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# Commuter outcry as MyCiTi fares increase with up to 50%

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# Community takes a stand: march appears to have positive effect

THAAKIRAH SOLOMONS

The tragic loss of multiple young lives and growing concerns over crime and safety in Atlantis, Mamre, Pella and Witsand have led to what appears to be some long overdue, but meaningful action.

The action was also sparked by the recent death of Nikita Finch (15) of Sherwood Park, the latest victim whose life was tragically cut short after she was struck by a stray bullet on Saturday, 7 June, one day after celebrating her 15th birthday. On Sunday, 14 June 2026, despite the rainy weather, hundreds of people of all ages participated in a march, demonstrating the community's determination to bring about lasting change. A coalition of community organisations, residents, activists, faith leaders and sporting organisations gathered in the Atlantis city centre to take a united stand against violence, drug-related activity and crime affecting their communities. The march proceeded along Wesfleur Circle before turning into Reygersdal Drive, then into Grosvenor Avenue, continuing through Extension 13 and other parts of Saxonsea.

An emotional memorandum was also drafted and handed to several suspected drug and substance dealers. The document described a community united by grief after years of burying loved ones, witnessing families torn apart by drugs and living in fear. It reflected on a time when children could play safely in the streets and neighbours looked out for one another, contrasting it with the current reality in which many parents fear for their children's future. Crucially, the memorandum pointed to those responsible for fuelling drugs and crime of profiting from the

suffering of the community. Part of the memorandum read: "Today we stand together and say that we are tired of living in fear. We are tired of being prisoners in our own homes. We are tired of watching our youth being robbed of their future. We are not here because we hate anyone. We are here because we love our community too much to stay silent."

Community leaders issued a seven-day ultimatum, calling for meaningful change and urging those responsible to reflect on the harm being inflicted on local families. They warned that, should no progress be made, residents would continue to organise, mobilise and pursue every lawful avenue available, including further engagement with the relevant authorities. The memorandum concluded with a united call to reclaim their streets, protect their children and restore peace to their communities. According to a resident, Nigel Rossouw, suspected criminal groups continue to operate, although the seven-day period has passed, albeit at a reduced level. Another resident, Shirene Esau, believes the size of the march and the strong message delivered by the community had an impact on those in-volved in criminal activity, resulting in a noticeable decline in their operations.

The march also provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships between residents and the police. Esau added that community involvement is essential in addressing crime. "We could be the eyes and ears of the police, seeing that the public forms the majority," she said.



- Part of the crowd who took to the streets. On the left one resident's poster sums up one of the aims of the protest action: "We will stop you smokkel"

## Brandstof-prysdaling in Julie welkome verligting



Suid-Afrikaanse motoriste kan in Julie welkome verligting by die brandstofpompe verwag, met die jongste vooruitskattings wat op beduidende dalings in brandstofpryse dui wanneer die amptelike aanpassing hierdie Woensdag in werking tree.

Volgens die jongste vooruitskattings kan petrolpryse met ongeveer R1,32 tot R1,37 per liter daal, terwyl diesel met soveel as R2,57 per liter

goedkoper kan word. Die verwagte dalings word hoofsaaklik toegeskryf aan laer internasionale oliepryse en 'n sterker rand gedurende Junie. Hoewel die tydelike verligting op die brandstofheffing, wat vroeër vanjaar ingestel is, in Julie tot 'n einde kom, het verbeterde internasionale marktoestande die impak van die hoër heffings meer as geneutraliseer.

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# MyCiTi increase ignites commuter outcry

PETER LATEGAN & KRYSTINA PRETORIUS

The City of Cape Town has announced major increases to MyCiTi fares from 1 July 2026, subject to Council approval of the 2026/27 budget on Monday, 29 June 2026. They say the increase is necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the service amid rising operating costs and expected reductions in national government funding.

The City says it has absorbed the impact of higher diesel costs since March 2026, but can no longer continue doing so. The approved fare adjustments would see fares in the 0 to 20km distance band increase by between 38% and 45%; longer-distance trips increase by between 32% and 37%; and the so-called Monthly Pass increase by an astounding 50%, from R1,000 to R1,500. This increase led to an online petition by commuters and activists, calling on the City of Cape Town to reconsider these massive increases. The petition argues that the increase will place an unfair financial burden on working-class commuters, students and families already struggling with the rising cost of living.

Mayoral Committee member for Urban Mobility, Councillor Rob Quintas, said MyCiTi is a public transport service and that the City does not make a profit from operating it. He added that discounted fares remain available during off-peak periods, weekends and public holidays. "We will continue monitoring fuel prices, with the possibility of adjusting fares should costs decrease in future. Despite the increase, the Monthly Pass still offers good value for daily long-distance commuters," said Quintas.

Local commuters who use the service regularly say their biggest concern is not only affordability, but whether the quality of the service justifies such a steep increase. Many questioned whether the proposed increase is affordable at a time when households are already grappling with rising food, fuel and living costs. Georgina Basson (42), who uses MyCiTi five days a week, said the buses are always leaking, broken and sometimes very dirty. "There are never enough buses, and the staff at stations can be very rude," she said. Basson described the increase as excessive. "We know prices have to go up, but 50% is ridiculous."

Her son, Keenan Basson (21), said punctuality remains one of the service's strengths. However, he pointed to ongoing maintenance issues, including leaking buses and doors that do not always function properly during winter weather. "Some buses have doors that remain open for long periods, while others are missing the step between the bus and the station platform. During the recent winter storm, some buses had water all over the floors. More should be done to keep the buses as clean as possible under the circumstances," he said.

Aphile Moruka (19) shared a similar view. "Reliability is exceptionally good, and the times are mostly on point. But these increases would create chaos and stress because my sister travels to school every day. This will put more pressure on our household budget," he said. Riyaad Wilsnagh (20) believes the quality of the fleet has deteriorated over time. "Personally, I feel that the quality and reliability of the buses have decreased by the day. The service is good, but the condition of the buses is very bad. I therefore don't think it's fair that they increase the Monthly Pass by R500," he said.

Mishaun Moleon (19), a student who relies on MyCiTi almost every day, said the increase would have a significant impact on her family. "Both my mother and I use MyCiTi to get to work and university, so that means an extra R1,000 needs to come out of other household expenses," she said.

\*\*\*Residents wishing to support the campaign can sign the petition by visiting <https://awethu.amandla.mobi> and searching for "Reject the 50% MyCiTi Monthly Pass Increase – Public Transport Must Remain Affordable"



- Some local MyCiti users who agree that the massive increases will hit commuters hard. Clockwise FLTR is Aphile Moruka, Georgina Basson and Keenan Basson

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# Families face growing financial burdens as City tariffs kicks in

STAFF REPORTER

The City of Cape Town's 2026/27 budget, expected to be approved on Monday, 29 June 2026, will put immense financial pressure on already cash-strapped households.

This is the contention of most parties within the City council, as well as thousands of residents, who took to social media in recent weeks following a landmark court case. The Western Cape High Court ruled in favour of the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) and AfriForum at the end of April this year, declaring the city's 'property value-based fixed charges' for cleaning, as well as elements of its water and sanitation tariffs, unlawful.

The GOOD Party's councillor and founder of STOP COCT, Sandra Dickson, says the budget cannot be separated from General Valuations 2025 (GV2025), where residential property values increased by an average of about 17.2%. "A higher

valuation does not mean a ratepayer has more money. It does not mean a worker earns more. It does not mean a family can suddenly afford higher municipal bills," she said. Dickson said the recent SAPOA court judgment should have been a warning to the City, not an inconvenience to work around. "The court made it clear that municipal charges must be lawful, rational and properly justified. Instead of using that judgment as an opportunity to rethink affordability, the City has simply reshuffled the burden and pushed ahead with a budget that still leaves many residents under pressure."

