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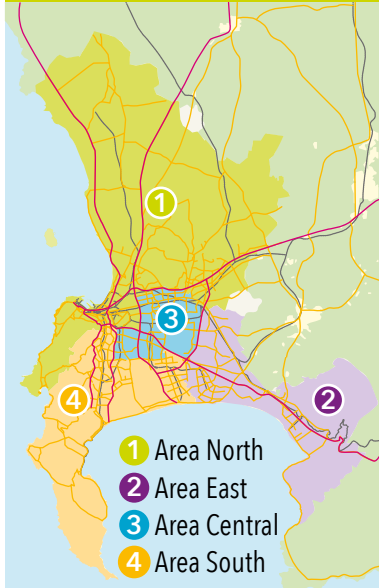


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Blowing bubbles: Four aerators installed in the Diep river will be running for the next six months as part of an aeration trial to combat low river oxygen levels due to pollution. This should also bring relief to residents, who have had to cope with whiffs of hydrogen sulphide at times. See page 4.

Survey coming your way

The City has contracted a research organisation to conduct a large-scale household survey to better understand the set-up and service delivery needs of Cape Town's households. The findings will inform the City's investment decisions and service delivery planning.

Up until May, interviewers will visit 10 000 households, randomly selected from suburbs across town. They will be clearly identifiable by their reflective vests and ID badges. Householders will also receive a pamphlet with a QR code to access details of the survey on the City's website. While participation is entirely voluntary, the City appeals to the selected households to complete the interview, which should not take longer than 40 minutes.

Information to be gathered includes socioeconomic and demographic details (age, gender, general health and wellbeing), current employment, level of education, migration, modes of transport, homeownership or rental status, household income and expenditure, access to services, and use of public amenities.

Rest assured that the survey is legitimate and POPIA-compliant. All information gathered will be used for statistical and research purposes only.

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The March, the merrier in Cape Town

From the Cape Town Cycle Tour and the Open Book Youth Fest to Cape Town Carnival and the Cape Town Surf Pro, March has been buzzing in the Mother City. The Events Permit Office issued permits for 60+ events. During the first week of March, they had their hands full with no less than 26 events to monitor.



On 10 March, the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the world's largest timed cycle race, saw over 30 000 cyclists pedal the event's two scenic routes around the Cape Peninsula.

From 13 to 15 March, the Sunshine Tour professional and amateur female golfers gathered at the Royal Cape Golf Club for the 10th edition of the Cape Town Ladies Open.

The Open Book Youth Fest again delighted young readers from 13 to 20 March. Schools, libraries and book lounges offered platforms for young people to engage with poets, authors, illustrators and storytellers. Workshops fostered a love of literature and encouraged creative expression.

The Absa Cape Epic is the foremost mountain bike stage race in the world, attracting over 1 000 riders for eight days of non-stop action to compete for the coveted champion's trophy. This year's event, from 17 to 24 March, kicked off at the Lourensford wine estate, through Tulbagh and Wellington, and finished in Stellenbosch.

Cape Town Carnival, this year themed "Lekker", entertained thousands of locals and visitors along the Fan Walk in Green Point on 16 March. The colourful celebration of our cultural heritage included massive floats and some 1 400 performers.

Also on 16 March, some of the country's top spinners went head to head in the Red

Bull Shay' iMoto at Century City. This event is where motorsport meets stunt work, with loads of flair.

And while the spinners were spinning, top local and international surfers caught the waves at Long Beach, Kommetjie, in the Cape Town Surf Pro.

The Cape Town leg of the SPAR Women's Challenge saw over 10 000 runners take to the streets of Green Point, Sea Point and Mouille Point on 24 March. Held in five other cities in South Africa, the event features a run or walk 10 km challenge or a 5 km fun run.

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Vier belugters sal vir die volgende ses maande lug deur die Diepriver pomp as deel van 'n proef om die suurstofvlak, wat as gevolg van besoedeling gedaal het, te probeer verbeter.

Van die Kaapstad-fietstoer en die Open Bookjeugfees tot die Kaapstad-karnaval en die Cape Town Surf Pro, die Moederstad was in Maart 'n miernes van bedrywighede. Die Stad het permitte vir meer as 60 geleenthede uitgereik.

