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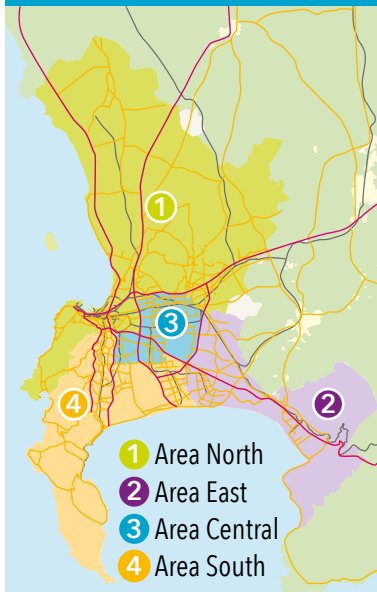


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## AREA CENTRAL



**New wheels for Waste:** The first batch of new and replacement plant and equipment for Urban Waste Management this financial year has wheeled in. The balance will be delivered by June. For 2023/24, the City is procuring plant and equipment to the value of approximately R285,7 million to support reliable service delivery. These include compactors, trucks for the removal of illegal dumping, skid-mounted standby generators, fuel bowsers to refuel the generators, street washers, crane trucks, earthmoving equipment as well as light vehicles for various waste management functions.

## 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.

For more information on these and other events hosted in Cape Town, visit [eventsincapetown.com](https://eventsincapetown.com).

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## KORTLIKS

Van die Kaapstad-fietstoer en die Open Book-jeugfees 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 dienslewingsbehoeftes van Kaapstad se huishoudings beter te verstaan. Die bevindinge sal die Stad se beleggingsbesluite en dienslewingsplanne rig.

Die direktoraat stedelikeafvalbestuur het 'n eerste lot nuwe aanleg en toerusting vir die boekjaar in ontvangs geneem. Die res word teen Junie afgelewer. Vir 2023/24 sal die Stad aanleg en toerusting ter waarde van sowat R285,7 miljoen aankoop om betroubare dienslewering te ondersteun.

## KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukususela kuMdyarho weeBhayisekile waseKapa, kwalandela iOpen Book Festival Youth Fest, iCape Town Carnival, yaba yiCape Town Surf Pro, oko nje iSixeko saseKapa sinemisitho ngemisitho. Iofisi ekhupha iiMpephamvume zeMisitho inike iimvume zeziganeko nemisitho ezingaphaya kwama60.

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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](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.

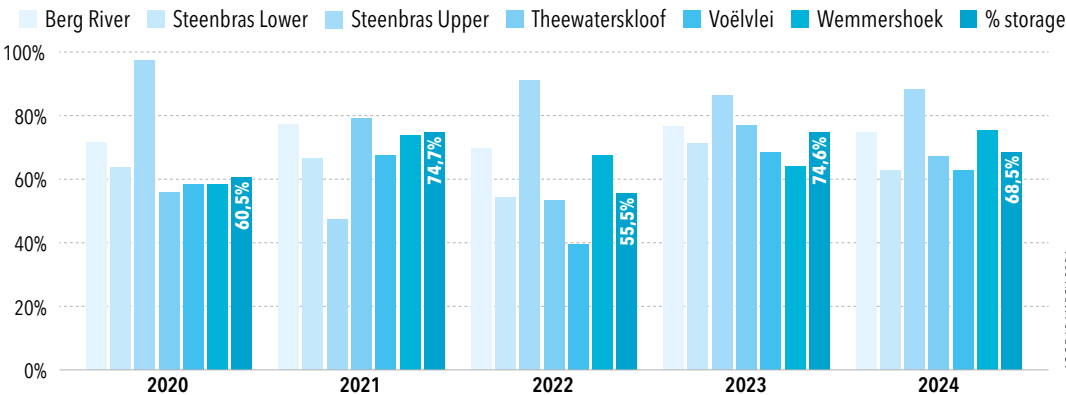
Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

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

Dam levels - individual dams and total storage - by year



**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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Uhlobo lwesityalo esingaqhelekanga sibimbiliza iilitha eziyi55 bhiliyoni zamanzi ethu aseKapa qho ngonyaka. Yilo nto ukususisa esi sityalo kuyinxalenye engundoqo kwiSicwangciso seSixeko saManzi nakwiNkqubo yaManzi eNtsha yexesha elide elizayo.