She said the City's rates rebate threshold increase to R620 000 does not solve the problem for thousands of residents whose property values have jumped much faster than their incomes. She warned that some low-income residents may lose indigent support and electricity lifeline benefits because their properties are now valued above qualifying

thresholds. "People may lose help because their homes are worth more on paper, while their income remains exactly the same. That is not relief. That is punishment by a valuation roll."But the city maintains that its revised 2026/27 budget strikes a fair balance between affordability and the need to fund essential services. It argues that changes made after the court ruling were necessary to comply with the judgment while ensuring continued investment in water, sanitation, cleaning and infrastructure. They said many households will benefit from a lower residential rates tariff, an increased rates rebate threshold and expanded relief measures.

Dickson added that the impact is especially harsh where a property is pushed above R1 million because households then face higher municipal charges, including electricity fixed charges that jump to R424.30 per month, while at the same time paying higher rates. "For a wealthy household, another



increase may be a mere irritation. For an ordinary family, it can mean cutting food, medicine, transport, school costs or electricity." She said many households around and above the R1.06 million mark may already pay more than they did in 2025/26 once GV2025 and the new rates structure are taken into account.

## Strong turnout as more young people register to vote

The Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) in the Western Cape has welcomed a strong turnout during their recent voter registration drive. A total of 235,178 registration activities took place during the registration weekend on 20 and 21 June.

This included 47,457 new voter registrations, while 187,721 citizens checked or updated their existing registration details. Although most voters visited registration stations in person, 49,957 people used the IEC's online services, demonstrating the growing popularity of digital registration. The IEC was particularly encouraged by the participation of young people. Citizens between the ages of 16 and 29 accounted for 64,197 registration activities, making them the largest age group to participate over the weekend.

The Commission said this positive response from young voters is an important step in strengthening democratic participation ahead of the 2026 Local Government Elections. The Western Cape voters' roll has also grown significantly,

increasing by more than 85,000 voters since September 2025 to stand at 3,359,425 registered voters. The IEC reminded eligible citizens that they can still register online free of charge until the official proclamation of the 2026 Local Government Elections.



Data charges have been waived for the Online Voter Registration Portal, making it easier for citizens to access the service. To register online, visit [www.elections.org.za](http://www.elections.org.za). Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their registration within 24 hours. A second voter registration weekend has been scheduled for 1 and 2 August 2026, giving residents another opportunity to register or ensure they are correctly registered in their municipal ward.



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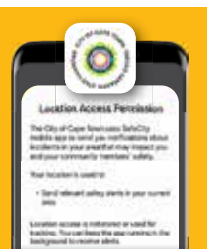
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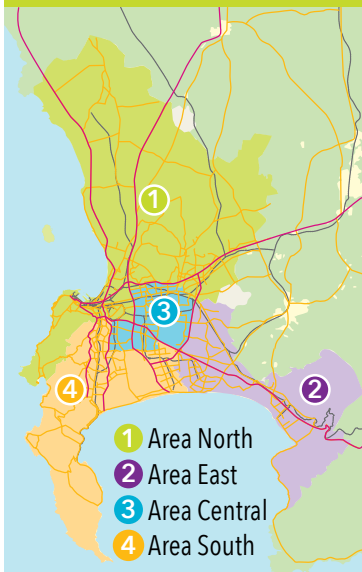


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Mosselbank river gets a makeover



## AREA NORTH



**Celebrating those who face the fire:** On 9 May, residents enthusiastically filled the newly upgraded Wesfleur athletics stadium to join the City's Fire and Rescue Service in commemorating International Firefighters Day (officially marked on 4 May). The annual event is a chance to honour our firefighters for their service and experience their vehicle fleet and equipment up close. The commemoration started with a cavalcade through the streets of Atlantis, followed by exhibitions, live displays, sport and games.

## Here to help with ARFs

The City wants to help small-scale developers and landowners in selected areas build affordable rental flats (ARFs) that are of a better quality, safer, and lawfully connected to water, sanitation and electricity. An expert team in the Local Planning Support (LPS) Branch is available to provide free advice to those wanting to build ARFs on their land.

\*Email [LPS@capetown.gov.za](mailto:LPS@capetown.gov.za), dial 021 400 1103 or visit [www.capetown.gov.za/lps](http://www.capetown.gov.za/lps) to find out more.

## City puts sand in its place

In May, the City again undertook earthworks to move accumulated sand at various of its dune rehabilitation projects in Table View, Hout Bay, Witsand, Monwabisi and Fleur Park.

### Back where it belongs

The purpose of the annual work is to return windblown sand to the sea and back into circulation. The frontal nets at the toe of the rehabilitated dunes were lifted and the clean accumulated sand was placed into the sea below the low-water mark. The work was performed using an excavator and an articulated tipper truck.

Dune rehabilitation is the most cost-effective and pragmatic approach to protect ecosystems and ecological infrastructure. When fully functional, dune systems help create quality coastal spaces for all.

## Budget 2026/27 shows City cares

Knowing that times are tough, the City is casting its social safety net even wider with its 2026/27 budget, offering vulnerable Capetonians a stronger helping hand than ever before.

The City's 2026/27 budget includes rates and services relief to the tune of R8,3 billion for qualifying residents. Moreover, around 60% of homes will see their property rates either decrease or stay unchanged, despite strong property value growth in Cape Town.

### Raising relief thresholds

Measures through which rates and services relief will be offered include a proposed raising of the thresholds for indigent relief. Properties valued up to R620 000 (up from R500 000) will receive a 100% rebate for water and sanitation, while those valued up to R580 000 (up from R450 000) will get a 100% rebate for refuse collection.

More pensioners and social grant recipients also stand to benefit from City aid: Rates rebates and Lifeline electricity will be available to those with a monthly household income of up to R27 000, regardless of property value (up from R22 000, and officially South Africa's



highest threshold). Because the new valuation roll has taken effect, pensioners and social grant recipients are reminded to reapply for their benefits (see box below).

### Friendlier formula

Special measures to help on the property rates front include a proposed 10,2% lowering in the property rates formula (or the 'rate-in-rand'). The first R500 000 of property values will also be rates-free (up from R450 000), which will apply to all homes up to R8 million (up from R7 million).

\* Visit <https://bit.ly/3PTgvAu> for more on rates and tariffs relief as well as the average tariffs proposed for 2026/27.

### Where to apply for help

- For indigent applications: [indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za](mailto:indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za)
- For rates rebate applications by pensioners and social grant recipients: [rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za](mailto:rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za)



**No kicks or tries, just strengthening ties:** In April, the City welcomed representatives from the Western Province's rugby clubs to the first in a series of seminars aimed at the sporting fraternity. Among others, club representatives were informed of the City's annual maintenance plans for sporting facilities across town, facilities development initiatives, lease and management agreements, and even event permitting processes. This forms part of efforts to strengthen the City's relationship with the sporting community.

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## KORTLIKS

Inwoners het op 9 Mei na die Wesfleur-atletiekstadion gestroom om Internasionale Brandbestrydersdag saam met die Stad se brand- en reddingsdiens te vier. Die jaarlikse byeenkoms is 'n geleentheid om erkenning te gee aan ons brandbestryders én om hulle voertuie en toerusting van nader te bekijk.

Die Stad se begroting vir 2026/27 maak voorsiening vir sowat R8,3 miljard se belasting- en diensgeldverligting vir kwalifiserende inwoners. Boonop sal die belasting op ongeveer 60% van eiendomse hetsy daal of onveranderd bly, ondanks sterk groei in eiendomswaardes in Kaapstad.

Grondverskuiwingswerk is in Mei uitgevoer om opgehoopde sand by verskeie van die Stad se duin-rehabilitasieprojekte in Table View, Houtbaai, Witsand,

Monwabisi en Fleur Park weg te stoot. Die doel van dié jaarlikse werk is om skoon waaisand terug te plaas in die see, van waar dit weer kan sirkuleer.

