Woodstock is weer oop vir gebruik. Die Stad moes die voetpaaie herstel nadat vandale en kabeldiewe die infrastruktuur beskadig het. Heinings en struik is ook teruggesnoei.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Inqanaba lokuqala lezimvo zoluntu malunga nokuphuculwa okucwangcisiweyo kweSixeko komlambo i Vygekraal, oyinxalenye yendawo yokugcina amanzi yaseSalt river, liqukunjelwe ekupheleni kweyeKhala. Onke amagalelo kwingxelo yovavanyo olusisiseko (iBAR) ngoku ayaqwalaselwa.
Ukunceda ukuqokelela nokususa inkunkuma kwimithombo yamanzi yaseKapa, iSixeko sityale imali ezizigidi eziR3 zeerandi ekufakeni imijelo yokuthintela inkunkuma engama20 kwimilambo engcolisekileyo nemijelo yamanzi kwidolophu iphela.
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ukugqabhuka kwemibhobho emitsha kwenza kube nzima ukuya phambili.
Indlela yezothutho ezingasebenzisi njini (NMT) phakathi kwePaarden Eiland neWoodstock iyasebenza kwaye iyaqhuba kwakhona. ISixeko kuye kwafuneka silungise iindlela zeenyawo emva kokuba abonakalisi kunye namasela eentambo zombane bonakalise iziseko ezingundoqo. Iiheji kunye namahlamvu akhule kakhulu nawo asikwa.

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ASEZ breakfast event ends Women's Month with a bang

Towards the end of Women's Month, the Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ) hosted its Roots to Rise Women's Breakfast, dedicated to celebrating the voices, successes, and resilience of women in the workplace.

The event brought together dynamic women leaders and professionals from diverse sectors, highlighting the ways in which women are breaking barriers, entering traditionally male-dominated industries, and taking up higher positions in fields such as engineering, green technologies, academia, infrastructure, and maritime navigation. "Events like Roots to Rise demonstrate the importance of amplifying women's stories and creating spaces where their voices shape the future," said ASEZ CEO, Matthew Cullinan. "Through these conversations, we

celebrate how far women have come while reaffirming our commitment to an inclusive, transformative future." One of the speakers, Kirsten Laaks, a young engineer, reflected on the importance of visibility and mentorship in her field. Professor Vivienne Lawack, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of the Western Cape, highlighted the ongoing need to expand opportunities for women in leadership and education.

Representing infrastructure and transport, Mirriam Ramoba, president of the South African Road Federation, emphasized women's resilience in industries long considered male-dominated. Speaking from her experience in the maritime sector, Andiswa Xakana, a marine navigation officer at Maersk Shipping, shared her perspective on breaking new ground in her field.

Fulufelo Nedouvhada, COO of Mint and Honey, reminded attendees of the value of women-led enterprises in shaping sustainable industries: "Women bring innovation, empathy, and resilience to the business world. By creating and leading in green and future-focused industries, we change the narrative and inspire generations to come. Because when beauty and brains collide, Mother Earth flourishes." The event concluded with a guided environmental awareness activity and a hike, symbolizing women's collective journey of resilience and growth.



- The ASEZ's Hlumela Nama with Fulufelo Nedouvhada (right)

LEN collaborates with Province to help the unemployed

On Tuesday, 9 September 2025, the Learning Empowerment Network (LEN), a non-profit organisation based in Atlantis, launched their collaboration with the Western Cape Government Mobility Services to assist unemployed people from Atlantis and surrounding areas.

The campaign, dubbed "Get You to Work," offers unemployed individuals an opportunity to obtain a free travel voucher to attend job interviews with the Golden Arrow Bus Service (GABS). Each registered beneficiary receives six free trips to help them get to work. The official launch took place at the Robinvale



Sportsfield. LEN CEO, Sunita Henkeman, opened the event and introduced the programme. The highlight of the day came when the Provincial Minister of Mobility, Isaac Sileku, arrived. He interacted with the beneficiaries, local councillors, and Operations Manager of LEN,

Garnett Botman, to discuss the event and the reason behind the campaign. Botman said another campaign will soon be launched in Atlantis and Mamre to provide more opportunities for others.



