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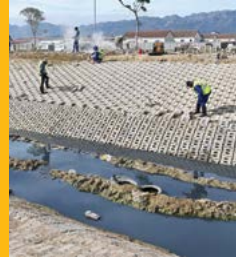
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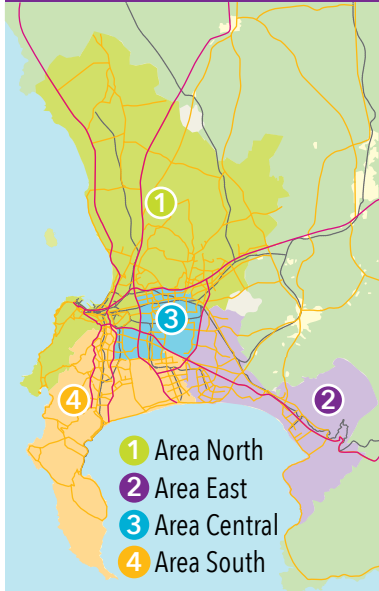
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Protected and pristine: The City celebrated World Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Day at the Helderberg MPA with a guided biodiversity walk and beach clean-up. This beautiful stretch of coastline, home to dunes, reefs, kelp beds and diverse marine life, is carefully managed to safeguard coastal wildlife and ecosystems. It highlights how ocean protection relies on human connection, care and responsibility.

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.



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.

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KORTLIKS

Die Stad het die Wêrelddag vir Mariene Beskermde Gebiede by die beskermde gebied Helderberg gevier met 'n begeleide biodiversiteitswandeling en strandopruiming. Hierdie pragtige stuk kuslyn met sy duine, riuwe, kelpbeddings en diverse seelewe word versigtig bestuur om die natuurlewe en ekosisteme eie aan die kus te beskerm. Dit toon hoe die bewaring van die oseaan staatmaak op mense wat omgee en verantwoordelikheid aanvaar. 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 'klimpop' 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.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siye sabhiyozela uSuku lweMimandla Ekhuselweyo yeeLwandle zeHlabathi (MPA) kwiMPA yaseHelderberg MPA ngokuhamba ubukiswa izilwanyana nezityalo ezahlukeneyo nokucocwa konxweme. Lo mmandla mhle wonxweme, izele ziindumba, amatye angaphantsii kwamanzi, iibhedi zokhula lwaselwandle nezinto ezininzi eziphilayo elwandle, ulawulwa ngononophelo ukuze kukhuselwe izinto eziphilayo eziiselunxwemeni nezinye izinto eziphilayo. Le nto ibethelela indlela ukukhuselwa kolwandlekazi okuxhomekeka ngayo kunxibelelwano lwabantu, ukunyanekelwa kwakunye nembopheleleko. Icandelo leNkqubo Ejongene Nabantu Abahlala kwiZitrato zeSixeko liyaqhubeka nokwenza umahluko obonakalayo kubomi babantu abalala kwizitrato zaseKapa, njengoko

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Making progress possible. Together.

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.
- Log a service request at www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests.

Provide your contact details, the street address and area where you spotted the faulty traffic signal, and the unique ID number displayed on the intersection's control box (e.g. 10077). Please retain your reference number.

* If the tech won't play along, contact our customer call centre (0860 103 089 or contact.us@capetown.gov.za).

Western Cape dam levels slightly lower than this time last year

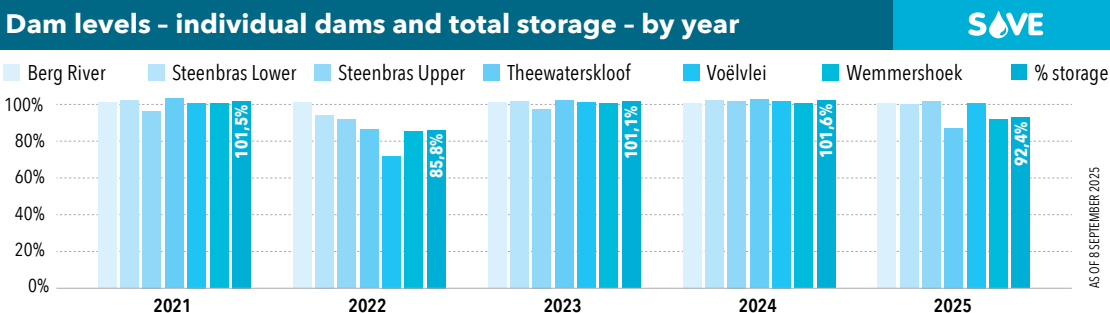
The dam levels for Cape Town are sitting at 92,4%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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