Die Stad wil kleinskaalse ontwikkelaars en grond-eienaars in uitgesoekte gebiede help om bekostigbare huurwoningstelle (ARF's) van 'n beter gehalte op hulle grond te bou. Die deskundige span van die tak vir plaaslike beplanningsondersteuning staan gereed om gratis advies te bied aan diegene wat ARF's op hulle erwe wil bou.

Verteenwoordigers van die Westelike Provinsie se rugbyklubs het in April met die Stad vergader vir die eerste in 'n reeks ontmoetings om bande met die sportgemeenskap te versterk.

## KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ngomhla we9 kuCanzibe (Meyi), abahlali bazalise ngothakazelelo ibala leembaleki laseWesfleur elisandula ukuphuculwa ukuze bazibandakanye necandelo leeNkonzo zoMlilo noHlangulo leSixeko ekubhiyozeleni usuku lwehlabathi lwabacimimlilo. Lo msitho wonyaka lithuba lokuhlonipha abacimimlilo bethu ngenkonzo yabo kwaye sibone izithuthi zabo kunye nezikhobo zabo kufutshane.

Uhlahlo lwabiwomali lweSixeko luka2026/27 lubandakanya iirhafu kunye nezophulelo kwiinkonzo ezixabisa iR8,3 yeebhiliyoni kubahlali abafanelekileyo. Ukongeza koko, amalunga ne60% amakhaya aza kubona iireyithi zepropati zisehla okanye zihlale zingatshintshi, nangona kukho ukukhula ngamandla kwexabiso lepropati eKapa.

KwekaCanziba, iSixeko siphinde saqalisa umsebenzi womhlaba ngokuthi sihambise isanti eqokelelweyo kwiiprojekthi zaso

ezahlukeneyo zokubuyiselwa kwimo yangaphambili kwesanti eTable View, Hout Bay, Witsand, Monwabisi naseFleur Park. Injongo yalo msebenzi waminyaka le kukubuyisela isanti ephethshethwa ngumoya elwandle ize iphinde ijikeleze.

ISixeko sifuna ukunceda abaphuhlisi abakhasayo kunye nabaninimhlaba kwiindawo ezikhethiweyo ukuba bakhe iiflethi ezirentisayo ezifikelelekayo nezikumgangatho ongcono (ARFs). Iqela leengcali kwiSetyana leNkxaso yoCwangciso lweNgingqi (LPS) liyafumaneka ukubonelela ngeengcebiso zasimahla kwabo bafuna ukwakha ii-ARF kumhlaba wabo.

KwekaTshaziimpuzi (Epreli), iSixeko samkele abameli abaphuma kwiiklabhu zombhoxo zePhondo leNtshona Koloni kwisemina yokuqala kuthotho lweesemina ezijoliswe kumaqela ezemidlalo.

In-app reporting of safety incidents now live

The City's mobile app now allows residents to log certain categories of by-law transgressions and policing incidents in a click or two.

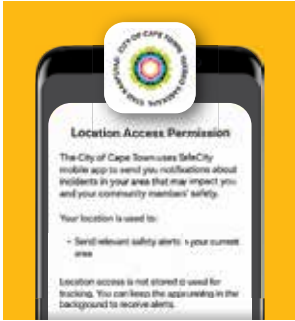
For now, reports can be made in 17 categories (including metal theft, public drinking, abandoned or broken-down vehicles, problem buildings, and poaching), with more to be phased in over time. If an incident type is not yet available for in-app reporting, you will be redirected to the Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700.

**Benefits of being on the app**

The app is data-light, and the City hopes to make it free-use in the future. All reports are automatically geolocated and routed to the relevant City department. As users tend to provide more accurate details via the app, including pictures, this enables a faster, more effective response.

Reports can be submitted discreetly, without drawing attention to those logging incidents in public spaces. Based on incidents logged with the City, registered app users also receive alerts, helping to improve awareness of incidents in surrounding areas.

\* Get the app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



Click for a safer Cape Town: The City's app has been further enhanced, creating a zippier way to notify the municipality of incidents that require a policing response.

Investing in libraries, investing in opportunity

Of the many investments we make in the City's public facilities – sports grounds, swimming pools, parks, community halls and more – one that means a lot to me is the money we spend on our public libraries.

We have 102 libraries across the metro, and they are among the most important public facilities we manage. These are far more than simply places to take out a book: Our libraries are where people get free access to the internet; where they research and apply for jobs; where children can study and make use of learning support programmes.

Our libraries are well used in every single community, and library membership across Cape Town continues to grow. Last year, City libraries received more than seven million visits!

What really excites me is the money we are spending to upgrade libraries in Cape Town's lower-income communities. Every rand spent makes a huge difference in people's lives by offering access to learning and



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

work opportunities.

We are busy with a large upgrade to the Lwandle library – also known as the Hector Peterson memorial library – that will see the facility double in size by the end of 2026. In Brown's Farm, we are refurbishing our library that suffered

severe damage back in 2023. The refurbished Khayelitsha library officially reopened in June, as did the nearby Nazeema Isaacs library, where we did extensive work to the roof and ceilings, restrooms, paving and library halls. We also recently refurbished our libraries in Woodstock, Tafelsig and Langa.

We encourage Capetonians to join their local libraries. While you do not have to be a member to visit a library, membership does unlock a number of benefits, from borrowing reading material to accessing digital resources. At the end of last year, our total library membership stood at just over 253 000. Signing up is quick and easy – you just need your ID and proof of address.

I invite you to make good use of these wonderful facilities. Be assured that we will never stop investing in stocking City libraries with books and equipment, and keeping them in tip-top shape.

Geordin Hill-Lewis  
Cape Town Mayor



The City means business: In April, the owners of 35 small businesses registered as vendors on the City's database attended the municipality's supplier development workshop. The workshop equipped them to become suppliers of choice in their industries and grow their ventures. Topics covered included supply chain integration, customer and market positioning, financial growth, and performance management. Participants were selected and vetted via the City's Business Hub. For more about the City's enterprise development programmes, contact the Business Hub on [business.support@capetown.gov.za](mailto:business.support@capetown.gov.za) or 021 417 4043. To register for free Business Hub courses, go to <https://www.investcapetown.com/news-events/business-events-in-cape-town/>.

Substantial increase in dam levels as electricity use remains low

Following the heavy May storms, Cape Town's dam levels have risen to 72,8%.

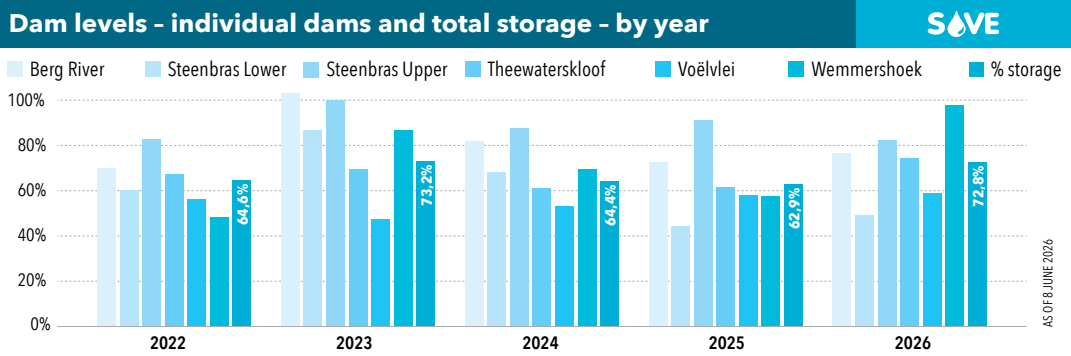
The City continues to aim for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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](http://www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater) or [www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations](http://www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations) to access the regulations.



