



THE COMMISSIONER OF OATHS PILOT CAMPAIGN GETS AHEAD



Above and Left: Scores of civilians queue to have copies of their Governmental documents certified at a Safety Kiosk during the kick-off of the Governmental Employee Commissioner of Oaths Volunteer Campaign on Monday, 11 February 2019.

The volunteer project deploys Government officials of a salary scale of level 5 and above at Police stations to over-see administration related tasks and in so doing, relieving Police men and women to channel more of their time into field related duties. The project, in its pilot phase, hopes to expand into even busier Police Stations outside the Metro, where crime is even more rife and demanding of immediate attention by SAPS members.

Yonwaba Mbarane

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MINISTER WINDE'S FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE



My first 100 days in office were marked by activities which spread across the various programmes of our department. We have secured additional funding and are rolling out plans for a K9 Unit, enhanced safety technology, better communications and ramped up support to our accredited neighbourhood watch structures. While all of these programmes are exciting, I was particularly thrilled to have played a part in our Commissioner of Oaths project, which we launched in February.

The employees of this department have done an amazing job assisting thousands of people at the Cape Town Central Police Station to get their documents certified.

The station commander tells me that this initiative would enable him to release four officers from desk duty to patrol our streets again. In this way, we are playing a much more direct role in bringing about safer communities. At the same time, we are alleviating the frustration felt by so many who are missing school, or work, or time with their kids, by having to stand in long queues to fulfil an administrative requirement.

I want to encourage all our staff members to volunteer their time for this programme. The more volunteers we have as Commissioners of Oaths, the more police officers we will be able to free up officers to patrol our streets.

We are currently liaising with station commanders in our hardest hit areas to secure space for us in the police station, so that those communities can enjoy more visible policing in their areas too.

The Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) – and Community Policing Forum (CPF) programmes are fast becoming the bedrock of safety in our communities, and I'd like to commend these volunteers for playing a pertinent role in fighting crime in their areas. Yesterday's relaunch of the NHW programme, along with the new brand and ramped up support, is really exciting. I firmly believe that this will not only boost the current crop of volunteers that are already in the system but will encourage other community members to also join this fantastic initiative. If we are to create a **#SaferWesternCape**, the onus is on all of us to say, 'not on my watch'.

Minister Alan Winde

COMMUNITY SAFETY EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION TO ITS PARTNERS IN THE **RELIGIOUS** FRATERNITY



ABOVE: Minister Alan Winde is intrigued by the work done by one of the exhibiting organisations, Helderberg Robotics during the YSRP Programme.

On 7 March 2019 the Youth Safety and Religion Partnership (YSRP) programme (Directorate: Safety Promotion and Partnerships) hosted the representatives of the religious fraternity who participated in the programme during 2019 at an Appreciation Event at the Dulcie September Civic Centre in Athlone.

This annual programme, which is implemented during the June/July and December/January holidays, was first piloted during 2012/13, and targets young people between the ages of 14 to 21 years.

The aim of the programme is to ensure that a safe space is provided where young people can participate in activities, such as life skills awareness and education, sport, recreation and vocational training.

Presentations were made by three religious organisations on the successful roll-out of their holiday programmes, namely Fikelela Aids Project from Bonteheuwel, Promise Keepers from Khayelithsa and A-Z Helping Hands from Manenberg.

They thanked the Department of Community Safety for the funding which ensures that more young people from disadvantaged areas are engaged in constructive and empowering activities during the school holidays.

During his keynote address Minister Winde said: *"The religious fraternity is well-established in all communities and if we are to combat crime and make the Western Cape the safest province in the country, we will require a whole of society approach, and this is why this partnership is so vital. They have a sound footprint in all areas, including those with high levels of crime, and in most cases are already implementing programmes in their respective communities."*

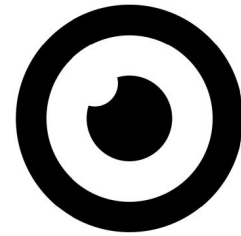
Minister Winde concluded that the impact of the programme is invaluable, as many young people are just looking for a safe and secure space where they are able to play and have fun during the holiday.

