



# Blackheath City Improvement District (BCID) News - May 2018

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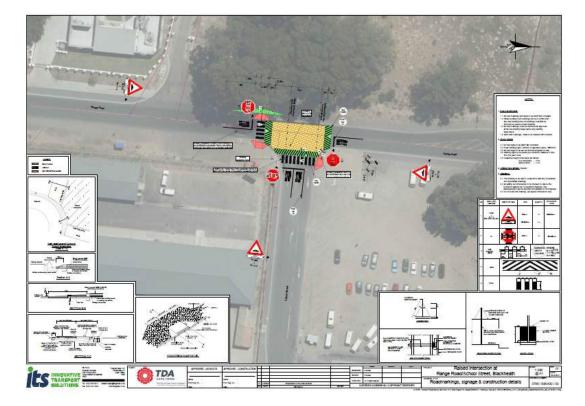
Welcome to the May 2018 edition of the Blackheath City Improvement District Newsletter.

We had a very busy month attending to local matters and upgrading infrastructure, but specifically to our Winter Preparedness Program where we ensure that all drains and culverts are clear so that we may avoid localised flooding.

There are still areas where the City of Cape Town need to upgrade the storm-water systems because of poor initial engineering in the storm water systems. These are mainly as a result of the original developers of erven within the Industrial Area cutting corners in order to save a few Rand.

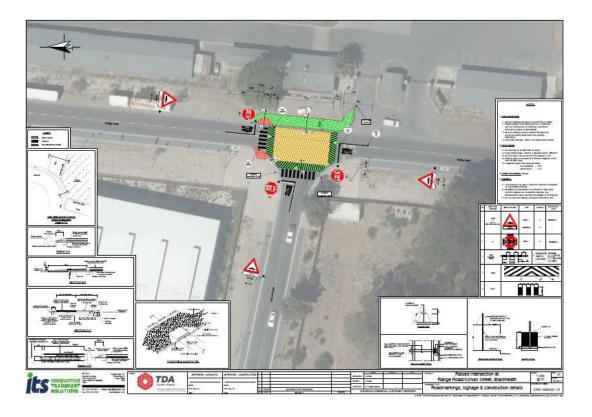
These planned projects will be rolled out in future financial periods.

The raised intersections along Range Road were approved by Council and are set for roll put during this financial year still, before 30 June 2018. We are very excited about this news and look forward to reducing vehicle speeds along Range Road between Buttskop Road and the Blackheath Station and thereby increasing pedestrian safety along the Non-Motorised Transport routes that the City of Cape Town rolled out during the previous financial year.



The raised intersections will be placed at the intersection of Station and Range Roads and School and Range Roads.

They will provide for safe pedestrian passage to the Blackheath Station and to the Cafe during staff tea and lunch breaks and general to and fro from work opportunities.

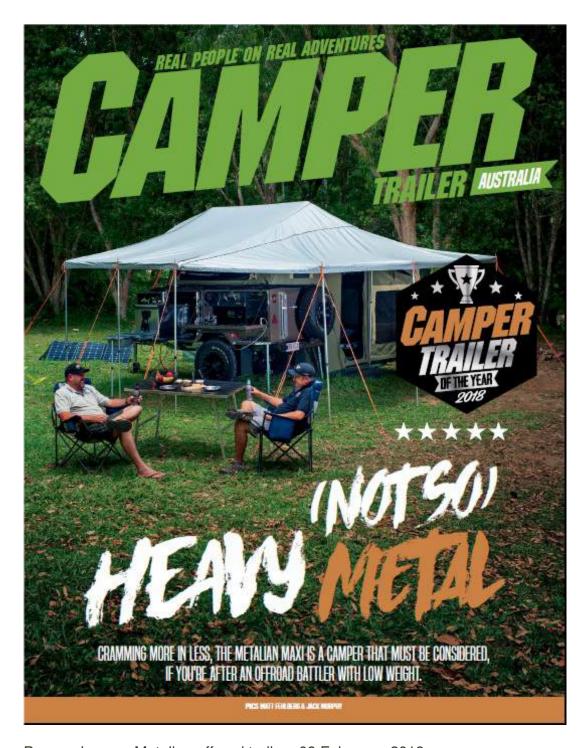


## **Featured local company - Metalian Offroad Trailers**

We feature Metalian Trailers in our Newsletter this month. Based in Waggie Road in Blackheath, they produce locally built off-road trailers of a high quality for the local and international market.

