



## Blackheath City Improvement District Newsletter - February 2016

2016 Started with a bang and ever since the 04th of January we have been inundated with news, improvements, complaints, service delivery requests and infrastructure related issues, both good and bad. The area has seen several major infrastructure upgrades and we are anticipating several more. From Telecoms to Water infrastructure and storm water upgrades.

There are several exciting new private developments happening in Blackheath, from Barloworld to Peri Formwork and Scaffolding, the extension to the Colcab factory in Buttskop Road and then also some surprise new developments planned along Wimbledon Road.

Our camera network has grown to 14 camera locations and we are taking the Security of the Industrial Area very seriously as usual. We hosted both our [SAPS Sector Security Meeting](#) and the Blackheath CID Directors Meeting. The City of Cape Town completed the [Industrial Economic Survey](#) and it is also that time of the year when we survey the local area and request that all Property Owners complete the BCID [Questionnaire](#) for 2016.

This will ensure that we are up to speed with the areas needs and concerns and that we drive these priority matters with the relative service partners to ensure that we address all outstanding matters, concerns and related area needs.

It will also ensure that you are aware of who we are and how to get in touch with the Staff at the BCID if necessary.

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### CITY OF CAPE TOWN

10 MARCH 2016

### JOINT MEDIA RELEASE BY MAYOR PATRICIA DE LILLE, MEC DONALD GRANT AND SANRAL WESTERN CAPE

New interchange in Kuils River signals start of journey to connect road users



Today the City of Cape Town and its partners, the Western Cape Government Department of Transport and Public Works and the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) turned the first sod in the new R60 million R300/Bottelary interchange in Kuils River.

This new connection will go a long way towards alleviating pressure on two of the city's most important arterials, the R300 and Bottelary Road.

Cape Town is the most congested city in the country as a result of increased investment and more people moving to Cape Town in search of opportunities.

The City of Cape Town is looking at various interventions and investments that will begin to alleviate traffic at some of the major pressure points, including Kuils River, Kommetjie, Blaauwberg and other areas.

The new interchange will provide another quicker connection for motorists from Bottelary Road moving onto the R300 to connect to and from the N1 via two new lanes on either side of the new interchange.

Traffic from Van Riebeeck Road will have an easier alternative via these new ramps.

Construction has started and is expected to be completed in mid-2017.

In November 2015, the City hosted the first congestion summit to engage with stakeholders, including the Western Cape Government, SANRAL, and the private sector to explore ways of working together to address the major congestion pressure points across the city.

This comprehensive congestion plan consists of infrastructure developments and other

interventions, such as exploring car-share initiatives, granting flexi-time for workers, and encouraging more people to use public transport through investments such as the provision of Wi-Fi on MyCiTi buses.

Last year the City committed R40 million towards various roads projects to address congestion in this financial year.

R10 million from the R40 million has been used for this new interchange.

The City is contributing 52% of the construction cost (R31 million), the Western Cape Government is contributing 48% (R29 million), while SANRAL has purchased the land required for the new interchange. The national roads agency will be responsible for the maintenance after construction is completed.

As part of the Congestion Relief Programme, the City committed a further R750 million to be spent over five years towards various new roads and upgrades, including the new R300/Bottelary interchange.

Other congestion alleviation projects in Kuils River and surrounding areas include:

- the widening of Amandel Road: R18 million – completed
- Van Riebeeck/Strand Street widening: R8,5 million – detail design phase
- Saxdowne Road: R32,5 million – under construction
- Erica Drive: R70 million – consultant procurement phase
- Belhar Main Road: R17,5 million – contractor procurement phase

As part of our commitment to build an opportunity city, the construction of the new R300/Bottelary interchange will also provide a number of jobs to local sub-contractors to the value of over R3,8 million.

A substantial portion of the upgrade cost is being financed by developers as part of their conditions of development approval. These developments will provide additional jobs in various sectors.

Western Cape Government Transport and Public Works MEC, Donald Grant, said: 'This R60 million project is an example of what can be achieved through partnerships for the residents of Cape Town. This project will go a long way towards easing congestion on some of the City's busiest arterials. Roads play a significant role in achieving national development and contributing to the overall performance and social functioning of the community. Roads enhance mobility and increase access to economic opportunities. For this reason, we prioritise transport and roads as the main stimulant for development in various other sectors.'

SANRAL project manager, Renaldo Lorio, said: 'The major benefit of this project will be to address the congestion in the Brackenfell and Kuils River areas where most of the traffic congestion occurs on Bottelary Road via La Belle and Old Oak Roads to the N1. Another benefit would be the development of an industrial area, resulting in the creation of permanent jobs and a boost to economic growth in the area. The project demonstrates that road authorities SANRAL, the Western Cape Government, and the City of Cape Town can work together by following an integrated approach to address the congestion in the greater municipal boundaries of the City.'

The City's Executive Mayor, Patricia de Lille stated: 'I am especially grateful for the contribution from our partners as partnerships are vital to achieve progress and respond to the needs of our residents in ways that benefit them and connect them to economic opportunities.'