grassnyaktiwiteite 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 iyunithi zezindlu zoluntu ezingama237.

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iibhanti eziluhlaza, iimida yeendlela kunye neepaki ukusuka kweyeKhala ukuya kweyeNkanga.

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Uhlahlo lwabiwomali luka2025/26 lubandakanya ukucinywa kweR2,2 yeebhiliyoni zeerandi kwityala elidala kwabo bafanele ukuxhamla. Ngokucinywa kwamatyala abo amadala, abaxhamli bazibophelela ukuhlawula iimfanelo zabo ukuya phambili.



Annual stats show fewer residential fires

Residential fire statistics for 2024/25 show reductions in incidents in both formal and informal residential areas compared to 2023/24. The overall number of fires dropped by 10% from 4 210 to 3 773, and fatalities decreased by 25% from 220 to 166.

Khayelitsha, Philippi, Gugulethu, Mfuleni and Wallacedene were the areas with the highest number of fire-related fatalities in the past year. As in previous years, the statistics once again reveal that most fatalities occur overnight on weekends, and that the majority of victims are male.

Basic, but can save your life

The Fire and Rescue Service continues to advocate for vigilance, particularly also around fire risks relating to substance abuse. Basic fire safety tips in the home include:

- keeping matches and lighters out of children's reach;
- not smoking in bed;
- preventing candles from falling over by cutting them in half and using a candle holder;
- keeping a fire extinguisher, or at least a bucket of sand to throw over small fires; and
- where possible, having more than one exit point from your home.

* For more fire prevention tips, go to <https://bit.ly/3A6gW2I>. Also save the Public Emergency Communication Centre's number on your cellphone in case of emergency: 021 480 7700.



Community consulted on Stock Road upgrades

The City is planning upgrades along Stock Road in Philippi East. Several public participation processes recently offered community stakeholders a chance to provide input on the main issues they would like to see resolved.

The City's vision for its planned upgrade of the Stock Road corridor is to improve ease and safety of movement for people and goods, both motorised and non-motorised, and to support economic activity along this stretch of Philippi East.

Stock Road is a direct route into Philippi off the R300, and is heavily used by public transport, trucks and pedestrians, all trying to get to their destinations. Urban Regeneration is working on plans to create an environment that is more dignified, safe and accommodating for all.

Things to solve ...

To inform these plans, various sectors of the local community were engaged in workshops, including business representatives, taxi operators, traders, and several residents' and community groups. The primary concerns they raised regarding Stock Road in its current form were congestion and limited parking, stormwater challenges, constant infrastructure vandalism, illegal dumping, scrap metal processing, and unorganised



informal trading on sidewalks and crime.

... and things to celebrate

The last two workshops specifically focused on Philippi's heritage and culture, and how it can be celebrated and incorporated in placemaking interventions along Stock Road. For instance, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Old Crossroads, an informal area created in Philippi at a time when people classified as black African were fighting for their right to live and work in Cape Town.

Further investigations, reviews of previous studies as well as desktop research will be carried out to come up with concept proposals. It is envisaged that the Stock Road upgrades will be rolled out in phases over a period of time.

Planning a safer, free-flowing Stock Road: Based on the community's input, the City is working on proposals to turn the Stock Road corridor into an environment that meets all users' needs, while also honouring the heritage and culture of the Philippi area.