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### Goodwood soon to be good 'hood

The Goodwood Station social housing mega-project will provide rental opportunities to more than 1 000 residents and their families. For more information on how to apply, enter 'Apply for social housing' in the search box on [www.capetown.gov.za](http://www.capetown.gov.za) and follow the steps.



**Refuse to live in a dump:** The City is partnering with communities to transform dumping hotspots into community gardens with indigenous plants. The latest sites that have been transformed are (above) Galway Street in Connaught (ward 25) and (below) the area on the corner of Halt Road, Hugo Street and Voortrekker Road in Elsies River (ward 26). The City spends hundreds of millions of rands to clear almost 3 000 illegal dumping hotspots across town. This is money that could have been spent on new infrastructure or community upliftment. Moreover, the dumped waste is harmful to residents' health and wellbeing. To explore a partnership to reduce dumping in your area, email [SolidWaste.Events@capetown.gov.za](mailto:SolidWaste.Events@capetown.gov.za). Partnerships are entered into wherever budget permits.



**Be sure to bin it**  
The City collects waste from both formal and recognised informal households every week. To prevent illegal dumping, property owners with backyards or tenants are encouraged to apply for extra bins if their wheelie bins overflow before collection day. Additional bins are charged at the standard tariff.

City approves plan to boost Bellville central

The recently approved local spatial development framework for Bellville central seeks to bring development opportunities and much-needed revitalisation to the area.

Council has approved a local spatial development framework (LSDF) for Bellville central. The plan offers guidance for local planning, urban management interventions, housing provision and public infrastructure investment to unlock development opportunities and the urban regeneration of Cape Town's second-biggest metropolitan node.

The LSDF is based on the 2021 Bellville Future City masterplan as well as supporting heritage and utility infrastructure capacity studies, and also includes various road schemes. In addition, it outlines detailed implementation plans for projects to be undertaken by the City, public partners and the private sector to spatially transform central Bellville into a more sustainable and thriving centre.

Among others, the plan envisages a collaborative effort by public stakeholders, tertiary institutions as well as City partners such as the Greater Tygerberg Partnership.

Bellville's large urban core and various smaller surrounding centres



and employment areas hold significant potential to stimulate job-creating investment. However, specifically the area south of Voortrekker Road has been suffering from blight and deprivation, with Bellville South, Belhar and Ravensmead having the worst of it.

The overarching vision for Bellville is to be vibrant, attractive, sustainable and efficient in terms of development and transport. This, the LSDF will pursue in line with the spatial development frameworks for the Tygerberg district and Cape Town overall.



**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>.

### Rundown on roadworks

As part of the upgrade of Jip de Jager Drive into a dual carriageway (pictured below), **Pandoer Street** between Jip de Jager and Kommandeur Street in Welgemoed, Bellville, will be closed until 20 July. Alternative routes to access Jip de Jager are clearly

marked with detour signage. Try Dragoon Avenue, Jorgensens Avenue and Van Riebeeckshof Road, or Cameronians Avenue, Wylant, Chavonne or Murray streets, and Jameson Road between Jip de Jager Drive and Cameronians Avenue.



Several roads in **Newfields, Athlone**, have been resurfaced. Affected roads were Athwood, Lodewyk (between Surran and 90 Lodewyk), Dirk Adams, Algoa, Alleman, and Gideon (between Dirk Adams and Athwood). Work included resurfacing of the pavements and repainting of road markings.

In **Lentegeur**, too, roadworks along Merrydale Avenue, between

### KORTLIKS

Die megaprojek vir maatskaplike behuising op die Goodwood-stasieperseel sal huureenhede aan meer as 1 000 gesinne voorsien.

Die Raad het 'n plaaslike raamwerk vir ruimtelike ontwikkeling vir Bellville-middestad goedgekeur. Die plan bied riglyne vir plaaslike beplanning, stedelike bestuur, behuisingvoorsiening en belegging in openbare infrastruktuur om ontwikkelingsgeleenthede en stadsvernuwing te stimuleer.

Kranige voëlkykers 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 Nuwelandgedeelte van die Tafelberg-nasionale park laat opklink.

Die Stad werk saam met gemeenskappe om persele wat gereeld onder onwettige vuilstorting

deurloop in gemeenskapstuine te omskep.

As deel van die verdubbeling van Jip de Jager-rylaan, sal Pandoerstraat tussen Jip de Jager en Kommandeurstraat in Welgemoed, Bellville, tot 20 Julie gesluit wees.