Die Stad het 'n navorsingsfirma aangestel om 'n grootskaalse huishoudelike opname te doen om die omstandighede en diensleweringse behoeftes van Kaapstad se huishoudings beter te verstaan. Die bevindinge sal die Stad se beleggingsbesluite en diensleweringse planne rig.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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Making progress possible. **Together.**

Energy Strategy launched

The City has launched its 2050 Energy Strategy. In addition to new initiatives, the document outlines progress with ongoing efforts to end load-shedding in Cape Town, including the short-term plan to protect residents against the first four stages of Eskom's shed by 2026. The strategy also provides a roadmap to 2050, showing how government, the private sector, residents and businesses can all play their part in the regional energy transition. Download it at https://bit.ly/Energy_Strategy.



War on water-guzzling alien plants

Thirsty alien plant species guzzle up 55 billion litres of Cape Town's precious water every year. This is why removing them forms a key part of the City's Water Strategy and long-term New Water Programme. Back in 2021, the City invested R50 million in the Greater Cape Town Water Fund (GCTWF) to combat the threat of alien invasives. Other partners committed to the GCTWF are CapeNature, the South African National Biodiversity Institute, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa, and Working on Fire.

Through the GCTWF's efforts, almost 50 000 ha of alien plants have been cleared to date, returning 16,1 billion litres of water to Cape Town's groundwater sources. This is equivalent to 44 million litres of water per day. In the process, 787 green jobs have also been created.

The City and TNC clear alien plants in four catchments: Wemmershoek, Steenbras, Berg River and the Atlantis aquifer area. In the first six months of the 2023/24 financial year alone, they restored 3 472 ha of alien-invaded land. The City has committed R25 million to continue the clearing activities in these catchments.

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Together, we'll power through and beat load-shedding

The future of our city, the dignity of every Capetonian and the sustainability of every Cape Town business depend on our energy security. Without a reliable supply of affordable electricity, Cape Town will not fulfil its potential, and we will come up short in our mission of building a city of hope for all who live and work here. This is why our efforts to beat load-shedding, and ultimately end our dependence on Eskom, are so critically important.

Our recently released 2050 Energy Strategy is our blueprint for achieving this goal. We are the first and only metro in the country with such a detailed energy plan, and we hope to show the rest of South Africa that an energy-secure future is indeed possible.

The strategy outlines our immediate load-shedding mitigation measures and how we intend to avoid the first four stages by 2026 through energy procurement and demand management programmes. At the same time, it looks far into the future in terms of alleviating energy poverty and ensuring that the Cape Town of tomorrow is built for optimal energy use.

One of the key aspects of the strategy is to move away from a



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

single, central, inefficient state-owned energy monopoly, towards decentralised, cost-effective and increasingly carbon-neutral energy. And it doesn't get more decentralised than our ground-breaking Cash for Power programme. The programme enables households and businesses with approved grid-tied small-scale generation systems and a bi-directional electricity meter in City supply areas to sell their excess rooftop solar power back to us for cash. We've just registered a first batch of

households who applied, bringing the first registration window to a close. I urge every Capetonian with rooftop solar panels and a grid-tied system to consider taking us up on this offer. We will buy as much power as you can sell. We're also in the final testing phase of a cheaper bi-directional meter to make this an even more attractive option. So, look out for the second registration window, which will open shortly. If you're happy to have your City bill credited rather than receiving cash, this will be done automatically, and there is no need to apply.

Similarly, I encourage Capetonians to become Power Heroes by joining our voluntary demand management programme that remotely switches off non-essential loads such as geysers and pool pumps during high-use times. This could reduce citywide power demand by some 60 MW and could be a real game-changer in our fight against load-shedding.