Junior councillors get clued-up about water: In early August, the Junior City Council (JCC) visited the Faure water treatment plant for a behind-the-scenes look at how municipal drinking water is produced – from collection in dams through treatment to distribution. As the future home of the Faure New Water Scheme, the plant was also the perfect venue for the JCC members to learn about Cape Town's 2030 Water Resilience Strategy and plans to introduce water reuse and advanced purification technology to augment the City's water supply. Cllr Zahid Badroodien, Mayco member for Water and Sanitation (pictured in the middle), shared some of this information with the youth.

Jobseekers urged to update details

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) continues to provide temporary work opportunities to Cape Town jobseekers. However, to be considered for these opportunities, jobseekers must be registered and their details regularly updated on the City's jobseeker database.

From 1 November 2025, jobseekers who have not updated their details on the City's database in the past 12 months will be automatically deactivated. This means they will no longer be eligible for EPWP placements until their information is updated.

Don't wait, update

To update your details on the jobseeker database, get together your ID, proof

of address, contact information, as well as skills and experience information (i.e. curriculum vitae). Then visit a subcouncil office, Smart Cape centre in a City library, or the EPWP walk-in centre at 50 Wale Street in central Cape Town – all open on weekdays from 08:00 until 15:30. Alternatively, contact the EPWP helpdesk on 021 400 9406 or epwp.help@capetown.gov.za.

No way, don't pay!

Remember, registering and updating your details on the jobseekers database as well as receiving any related EPWP work opportunity from the City is entirely free. If you are asked to pay, you are being scammed.

Good old tidy-up for Sir Lowry's Pass river

In June, the City carried out pre-winter maintenance on Sir Lowry's Pass river, along with several other waterways, to ensure efficient water flow and prevent blockages. This was the last of eight maintenance initiatives performed in this river for 2024/25 at a total cost of R900 000.

The scope of the most recent work included removal of alien vegetation, litter and debris along key sections of the river. Special attention was given to clearing vegetation around the

headwall structure to allow for proper inspection and maintenance access. In addition, mechanical plant clearing was undertaken to remove accumulated silt from the riverbed, thereby improving stormwater flow and reducing the risk of localised flooding. All cuttings and debris were later disposed of at a legal dumping site.

Aside from improving river health and flow, the initiative also created 60 temporary job opportunities for local community members.



Making space for the rain: Clearing of alien vegetation, litter and debris from Sir Lowry's Pass river in June, ahead of the winter rains, formed part of the City's year-round schedule of river, canal and waterway maintenance to reduce the risk of flooding and improve water quality.

KORTLIKS

Statistieke oor residensiële brande vir 2024/25 toon 'n afname in voorvalle in sowel formele as informele woongebiede vergeleke met die vorige jaar. Die totale getal brande het met 10% afgeneem van 4 210 tot 3 773, en sterftes met 25% van 220 tot 166.

Die Stad se visie vir die beplande opknapping van die Stockweg-korridor is om mense en goedere makliker en veiliger te laat beweeg, hetsy met gemotoriseerde of niegemotoriseerde vervoer, en om ekonomiese aktiwiteit in hierdie area van Philippi-Oos te ondersteun.

Die Stad het in Junie instandhoudingswerk gedoen in Sir Lowryspasrivier sowel as verskeie ander waterlope om behoorlike watervloei te verseker en verstoppings te voorkom. Dit was die laaste van agt instandhoudingsessies vir dié rivier in 2024/25, wat altesaam R900 000 gekos het.

Die uitgebreide openbarewerkeprogram (EPWP) gaan voort om tydelike werksgeleenthede aan werksoekers van Kaapstad te voorsien. Om vir dié geleenthede in aanmerking te kom, moet werksoekers egter op die Stad se werksoekerdatabasis geregistreer wees en hulle besonderhede gereeld bywerk. Vanaf 1 November 2025 sal werksoekers wat nie die afgelope 12 maande hulle besonderhede op die databasis bygewerk het nie, outomaties geskrap word.