Die polifagiese stomkopboorderkewer, 'n indringerspesie, het nou na 'n aantal ander gebiede van die stad versprei nadat dit aanvanklik in Somerset-Wes en die suidelike voorstede opgemerk is.

Die Stad verwyder weekliks vuilis van sowel formele as erkende informele huishoudings. Om onwettige vuilstorting te voorkom, word eiendomseienaars met agterplaasbewoners of huurders aangemoedig om aansoek te doen om ekstra dromme indien hulle roldromme vóór vuilstag reeds oorvol is.

Teerwerk op verskeie paaie in Newfields, Athlone, is teen die middel van Maart afgehandel.

### KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Iprojekthi enkulu yezindlu kwiSitishi saseGoodwood iza kubonelela ngamathuba okurenta ali1 000 kubahlali neentsapho zabo.

IBhunga lamkele isikhokelo sophuhliso lwemihlaba zombindi waseBellville. Esi sicwangciso sibonelela ngesikhokelo sesicwangciso sommandla, iinkqubo zongenelelo zolawulo lwemimandla esezidolophini, ubonelelo ngezindlu nangotalomali kwizinto ezisetyenziswa luluntu ukuvula amathuba ophuhliso novuselelo lwemimandla esezidolophini.

Abathandi beentaka baya kuvuya ukwazi ukuba intaka ebizwa ngokuba nguNothoyi yaseKnysna (Knysna warbler (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*), efumaneka eMzantsi Afrika ebekucingwa ukuba yatshabalala yaphela eKapa, iye yabonwa kwakhona. Eli phuku lifotwe kwipaki yesizwe eseTable Mountain kwicala elingaseNewlands.

ISixeko sibambisana noluntu ekuhlaleni ukutshintsha iindawo zokulahla inkunkuma ukuze zibe ziigadi zoluntu.

Njengenxalenye yokuphuculwa kweJip de Jager Drive ukuba ibe yindlela eya macala omabini, iPandoer Street ephakathi kweJip de Jager neKommandeur Street eWelgemoed, eBellville, ziza kuvalwa de ibe yi20 kweyeKhala.

Ibhungane eliyimpehla eligromba imithi elibizwa ipolyphagous shot-hole borer beetle (PSHB) linabele nakweminye imimandla emva kokuba lalibonwe eSomerset West nakwimimandla ekumazantsi.

ISixeko siqokelela inkunkuma kwizindlu zonke ezakhiwe ngokusesikweni nezingamatyotyombe qho ngeveki. Ukunqanda ukulahlwa kwenkunkuma ngokungekho mthethweni, abanini-zipropati abanabantu abanxuse kwiiyadi zabo okanye abaqeshileyo bayakhuthazwa ukuba bafake izicelo zemigqomo eyongezelelweyo ukuba ngaba imigqomo yabo iye igcwele phambi kosuku lokuqokelelwa kwenkunkuma.

Ukulungiswa kweendlela eziliqela eNewfields, Athlone, kufanele ukugqitywa apha phakathi kwinyanga yoKwindla.



Help City SROs keep our children safe

The City's dedicated team of 96 school resource officers (SROs) do duty at 45 schools across town. The SROs assist with scholar safety, crime prevention and by-law enforcement in the areas around the schools. Crime prevention activities include performing visible patrols, acting on tip-offs as well as carrying out impromptu searches. Officers play an important part in creating a safer environment at schools for learners to study, acting against those who intimidate, bully or threaten learners and teachers. They also go the extra mile to ensure that the child's best interests are served: One example is where SROs recently visited learners who had been staying away from school in the high-risk gang area of Hanover Park to stress the value of education and encourage them to return to school. Please work with our SROs to stop disruptive and criminal behaviour at schools, including break-ins and vandalism. Report any suspicious behaviour or criminal activity by phoning the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 77 00 from a cellphone or 107 from a landline.

Youth dial into call centre recruitment event

Day of a Thousand Opportunities at Athlone stadium offers unemployed youth access to call centre skills and jobs

Over 2 000 young Capetonians recently had the chance to interact with 12 business process outsourcing (call centre) operators, offering the unemployed youth an opportunity to access job interviews and skills development programmes. The initiative, known as the Day of a Thousand Opportunities, was hosted at Athlone stadium and was a collaboration between CapeBPO, the City, Province and private-sector partners. Business process outsourcing (BPO) is thriving in Cape Town. In 2023, the industry created 8 000 new entry-level jobs in the Mother City. It is also a pillar of foreign direct investment, having injected R2,8 billion into the city's economy based on new jobs alone. Through its special-purpose vehicle CapeBPO, the City has driven several programmes that have helped thousands of previously unemployed



Capetonians find work in the sector. In November last year, the City opened the BPO Sunday School in Athlone, where youth in and around Athlone, Nyanga, Khayelitsha, Gugulethu and Mitchells Plain are trained to work in call centres.