Meter replacements ticking along nicely

The City's water meter replacement drive started in August 2025. By the end of June 2026, the teams will have replaced some 62 000 meters. The brass meters are often targeted for their scrap metal value, while their accuracy also declines over time.

As part of the replacement project, water meters are also being moved to more accessible locations outside private properties for easier reading

and maintenance. Additionally, new water connections are being installed for individual land buyers planning development.

**Wary? Not to worry – we'll confirm**

City-appointed contractor Gunning Construction and Civils is performing the work. You will receive an official letter notifying you of your meter replacement.

If no one is home when the contractor visits, a note with details of the next scheduled visit will be left.

To confirm whether the work is legitimate, use your account number to check via WhatsApp (060 018 1505), SMS (31373, ≤160 characters) or email ([water@capetown.gov.za](mailto:water@capetown.gov.za)). Alternatively, verify online ([www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests](http://www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests)) or with the City's call

centre (0860 103 089).

**Smart's separate**

These meter replacements are separate from the City's transition to smart water metering technology, also known as 'advanced metering infrastructure' (AMI). These meters are being rolled out in phases in selected pilot areas, with some 83 000 going in by February 2029.

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KORTLIKS

Die Stad se mobiele toepassing laat inwoners nou toe om sekere soorte oortredings en voorvalle wat polisiëring vereis met die druk van 'n knoppie aan te meld. Dié oortredings sluit in metaaldiefstal, drankgebruik in die openbaar, voertuie wat agtergelaat word, probleemgeboue en stropery. Verdere aanmeldingskategorieë sal mettertyd beskikbaar kom.

Die miljoene rande wat die Stad in sy biblioteke belê, ontsluit 'n magdom moontlikhede vir inwoners. 'n Stadsbiblioteek is veel meer as 'n plek om 'n boek uit te neem: Dit is waar mense gratis internettoegang kry, waar hulle na werksgeleenthede kan soek en daarvoor aansoek doen, waar kinders aan skooltake kan werk en leerondersteuning kan ontvang, en vele meer. Die Stad het 102 biblioteke deur die hele metro, en

lidmaatskap is gratis.

Die eienaars van 35 kleinsake wat as verskaffers op die Stad se databasis geregistreer is, het in April die munisipaliteit se werksessie vir verskaffersontwikkeling bygewoon. Die sessie het hulle toegerus om voorkeurverskaffers op hulle gebied te word en hulle ondernemings te laat groei.

Die Stad se projek om verouderde watermeters te vervang het in Augustus 2025 begin. Teen die einde van Junie is sowat 62 000 meters reeds vervang. Terselfdertyd word meters na toegankliker plekke buite privaats eiendomme verskuif sodat dit makliker gelees en in stand gehou kan word.

Swaar reën in Mei het Kaapstad se damvlakke tot 72,8% opgestoot, wat heelwat meer is as die 62,9% wat op die ooreenstemmende tydstip verlede jaar aangeteken is.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

I-app yefowni yeSixeko ngoku ivumela abahlali ukuba babhale iindidi ezithile zokwaphulwa komthetho kamasipala kunye neziganeko zamapolisa ngokucofa nje kanye okanye kabini. Iingxelo zinokwenziwa kwiindidi eziyi17 (kuquka ubusela bentsimbi zemethali, ukusela esidlangalaleni, izithuthi ezilahlileyo okanye ezonakeleyo, izakhiwo eziyingxaki, nokuzingela ngokungekho mthethweni), nokunye okuninzi okuza kulandela.

Kutyalomali oluninzi esilwenza kumaziko oluntu eSixeko, olunye oluthetha lukhulu yimali esiyichitha kumathala eencwadi oluntu. Sinamathala eencwadi ayi102 kuwo wonke umasipala ombaxa, kwaye aphakathi kwezona ndawo zibalulekileyo zoluntu esizilawulayo. Ezi zindawo ezingaphezulu lee kuneendawo nje zokukhupha incwadi – kulapho abantu banokufumana khona ukufikelela simahla kwi-intanethi, benze uphando baze bafake izicelo zemisebenzi, apho abantwana banokufunda khona kwaye basebenzise iinkqubo zenkxaso yokufunda,

nokunye okuninzi.

KwekaTshaziimpuzi (Epreli), abanini bamashishini amancinci angama35 abhaliswe njengabathengisi kuvimba weenkukacha weSixeko baye bazimasa iwekhshophu kamasipala engophuhliso lwababoneleli ngeenkonzo. Le wekhshophu yaye yabaxhobisa ukuba babe ngababoneleli abakhethekileyo kumashishini abo kwaye bakhulise amalinge abo.

Iphulo leSixeko lokutshintsha imitha zamanzi liqale kweyeThupha (Agasti) 2025. Ekupheleni kweyeSilimela (Juni) 2026, siza kube sitshintshe malunga neemitha eziyi62 000. Iimitha zikwafuduselwa kwiindawo ezifikeleleka ngakumbi ngaphandle kweepropati zabucala ukuze zifundele lula kwaye zilungiswe.

Iimvula ezinkulu kwekaCanzibe (Meyi) zonyuse umthamo wamanzi kumadama aseKapa waya kutsho kwi72,8%, ngaphezu kwe62,9% eyarekhodwa kwangeli xesha linye kunyaka ophelileyo.

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Area North, July 2026

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## Roadworks round-up

The City has been hard at work, maintaining and improving roads and pedestrian infrastructure across Area North over the past months.

In **Brooklyn**, footways were built along Koeberg Road, Vasco Street (between Kings Road and Da Gama Street), Dreyer Street and Kettley Way, and parking embayments were implemented along Poole Street (between Curlew Street and Festival Road). New manholes were also installed in Koeberg, Ramp Bypass, Kings and Section roads to temporarily improve drainage and prevent water build-up.

Work in **Parklands** included the construction of footways at the corner of Dorchester and Wood drives, temporary propping for stormwater manholes in St John's Wood and Parklands Main roads, and kerb and verge repairs at 18 Wimbledon Way.

In **Table View**, a raised intersection and footway were built along Janssens Avenue, and a speedhump was installed in Pentz Drive.

Footways were added along Link Road (between Montague Drive and Railway Road) in **Montague Gardens**, while Bosmansdam and Koeberg roads as well as Century Boulevard in Montague Gardens and **Century City** were resurfaced.

In **Rugby**, resurfacing was done on Da Gama and Vasco streets, Lady Anne Walk and Princess Alice Avenue, while Zonnekus and Vogelvlei roads in the **Cape Farms area** were graded.

Finally, in **Melkbosstrand**, pedestrian road markings and signage were improved at the intersection of Otto du Plessis and Melkbosstrand roads to enhance pedestrian safety and encourage active mobility. Old road surfaces were also replaced, and damaged kerbs and gutters repaired. Additionally, a raised intersection will be constructed along 11th Avenue and Mostert Road, and a footway along Harold Ashwell Boulevard.

# Big day for first junior river wardens

City's first group of junior river wardens trained and ready to make a difference

The City recently held three graduation ceremonies in recognition of the first group of Grade 6 and 7 learners who had completed the municipality's junior river wardens programme. The ceremonies were held at Floreat, Ysterplaats and Red River primary schools. Some of the graduates will now move on to Nature Connect's prestigious programme for conservation leaders to continue their growth through to Grade 12.

### Taught to tend our rivers

The junior river wardens programme was launched in 2025 to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world conservation. Learners take part in practical activities to monitor



**Small, but skilled:** Learners across grades as well as parents attended the junior river wardens graduation at Ysterplaats Primary, celebrating the first cohort who had successfully completed the City's river conservation training for primary schoolers.

river health and biodiversity. In this way, they learn to see themselves as 'custodians' who are responsible for the sustainable management of their natural surroundings.

The programme targets primary school learners interested in nature conservation. Recruits are selected via schools in specific catchment areas or through environmental education centres, with the City normally requesting nominations.