Die junior stadsraad het in Augustus die Faure-waterbehandelingsaanleg besoek vir 'n kykie agter die skerms na hoe munisipale drinkwater voorsien word – van die dam tot by die behandelingsaanleg en verspreiding na inwoners.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Izibalo zemililo kwiindawo ekuhlalwa kuzo zowama2024/25 zibonisa ukuba ziye zehla iziganeko zokutsha kweezindlu namatyotyombe xa kuthlekiswa nowama2023/24. Zizonke izibalo zemililo ziye zehla nge10% ukusuka ku4 210 ukuya kutsho ku3 773, nokubhubha kwabantu kuhle nge25% ukusuka ku220 ukuya kutsho ku166.

Umbono weSixeko wokuhlaziywa okusele kucetyiwe kwenyoba yeRoad corridor kukwenzela ukuba kube lula ukuhamba nokukhuseleka kwabantu nezinto, ngezithuthi nangezinye iindlela, nokuxhasa ukuphuhla koqoqosho kulo mzila weMpuma yePhilippi.

NgoJun, iSixeko siye salungisa umlambo iSir Lowry's Pass, kwakunye nezinye iindawo eziqokuqela amanzi, ukuqinisekisa ukuhamba ngokutyibilikayo kwamanzi kuze kuthintelwe ukuvaleleka kwamanzi. Eli ibiliphulo lokugqibela kwasibhozo kwaye enziwa kulo mlambo ku2024/25 eliyelilonke laxabisa iR900 000.

Inkqubo eYongeziweyo yemiSebenzi kaWonkewonke (EPWP) iyaghubeka ilungiselela amathuba emisebenzi yesingxungxo kwabo bakhangela umsebenzi eKapa. Noko ke, ukuze baxhamle kula mathuba, abo bakhangela umsebenzi bamele babhalise zize iinkcukacha zabo ziman' ukuhlaziywa kuvimba weSixeko wabo bakhangela umsebenzi. Ukususela ngowoku1 kuNovemba 2025, abo bakhangela umsebenzi abangekazihlaziyi iinkcukacha zabo kuvimba weSixeko kwezi nyanga zili12 zidluleyo baya kucinywa ngokuzenzekelayo.

Ebutsheni buka-Agasti, iJunior City Council (JCC) iye yatyelela iziko logutyulo lwamanzi iFaure ukuze iyokuqwalasela oko kwenziwayo xa kuveliswa amanzi okusela kamasipala – ukususela xa eqokelelwa emadameni de ayacocwa aze asiwe ebantwini.

A plan to keep our biodiversity buzzing

In July, Council adopted the Cape Town Biodiversity Spatial Plan (CTBSP), making Cape Town the first South African metro with such a guiding document. The CTBSP offers information on Cape Town's biodiversity profile, the BioNet map (see box below) and land use guidelines for biodiverse areas.

The plan has three objectives: Firstly, it will inform spatial planning, environmental assessment and natural resource management by various sectors whose policies and decisions affect the Mother City's biodiversity. Secondly, it offers a framework for City departments to align their environmental responsibilities. Thirdly, it provides the latest biodiversity information based on legislation, scientific data, best practice and expert input. Ultimately, the CTBSP will help us improve spatial planning and decision-making, reduce risk, and enhance sustainability.

Plan's a must-have
Having such a plan for Cape Town is essential, as conserved land covers 55 697 ha, or 22,72%, of the municipal area. This includes 20 039 ha of City-managed land in our 22 nature reserves and 16 conservation areas. Cape Town's conservation estate also encompasses Table Mountain national park and private biodiversity stewardship sites.

Map shows where to tread lightly
The Cape Town BioNet 2024 map illustrates the biodiversity network and selected features on both land and water that are critical for conserving the Mother City's native biodiversity and keeping our ecosystem functioning. It is available online on CityMap Viewer and on the City's Open Data Portal. For a summary, enter 'Cape Town BioNet 2024' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za.

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 East, interceptors are located in four places along the Soet river, namely at Savanna Mews, Broadway Boulevard, Greenways Estate and Lower Gordon's Bay Road; in the Klein canal, Eerste River, and in the Sir Lowry's Pass river at Sir Lowry's Pass Village.