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Many people wait until they notice a problem before visiting an optometrist. The truth is, regular eye exams are just as important as dental check-ups or annual medical screenings — sometimes even more so.

EARLY DETECTION SAVES SIGHT

Many serious eye conditions develop slowly and without noticeable symptoms in the early stages. Glaucoma, for example, can cause irreversible vision loss before you realise anything is wrong. Similarly, conditions like macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and cataracts may creep up silently. An optometrist can detect these problems early through a comprehensive eye exam, often before you notice changes in your vision. Early treatment can protect your sight and, in some cases, prevent permanent blindness.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GLASSES

While optometrists certainly prescribe spectacles and contact

lenses, eye exams are far more comprehensive than a "quick vision check." They include assessing how well your eyes work together, checking eye pressure, examining the retina, and evaluating overall eye health. These tests can even reveal signs of systemic health issues such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol — sometimes before your general practitioner picks them up.

CHILDREN AND STUDENTS BENEFIT MOST

Good vision is critical for learning. Children with uncorrected vision problems may struggle with reading, writing, and concentrating in class, sometimes being misdiagnosed with learning difficulties. Optometrists recommend that children have their first full eye examination before starting school, and then at least every two years. For students, especially those spending long hours on digital devices, eye exams can help manage digital eye strain and maintain healthy vision.

ADULTS AND SENIORS: KEEP CHECKING

For adults, regular eye exams help keep prescriptions up to date and detect changes that may signal health issues. As we age, the risk of eye disease increases sharply. Seniors, in particular, should have yearly eye checks to monitor for cataracts, glaucoma, and macular degeneration, all of which can be managed more effectively when caught early.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU GO?

Most people should see an optometrist every two years, but those with certain conditions — like diabetes, a family history of eye disease, or existing vision problems — may need annual check-ups. Eye exams are painless, relatively quick, and can make a life-changing difference. Your vision is precious and irreplaceable, and looking after it is one of the best investments you can make in your future.

The National Dialogue: Expensive and unnecessary or just what SA needs?

The National Dialogue, launched in mid-2025, is promoted as one of South Africa's most ambitious platforms for addressing the country's political, economic, and social challenges. It is designed to create an inclusive space where citizens, political parties, civil society, labour, business, and faith-based organisations can debate solutions to long-standing issues such as unemployment, corruption, service delivery, governance, and social cohesion. Reporter **CAY-LENE COETZEE** asked a few of our readers for their opinion.



THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE
OF SOUTH AFRICA

If the intention is to gather public opinions, I believe more cost-effective alternatives should be explored. For instance, the government could make use of its official website, partner with existing community structures, or collaborate with university students to facilitate and collect public feedback. The allocated funds should instead be directed towards actively addressing the very issues the dialogue aims to discuss, such as poverty, unemployment, and crime, rather than being spent on the process of discussion itself. **MATTHEW PETERSEN**



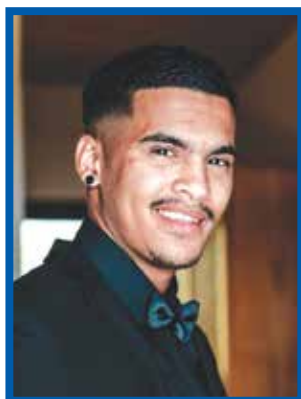
How can we justify spending R750 million on dialogue when communities are still struggling with poor service delivery and unemployment? I'm not against conversation or unity, but shouldn't we first focus on fixing what is clearly broken? It feels like there is a disconnect between government priorities and the real needs on the ground. Dialogue only works if it leads to real change. I believe action must speak louder than process. That's what communities are asking for. **JONAH TROMP**



everyone—regardless of background or status—a chance to be heard and respected. In today's divided world, open discussions between citizens and leaders help bridge gaps, promote inclusivity, and build mutual respect. It allows us to tackle important issues like economic inequality and social justice together. I also see it as a way to promote transparency, accountability, and shared responsibility. **ASHANTI GREEN**

Public skepticism is understandable. For this initiative to succeed, it is crucial that a solid foundation is established—one grounded in transparency, accountability, and a commitment to action. Bringing together the right experts and stakeholders to craft long-term, sustainable solutions will be essential. If executed effectively, this initiative has the potential to pave the way for meaningful progress and contribute positively to the country's development. The time for well-planned, results-driven action is now. **JORDAN PETERSEN**