We congratulate them on their latest accolade in being voted the best Camper Trailer of the Year in Australia.

Please see our feature below:



Press release – Metalian offroad trailers 08 February, 2018

Kuils River based manufacturer of Metalian offroad trailers received two awards in Australia in the 2018 Camper Trailer of the Year Competition. The Metalian Maxi took overall third place in the \$30 000 to \$45000 category and went on to take the "Best Value for Money" award across all categories.

The trailers are entirely built in South Africa and shipped in containers to Australia. The company is headed up by Somerset West father and son team, Heinz and Sky Modricky.

Australia has a huge camper trailer market which is competitive on price in the lower end, with product mainly coming from China, and in the higher end with product manufactured in Australia. Australian buyers are substantially more demanding than South African buyers.

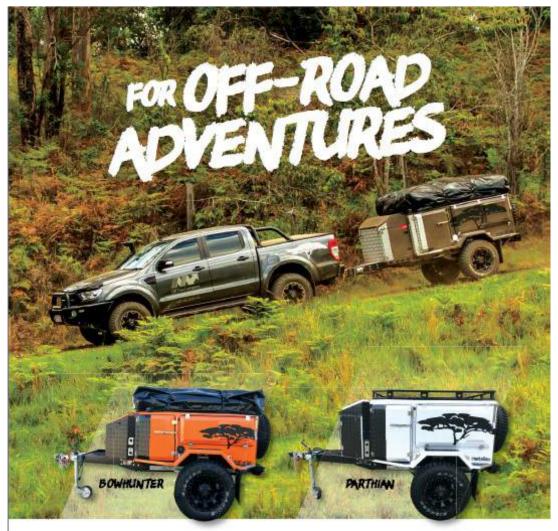
Visit our Facebook Page

Visit the Offtrax Facebook Page

Metalian is represented in Australia by Offtrax Campers, headed up by South African Steven van Staden.

Any further information can be obtained from:

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## **City News**



#### **Co-operative Government in Action**

Enforcement unit on the way to protect Metrorail commuters and infrastructure

Media 24 May 2018

The City of Cape Town, the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA), and the Western Cape Government signed a memorandum of agreement which will see the formation of a dedicated enforcement unit to focus on the safety and security of Metrorail commuters and infrastructure. Read more below:

The details about how the dedicated enforcement unit will be funded, established and managed are addressed in a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between PRASA, the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works.

The MOA follows on from the commitment that was made during the rail summit convened and attended by the City's Transport and Urban Development Authority (TDA), the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works, PRASA, rail experts and business leaders in Woodstock on 9 February 2018.

The cost to establish and operate the unit for aA period of 12 months is approximately R47,9 million and will be jointly funded by the TDA, the Western Cape Government and PRASA. It is foreseen that the unit will be operational within the next two to three months.

'The unit will consist of at least a hundred members and will focus on commuter safety as well as vandalism and the theft of crucial Metrorail infrastructure and assets. The unit's members will rely on technology and crime intelligence, and will support the South African Police Service to identify those who are involved in the illicit metals theft industry.

The ultimate goal is to address the safety and security issues so that we can stabilise the urban rail service in the short term,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Transport and Urban Development, Councillor Brett Herron.

The City will be responsible for the appointment and training of the law enforcement officers.