**Ring-ring means ching-ching:** Mayoral Committee member for Economic Growth Ald James Vos joined the Day of a Thousand Opportunities, where unemployed youth received an opportunity to access skills training to prepare them for potential careers in the call centre industry.



Houses for Gugs residents

In March, the City handed over newly completed Breaking New Ground (BNG) homes at its Gugulethu infill housing project. The project stretches over two sites: one in Gugulethu where 570 units will be built, and another in Mau Mau, Nyanga, where 131 of the intended 434 units have been completed and handed over.



Beware of 'window shoppers'

Intersections along Jakes Gerwel Drive remain hotspots for smash-and-grab incidents: In November and December 2023, a total of 36 incidents were recorded here. The Metro Police's Strategic Surveillance Unit also saw a surge in incidents of would-be thieves scouting for opportunities. Be vigilant and aware of your surroundings and of people loitering at traffic lights or intersections. Keep all vehicle doors locked and windows closed, and store any valuables under seats, in the boot or out of sight. During a recent awareness drive, Metro Police officers found many drivers and passengers openly displaying items such as handbags or phones on their laps. Also be cautious of people attempting to give you pamphlets or sell goods, as not all are

legitimate vendors. Report smash-and-grabs to your nearest police station or the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre (021 480 7700 from a cellphone, or 107 from a landline).



Take the rob out of robot: A Metro Police officer handing out pamphlets along Jakes Gerwel Drive, cautioning motorists against overzealous smash-and-grabbers in the 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**

Meer as 2 000 jong Kapenaars het onlangs die geleentheid gehad om met 12 oproep-sentrumoperateurs te skakel. Die werklose jongmense kon toegang tot werksonderhoude en vaardigheidsontwikkeling bekom. Die Stad se toegewyde span van 96 skoolhulp-bronbeampes is by 45 skole deur die hele stad aan diens. Die beamptes help met leerdereveiligheid, misdaadvoorkoming en die toepassing van verordeninge in die gebiede rondom die skole. Die Stad het in Maart nuwe Breaking New Ground-huise in sy Gugulethu-tussenbehuisings-projek oorhandig. Die projek strek oor twee persele – een in Gugulethu, en die ander in Nyanga. Altesaam 570 eenhede sal op die

**KHAWUNDIBALISELE**

Abantu abatsha abangaphaya kwe2 000 baseKapa bathe bafumana ithuba lokuncokola nabanini bamashishini abali12 abaneenkonzobonelelo (ezamaziko onxibelelwano), nto leyo ethe yanikeza ithuba ulutsha olungaphangeliyo lokufumana udlwanondlebe lwemisebenzi neenkqubo zophuhliso lwezakhono. Iqela leSixeko elizinikeleyo lamagosa ezibonelelo zezikolo angama96 (SROs) lenza umsebenzi kwizikolo ezingama45 kwimimandla yonke. IiSROs zincedisa ngokhuseleko lwabafundi, zithintela ulwaphulomthetho yaye zinyanzelisa ukulandelwa kwemithetho kamasipala kwimimandla engqonge ezizikolo. NgoKwindla, iSixeko sinikezele ngezindlu ezintsha ezigqityiweyo zenkqubo iBreaking New Ground (BNG) kwiprojekthi yezindlu eseGugulethu. Le projekthi

ikwisiza esiseGugulethu apho kuza kwakhiwa iiyunithi ezingama570. Iindlela ezinqumla iJakes Gerwel Drive ziseyindawo yokophulwa kweefestile zeemoto yimigewu eqhekezayo nebayo. NgeyeNkanga neyoMnga ku2023, kurekhodwe iziganeko ezingama36 zalo mkhwa. Iyunithi yeKhamera zokuJonga yeSixeko iphawule ukunyuka kwabo baqala obu busela abakhangela amathuba. Ukubonisa ukuba sizimisele ekuboneleleni ngeenkonzokuluntu, 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.

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