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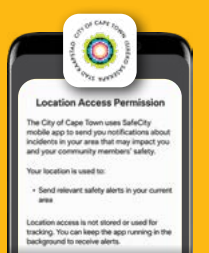
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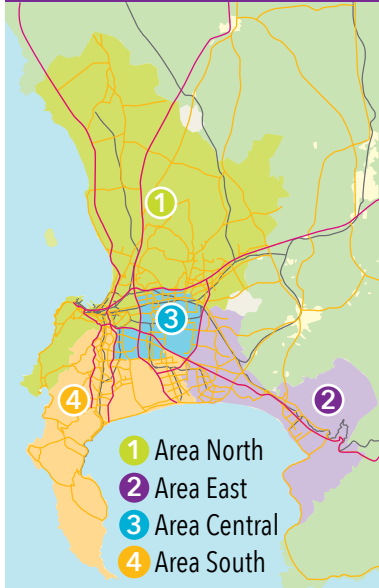
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Lights out: Repeated incidents of theft and vandalism of public lighting infrastructure in Macassar are a heavy blow to City resources and delay service restoration. See page 3.

Blue Downs boasts new blue track

The City invested R61 million in refurbishing the Blue Downs and Wesfleur athletics tracks. As a result, both facilities recently received Class 2 certification by World Athletics, the international governing body for this sport. The Blue Downs certification is valid until November 2031.

In addition to the tartan track, the Blue Downs 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.



Upgrade's a runaway success: The upgraded Blue Downs athletics track not only secured certification by World Athletics, but also puts a world-class training facility within easy reach of aspiring local athletes.

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
- For rates rebate applications by pensioners and social grant recipients: 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

Herhaalde voorvalle in Macassar waar straatlig-infrastruktuur gesteel en verniel word, plaas onnodige druk op die Stad se hulpbronne en vertraag diensherstel.

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.

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 eiendomme hetsy daal of onveranderd bly, ondanks

sterk groei in eiendomswaardes in Kaapstad.

Altesaam R61 miljoen is belê in die opknaping 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. Blue Downs se sertifisering geld tot November 2031.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Izehlo eziphindaphindwayo zobusela nokonakaliswa kweziseko ezingundoqo zezibane zoluntu eMacassar zizehlo ezinzima kwizibonelelo zeSixeko kwaye zilibazisa ukubuyiselwa kweenkonzo.

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

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.

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.

Making progress possible. Together.

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.

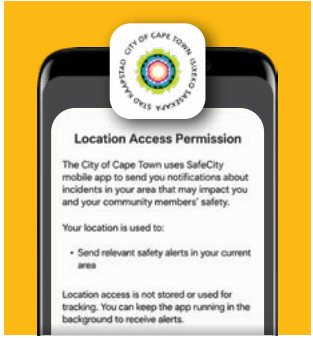
For now, reports can be made in 17 categories (including metal theft, public drinking, abandoned or broken-down vehicles, problem buildings, and poaching), with more to be phased in over time. If an incident type is not yet available for in-app reporting, you will be redirected to the Public Emergency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

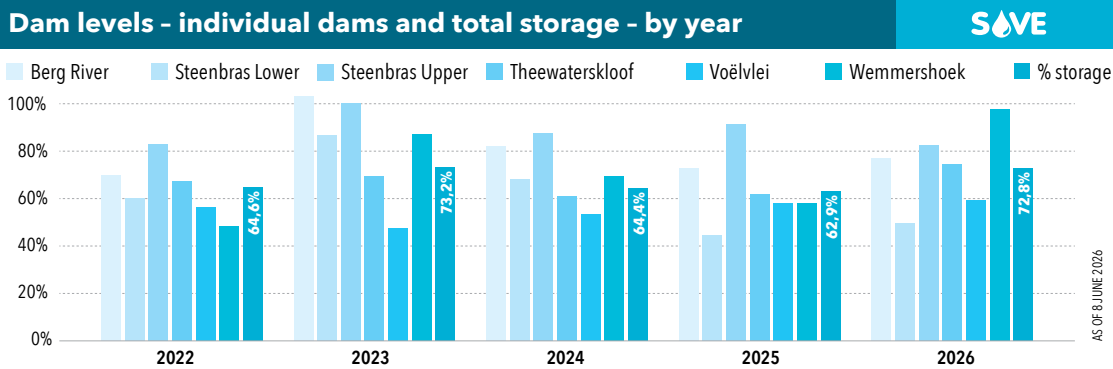
The City continues to aim for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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 or 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). Alternatively, verify online (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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If you want it emailed to you, send your email address to citynews@capetown.gov.za.