'PRASA is confident that rail commuters will benefit from an increased focus on safety,' said acting PRASA Group Executive, Mr Lindikaya Zide.

'I am pleased to see this initiative come to fruition after years of discussion. It was apparent at the summit in February that stakeholder collaboration and resource integration is a more effective way of tackling issues that impact on all modes of public transport,' said Metrorail Western Cape regional manager, Mr Richard Walker.

The Metrorail Western Cape region will designate 50 members of the current Protection Services Unit to be trained in peace officer, traffic warden, and tactical street survival skills. They will form part of this task team.

'This initiative will support and assist in expediting our PRASA plans to professionalise and transform our own Protection Services Department to a more effective, better skilled and equipped transit-oriented unit to combat crime. The unit will have a two-pronged focus – primarily to deal with the vandalism, theft and illegal trade of non-ferrous metal and copper, and secondly to increase visible policing on trains and stations for improved commuter safety,' said Mr Walker.

From a Western Cape Government point of view, the socio-economic and environmental benefit of a well-functioning rail service cannot be overstated, said Donald Grant, Western Cape Minister of Transport and Public Works and convener of the Rail Management Task Team.

'A functioning, safe and secure rail network has the potential to connect in a way that is inclusive, efficient, and competitive, providing access to opportunities to the City's population. Rail is likely to remain the biggest mode of transport of Cape Town's workforce, even though passenger numbers are on the decline.

I have always been excited by the potential of rail to be the foundation of commuter transport through a safe and affordable service for those without cars, and as a viable alternative mode for car users.

Now is the time for inter-governmental cooperation in the spirit of the Constitution, and for the private sector and all other stakeholders to work with government to improve the situation. Addressing security as an urgent priority will go a long way towards achieving this. The present and future commuters of Cape Town and this region deserve a functional and effective rail service that fulfills its potential,' said Minister Grant.

#### 2 May - 4 May 2018

General area cleaning and litter picking after the long weekend along major routes. Street sweeping and litter bins cleared.

A total of 34 refuse bags were filled with litter.

#### 7 May - 11 May 2018

General litter picking along major routes. Weed control, sweeping and tree maintenance.

A total of 88 refuse bags were filled.

#### 14 May - 18 May 2018

Scheduled and focused cleaning in Heath, Utilis and Warrior Roads as well as Nebula Crescent.

A total of 57 refuse bags were filled.

#### 28 May - 01 June 2018

Range and Buttskop Road focussed cleaning.

A total of 50 refuse bags filled.

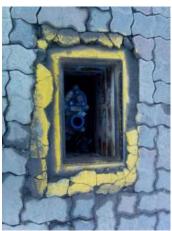
### **Fault reporting**





Among many other faults including broken and damaged street lights and area flooding, the team identified several missing drain covers around the industrial area that have been reported to the City of Cape Town for action.





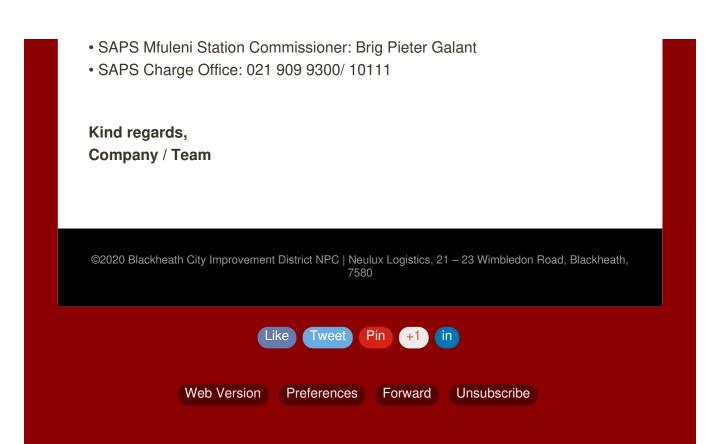
#### **Good Contacts to Have**

#### 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



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