\* For more information on the junior river wardens programme and the next intake, email Bronwen.Foster@capetown.gov.za or dial 021 396 4283.

## Drill tests Bothasig's crisis response

A community drill in Bothasig on 6 May put the City's community safety network to the test. The simulated bomb threat with an active suspect on the scene at the Abe Sher sports ground brought together Bothasig, Edgemoor and Zone 4 neighbourhood watches, the district watch and other safety partners alongside the City's Safety and Security Directorate.

Activated through a series of staged alert messages, participants had to secure all access points to the facility, maintain a 100 m perimeter, and relay

information in real time to the City's joint operations centre. Quarterly drills such as this put community structures through their paces to strengthen emergency response citywide.

### Community response key

Neighbourhood watches and civil society partners are crucial in emergencies. This is why a dedicated communication platform gives them a virtual presence in the joint operations centre during incidents, ensuring that when it counts, everyone is connected.



**Ready to respond:** Community members who took part in the safety drill in Bothasig, proving that they are emergency-fit.

## Innovative traffic signal system roll-out

The City expanded its innovative system of MyCiTi bus traffic signals along Blaauwberg Road in Table View following a successful pilot of these signals in May 2022.

The improved bus traffic signal system helps reduce confusion at the road intersections, as it does not use red, amber or green. Therefore, it is less likely to be confused with the normal traffic signal system. The new traffic signal system's only colour is

white, using new symbols. The white signal system is now operational in Wood and Study roads, Blaauwberg and Boy de Goede roads, Blaauwberg, Gill and Gie roads, and Blaauwberg, Koeberg and Potsdam roads.

The signals will be incrementally implemented across the MyCiTi system and included in the South African Road Traffic Signs Manual for use by other cities and transport systems in South Africa.

## Track upgrade at Wesfleur a runaway success

The City invested R61 million in refurbishing the Wesfleur (Atlantis) and Blue Downs athletics tracks. As a result, both facilities recently received Class 2 certification by World Athletics, the international governing body for this sport. The Wesfleur certification is valid until November 2030.

In addition to the tartan track, the Wesfleur refurb included work on the long and triple jump sections, pole vault lanes, take-off boards and runways, hammer throw and discus cage arenas, and steeple chase areas.

### Community scores

The upgrades enable the hosting of larger-scale events in future. More importantly, however, local clubs, schools, young athletes and communities now have more accessible, higher-quality spaces to hone their sporting talents.

The refurbishments form part of a citywide programme that aims to upgrade six regional recreational hubs and develop a new athletics facility in Westridge, Mitchells Plain.



**Made the cut:** The news that the upgraded Wesfleur athletics stadium had received Class 2 World Athletics certification made for an extra-special ribbon-cutting event at the new-look facility.

## KORTLIKS

Die Stad het onlangs drie gradeplegtighede gehou vir die eerste groep leeders in graad 6 en 7 wat die munisipaliteit se program vir junior rivierbewaarders voltooi het.

'n Noodoefening in Bothasig op 6 Mei het die Stad se gemeenskapsveiligheidsnetwerk op die proef gestel. Die oefening was in die vorm van 'n gesimuleerde bomdreigement met 'n aktiewe verdagte op die toneel by die Abe Sher-sportterrein. Buurtwagte, die distrikswag en ander veiligheidsvennote het saam met die Stad se direkteoraat veiligheid en sekuriteit aan die aktiwiteit deelgeneem. Kwartaalikse oefenings soos dié een toets gemeenskapstrukture se vermoë om flink en doeltreffend op noodgevallen te reageer. Buurtwagte en ander rolspelers uit die burgerlike samelewing bly noodsaaklike vennote gedurende veiligheidsvoorvalle.

Altesaam R61 miljoen is belê in die opknapping van die atletiekbane in Wesfleur

(Atlantis) en Blue Downs. Albei fasiliteite het gevolglik klas 2-sertifisering van Wêreldatletiek, die internasionale beheerliggaam vir dié sport, ontvang. Wesfleur se sertifisering geld tot November 2030. Die opknappings maak dit nou moontlik om groter byeenkomste en kompetisies aan te bied. Die grootste wenner is egter die plaaslike klubs, skole, jong atlete en gemeenskappe wat nou toegang het tot 'n wêreldklasfasiliteit om hullesporttalente te slyp.

Verskeie padwerkprojekte is die afgelope ruk onderneem, waaronder in Brooklyn, Parklands, Table View, Montague Gardens, Century City, Rugby en Melkbosstrand.

Die Stad het sy innoverende verkeerseinstelsel vir MyCiTi-busse in Blaauwbergweg, Table View, verder uitgebrei ná 'n suksesvolle proef in Mei 2022. Die stelsel gebruik slegs wit ligte om verwarring met die rooi, groen en geel van gewone verkeersligte te voorkom.

## KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Kutshanje iSixeko sibambe imibhiyozo yothwesozidanga emithathu yokunika imbeko kwiqela lokuqala labafundi bakaGreyidi 6 no7 abathe bagqiba inkqubo kamasipala yabagcini bomlambo abancinci.

Idrili yokuqhelisa uluntu eBothasig yangomhla we6 kuCanzibe (Meyi) luvavanye unxibelelwano lokhuseleko loluntu lweSixeko. Isoyikiso sebhombu yefeyikhi kunye nomrhanelwa osebenzayo kwindawo yexhwayelo kwibala lezemidlalo i-Abe Sher sadibanisa abezokhuseleko ekuhlaleni, abezokhuseleko besithili kunye namanye amahlakani ezokhuseleko kunye neeCandelo loLawulo loKhuselo noKhuseleko lweSixeko.

ISixeko sityale imali ezizigidi eziyiR61 ekuvuseleleni ibala leembaleki eWesfleur (Atlantis) kunye naseBlue Downs. Zozibini ezi zakheko zifumene isiqinisekiso soMgangatho wesi2 yiWorld Athletics, iqumrhu elilawulayo lamazwe ngamazwe kulo mdlalo.

ISixeko besisebenza nzima, silungisa kwaye siphucula iindlela neziseko ezingundoqo zabahambi ngeenyawo. EBrooklyn, kwakhiwe iindlela zabahambi ngeenyawo kwaza kwagaliswa neendawo zokupaka izithuthi. Kwafakelwa nezisiko ezitsha ukuze kuphuculwe indlela yokuhambisa amanzi kunye nokuthintela

ukwanda kwamanzi. Umsebenzi eParklands uquka ulwakhiwo lweendlela zeenyawo, ukuxhasa okwethutyana iidreyini zamanzi esiphango kunye nokulungiswa kongqameko neepavumente.

Etable View, kwenziwe iindibanisela yeendlela eyonyusiweyo kunye neendlela zeenyawo. Kuye kongezwa iindlelana zabahambi ngeenyawo eLink Road eMontague Gardens, ngelixa iindlela iBosmansdam neKoeberg kwakunye ne-Century Boulevard eMontague Gardens kunye naseCentury City ziye zaphinda zalungiswa ngokutsha.

ERugby, ukwenziwa kuye kwalungiswa imiphezulu yendlela ngelixa iindlela kummamla weCape Farms zilungisiwe.

EMelkbosstrand, iimpawu zendlela yabahambi ngeenyawo nemiqondiso zaphuculwa ukomeleza ukhuseleko lwabahambi ngeenyawo nokukhuthaza ukuhamba okusebenzayo. Kuye kwalungiswa nemiphezulu yendlela ezindala, kwaza kwalungiswa nepevumente kunye nemijelo eyonakeleyo.

ISixeko sandise inkqubo yaso entsha seempawu zezothutho zebhasi eBlaauwberg Road eTable View kulandela iilinge elaba yimpumelelo lwezi mpawu zezothutho zebhasi zakwaMyCiTi kweCanzibe 2022.