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 privaat 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 tydperk verlede jaar aangeteken is.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

I-app yefowni yeSixeko ngoku ivumela abahlali ukuba babhale iindidi ezithile zokwaphulwa komthetho kamasipala kunye neziganeko zamapolisa ngokucufa 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 zifundeke 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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D01 MyCiTi bus refurb: Impact on your commute

The City is refurbishing the MyCiTi bus fleet that operates on the D01 route between Khayelitsha and the Civic Centre station. Fourteen buses are being leased to ensure continued service during the three-month refurbishment, as well as to add capacity to the routes servicing Mitchells Plain. The buses have been branded MyCiTi.

Riding high, for the moment
The leased vehicles are high-floor buses. This means that they cannot dock at the Civic Centre station platform, which is designed for low-floor buses. For this reason, D01 passengers will board and disembark at a temporary stop in Hertzog Boulevard outside Artscape.

Keep calm and tap
Tapping in and out continues as normal. Commuters waiting at the temporary stop may still use the ablution facilities at the Civic Centre station by tapping in and out at the station, as long as they tap back in on the bus at the temporary stop within 45 minutes of tapping out.

Wheelchair users catered for
The leased high-floor buses do not have boarding ramps, wheelchair space or other universal access features. However, as some low-floor buses will be redeployed as part of the fleet operating along the D01, commuters in wheelchairs are kindly requested to board these instead.
** For more information, download the MyCiTi app, go to www.myciti.org.za, or phone the Transport Information Centre on 0800 65 64 63.*

Helderberg community heroes honoured

Local changemakers celebrated for making a difference in the community

In May, residents from across the Helderberg area were celebrated at a civic awards ceremony hosted at the Strand town hall. The awards were in recognition of those whose extraordinary efforts and contributions have had a lasting impact on vulnerable residents and local communities.
Monica Buitendag, founder and chief executive of Heartlands Baby Sanctuary, was honoured for providing specialised care and a safe environment for abandoned, neglected and vulnerable infants. Through her leadership, the organisation has become a place of hope and protection for children at the most critical stage of their lives.
Mofolo Ramothathaki, in turn, was recognised for his commitment to youth upliftment and community development



Thank you for being selfless: Recipients of Helderberg civic awards included individuals, organisations, volunteers and City officials from Strand, Somerset West, Gordon's Bay, Macassar, Nomzamo, Sir Lowry's Pass and surrounds, who were all acknowledged for their selfless community service.

in Nomzamo and surrounds. Through the establishment of Ekasi Gym, he has helped many youth and former substance users find purpose, discipline and hope for the future.
Beverley Adriaanse, founder of NPO Yaro (Young Adults Reaching Out), was acknowledged for her work supporting vulnerable children and families in Macassar. Yaro not only provides daily meals to children before school, but has also introduced a Baby Saver facility aimed at protecting vulnerable infants and supporting young mothers in crisis.
Various City line departments and officials also received special recognition for their support to communities, particularly in addressing service delivery matters and participating in local oversight and engagement.

Macassar streetlights under siege

City teams recently conducted a streetlight assessment in Macassar as part of the municipality's work to maintain and improve its extensive network of more than 245 000 streetlights.
Theft, vandalism and illegal connections remain a major challenge. Vandalism of streetlight installations in the Macassar district alone has already cost the City more than R1,9 million – money that could otherwise have paid for critical energy infrastructure needed to drive Cape Town's economy.