So simple, it's genius!
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 yielded a catch of 600 bags of litter.



Stop the cycle of sewer misuse

In 2024/25, City teams attended to 1 270 sewer blockages in Wallacedene and 546 in Bloekombos. The majority were caused by rags, solid waste and other foreign objects dumped in the sewer system or flushed down toilets.

Having to clear repeated blockages in the same area, each time because of sewer misuse, is not only a frustrating waste of City resources, but also a drain on taxpayers' money. Moreover, the overflows resulting from blockages pose serious environmental and public health risks. Breaking this cycle requires a joint effort between residents and the City.



What residents can do
To sustainably reduce sewer overflows, repairs must remain intact, and the network must be used responsibly:

- Do not flush anything other than human waste and toilet paper

From rags to ruin: Over the past year, sewer system misuse – mostly the illegal dumping of rags and other foreign objects into the system – was the reason for more than half of all overflows in Wallacedene and Bloekombos.

down the toilet. Anything else will block the pipes.

- Use the City's solid waste services to get rid of your household waste, or visit any of the municipal drop-off facilities. The sewer system is no one's personal dumping ground.
- Report sewer blockages and overflows through one of the City's official channels so that they can be cleared in a reasonable timeframe.
- Report system vandalism as well as stolen or missing manhole covers.

Upgrades are coming, but ...
Bloekombos, Wallacedene and Scottsdene have been prioritised for sewer pipe replacements in 2025/26. This is part of a R355 million citywide programme to upgrade ageing infrastructure and reduce overflows. However, infrastructure upgrades alone will not solve the problem if misuse continues.



Fine Free Week delivers 'great returns': During Library and Information Services' Fine Free Week in July, hosted in the school holidays to target City library patrons below the age of 17, young readers returned nearly 11 000 items worth more than R1,3 million. These included overdue books, comics, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs and CDs. For details on how to join a City library, enter 'City library membership' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za, or visit your nearest library. Once registered, you'll be able to check out your first batch of books the very same day.

KORTLIKS

Kaapstad is die eerste Suid-Afrikaanse metro met 'n amptelike ruimtelike biodiversiteitsplan. Die plan bied inligting oor Kaapstad se biodiversiteitsprofiel, die BioNet-kaart, en grondgebruikriglyne vir biodiversiteitsgebiede.

Om vullis uit Kaapstad se watermassas te help verwyder, het die Stad R3 miljoen bestee aan die installering van 20 afvalonderskeppers in besoedelde riviëre en waterlope.

Stadspanne moes in 2024/25 altesaam 1 270 rioolverstopings in Wallacedene en 546 in Bloekombos hanteer. Die meeste is veroorsaak deur lappe, vaste afval en ander vreemde voorwerpe wat in die rioolstelsel gestort of in toilette afgespoel is. Misbruik van die rioolstelsel is 'n vernorsing van die Stad se hulpbronne en plaas onnodige druk op belastingbetalersgeld.

Die oorstroomings as gevolg van verstoppings hou ook ernstige omgewings- en openbare gesondheidsrisiko's in.

Die Stad se biblioteek en inligtingsdienste het in die wintervakansie weer 'n boetevrye week aangebied, veral met die oog op biblioteekgebruikers onder 17-jarige ouderdom. Jong lesers het byna 11 000 items ter waarde van meer as R1,3 miljoen teruggebring. Dit sluit in agterstallige boeke, strokiesverhale, oudioboeke, tydskrifte, DVD's en CD's.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

IsiCwangciso seNdawo Yezidalwa Ezahlukeneyo eKapa (CTBSP), senza iKapa libe sisixeko sokuqala eMzantsi Afrika ukuba noxwebhu olulolo hlobo olusisikhokelo. ICTBSP inikela inkcazelo ngeprofayili yezidalwa ezahlukeneyo eziphila eKapa, imephu nezikhokelo zokusetyenziswa komhlaba zeBioNet kwimimandla enezidalwa ezahlukeneyo.

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