Cash for Power as well as Power Heroes offer you a chance to play a part in putting load-shedding behind us. Please consider signing up and help us build a city of hope for all.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

Western Cape dam levels drop amid high temperatures

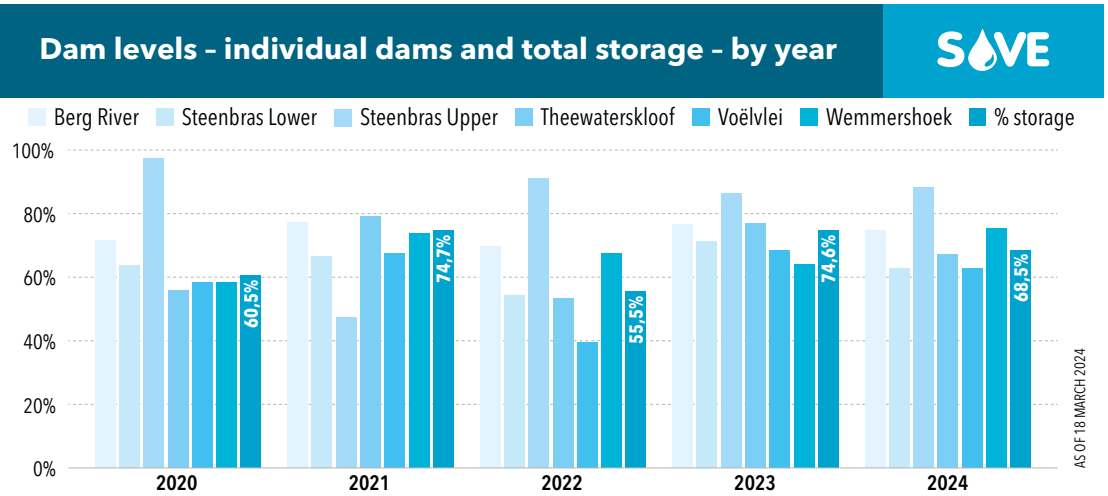
The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 68,5%. The City is still aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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.



Pressing on with infrastructure project pipeline

The latest Infrastructure Report confirms that 73% of this year's record R11 billion infrastructure budget has been spent and will specifically benefit lower-income households and people living in informal settlements. Infrastructure investment will create some 135 000 jobs over three years, along with many more downstream economic benefits.

Projects, projects, everywhere

Water and sanitation infrastructure now accounts for 42% of the overall ten-year project pipeline. Multi-billion-rand upgrades to seven wastewater works are on track. Through its New Water Programme, the City also aims to add 300 million litres of water per day from new sources by 2030.

Urban mobility projects of R21 billion will improve public transport along the three major corridors of Khayelitsha-Century City, Symphony Way, and Klipfontein. And in terms of waste management, ten new drop-off facilities planned up to 2035 will see the City reduce the radius of this service from 7 km to 3 km. Moreover, some R55,5 billion of the ten-year pipeline has been earmarked to build Cape Town's resilience against drought, fire, heat, flooding and storm surges.

Download the report at www.capetown.gov.za/infrastructurereport.



A fiery four months: October 2023 to January 2024 was a very busy period for the Fire and Rescue Service, with 13 087 incidents responded to, of which 55% were vegetation fires. Cape Town has 32 fire stations, and construction on a new one in Langa starts soon. Every day, the City's fire stations have at least 240 firefighters on operational duty, and incident management teams are on standby around the clock in the event of major incidents. The Service's operational fleet comprises over 200 vehicles, including fire appliances, water tenders, heavy technical rescue units, aerial appliances, and watercraft.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het sy langtermynenergie-strategie bekend gestel. Die dokument beskryf onder meer vordering met voortgesette pogings om beurtkrag in Kaapstad te beëindig. Dit sluit in die plan om inwoners teen 2026 teen die eerste vier fases van Eskom se kragonderbrekings te beskerm.

Sonder die betroubare voorsiening van bekostigbare elektrisiteit sal Kaapstad nie sy potensiaal verwesenlik nie en sal ons tekortskiet in ons missie om 'n stad van hoop te bou. Dit is waarom ons pogings om beurtkrag te beëindig, en uiteindelik nie meer op Eskom te moet staatmaak nie, so belangrik is.

Die jongste infrastruktuurverslag bevestig dat 73% van vanjaar se enorme infrastruktuurbegroting van R11 miljard bestee is. Veral laerinkomstehuishoudings en mense in informele nedersettings sal hierby baat vind.

Uitheemse plantspesies slurp jaarliks 55 miljard liter van Kaapstad se kosbare water op. Juis daarom is die verwydering van dié plante 'n kerndeel van die Stad se waterstrategie en langtermyn-nuwe waterprogram.

