



CITY OF CAPE TOWN
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City of Cape Town

Civic Honours

Past Recipients List

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Freedom of the City

Name of recipient	Year of award
David Kramer	2025
Taliep Petersen	2025
Archbishop Emeritus Njongonkulu Ndungane	2016
Ahmed Mohamed Kathrada	2015
Barack Hussein Obama	2012
Michelle La Vaughn Robinson	2012
Desmond Mpilo Tutu	1998
Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela	1997
Richard van der Ross	1988
Owen Cardinal McCann	1984
Christiaan Neethling Barnard	1968
William Duncan Baxter	1958
Sidney Warren Lavis	1958

Signing of Civic Honours Book

Name of recipient	Year of award
Jacques Kallis	2025
Oliver Hermanus	2025
Temba Bavuma	2025
Tony Leon	2025
Albie Sachs	2023
Athol Fugard	2023
Basil D'Oliveira	2023
Bennie Rabinowitz	2023
Brenda Fassie	2023
Breyten Breytenbach	2023
Desiree Ellis	2023
AG "Sailor" Malan	2023
Dr Imtiaz Sooliman	2023
Jonathan Butler	2023
Pieter-Dirk Uys	2023
Krotoa	2023
Dr Thabo Makgoba	2023
Dullah Omar	2011
David Kramer	2011
Adam Small	2011
Phyllis Spira	2011
Leonora van den Heever	2011
Patrick Henry Tebbutt	2011
Franklin Sonn	2011
George Ellis	2011
Koos Bekker	2011
Alvon Collison	2011

Name of recipient	Year of award
Zackie Achmat	2011
Maria Macdiarmid Ingouville Burton	2011
Eulalie Stott	2010
Raymond Ackerman	2010
Ton Vosloo	2010
Jakes Gerwel	2010
Abdullah Ibrahim	2010
James Matthews	2010
Taliep Petersen	2010
Colin Eglin	2010
Johaar Mosaval	2010
Gabriel Theron (Gawie) Fagan	2010
Natalie du Toit	2009
Tahir Levy	2009
Mark Shuttleworth	2009
Dorothy Zihlangu	2000
Zolile "Zollie" Malindi	2000
Adele Melanie Searll	2000
Ray Alexander Simons	2000
Thandeka Mildred Holo	2000
Norman Jacob Daniels	2000
Achmat Davids	2000
Imam Abdullah Haron	2000
Zerilda Minnaar Droskie	1995
Herbert Leslie Stern	1994
Stanley John Reed	1992
Dr. Frank Rosslyn Bradlow	1989
Professor Hedley Brian Rycroft	1989
Dr Oscar David Da Fonseca Wollheim	1989
Clifford Harris	1989
Dr Dulcie Howes	1989
Dr Douglas Hey	1989
William James Belt Slater	1985

Award of Mayor's Medals

Community Affairs

Name of recipient	Year of award
Wendy Ackerman	2025
Prof. Brian O'Connell (posthumously)	2025
The Volunteer Wildfire Services	2023
Cape of Good Hope	2011

Name of recipient	Year of award
Rotary Club of Claremont	2011
Western Cape Emergency Medical and Rescue Services	2011
National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI)	2011
Lions Club International	2011
Hansie Christians	2010
Dawood Khan	2010
Michael Koopman	2010
Theodore Yach	2010
Philip Barn	2009
Dawn Hare	2009
Herbert Hirsch	2009
Benjamin Philip Rabinowitz	2009
Frank Wygold	2009
Heather Tager	2009

Social Affairs and Services

Name of recipient	Year of award
The Haven Night Shelter	2025
The Service Dining Rooms	2025
Victor Pick (posthumously)	2025
Founders of The Clothing Bank, Tracey Chambers and Tracey Gilmore	2023
Ladles of Love's Danny Diliberto	2023
Dave Dewar	2011
Solomon R Benatar	2011
Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust	2011
Mosaic Training, Service and Healing Centre	2010
Fenner Christian Kadalie	2010
Shamuel Davids	2010
Graham Power	2010
Dr Rocco Hough	2009
Aaron Makili	2009
John Victor Thomas	2009
The Chaeli Campaign (Award received by Ms Z Mycroft)	2009
The Niall Mellon Township Trust (Award received by Niall Mellon)	2009

Cultural Affairs

Name of recipient	Year of award
Basil Appollis	2025
Emo Adams	2025
Denise Newman	2025
Louis Heyneman	2025
Sylvia Mdunyelwa ("Mama Kaap", posthumously)	2025
The late Shaleen Surtie-Richards	2023
Prof Jacquez de Villiers	2011
Donald Tshomela	2011
Hotep Galeta	2011
Tony Schilder	2011
Ezra Ngcukana	2011
Winston "Mankunku" Ngozi	2011
Marlene Le Roux	2011
Barry Smith	2011
Ambrose S Peters	2011
Peter Hart	2011
Margaretha Stemmet	2011
May Abrahamse	2010
Robbie Jansen	2010
Leonard Khoza (Award received by his daughter, Ms W Koza-Korasie)	2010

Animal welfare

Name of recipient	Year of award
The Volunteer Wildfire Services	2023

Recreation and Sport

Name of recipient	Year of award
Babalwa Latsha	2025
Bernard Hartze (posthumously)	2025
Hamilton Sea Point Rugby Club	2025
Langa's Busy Bees Rugby Club	2023
Ismail Teladia	2011
Andrew Talliard	2010
August "Okkie" van Sensie	2010
Jessica Pengelly (Award received by her father, Mr Don Pengelly)	2009
Douglas Martin Dyers	2009
Ilse Hayes	2009
Hilton Langenhoven	2009
Mogamat Rushdi Magiet	2009
Riaan Nel	2009
Ernst van Dyk (Award received by his wife, Mrs S van Dyk)	2009
Fanie van der Merwe	2009
Paul Saville	2009
Clive van Ryneveld	2009

For Youth Affairs

Name of recipient	Year of award
Brent van Rensburg	2011
Hugh "Buzz" Macey	2011

Conservation

Name of recipient	Year of award
Friends of the Liesbeek	2025
Dr Joan Parker	2025
The Two Oceans Aquarium	2025
Zoë Prinsloo of Save a Fishie	2023
The late Hank Lith of Claremont Arderne Gardens	2023
The Friends of Mostert's Mill	2023
Patricia Anne Bean	2010

Economic Affairs

Name of recipient	Year of award
Prof. Brian Kantor	2025

Extraordinary Bravery

Name of recipient	Year of award
The Mountain Club of South Africa	2025
State capture corruption buster, Athol Williams	2023

The Conferment of Freedom of Entry into the City

Name of recipient	Year of award
Three Medical Battalion Group	2010
Air force Base Ysterplaat	2009
Nine South African Infantry Battalion	2009
Regiment Westelike Provinsie	1983
22 Squadron South African Air Force	1983
Air Defence Artillery School/ 10 Anti-Aircraft Regiment	1980
1 SA Cape Corps Battalion	1980
35 Squadron SA Air Force	1980
27 Squadron SA Air Force	1980
Cape Garrison Artillery	1980
Lions Head commando	1980
SA Navy	1969
Cape Field Artillery (The Nelson Mandela Artillery Regiment)	1967
Cape Town Highlanders	1967
Cape Town Rifles (Dukes) (The Chief Langalibalele Rifles)	1967
SAS Unitie	1967