Help keep the lights on
The Protect Your Power campaign appeals to residents to be the City's eyes and ears, helping the municipality to protect power infrastructure. Anonymous reports of vandalism and illegal activities around streetlight installations help the City respond faster. Contact the Public Emergency Communication Centre at 021 480 7700, or the Metal Theft Unit at 0800 222 771 (toll-free, 24/7). The South African police remains the lead authority in crime prevention.



Millions for library upgrades

The City is investing millions in major upgrades to public libraries across Cape Town. From a major expansion in Lwandle to restoration work in Brown's Farm and the reopening of Khayelitsha library after fire damage, the projects aim to offer safe and welcoming public spaces for residents of all ages.
The upgrade and extension of the Lwandle library is progressing well. The project is valued at nearly R14,9 million and is set to double the size of the library. The expected completion date is December 2026.
The refurbishment of the Brown's Farm library will amount to R1,5 million. With steady progress being made, the facility will open to

the public by mid-2027.
Both the refurbished Khayelitsha library and nearby Nazeema Isaacs library reopened in June. The former was repaired after severe fire damage in 2024, marking a significant milestone in restoring services to the community. The latter received a R4,5 million revitalisation to improve its infrastructure and long-term sustainability. Work included roof and ceiling repairs, waterproofing, new flooring and painting, revamped public restrooms and library halls, repaired foyer paving, and additional power outlets so that users can charge their devices while accessing the library's Wi-Fi.

Caring to the core: In many respects the backbone of healthcare, the City's 689 nurses were honoured at health facilities across town on International Nurses Day (12 May). The theme of this year's global celebration was "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives", highlighting the importance of supporting nurses through safe, fair working conditions and elevating their leadership in healthcare. The City's highly skilled nurses deliver frontline services such as immunisation, maternal and child health, family planning, TB and HIV care, mental health support, as well as support with the management of chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.



KORTLIKS

Inwoners van oor die hele Helderberg-gebied het erkenning ontvang vir hulle onbaatsugtige gemeenskaps-diens by 'n burgerlike toekennings-geleentheid in Mei. Onder die prysweners was individue, organisasies, vrywilligers en Stadsamptenare van die Strand, Somerset-Wes, Gordonsbaai, Macassar, Nomzamo, Sir Lowry's Pass en omgewing.
Die Stad knap tans die MyCiTi-busse op wat op die D01-roete tussen Khayelitsha en die Burgersentrumstasie gebruik word. Veertien busse word intussen gehuur om voortgesette dienslewering gedurende die drie maande lange opknapping te verseker. Die busse is met die MyCiTi-logo gemerk.
Stadsplanne het onlangs 'n opname gedoen van straatligte in Macassar as deel van die munisipaliteit se werk om sy uitgebreide netwerk van meer as 245 000 straatligte in stand te hou en te verbeter. Diefstal, vandalisme en onwettige aansluitings bly 'n enorme uitdaging.

Die Stad belê miljoene in aansienlike opknappings aan sy biblioteke deur die hele stad. Projekte sluit in 'n groot uitbreiding by Lwandle-biblioteek, herstelwerk by die biblioteek in Brown's Farm, en opknappingswerk by Khayelitsha- sowel as Nazeema Isaacs-biblioteek. Die opknappings is bedoel om inwoners veilige en verwelkomende ruimtes te bied waar hulle toegang tot inligting kan kry.
Die 689 verpleegkundiges van die Stad is op die Internasionale Dag vir Verpleegkundiges (12 Mei) by gesondheidsfasiliteite deur die hele metro vereer. Die tema van vanjaar se wêreldwye vieringe was "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives". Dit beklemtoon hoe belangrik dit is om verpleegkundiges met veilige, billike werksomstandighede te ondersteun, en met groter leierskapsverantwoordelikhede in gesondheidsorg te bemagtig.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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ukonakaliswa kunye nothungelwano lweentambo zombane ngokungekhomthethweni kusengumngeni omkhulu.
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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>.