Oktober 2023 tot Januarie 2024 was 'n baie besige tyd vir die brand- en reddingsdiens. Hulle het op 13 087 voorvalle gereageer, waarvan 55% veldbrande was.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siphehlelele iSicwangciso soMbane sika2050 saso. Ngaphezu kwamaphulo amatsha, uxwebhu lwesicwangciso luchaza ngeenzame eziqhubekayo zokuphelisa ucimicimi wombane eKapa, kubandakanywa isicwangciso esiza kulandelwa kungekudala, engadlulanga u2026, sokukhusela abahlali kumanqanaba amane okuqala okucima kombane kaEskom.

Xa kungekho lubonelelo lombane oluthembekileyo, iKapa ayizi kukwazi ukwenza oko inamandla okwenza, yaye siza kubethakala ekuphumezeni umnqophiso wethu wokwakha isixeko sethemba. Yiloo nto kubalulekile kakhulu kuthi ukuba siwuphelise ucimicimi wombane yaye sohlukane nokuxhomekeka kuEskom. ISicwangciso soMbane sika2050 sethu esisandula kukhutshwa singumkhombandlela wokuphumeza le njongo.

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Contermanskloof boosts bulk water capacity

The City has invested over R250 million in the 100 megalitre Contermanskloof reservoir in Durbanville. The increased storage capacity allows for greater flexibility in maintaining supply in the bulk water network. The rectangular embankment-type reservoir has a reinforced-concrete floor, walls and roof structure similar to the other bulk water reservoirs in Cape Town. The City's 2015 bulk water master plan identified Contermanskloof reservoir as an innovative solution to cope with increasing water demand in the Blaauwberg area, which is currently one of the fastest-growing development corridors in South Africa. The reservoir stabilises the Voëlvlei pipeline supplying water to the Platteklomp reservoir, improves the Melkbos reservoirs and Atlantis system, enhances security of water supply to the Milnerton reservoirs, and serves as storage for the reticulation system of the fast-growing area north of Parklands.



Bettering Bayside canal: Urban development in the Rietvlei area has necessitated an upgrade to Bayside canal, from Blaauwberg Road up to Rietvlei in Table View. In addition to increasing canal capacity, work involves providing new treatment facilities to improve the quality of stormwater runoff that flows from the canal into the vlei. Adequate access for future maintenance will also be added. The project is one of the City's major river and waterway upgrades currently under way. A total of R131 million will be invested in projects of this kind in the current financial year.

Table View ‘taming of the sands’ wins global prize

The Table View dune rehabilitation project took silver at a global project management awards event in Spain late last year.

The quality of the City's project management work was recognised at the 2023 International Project Management Association awards in Spain towards the end of last year when Natalie Newman, who has been leading the Table View dune rehabilitation, scooped silver in the category of project manager of the year. The rehabilitation forms part of the larger Table View beachfront upgrade that has been in progress since July 2022.

Not ‘dune’ overnight

To reinstate the dunes, Natalie and her team have overseen the moving and reshaping of sand over an area of 8 ha along a 3 km stretch of coastline. The dunes were then stabilised with the installation of wind nets, followed by revegetation with suitable dune-specific plant species. The netting is designed to keep the nearby infrastructure free of windblown sand. Since the project started, 162 515 m³ of sand have been moved and 23 km of wind netting have been installed. Planting of



Fresh out of rehab: Rehabilitation of the Table View dunes involved large-scale sand moving and reshaping, followed by the installation of wind netting and the revegetation of the area. This should prevent surrounding infrastructure from being buried under windblown sand. the 94 000 plants that were rescued before commencement of the project continues. The vegetation will take several years to establish fully. Once established, however, the vegetated dune cordon will provide the beachfront with a natural buffer against storm surges and the longer-term projected impacts of sea-level rise.



A little bird told us: Bird enthusiasts will be pleased to know that the Knysna warbler (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*), endemic to South Africa and thought to be extinct in Cape Town, has been spotted again. This juvenile was recently photographed in the Newlands section of the Table Mountain national park by avid birder John Graham. Mike Buckham, chair of the Cape Bird Club, also heard a Knysna warbler calling on one of his regular runs in the same area in November last year. The unassuming little bird inhabits dense tangles and thickets in or on the edge of forests. While extremely secretive, it has a distinctive call that consists of clear, high-pitched notes that accelerate and end in a trill. To listen to a sound clip, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj3IYSxwclY>.