Ameerah Kenny



ABOVE: MEC Winde poses with DoCS staff members responsible for the YSRP Project Appreciation event held on Thursday, 07 March 2019, at the Dulcie September Civic Centre in Athlone.

THE NEW KID IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH**

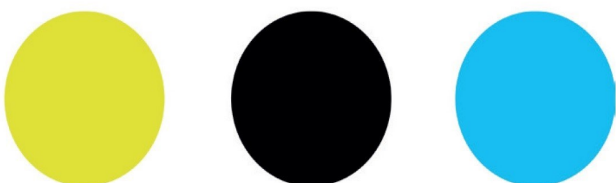
The Neighbourhood Watch Volunteerism Campaign is the result of the call by Minister Alan Winde for the professionalisation of the NHW Accreditation and Support Programme in order to enhance the image of the programme and reinforce safety messages and initiatives within the community.

Directorate: Strategic Services and Communications, with the support of a Communications agency, was tasked to transform neighbourhood watches in the Western Cape. This does not just include the brand but a strategy to actively recruit more people to become members of their local accredited Neighbourhood Watch.

The identifier

The aim was to create a modern and sleek identifier and to reposition neighbourhood watches in an appealing and encouraging manner. Input was received from various stakeholders and NHW's we would like to introduce the brand inceptions and considerations detailed as follows;

Brand Colours



The strategy

The aim is to demonstrate that everyone has a role to play in their neighbourhood watch. No matter how small, or how far removed the contribution may seem, every effort makes the community safer. People are encouraged to sign up with their neighbourhood watch.

The initial campaign will be rolled out in: Nyanga, Phillippi, Delft, Khayelitsha, Kraaifontein, Gugulethu, Ocean View, Mitchells Plain, Bishop Lavis, Lavender Hill, Paarl, Hermanus and George. Promotion will be done via Facebook, billboards, via radio adverts on selected community radio stations and communication collateral such as branded caps, t-shirts, water bottles, lanyards, etc.

Message by Minister Alan Winde

The Western Cape has one of the world's best and most active neighbourhood watch systems. With deep care for one another, members of our communities are keeping a watchful eye over their streets with the aim of transforming them into safer environments.

Their hard work and dedication has paid off, with a 6.8% reduction in property related crime last year.

It is clear that when we all watch, we are all safer, and I would like to applaud the active moms, dads, grannies, grandpas, young people, men and women who are making a positive difference in our communities on a daily basis. Now a further opportunity presents itself to do a lot more.

Let us all create a **#SaferWesternCape**"

Ameerah Kenny

THE NEW KID IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Neighbourhood Watch celebrated the official launch of the project's newest logo on Thursday, 28 March 2019 at the River Club in Observatory.

The celebration attracted the attendance of numerous accredited NHW structures from around the Western Cape and multiple exhibitions by safety concerned stakeholders such as SAPS, EMS, City of Cape Town amongst others, working hand-in-hand to ensure the safety of the Western Cape.







DOCS EXHIBITS AT THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

The Department of Community Safety was honoured to exhibit at the celebration of the International Mother Language Day (IMLD), held on Friday, 22 February 2019, at the Khayelitsha Community Centre, in Khayelitsha, Cape Town.

The IMLD was hosted by the Department of Arts and Culture in partnership with the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the National Library of South Africa, through its subsidiary, Centre of the Book.

Now in its 19th year, the globally recognised commemorative event was proclaimed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in a bid to maintain multilingualism and, in so doing, preserving cultural diversity in response to the increasing threat to linguistic diversity.

This year's theme: "Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation", speaks to the globally shared goal: the preservation of diverse languages and encouraging multi-lingual based learning.

One of the delegates in attendance was Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Honourable Maggie Sotyu who revelled in the multilingual presentations delivered by the numerous stakeholders who, in part, consisted of pupils from schools across the Western Cape.

These addresses were often delivered in each of the presenting school's taught languages, to further highlight the importance of preserving linguistic diversity and promoting mother tongue-based multilingual education.