**Special shows for our smallest citizens:** In April, the City's Library and Information Services partnered with Cape Town Opera to host eight interactive theatre experiences for preschoolers, their parents and caregivers. The events at Gugulethu, Bellville, Milnerton, Retreat and Sea Point libraries attracted more than 360 people.

## Treated effluent does the trick

Thanks to the growing uptake of treated effluent, Cape Town saves more than eight billion litres of drinking water every year. A total of 345 users across a 330 km network currently make use of treated effluent for non-potable purposes. This number is expected to grow as more infrastructure comes online.

### Putting water back to work

The City supplies treated effluent from nine wastewater treatment works, including the Bellville, Kraaifontein and Potsdam plants in Area North. Treated effluent is wastewater that has been rigorously treated to make it safe for discharge into the environment. A portion of this water is filtered even further and supplied to business customers for uses such as irrigation and industrial activities.

Industries, sports facilities, parks and schools are encouraged to explore this alternative. Treated effluent connections are not available to individual households, to eliminate any chance of cross-connection or contamination.

\* For more information on how to access treated effluent for your business, visit <https://bit.ly/48ZUbck>.

# All pitch in to protect Mosselbank river

## Teamwork, trees and community dedication help restore river health

Over 50 residents from the wider Fisantekraal and Greenville community joined an Earth Day tree planting marathon on the bank of the Mosselbank river in Fisantekraal in April. Coordinated by the Mosselbank River Conservation Team (MRCT), the event was supported by the City's Recreation and Parks Department, the Durbanville Lions Club, Buchu Farm Pty Ltd, VULA Environmental Services, Osdam, and Smuts & Co.

The Mosselbank river plays an important part in reducing flood risk in winter, and also supports biodiversity and key ecosystem services. Yet the area faces growing pressure from illegal dumping, windblown litter, invasive alien vegetation, erosion and fire damage. Community involvement is



key to the long-term protection of the river system.

### Grant put to good use

As one of 22 recipients of City grant funding for 2026, the MRCT is putting their funding towards employing river guardians, restoring the riverbank, and maintaining and improving the river's overall health. They have removed more than 1,3 tonnes of litter from the river system since launching their activities at the end of February.

**Together, we're taking back our river:** Despite the grey weather, a determined group of residents and City stakeholders showed up to help plant more than 100 trees and 200 plants along the bank of Fisantekraal's Mosselbank river to mark Earth Day.



**Cleaning up Cape Town, one community at a time:** The City thanks all community groups, organisations and residents who have taken the initiative to organise clean-up events in their areas. In the 2025/26 financial year, the City supported 80 such clean-ups by providing refuse bags and removing bagged waste for disposal. This is an important example of how communities can work with the City to improve local cleanliness and push back against illegal dumping. To start organising a clean-up event in your area, go to the City's website for the application form and guidelines. Enter "Prevent illegal dumping" in the search box, go to the page, and scroll to the very bottom for the necessary documents.

## One business's waste another's win with WISP

More than 60 local manufacturers took part in the 15th Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Programme (WISP) workshop, hosted in April by GreenCape, the City's special purpose vehicle. The event helped businesses develop mutually beneficial partnerships where one company can recover, reprocess and reuse another's underutilised resources or waste.

### Impact's impressive

Through its workshops and business networking efforts, WISP – a free facilitation service – has diverted 146 000 tonnes of waste from landfill and saved 435 000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions since 2013. That emissions saving is equivalent to the electricity use of nearly 120 000 households.

\* For more information, go to <https://greencape.co.za/sector/circular-economy/wisp/>.

## KORTLIKS

Die Stad se biblioteek- en inligtingsdienste het in April met Kaapstad Opera saamgewerk om agt interaktiewe teaterervarings vir voorskoolse kinders, hulle ouers en versorgers aan te bied. Meer as 360 mense het die vertonings by die biblioteke in Gugulethu, Bellville, Milnerton, Retreat en Seepunt bygewoon.

'n Vasberade groep van meer as 50 inwoners en Stadsrospelers het oor die 100 bome en 200 plante op die walle van die Mosselbankrivier in Fisantekraal help plant. Die plantsessie was 'n manier om Aardedag te vier en die langtermynbeskerming van die rivierselsel te bevorder.

Die Stad bedank alle gemeenskapsgroepe, organisasies en inwoners wat die afgelope boekjaar die initiatief geneem het om skoonmaaksessies in hulle gebiede te reël. Die munisipaliteit het in

2025/26 altesaam 80 sulke sessies ondersteun deur vullissakke te voorsien en die vol sakke rommel te verwyder.

Meer as 60 plaaslike vervaardigers het in April aan die 15de werksessie van die Wes-Kaapse Nywerheidsimbioseprogram (WISP) deelgeneem. Die geleentheid het ondernemings wedersydse voordelige vennootskappe help vorm waar een maatskappy 'n ander se onderbenutte hulpbronne of afval kan herwin, herverwerk of hergebruik.

Danksy die toenemende gebruik van behandelde uitvloeiwater vir nedrinkgebruike soos besproeiing en verkoeling spaar Kaapstad nou jaarliks meer as agt miljard liter drinkwater. Altesaam 345 gebruikers oor 'n netwerk van 330 km maak tans van dié waardevolle hulpbron gebruik.

## KHAWUNDIBALISELE

KwekaTshaziimpuzi (Epreli), icandelo leThala leeNcwadi kunye neeNkonzo zolwazi leSixeko libambisene neCape Town Opera liza kusingatha amava asibhozo emidlalo yeqonga kubantwana abangekaqali esikolweni, abazali babo kunye nabo babanonophelayo. Imisitho eyenziwe kumathala eencwadi eGugulethu, Bellville, Milnerton, Retreat naseSea Point itsale abantu abangaphezu kwe360.

Iqela elizimiseleyo labahlali abangaphezu kwe50 kunye nabachaphazelekayo beSixeko baye beza kunceda ukutyalala imithi engaphezu kwe100 kunye nezityalo ezingama200 ecaleni komlambo iFisantekraal's Mosselbank ukuphawula uSuku olungoMhlaba kunye nokunceda ukhuseleko lomlambo lwexesha elide.

ISixeko sibulela onke amaqela asekuhlaleni, imibutho kunye nabahlali abathathe inyathelo lokuququzelela amaphulo okucoca kwiindawo zabo. Kunyakamali ka2025/26, iSixeko sixhase loo maphulo okucoca ayi80 ngokubonelela ngeplastiki zenkunkuma kunye nokususa inkunkuma esezipplastikini ukuze ilahlwe.

Bangaphezu kwama60 abavelisi balapha ekhaya abathathe inxaxheba kwiwekshophu ye15 Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Programme (WISP) eyayibanjwe kwekaTshaziimpuzi ngabeGreenCape, izithuthi zemibandela ekhethekileyo zeSixeko. Lo msitho uncede amashishini aphuhlise intsebenziswano eyinzuzo ngokufanayo apho inkampani enye ingabuyiselwa kwisimo sayo, iphinde isebenzise izixhobo ezingasetyenziswayo okanye inkunkuma.

Ngenxa yokukhula kokutsalwa kwamanzi amdaka acocwayo, iKapa longa ngaphezulu kweelitha ezisibhozo zeebhiliyoni zamanzi okusela minyaka le. Bebonke abasebenzisi abayi345 kuthungelwano oluyi330 km kungokunje basebenzisa amanzi amdaka acociweyo kwizinto ezingafuni manzi aselwayo.

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# Proteus learners excited to get their hands dirty

KRYSTINA PRETORIUS

The initiative formed part of a practical task in Civil Technology, where educators teach learners the fundamentals of paving. The project not only benefits the school, but also equips learners with essential real-life skills while allowing them to complete the practical component required for assessment.