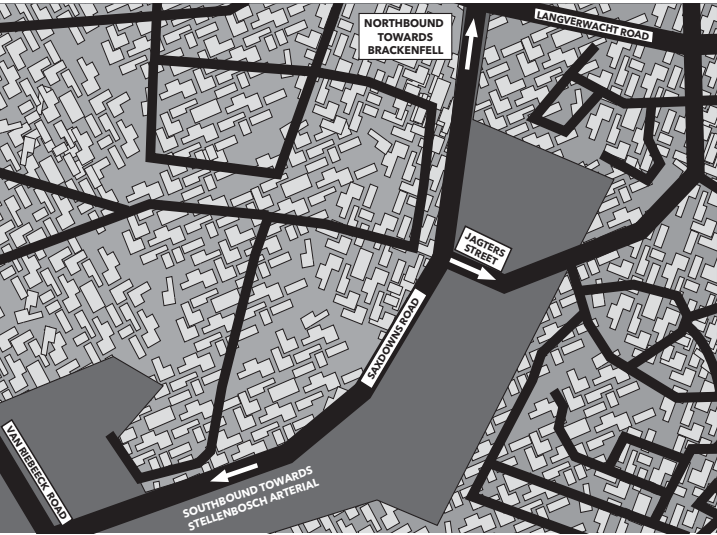


Feel free to cross this bridge when you come to it: The six-month maintenance project on the Lower Church Street bridge that goes across the N1 in Woodstock (shown above) has been completed. Repairs were done to the top of the bridge as well as to the soffits of the deck extending over the N1. Damaged and deteriorated balustrades were repaired or replaced with precast-concrete handrails, and concrete and structural defects on beams and columns were attended to. As a final touch, the structure was cleaned and covered in a special weatherproof coating to protect the exposed concrete from the elements.



Better safe than Seli: The area around the wreck of the Seli 1 (a Turkish bulk carrier that ran aground off the Table View coastline in 2009) is a popular kitesurfing area, as the wreck's position has formed straight sand banks that create spectacular waves (see Google Earth image above). However, during low tide, portions of the wreck rise to barely one metre below the water's surface, posing a risk to unaware surfers, including many international visitors, as well as to passing boats and other water users. Having been approached by the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry in this regard, the City's Coastal Management Department in December marked the shallowest area of the wreck with a buoy to serve as a safety warning.

Kuils River roadworks under way



The extension of **Saxdowns Road** from Langverwacht Road to Van Riebeeck Road in Kuils River has started. The project, anticipated to be completed in the third quarter of the year, will provide an important new link road between Bottellary Road in the north and Van Riebeeck Road in the south. It forms part of the City's strategy to alleviate traffic congestion. Work will take place between 07:30 and 17:30 on weekdays, as well as on consecutive Saturdays as needed. Extensions will include the construction of a single carriageway between Langverwacht Road in the north and Van Riebeeck Road in the south, and dualling where Saxdowns intersects Langverwacht and Van Riebeeck. Universally accessible sidewalks will be constructed on either side of the newly extended

road. Additional work includes the installation of a bicycle lane, a new traffic signal at the Van Riebeeck Road intersection, new streetlighting, as well as a stormwater pipe along Van Riebeeck Road to the canal at Dumas Road. The dualling of **Amandel Road** in Kuils River is making good progress, with Church Street between Amandel Road and Kareeboom Avenue open to traffic. The single carriageway between the Bottellary river bridge and Church Street will include the construction of a secondary dualled road-over-river bridge that runs parallel to the existing bridge. A separate cycling lane will be incorporated from the roundabout at Langverwacht Road through to Soneike Mall.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het meer as R250 miljoen belê in die Contermanskloof-reservoir van 100 megaliter in Durbanville. Die groter bergingsvermoë bied nou meer buigsaamheid om die grootmaat-waternetwerk deurlopend van water te voorsien. Natalie Newman, die leier van die Table View-duinrehabilitasieprojek, het silwer gewen in die kategorie vir projekbestuurder van die jaar by die prysuitdeling van die Internasionale Projekbestuursvereniging in Spanje in 2023. Kranige voëlkrykers sal bly wees om te hoor dat die Knysna-ruigtesanger (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*) weer opgemerk is. Die voël is endemies in Suid-Afrika, en almal het gedink dit het uitgesterf in Kaapstad. 'n Jong ruigtesanger het egter onlangs sy kenmerkende fluit in die Nuwelandedeelte van die Tafelberg- nasionale park laat opklink.