Schools to help restore catchment health
Spreading waste diversion message, one school at a time

The City's newly launched Schools for Clean Catchments recycling pilot teaches learners to help protect the environment and improve the health of local waterways. Participating schools will be supported to separate recyclables from the waste stream, divert these items from landfill, and earn an income from recycling. Much of the waste polluting Cape Town's waterways is recyclable, so diverting it before it enters the environment should help improve conditions in our catchments. The initiative will start in the Soet river catchment, with Silukhanyo Primary in Strand selected as the first participating school. The City plans to expand the



Waste warriors in the making: A staffer from the Urban Waste Management Directorate introduces learners from Silukhanyo Primary, Strand, to the basics of recycling and how waste diversion can help clean up the city's catchments. The school will be the first to participate in a new City schools recycling pilot.

programme to additional schools in the Diep and Black river catchments as well.
Teach them young
Schools are critical platforms for the project. Conducting recycling activities on school grounds teaches learners about their environmental responsibility while they participate in waste diversion. This increased awareness among our youth is important for catchment health in the future. The project forms part of the Mayor's priority programme for sanitation and inland water quality, which aims to improve the health of river systems and reduce pollution at source through coordinated interventions across City directorates.

Manzi drops in on Melton Primary

Manzi, the Water and Sanitation Directorate's mascot, hosted a fun session for learners in Grades 4 to 7 at Kleinvei's Melton Primary. The visit forms part of ongoing efforts to encourage water-saving habits among our young residents and their families. Learners were told about the City's

plans to increase Cape Town's water supply by 300 million litres per day and create a water-sensitive city by 2040. The young ones also heard how their everyday actions can help protect our limited water resources. They were encouraged to share these lessons at home, helping their families and communities be water-wise by fixing

leaks, using water efficiently, and avoiding wastage. Topics explored in an interactive way included the natural and urban water cycles, water supply versus demand, and threats to water security. * To book Manzi for a visit to your school, email communications.waterandsanitation@capetown.gov.za.



Every drop counts: Water and Sanitation mascot Manzi and the community engagement team at Melton Primary, Kleinvei, spreading the word about the need to save water.

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. Danksy die toenemende gebruik van behandelde uitvloeiwatervir nederdrinkgebruiksoos 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. Die Stad se proefprojek Schools for Clean Catchments wys leiers hoe om deur herwinning die omgewing te help beskerm en die gesondheid van plaaslike riviere, kanale en vleilande te

verbeter. Deelnemende skole sal bygestaan word om herwinbare materiaal van ander afval te skei, te keer dat dié items op vullisterreine beland, en boonop 'n inkomste uit herwinning te verdien. Manzi, die gelukbringer van die direktoraat water en sanitasie, het 'n prettige sessie vir leerders in graad 4 tot 7 by Laerskool Melton in Kleinvei aangebied. Die besoek is deel van die Stad se voortgesette werk om verantwoordelike waterverbruik onder ons jong inwoners en hulle gesinne aan te moedig. Meer as 60 plaaslike vervaardigers het in April aan die 15de werksessie van die Wes-Kaapse Nywerheidsimbioseprogram (WISP) deelgeneem. Die geleentheid het ondernemings wedersyds voordelige vennootskappe help vorm waar een maatskappy 'n ander se onderbenutte hulpbronne of afval kan herwin, herverwerk of hergebruik.

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inkunkuma, kwaye zifumane ingeniso ngokurisayikilisha ngaphezu koko. UManzi, imasikhothi yeCandelo lezaManzi noGutyulo, uye wabamba iseshoni yolonwabo kubafundi bakaGreyidi 4 ukuya kwabeGreyidi 7 eKleinvei's Melton Primary. Olu tyelelo luyinxalenye yeenzame eziqhubekayo zokukhuthaza imisebenzi yokonga amanzi phakathi kwabahlali bethu abasebatsha kunye neentsapho zabo. 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.

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