Yonwaba Mbarane



Above: The community members of Bredasdorp, with PansSALB and stakeholders, at the Linguistic Human Rights Awareness event, held as part of the world-wide Mother Language Day celebrations.



Above: Deputy MEC for Arts and Culture Hon. Maggie Sotyu emphasised the importance of indigenous languages in the preservation of cultures.

SECURITY TEAM SHARES ACCESS CONTROL ESSENTIALS DURING SECURITY WEEK

The Chief Directorate: Security Risk Management (SRM) kicked off Security Week 2018/19 by raising awareness around preventing unauthorised access and losses. Security Risk Management Officials implemented Security Awareness interventions at selected buildings to do Access Card Verification and Awareness Exercises from 25 – 28 February 2019.

The purpose of the exercise was to increase staff awareness of:

- the value of consistently, visibly wearing Security Access cards at WCG buildings
- the process to be followed in reporting losses, including that of an access card
- the process to be followed to replace a lost access card
- how to reactivate a deactivated access card and prevent deactivation from occurring
- resources available to empower staff to improve their own security and in so doing that of the organisation

Access control systems are an essential part of security systems as they effectively help keep the building safe and secure by controlling the movement of people in and out of the building.



Above: A staff member scans her Access Card to enter the Department of Transport and Public Works building in 09 Dorp Street, on Thursday, 28 February 2019.

The goal of the SRM Security Team is to minimise the risk of unauthorised access to physical and logical systems. Access control is a fundamental component of security compliance programmes that ensures security technology and access control policies are in place to protect confidential information, avoid losses, protect employees, restrict unauthorised access and reduce theft. The electronic visitor access history is logged and recorded.

The Access Control Intervention Campaign will be implemented quarterly by the SRM Security Team based on three focus points to create a safe working environment:

1. Track Movement

One of the biggest benefits of installing an access control system is that it gives you the ability to regulate access to government buildings through monitoring who enters the building and when they do so. Entry and exit data will be collected from various building access points.

2. Control who has access

The current system is customised to determine which doors an individual can use, what time of day they can access those doors, as well as the days of the week on which they have access. Access control systems on doors allow greater control over the flow of who goes where within the building. It helps us to track when employees are present and at work.

3. Keep Equipment Safe

Access control systems keep valuables safe. Access control systems limit access to highly valuable equipment, such as computers and specialised equipment. The control of multiple access points throughout the building keeps unwanted intruders out.

Let's play our part and work with the Security Risk Management team and the Security Officials to be vigilant and keep our buildings safe.

Chantell Hendricks

AHR AWARENESS WALK-ABOUT IN TOWN 2



Above: Minister Alan Winde engaging with community members in Town 2 on Sunday, 24 February 2019.

On Sunday, 24 February 2019 the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game Changer unit led an Alcohol Harms Safety Awareness Walk from Thembelihle High School through the streets of Town 2 in Khayelitsha. The Walk was led by Premier Helen Zille, Minister of Community Safety Alan Winde and Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Anroux Marais.

They were joined by Mayco member for Community Services and Health, Zahid Badroodien, city and provincial officials, the South African Police Service, city law enforcement officers, Provincial liquor authority inspectors and 13 Alcohol Harms Reduction advocates from the community.

A number of interventions have been rolled out by the AHR Game Changer in Town 2, which has resulted in liquor outlets becoming more compliant and 74% of community members saying they feel safer than a year ago. This includes the installation of surveillance cameras, the deployment of more law enforcement officers, increased liquor outlet inspections and more recreational activities in the area.

Premier Zille thanked the community, and in particular the advocates, for their commitment to fighting alcohol abuse and making Town 2 safer. Many of the game changer interventions will continue in the area over the next 12 months.