As gevolg van stedelike ontwikkeling in die Rietvlei-omgewing het die Stad met opknappingswerk aan die Bayside-kanaal, van Blaauwbergweg tot by Rietvlei in Table View, begin. Die kanaal word vergroot en van natuurlike behandelingsfasiliteite voorsien om die gehalte van stormwaterafloop te verbeter. Die ses maande lange instandhoudingsprojek aan die brug in Onder-Kerkstraat, Woodstock, wat oor die N1 loop, is klaar. Die verlenging van Saxdownsweg, van Langverwacht- tot Van Riebeeckweg in Kuilsrivier, het begin. Die projek, wat na verwagting in die derde kwartaal sal klaar wees, sal 'n belangrike nuwe verbindingspad tussen Bottellaryweg in die noorde en Van Riebeeckweg in die suide bied.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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Resurfaced roads for Atlantis

Residents in Avondale, Atlantis, can look forward to quite a few resurfaced roads. Work on the following roads should be done by the end of March, weather permitting:

- Colebrook Street, between Grosvenor Avenue and Cottager Street
- Doddington, Duynbeek, Dageraad and Cottager streets, all intersecting Colebrook Street
- Bon Aventura Avenue, Centaur and Ceres streets, all between Chandos and Colebrook streets
- Cybille Street, intersecting Bon Aventura Avenue



Maroela in the making: If all goes according to plan, the current phase of the City's Maroela South housing project in Kraaifontein will be ready by June 2025. On completion, the project will have 395 state-subsidised Breaking New Ground homes for beneficiaries who earn less than R3 500 a month, and 175 gap housing units for those who earn up to R22 000 a month.

Get some air 'Diep' under there

To address the problem of pollution in the Diep river and Milnerton lagoon, the City has initiated a six-month trial of aerating the river. This will counter the loss of oxygen in the system caused by high pollution loads.

One of the most significant impacts of river pollution is the drop in dissolved oxygen levels when excessive organic matter in the water causes bacteria to grow at such a rapid rate that they eventually deplete the oxygen. When this happens, hydrogen sulphide is produced – which also explains the odour that communities living along the Diep river and Milnerton lagoon often experience.

Thanks to good rains in September 2023, there were significant changes to the Milnerton lagoon mouth, which allowed an increase in oxygen-rich marine water entering the lower reaches of the system. Oxygen levels in the Diep river above Woodbridge Island, however, remain extremely low.

For this reason, a team of experts identified aeration of the Diep river as one of the interventions that could help improve oxygen levels. It involves



circulating air through the river, using specially installed aerators, and is seen as the most feasible short-term intervention. As far as the City could establish, this has not been done before in an open river system in South Africa. Results of the trial will be closely monitored in the months ahead.



Gloves up! In February, the City's Recreation and Parks Department hosted a boxing tournament at the Joe Slovo Phoenix sport and recreation centre. Enthusiastic boxers from eleven different clubs displayed their passion, athleticism and community spirit – testament to the growing popularity of boxing among our younger Capetonians, including women.



Big project in Small Bay progressing well

Having started a year ago, the upgrade to Small Bay coastal infrastructure to protect important services and public amenities from wave overtopping and flooding should be completed by September. The project involves reconstruction of the seawall and repairing the adjacent roadway and sewer line, which was vulnerable to coastal processes and at risk of collapsing. The City is re-routing the sewer line landward, away from the seawall.

The massive project is being done in phases to accommodate traffic flow. Residents should note that while work is being done along Ferguson Street and at the corner of Popham and Pelegrini streets towards the Small Bay play park in the months ahead, there will be no vehicular access to Ferguson and Pelegrini. Obtain access from

Sir David Baird Drive. Pedestrian traffic will be allowed, but under the guidance of the staff on-site to ensure everyone's safety.