In a country where service delivery fails daily and people go to bed hungry, it feels like an expensive "talk shop" with little promise of real outcomes. Dialogue is important, but without clear action plans, the process is unlikely to make a meaningful difference in the lives of ordinary South Africans. What the country needs now is less rhetoric and more action—initiatives that directly impact communities and restore public trust. Accountability must be central if this dialogue is to have any lasting and credible effect. **VERDEAN DAMON**



I think this national dialogue will just be another waste of time. All they ever do is talk without offering real solutions, and we've seen this happen for years now. Nothing actually changes. This whole thing feels like just another part of their corruption scheme, possibly even a way to steal more money under the guise of public engagement. I'm tired of empty promises and no real action. **GERTRUIDA CLAASEN**

I really don't see the point of spending so much money on a national dialogue. They could just go online and see how people are reacting, it's all there. It's not rocket science. They already have access to what people think; they just don't listen or act on it. This feels more like a performance than a genuine attempt to fix anything. **MONIQUE PETERSEN**



I believe a national dialogue is vital for unity, understanding, and progress in South Africa. As South Africans, we value speaking out and addressing our issues, so having these conversations is never a waste of time. A national dialogue gives

South Africans continue to experience serious deficiencies in essential services like healthcare and education. These are long-standing issues that have been worsening over the years. South Africans are tired of repetitive discussions without meaningful follow-through. While dialogue has its place, it must be accompanied by concrete, results-driven action. The government cannot afford to treat this as another symbolic gesture. Without genuine commitment, and measurable outcomes, this initiative will do little to change the everyday realities of millions of people. **DEVON ARRIES**

I see the value in a people-led National Dialogue. However, spending R750 million feels irresponsible when so many young South Africans, especially youth, struggle to access basic education, healthcare, and jobs. This is money that could directly fund education, mental health support, or job creation for young people. For this to mean something, it must lead to real, urgent change—not just more speeches. Dialogue alone won't fix a system that keeps so many of us excluded. We need action, not just conversation. If this process doesn't include youth voices meaningfully or lead to visible change, it risks becoming another expensive performance that ignores the lived realities of the citizens of South Africa. **GIOVANNI LINKS**

This is taxpayers' hard-earned money being squandered on something that promises to bring solutions and answers. R750 million could be divided amongst 9 provinces (+/- R84 000 0000), improving healthcare, housing, safety and security. The national dialogue is an attempt to play on the emotions of South Africans, trying to manipulate us into believing the government works for our good. As South Africans, we are on our own and we need to voice that we do not care for this national dialogue. **JEWAN VAN NIEKERK**

Talitha's anthem performance inspired her to inspire others

PETER LATEGAN

She says the performance was deeply personal. "It was one of the most powerful feelings ever. Atlantis has so much talent and resilience, and to stand there with our community on my heart, knowing I was showing the world where I come from, made me so proud."

"It was overwhelming. I felt a mix of nerves, pride, and gratitude all at once. The moment my feet touched the pitch, I knew this was bigger than just me. It was about representing my country, my people, and the anthem itself." The emotional weight of her rendition did not go unnoticed, and fans and media outlets described it as moving and goosebump-inducing.

Asked how she connects so deeply to the anthem, Talitha says: "For me, the anthem isn't just words and melody—it's a reflection of our history, our struggles, and our unity. I sing it with the weight of those who came before us and the hope of where we're going. That's what helps me connect so deeply. It was a way of honouring my roots, my family, and everyone who has supported me." But there was a lot of hard work behind the scenes. "Vocally, I trained every day to make sure my voice was

strong. Mentally, I reminded myself that this wasn't about perfection but about connection. And emotionally, I prayed, reflected, and held on to why I was singing." Being one of the youngest to sing the anthem at a Springbok match could have been daunting, but Talitha embraced

meaningful has been the response from Atlantis, with people stopping her in the streets to say how proud they are. Chris Samuels, who has been her manager for many years, says Talitha was never difficult to work with. Way back, when their music studio business closed in

revealed they have a few exciting events lined up, including the 'Afrikaans is Groot' concert due this coming weekend at DHL Stadium in Cape Town. "Looking ahead, she may have her first big solo show in 2026 to celebrate both her 21st birthday and 11 years in the music industry," Samuels said.