The learners successfully handled a range of equipment and tools, from heavy machinery to basic spades. According to one of the teachers, Enrico Anthonie, the learners' enthusiasm stood out throughout the project. "Their enthusiasm to learn and explore new things was incredible. One of the learners told me afterwards, 'Sir, I feel like a man now!' They were also excited to complete the project and see the final

product," he said. Civil Technology teaches learners how construction and civil systems work in real life by turning theory into practical skills. They engage in activities such as bricklaying, paving and roofing, which enhance their understanding of key concepts developing problem-solving skills through measuring, cutting, assembling and adjusting tasks, while also gaining technical competence in using tools and materials.

Additionally, they learn about the safety requirements of working on a construction site while improving their accuracy, workmanship, precision, levelling skills, drawing interpretation and material usage. "This opens up career opportunities in civil construction, civil engineering, as a civil engineering technician, quantity surveying,

construction management, bricklaying and many other fields," said another teacher, Oswald Leander. Hilton Smith, principal at the school, said the project demonstrates that our learners are capable, creative and willing to apply their knowledge in practical ways. "It shows that they can work together as a team, produce work of a high standard, and develop values such as responsibility, perseverance and pride. It further underlines our school's commitment to combining academic learning with practical experience while preparing learners for further education, employment and entrepreneurship."



## Aansoeke nou oop vir aspirant lewensredders

Werwing vir seisoenale lewensredders vir die komende somerseisoen het amptelik begin.

Die Stad Kaapstad stel jaarliks meer as 600 seisoenale lewensredders aan wat gedurende die somerseisoen, vanaf laat September tot ongeveer middel April, by aangewese swemstrande en openbare swembaddens ontplooi word. Hulle stel elke winter honderde kandidate op die proef ter voorbereiding vir die somerseisoen. Benewens die vereiste toelatingskriteria waaraan aansoekers moet voldoen, ondergaan lewensredders ook fisiese assesserings om te bewys dat hulle die werk kan verrig. Daar is vier kategorieë lewensredders, naamlik seisoenale strandlewensredder, seisoenale senior strandlewensredder, seisoenale swembadlewensredder en seisoenale senior

swembadlewensredder. Benewens die nodige kwalifikasies, moet aansoekers ook 'n skoon kriminele rekord hê, geen hangende strafsake hê nie, dwelmvry wees, en kandidate wat op die kortlys geplaas word, sal 'n fisiese assessering moet slaag. Aansoekers vir strandlewensredderposte moet 'n 400 meter-swemtoets in minder as agt minute kan voltooi en vaardigheid in verskeie reddings- en noodhulptegnieke kan demonstreer. Aansoekers vir swembadlewensredderposte moet 'n 100 meter-swemtoets in minder as twee minute voltooi, asook vaardigheid in verskeie reddings- en noodhulptegnieke demonstreer.

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## Blood donors urged to step up

South Africans are being urged to donate blood urgently as stocks of O-negative blood, one of the most critical blood types, have dropped to critical levels.

The South African National Blood Service (SANBS) has appealed to regular and first-time donors to visit donation centres and help replenish blood reserves before the situation becomes more severe. A single blood donation can potentially save up to three lives, making every donation a valuable contribution to the healthcare system. Healthy individuals between the ages of 16 and 75 who meet the donation

requirements can generally donate blood. As the winter season places additional strain on blood supplies due to seasonal illnesses and lower donor turnout, SANBS is calling on communities to step forward and help ensure that sufficient blood stocks are available for patients in need.

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# College hosts entrepreneurship competition

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**W**est Coast College successfully hosted the Allan Gray Inspire Inter-Campus Entrepreneurship Competition on 10 June 2026, bringing together aspiring entrepreneurs from across its campuses to showcase innovative business ideas and established enterprises.

The competition provided students with an opportunity to present their ventures to a panel of judges, demonstrating creativity, innovation and practical business understanding. Participants competed in a range of categories, highlighting the growing entrepreneurial spirit among the college's student body. The event also featured a keynote address by Heinrich Robertson, Head of Stakeholder Relations and Tourism at the West Coast District Municipality. Addressing the participants, Robertson encouraged students to embrace innovation, resilience and forward-thinking entrepreneurship, reminding them that "it's not business as usual" in today's rapidly changing economic environment. In the Innovative Business Idea category, Gift Stemela from the

Atlantis Campus secured first place, followed by Alfred America from the Vredenburg Campus in second place and Anothando Jubase from the Malmesbury Campus in third place. The General Business category was won by Bianca Felix from the Malmesbury Campus. Shane Lawrence from the Vredenburg Campus finished second, while Cheneal Vember from the Atlantis Campus claimed third place. Karabelo Frans Borokelo from the Vredendal Campus took top honours in the Tech Business category, with Khanyisa Mantshi from the Malmesbury Campus finishing second and Sanele Mingane from the Vredenburg Campus placing third. In the Trade Business category, Simiso Biyela from the Vredenburg Campus secured first place.

The top two competitors in each category will now progress to the regional competition in Upington on 7 August, where they will represent West Coast College against contestants from other institutions. According to Riaan Hoffman, Deputy Principal: Partnerships, Innovation and Development at West Coast College, the institution remains committed to developing



both employable skills and entrepreneurial thinking among its students. "Our responsibility is not only to help students develop employable skills, but also to nurture their entrepreneurial mindset so that they can build sustainable businesses that create opportunities and employment for others," said Hoffman. The college said it will continue to strengthen its entrepreneurial development initiatives and support students in transforming innovative ideas into sustainable enterprises. Through platforms such as the

Allan Gray Inspire Entrepreneurship Competition, the college aims to foster a culture of innovation, enterprise development and economic participation among its students.

## Last chance for indigent recipients to renew their applications

**D**ue to the new General Valuation that comes into effect on 1 July 2026, the City of Cape Town encourages pensioners and social grant recipients who are currently receiving pensioner support from the City, as well as registered indigent beneficiaries, to re-apply for relief before 1 July 2026.

Pensioners may also contact rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za for individual assistance from one of the City's team members or visit their nearest Customer Interaction Centre. Registered beneficiaries can

expect another SMS message from the City from next week onwards outlining the steps to reapply via a new WhatsApp chatbot. If in doubt, call the City's Call Centre on 0860 103 089 to verify the SMS message. A few years ago, the City decided to align its re-application period with the General Valuation, meaning beneficiaries would only need to renew their benefit status once every three years instead of annually. This three-year application period ends this Tuesday, 30 June 2026.

## Meals on Wheels hosts AGM

**A**tlantis Meals on Wheels Community Services is inviting community members and stakeholders to attend its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 7 July 2026. The meeting will be held at the organisation's offices at 82 Berzelia Street, Protea Park, Atlantis, and will begin at 11:00. Those wishing to attend are requested to RSVP by 30 June 2026. For more information or to confirm attendance, contact Edigail on 065 926 1943 or email atlantis@mealsonwheelswc.org.za.



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# We are more than negative stereotypes...

KRYSTINA PRETORIUS

Young people in and around Atlantis says their efforts and achievements often go unnoticed. Instead of seeing those who are working hard towards their goals, attention is often focused on negative stereotypes.

However, there are many young people in Atlantis who continue to create opportunities for themselves through education, entrepreneurship, leadership and community involvement. One of these young people is Amy-Lee Andrews, a 17-year-old learner at Robinvale High School who already runs her own nail business while focusing on her studies. After a knee injury prevented her from pursuing dance, she redirected her creativity into nail artistry. "Life does not always go according to plan, but sometimes challenges can change the path you thought you would take," she said. "My injury meant I could no longer pursue dancing the way I wanted to, but it led me to discover a new passion for nails."

Another young entrepreneur is Josh Daniels, founder of Daniels Digital, who offers photography and content creation. At just 22 years old, he has turned his passion into a full-time career. Reflecting on his journey,



FLRT are Amy-Lee Andrews, Josh Daniels and Mishaun Moleon

Daniels believes many young people hold themselves back while waiting for the perfect moment. "The fear never goes away. You just have to move anyway. The only way through is to start, stumble, learn and keep going."