'While we have a responsibility to respond to the needs and growth in the city, merely building

roads will not solve the problem as this only means more cars on the road. The key to the City's congestion plan is behavioural change. Following a business-as-usual approach will only mean more traffic, continued frustration, and added pressure on our infrastructure.

'Tackling congestion will only be effective if all stakeholders work together to do things differently by changing our behaviour and the way we work and use our roads.

'This new connection will bring some relief but I appeal to residents to find ways in which they can make their journeys easier by exploring car-sharing with family, friends or colleagues, or using public transport so that we can ease the traffic pressure.

'We remain committed to addressing congestion and will continue to announce developments in our Congestion Relief Programme.'

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## **BCID Office Moves to Neulux Logistics Premises**

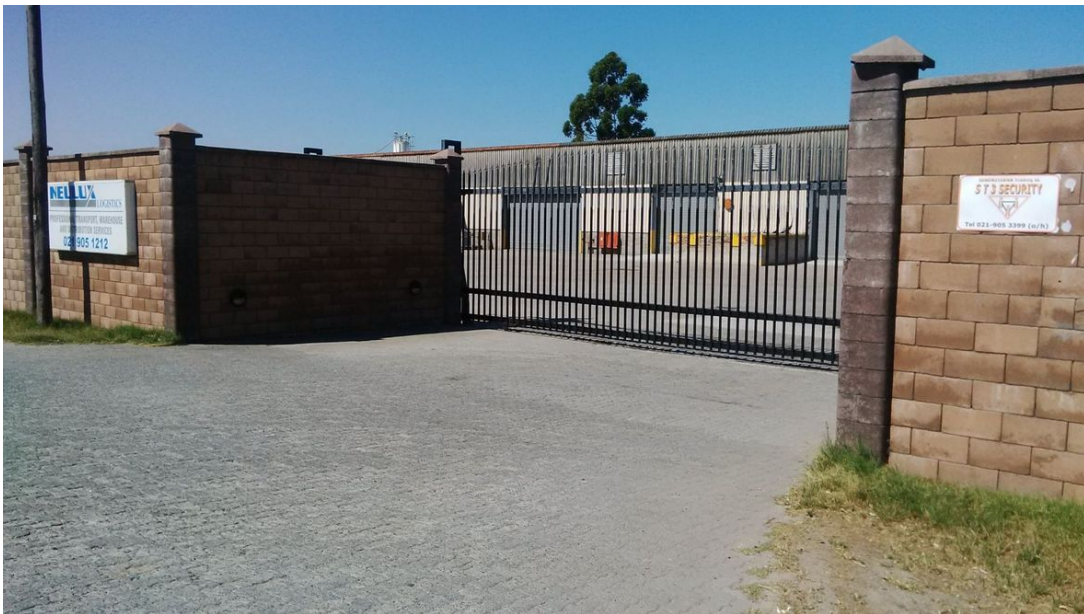
The BCID team would like to thank FANG for accommodating us at their premises to date.

We will now be based on the premises of Neulux Logistics in Wimbledon Road where Neulux have kindly offered to accommodate us without charge. The savings incurred from rental payments will go towards funding an operations vehicle that we use to make our daily tasks more manageable and it allows our team of staff to take on slightly larger jobs.

Tree pruning and weed management and other verge upgrades are planned for the March 2016 period.



*Our previous offices at the Astrosec Building in Heath Street in Blackheath.*



*Our new office location at Neulux Logistics in Wimbledon Road*



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## **Road Works**

Road works took place on Wimbledon and Metal Road.



*Constant telecoms infrastructure upgrades are being seen in and around Blackheath Industria*

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## Blackheath CID Team

Our team is hard at work in making a difference.

In addition to their normal cleansing cycle, the team worked through the major routes this month to address the large weeds along Wimbledon, Range and School Roads before repeating this exercise right through the Blackheath Area.

We managed to cleanse all the streets within the Blackheath Industrial area again in February 2016.

The big office move from the Astrosec Building to Neulux Logistics in Wimbledon Road took about three days to complete and the staff assisted with this project also in February.

Every Monday our Teams main focus is on litter picking through the area. In the first week of February focus was in the area of Electron Road, Helene Avenue, Nicole Avenue and Range Road where they pulled out weeds, emptied bins and swept.

The Second week they focused on Anfield Road, Gooderson Road, Trafford Road, Roker Close, Nebula Crescent and Rand Road.

The third week Sysen Road, Metal Road, School Road, Artisan Road, Waggie Road and Wimbledon Road.

The last week where 4 men assisted in the moving of offices. The remaining 3 men were out attending to Butskop Road, Barewood Close and the Garden at the end of Wimbledon Road at the roundabout.

In total 483 refuse bags have been filled and collected by the COCT's Solid Waste services..



## Sing for Africa Grade "R"

First Term Assessments are currently in place at Sing for Africa.

All Grade R students at the Sing for Africa Grade "R" School are using the Curriculum And Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) Programme from the ECD.

Assessment is a continuous planned process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about the performance of learners.

generating and collecting evidence of achievement;

evaluating this evidence;

recording the findings and

using this information to understand and thereby assist the learner's development in order to improve the process of learning and teaching

The younger students are on the Site Learning Programme where they make use of the National Educational Learning System (NELS)



*Students Celebrate Valentines Day*

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