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Dear Stakeholder,

We are pleased to introduce the Bellville CBD Bulletin that's been created to keep you regularly informed about ongoing developments in the Bellville CBD Priority Precinct. This first edition launches a planned series of three newsletters each year.

Each edition will showcase precinct management improvements and infrastructure projects forming part of Bellville's Precinct Development Programme, supporting the longer-term vision outlined in the Bellville CBD Local Spatial Development Framework. Community, stakeholder and local business initiatives will also be featured alongside other useful information.

The City of Cape Town, together with its key partners, the Greater Tygerberg Partnership and the Voortrekker Road Corridor Improvement District, brings you this bulletin as part of a collaborative effort with multiple stakeholders working to shape the precinct's future.

We trust this edition offers a glimpse of what lies ahead, and we invite you to subscribe for future updates.

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For any queries, suggestions, or to update your details in future, please email BellvilleCBD.Precinct@capetown.gov.za

We look forward to having you on board.

From the Bellville CBD Bulletin team.



Message from the Executive Deputy Mayor and Mayoral Committee Member for Spatial Planning and Environment, Alderman Eddie Andrews

Bellville CBD's revitalisation is a shared journey, and this newsletter reflects the progress we are making together to build a safer, more vibrant economic hub.

Through strong partnerships and steady improvements to public spaces and precinct management, we are shaping a CBD that attracts investment and supports opportunity for all. Please join us on this journey.



Message from Alderman James Vos, Mayco Member for Economic Growth

Supporting the development of economic nodes across the metro is absolutely vital for realising opportunities for more Capetonians, and nowhere is this more true than in Bellville. Our ongoing work with the Greater Tygerberg Partnership and the Voortrekker Road Corridor Improvement District (VRCID) is evidence of the City of Cape Town's commitment to Bellville's economic growth.

Through such collaborations, we aim to continuously showcase the wealth and variety of potential Bellville investments to an audience of businesses and corporations.

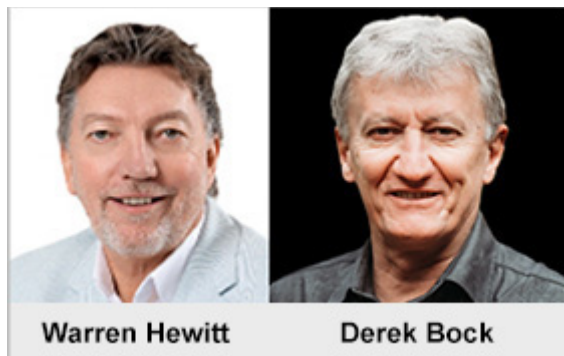


Message from the City Manager, Lungelo Mbandazayo

As a champion of the Bellville CBD precinct development programme, I'm excited to share with you highlights of what we are achieving together as we continue to work toward a shared vision for the Bellville CBD: better public spaces, improved precinct conditions and enabling opportunities for economic growth.

Real progress takes time, teamwork and consistency. The City of Cape Town remains committed to doing our part: upgrading and maintaining infrastructure, service delivery and precinct management with partner organisations. However, we recognise that the City relies on the people who live, work and invest here. Your involvement and support are key to making the Bellville CBD a vibrant and thriving place for all. I look forward to continuing this journey together.

Message from The Greater Tygerberg Partnership (GTP) CEO Warren Hewitt, and Voortrekker Road Corridor Improvement District (VRCID) COO Derek Bock



Warren Hewitt

Derek Bock

For years, the **GTP** and **VRCID** have worked alongside the City and many local partners to help enable a safer, more functional Bellville CBD. Great strides have been made. We must continue to shine a light on Bellville, on the progress, people and partnerships driving change. This newsletter is critical to getting that story out, building shared understanding and strengthening collaboration for lasting impact.



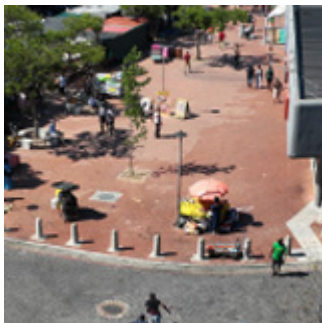
Kruskal Avenue upgrade is complete

This **upgrade**, building towards a better Bellville, reshapes a vital route through the heart of Bellville CBD. Every day, more than 150 000 people move through these streets. Wider side-walks, safer crossings, upgraded lighting and 78 new trees now support safer journeys, stronger connections and renewed confidence. Setting a minimum standard, this upgrade changes how the Bellville CBD feels and how people experience it every day. Further upgrades of central streets like this are planned for future years.



Most successful Bellville Business Expo to date

Now recognised as the largest business expo in the Northern Suburbs, the **third annual Bellville Business Expo** attracted hundreds of attendees, signalling renewed confidence in Bellville's economy. The Level Up Programme saw local entrepreneurs pitch live to investors, unlocking visibility, connections and growth.



Transforming informal trading

With the Bellville CBD **Informal Trading Plan** approved, 90 new trading bays were created in what's called the 'Middestad Market'. An Informal Traders Executive Committee has been established and is working actively alongside the Greater Tygerberg Partnership and the City's Area Economic Development team to support coordinated implementation and improved trading conditions in the CBD.



Turning around problem buildings

Decisive inspections and coordinated action are transforming Bellville CBD's buildings one at a time. Long-standing problem buildings are being restored to compliance by working with the private sector, with landmark interventions at 46 Durban Road and **11 Charl Malan Street**; signalling renewed accountability, investor confidence and a safer urban core.



CBD personality feature: Imelda Ellman

When passing [the ablution facility](#) on Kruskal Avenue, you're always met by Imelda's vibrant presence. It may seem like a simple job, but it's essential to how Bellville CBD functions. From 07:00 each morning, she manages the facility with care, is always ready to help and always has a smile. Through small, consistent acts, Imelda provides dignity where it's needed – a true, everyday champion of Bellville.



Business spotlight

[PostNet](#) has expanded its footprint in Bellville with the opening of a new store at UWC's Faculty of Community Health Sciences building, conveniently located along Blanckenberg Street. The store offers courier, printing, copying and business services.



Precinct management global excellence recognised

The Bellville CBD precinct has stepped onto the global stage, winning the International Downtown Association (IDA) Achievement Award of Excellence in Washington, D.C., for its 'Breakthrough in Sustainable Recycling for a Cleaner City' project. [The award](#) recognises bold, community-led action with real impact, placing Bellville alongside global leaders like London and Tokyo, proving that powerful urban change can start locally and shine worldwide.

Useful numbers

- Bellville CBD emergencies and security (24/7 – VRCID): 072 792 7168
- City of Cape Town Emergency Services (Police, fire and ambulance): 021 480 7700
- VRCID Social Development: 084 017 5315
- City of Cape Town Services: 0860 103 089 | contact.us@capetown.gov.za | www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests

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