For Mishaun Moleon, a 19-year-old project management student, making a difference in the lives of young people became her passion. Through volunteering, youth leadership and media work, she has dedicated herself to raising awareness of issues affecting young people. Speaking about Atlantis,

she said, people stigmatise it as a gangster town. "But it's not true. We have a lot of inspiring organisations and young people who have not given up. When I came here, I found out a lot about bullying, and realised that many children were struggling. Many young people feel like they don't have a purpose or a place, and they don't have enough representation," she said.

Leadership and community development are also important to Montayo Kleinsmith, a 16-year-old student leader involved in the Junior City Council and youth development

initiatives. His passion for creating opportunities for others inspired him to build platforms where young people can have their voices heard. "External perspectives often view Atlantis purely through a deficit lens. What they miss is the profound resilience, the rich culture and the highly capable young minds who are actively providing solutions from within," said Kleinsmith. He believes that "sustainable community transformation requires frameworks and systems rather than temporary fixes. It is a community of immense potential, not just a place of struggle."

## Entrepreneurs invited to compete for their slice of R600k

Social entrepreneurs and small businesses making a positive difference in their communities are being encouraged to enter the 2026 Community Champions Competition, which offers cash prizes, mentorship and business development support.

For local entrepreneurs and community organisations in Atlantis and surrounds, the competition could provide valuable funding and support to expand projects that create jobs, improve community wellbeing or address

local challenges. Applicants must have been formally operating for at least two years and demonstrate how their business addresses a social or environmental challenge in their community. Organisers say the initiative aims to recognise and support enterprises that are tackling issues such as food insecurity, youth unemployment, education, healthcare, environmental sustainability and technology-driven community development. Applications close on 12 July 2026 and this year's competition has a total prize pool of R600 000,

with winners selected in each participating province. In addition to the cash prizes, finalists will have access to mentorship, business skills development programmes, networking opportunities and participation in specialised business bootcamps designed to help enterprises grow and increase their impact.

More information and application forms are available on the company's website and successful entrants will be announced following regional judging events later this year.

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# Lots of kick-boxing talent locally, says MMA coach

BENJAMIN SMITH

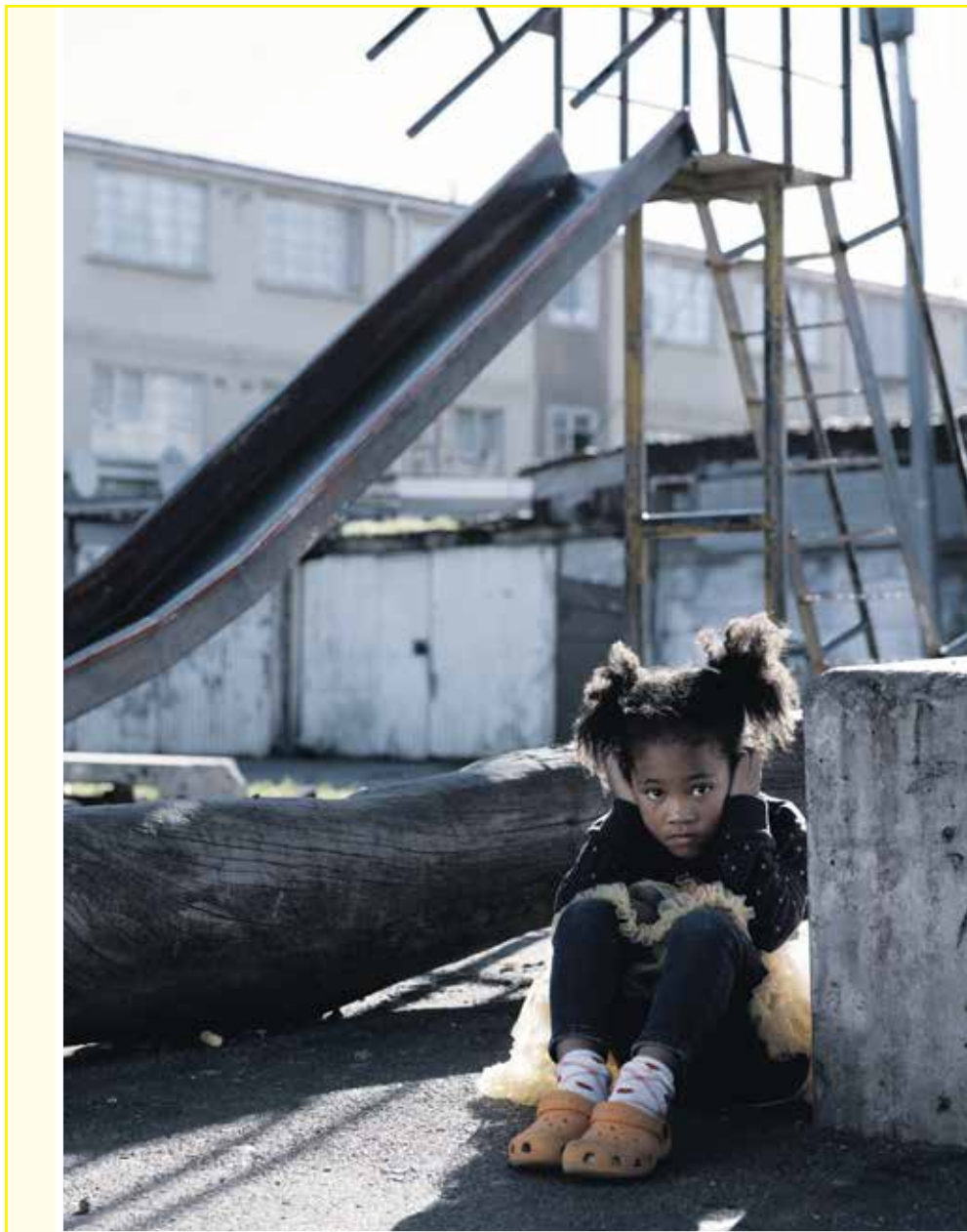
**B**ased at the Rebecca Van Amsterdam Hall, Atlantis Kickboxing Club was established in February 2025 in partnership with Elite Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and has spent the last 16 months developing kickboxing skills and earning recognition at various competitions.

For coach Darran Esau (pictured), kickboxing is more than just fighting; it is about teaching people the value of discipline, respect and dignity through the sport. "Always be mindful and treat your fellow students and friends with the utmost decency and respect. Always treat people with dignity. We are all human," says Esau after being asked what values he tries to instil in his students. In addition to coaching, Esau is also an active competitor. Born and raised in Atlantis, he attended Saxonsea Primary School and Atlantis Secondary School before completing his studies at West Coast TVET College.

After training in Judo and Jujitsu for nine years, he took up kickboxing in early 2025 and has won numerous accolades in the sport since. Some of his achievements include second- and third-place finishes at last year's Western Province Championships, second- and third-place finishes at the South African Championships in April this year, and most recently

a third-place finish at the Cape Town Championships early this month. He now has his sights set on this year's Western Province Championships, taking place in October, where he and two of his students, Aymee-Lee Feinhauer and Charlton Mopp, will compete.

Hennie Mostert, coach at Elite MMA and facilitator at Atlantis Kickboxing Club, praises Esau's leadership at the club. "Darran is a leader by nature. We recognise these things and we look for them. He is standing out in the community and he should be acknowledged for it. He is the guy who puts his hand up and makes his Saturdays available for the students. When we go to competitions, Darran takes control of the team. He makes sure that everything is ready, the paperwork is in order, clothing is ready and accommodation is sorted out," says Mostert. Esau added that he believes that Atlantis will produce many kickboxing champions in the future.



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"If I grow up, I want to be a ballerina."



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