



## Blackheath April 2018 News

Welcome to the April edition of the Blackheath City Improvement District Newsletter.

April saw some welcome rain that has fed the water table nicely and replenished our underground water sources for those who are making use of well points and boreholes.

The water crisis continues and it appears that water demand has further reduced in the City. This has its challenges though, as the Municipality faces income shortfalls and will no doubt have to investigate increased tariffs and other sources of much needed income.

The basic Municipal services need to continue to be provided to residents and in addition to this, 2018 sees the new valuation roll being carried out by the City. This may lead to further valuations objections in the coming months. Please check your Rates account for information on the upcoming General Valuation and on how to object if this may become necessary.

Please remember that Municipal property valuations are based on Market value of the property in question.

We have already begun with our winter preparedness program in Blackheath, as usual I appeal to you to please report any blocked or problem storm-water culverts or inlets that we may not be aware of?

This may be reported to the City of Cape Town directly via their call centre at 0860 103 089 or via their website at [https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq\\_app/index.html#](https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html#) or to the BCID office directly please?

This month we will run a feature on 4Evr Plastics in Range Road and provide some much needed information on the products they manufacture.

We like to feature a Blackheath based company in our Newsletter every month, so if you would like your business to be included, please drop me a line.

With very best wishes,

Brendan van der Merwe  
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## 4EVR Plastic Products - 1 Rand Road, Blackheath

The company was established in 1975 and has since grown from strength to strength. They specialize in the rotational moulding of quality polymer products.

4EVR Plastic Products was bought by its present owners in 2009, Vonnie Heyns (Managing Director) and Simon Botha (Director).



*Vonnie Heyns and Simon Botha*

They have established themselves as a leader in the customised products market in the Western Cape. They have also invested heavily in new technology and have installed the first Rheinhardt machine in the Western Cape at the beginning of 2018.



4EVR Plastic Products developed their own unique range of products such as the 4EVR Step Irons, Rubble Chutes and Receivers, Fire-Boxes and the ecogator Water Conservation range.

The ecogator range includes the following : ecogator Grey Water System, ecogator Pool Backwash Tank, Rainwater Harvesting, Fluido (combining German technology with 4EVR Plastic's tanks), Communal Standpipe, Rainwater Sump, etc.

The focus of the ecogator range is water conservation and the protection of this valuable resource.



For the month of May all the factories in Blackheath could buy your 10 000L rainwater harvesting tanks directly from 4EVR Plastic Products at a 10% discount with delivery included.

**EGT10 - 10 000L - 2370mm (d) x 2700mm (h) @ R11 056 less 10% = R9 950.40 (ex VAT)**

Please contact us on **(021) 905-5590** for any additional information or assistance.

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **City's new 35 million litre water reservoir enhancing service delivery**

The City of Cape Town on the 20th April 2018, officially opened its new 35 million litre Spes Bona reservoir in the Durbanville area. Read more below:



The new reservoir, which was constructed at a cost of R53 million, is situated next to the existing 15 million litre reservoir. It has also been connected to the existing reservoir thereby effectively creating a single 50 million litre reservoir for this burgeoning area. Investing in large-scale water infrastructure projects remains vital for the City to be able to continue to provide reliable services to all of its residents.

The elevated setting on a hill, some 5 km from Durbanville, is the perfect location for the reservoir. The City has also been able to use the existing pipeline that supplies water from the Voëlvlei bulk water pipeline to these reservoirs while the existing pipeline that supplies water to the Durbanville area is also being used.

The design of the reservoir started in July 2014. The construction period was 18 months and was completed in November 2017.

'This reservoir will feed Fisantekraal, which includes the Greenville Garden Cities housing development, the greater Durbanville area and the higher-lying areas in Brackenfell, among other areas. It is absolutely necessary that we invest in and maintain our water infrastructure. Such water projects are funded by tariffs that are used to provide reliable water services provision to our growing city.

'To put the project scale into perspective, the volume of water that this reservoir holds is equal to 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools or to use another example,

if one fills 2-litre cold drink bottles with water and places them in a single line, it would span a distance of some 250 km,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Area North, Councillor Suzette Little.

'We thank our residents and the community for their support during the construction of this project. Enhanced service delivery and proactive infrastructure planning in our communities is vital to ensure that our city and communities go from strength-to-strength,' said Councillor Little.

This project is in line with the City's Organisational Development and Transformation Plan.