Willing the wall into existence: The project to reconstruct the Small Bay seawall, repair surrounding roads and re-route the old sewer line landward is on schedule for completion by September. Work, which started in early 2023, has been challenging, given the small footprint of the project area.

No more number guessing

To show that it means business, the City has launched a new one-stop number for all queries relating to building plans and development. This should be welcome news to residents and development professionals, who previously had to phone the eight planning district offices for assistance, each with its own contact number. This was particularly confusing to those unfamiliar with the City's district planning boundaries, who were unsure which district office to contact.

The new number, 021 401 4702, is available Mondays to Fridays from 08:00 to 16:00. Use it for any development-related query, from building plan submissions to land use applications and anything in between.

KORTLIKS

Inwoners in Avondale, Atlantis, kan uitsien na 'n hele paar vars geteerde paaie. Indien die weer dit toelaat, behoort werk teen die einde van Maart klaar te wees.

'n Span kenners het belugting geïdentifiseer as een van die maniere om suurstofvlakke in die Dieprivier te verbeter. Vir dié doel word lug met behulp van spesiaal geïnstalleerde belugters deur die rivier gepomp. Dit word as die doeltreffendste korttermynintervensie beskou.

As alles volgens plan verloop, sal die huidige fase van die Stad se Maroela Suid-behuisingsprojek in Kraaifontein teen Junie 2025 gereed wees.

Die opknapping van die Kleinbaai-kus-infrastruktuur sal teen September klaar wees. Die uitdagende projek om belangrike dienste en openbare geriewe teen branders en oorstroming te beskerm het 'n jaar gelede begin.

Die Stad het 'n nuwe eenstopnommer vir alle navrae oor bouplanne en ontwikkeling bekend gestel. Die nuwe nommer, 021 401 4702, is van Maandae tot Vrydae tussen 08:00 en 16:00 beskikbaar.

Die departement ontspanning en parke het in Februarie 'n bokstoernooi by die Joe Slovo-sport-en-ontspanningsentrum in Phoenix aangebied.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Abahlala baseAvondale, eAtlantis, bangathakazelela iindlela ezilungisiweyo zafakwa itha kwakhona. Ukuba imozulu iyavuma, lo msebenzi uya kugqitywa nge25 kweyoKwindla.

Iqela leengcali lichonge indawo emayisetyenziselwe ukumpompa umoya eseDiep river njengeline lamaphulo ongenelelo aya kuthiancedise ukuphucula amazinga omongamoya (ioksijini). Oku kubandakanya ukujikelezisa umoya kulo mlambo kusetyenziswa izixhobo ezizodwa zokumpompa umoya ezifakelweyo, yaye oku kubonwa njengeyona nto enokukwazi ukwenziwa okweli xeshana.

Ukuba konke kuhamba ngokwezicwangciso, esi sigaba sangoku seprojekthi yeSixeko yezindlu yaseMaroela South eKraaifontein siya kube sigqityiwe ngeyeSilimela ngo2025.

Uphuculo oluqale kunyaka ophelileyo lwezibonelelo zonxweme lwaseSmall Bay ezenzelwe ukukhusela iinkonzo ezibalulekileyo nezinto ezisetyenziswa luluntu ekubeni zingachathazelwa ngamaza aphumela ngapha kolwandle nangumtyadidi wamanzi kufanele ukuba luggqitywe ngeyoMsintsi.

Ukubonisa ukuba sizimisele ekuboneleleni ngeenkono kuluntu, iSixeko siphehlele inombolo enye yonxibelelwano lwayo yonke imibuzo emalunga neeplani zokwakha kunye nolwakhiwo. Inombolo entsha ethi 021 401 4702, ikho ukususela ngoMvulo ukuya kutsho ngoLwesihlanu ukususela ngo-08:00 ukuya ku16:00.

NgeyoMdumba, iSebe leZolonwabo neePaki leSixeko lisindleke ukhuphiswano lomdlalo wamanqindi kwiziko lemidlalo nolonwabo eliseJoe Slovo Phoenix.

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