Talitha considers this as the beginning of a journey. "The performance has inspired me to keep growing as an artist and to use my voice not just to sing, but to tell stories, inspire people, and represent my community on even bigger stages, both locally and internationally. I'm especially grateful to my parents for their unconditional love and sacrifices." She says Chris has been such a constant in this 11-year journey. "He often reminded me of my strength even when I doubted myself. His presence wasn't just supportive, it was grounding, and I truly wouldn't have walked this path the same way without him.



it. "I saw it as a chance to inspire other young people, showing that no matter your age, you can step into great opportunities if you're prepared and passionate." The reaction has been overwhelming. "I've been humbled by how many people reached out, from journalists to radio shows, saying how much the performance touched them. It's been surreal seeing that kind of love and recognition." But perhaps most

Atlantis, everyone went their separate ways, and he considered stepping away from the music industry. When Talitha asked him if he could continue managing her, he decided to give it a try. "She is an amazing person. I would do it all over again because she and her parents trusted me with that responsibility. I am super proud of her and it has been such an honour to work with her for the past 11 years now." He

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Kranige Danté se rugby-toekoms skitter

COURTNEY ARENDSE

Danté Davids van Mamre, is besig om sy naam gevestig te kry as een van die groot opkomende rugby-sterre van sy generasie.

Die jong rugbyspeler speel tans vir Paarl Boys High in die nommer 10 en 15 posisies en het onlangs die groot eer gehad om vir Wes-Kaapse Provinsie te speel tydens die onder-16 Grant Khomo-week, wat 'n paar weke gelede in Pretoria plaasgevind het. Sy voormalige onder-13 afrigter, Rouxan Vermeulen, onthou hom as 'n spesiale speler met unieke kalmte en insig op die veld. "Hy was altyd 'n stappie voor in hoe hy dink en speel. Wat my die meeste opgeval het, was dat hy nederig gebly het, maak nie saak watter prestasies hy behaal het nie. Ek glo sy toewyding en dissipline sal hom nog baie ver neem," sê Vermeulen. Vir Danté is rugby meer as net 'n sport. Dit is sy manier om homself uit te

druk en 'n passie wat hom van kleins af aangevuur het. Hy vertel dat hy glo sy sukses is moontlik deur God se genade, sy onwrikbare werksetiek en die ondersteuning van sy ouers. Selfs ná uitdagings, soos 'n knie-besering wat hom amper van die veld af gehou het, het sy geloof en vasberadenheid hom weer laat terugkeer.

Sy ouers is uiters trots op hom en sien sy dissipline, nederigheid en dryfkrag as 'n voorbeeld vir ander jongmense. Vir die gemeenskap van Mamre, waar die gees van rugby deur die strate vloei, is hierdie jongman beslis 'n voorbeeld van hoe passie enige persoon groot hoogtes kan help bereik.

Checkmate! Atlantis High shines at WP chess tournament

CAY-LENE COETZEE

Atlantis High has every reason to celebrate after their outstanding performance at the WP Chess Top Schools Tournament. The school's under-17 chess team recently secured an impressive 2nd place overall, while the under-19s proudly finished 4th in their division.

Team coordinator, Johlene Davids, says it is a huge achievement, especially since many of their competitors had private coaches. "Our learners did amazingly well. I always remind them never to feel intimidated, they must believe in themselves and their love for the game." The tournament was not without challenges, especially in the later rounds when the teams faced the top players. Yet, through

passion and determination, they stayed strong. Davids highlights the importance of teamwork, even in a sport often seen as an individual game. Stronger players are encouraged to guide and mentor others, building both skills and leadership. Parents also played a vital role by supporting their children at tournaments, and encouraging practice at home. "We are a team of four teachers working together to provide opportunities for these learners. It is not only about chess, it builds confidence and helps them academically too," said Davids. Beyond the results, the learners also connected with students from other schools, building networks and friendships that motivate them on and off the chessboard.



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