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## Good Contacts to Have

### City of Cape Town:

- Accounts and General Enquiries: 0866 103 089
- Copperheads Cable Theft: 0800 222 771 (24 Hours)
- Electricity Faults/ Street lights & Enquiries: 0800 220 440
- Water/ Sewage Emergencies: 0860 103 054 (24 Hours)
- Metro Police: 0860 765 423 (24 Hours) or 107
- Fraud Hotline: 0800 32 31 30
- Public Transport timetables: 0800 600 895
- Roads, Potholes and Stormwater: 0860 103 054 (24 Hours)
- Traffic Signal Faults: 0860 001 948 (24 Hours)
- Dumping/ Solid Waste Law Enforcement: 0860 10 30 89
- Wastewise: (Disposals only): 021 487 2489

### SAPS:

- SAPS Sector vehicle direct: 0824112602, 0824112548, 0824112549
- SAPS Sector Supervisor: Insp Smith: 0721187910
- SAPS Manager: Capt Jacobs: 0798941580
- SAPS Head of Vispol: Colonel Jacobs: 0823348157
- SAPS Mfuleni Station Commissioner: Brig Pieter Galant

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Cape Town residents loving their green dots, latest water map shows

The monthly update of the water map for March shows that 219 000 households have now achieved the coveted dark green dot for their water saving efforts. Read more below:

For the month of March, the number of households who are using 6 000 litres or less per month has increased by nearly 8% compared with household water saving data for February.

This shows a steady decrease in water usage since December 2017.

### **Month Number of dark green dots**

**December 150 000**

**January 154 000**

**February 203 000**

**March 219 000**

The water map marks residential properties with low water use with green dots.

‘We are hoping that this tool increasingly encourages more households to live the 50-litre life. As we do not know how much winter rainfall we will get or when it will happen, we really must stretch the water that we have left in our dams.

‘In addition, the National Department of Water and Sanitation requires that we reduce our water usage to 450 million litres per day. There is a real threat that if we cannot lower usage further, then even tougher restrictions could be imposed by the national department. In addition, we have always maintained that we need to get to 450 million litres per day to ensure that we keep Day Zero away.

‘We are encouraged by our latest average consumption figures which show that we have achieved the second lowest usage yet at 507 million litres per day. And with the latest water map data, as a city, we are confident that our water users will continue to paint the city green,’ said the City’s Mayoral Committee

Member for Informal Settlements, Water and Waste Services; and Energy, Councillor Xanthea Limberg.

Visit [www.capetown.gov.za/watermap](http://www.capetown.gov.za/watermap) to view the latest map.

**Consumption is indicated on the map as follows:**

- Dark green dot: household using less than 6 000 litres per month
- Light green dot: household using between 6 000 and 10 500 litres per month
- Grey dot with small dark green centre: estimated water meter reading of less than 6 000 litres per month
- Grey dot with small light green centre: estimated water meter reading of less than 10 500 litres per month
- Solid grey dot: excluded property (including: sectional title property or group housing / undeveloped property / water use is zero / no available information for the property / estimated water meter reading of more than 10 500 litres per month)

Please note: The map simply indicates water consumption, not compliance with water restriction limits. Households with higher consumption may have many people living on the property, or may have an undetected water leak.

The map only shows consumption for free-standing houses, and not cluster housing, flats or other land uses. In addition, the map shows consumption information from meters read in March, and may include a portion of consumption from February depending on when your meter was read. This information is updated from the third week of the following month.

Households using more than 10 500 litres per month are not shown on the map. Remember that consumption higher than 10 500 litres per month (no green dot) does not necessarily indicate water abuse. There are some legitimate reasons for this:

- High number of occupants or guests in the house
- Water leaks that the occupants are unaware of (this happens frequently)
- The operation of a home business or B&B on the property
- Recently completed building work
- In rare cases, there may be an error in the consumption information, the property may have the incorrect tariff land-use code, or the consumption information could be spatially linked to the incorrect property on the map

Also note that consumption indicated on the map lags behind actual consumption, and the problem responsible for causing the high consumption



may have already been addressed.

We encourage all of our water users to see if they are living a #50LitreLife and to show their commitment to saving our precious water by getting a free profile picture at <http://bit.ly/2IzvM2t>

Please visit [www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater](http://www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater) for all water-related information.

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Note to broadcasters: an audio clip is available for download here: [Sound clip](#)

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