Ameerah Kenny



Above: Premier Helen Zille joined the Alcohol Harms Reduction advocates during their awareness walk in and around Town 2 in Khayelitsha, on 24 February 2019.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH 2019

03	ELISE MOUTON	13	LIZ BROWN	23	LOVENDA SAWAGE
03	ALICIA CORNELIUS	13	NOKONWABA NGQWANGI	24	TIHARA VAN UYS
06	SYDNEY ABRAHAMS	17	MOGAMAT ADAMS	26	CAROL GERTZE
07	PORTIA TSHABALALA	17	NASREEN BEHARDIEN	27	SALPHINA MALULEKE
08	ADRIAN VAN NOIE	18	DE VAN EEDEN	28	ANGUS RIGNEY
09	SIMVILE NONKULA	18	ALAN WINDE	28	SITHEMBELE TABATA
11	LESLEY JACKSON	21	ELLIOT ADONIS	31	DEON DWARTE
11	BEULAH BALIE	21	SIMION GEORGE	31	SIYATHEMBA SOKOPO
12	BONANI SOKUTU	23	GRAHAM WITBOOI		

WHAT'S COOKING?

Gadija's Granny's Recipe



Fish Frikkadels

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The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food.

DEAN ORNISH

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These are really delicious as a meal or as a snack with a dipping sauce but best of all they are cheap to make and have a freshness that is very unexpected. You will never again buy frozen fish cakes.

WHAT YOU NEED:

3 slice white bread
water
500g hake
1 teaspoon crushed garlic
1 medium onion grated
1 firm tomato grated
1 egg beaten
salt and pepper to taste
a pinch of nutmeg
a palm of fresh chopped parsley (about 2 heaped tablespoons)
Oil for frying

THE PROCESS:

Remove the crusts of the bread and soak in water. Remove from the water and squeeze out as much as possible.

Place the soaked bread into a large mixing bowl.

Chop up the hake into small pieces, almost mincing the fish and add to the soaked bread along with all the rest of the ingredients.

Mix to distribute all of the ingredients evenly and then form into patties.

Heat about 3cm of oil in a pan on a medium heat and fry the frikkadels until golden on each side. Should be about 4 minutes on each side.

Serving suggestion: These can be enjoyed with mash potatoes, salad, veg; anything that tickles your pallet depending on which meal you are having. Serves 4 people.

Enjoy!

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

On the 21st of March the Republic of South Africa celebrates its national Human Rights Day in commemoration of its citizens natural rights. The annual celebrations originated in 1960 following the events of Sharpeville; a peaceful protest by a crowd against pass laws resulted in the shooting and killing of 69 protesters and the wounding of another 180.

The day highlights the demonstrations by the people of the republic for their rights, the cost at which these rights were obtained, and the continuing liberties enjoyed by ordinary people. We asked three candidates of the Premier's Advancement of Youth (PAY) Project what this day means to them, as young people starting out in the world, its influence on their daily choices and what they're most grateful for as ordained in the Bill of Rights preserved in our Constitution;

Franco Vickary - Registry



"To me, knowing my rights contributes to my everyday lifestyle by knowing that I cannot be excluded on the bases of my nationality, place of residence,

sex, colour, religion, language or any other status.

We are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination. As a born-free mine is to give gratitude to everyone that stood in resistance of pass laws and demanded their rights as I am now free to enjoy a freedom that was not afforded to them in their time."

Levorna Henry - Management Support



"Human Rights Day to me is celebrating the right to be who you are regardless of discrimination against your race, gender, language you speak or the religion.

A day to emphasis the power you have as an individual."

Lubabalo Macibela - Asset Management & Logistics



"Human Rights Day in South Africa, to me, is an affirmation that I can be able to partake in what everyone else is doing without restriction on the bases of my who I am.

Celebrating the Freedom charter enjoying equal human rights for all, and remember your rights can never be taken away from you.

My most obviously Important Human Rights is the Right to Life if you do not have that one, you do not really have much in the way of Rights."

Yonwaba Mbarane

Being cognisant of all of one's rights remains important beyond just this day's celebration, it is essential for the realization of ones democratic values, human dignity, equality and freedom.

Reducing crime **TOGETHER**



ABOVE: Community members of Nyanga, in Cape Town, before their extensive walk-about promoting safety.

The vision of the Department of Community Safety (DOCS) with its safety partners, such as the Community Police Forums (CPF) is to work together in creating safer communities. On 16 February 2019 safety volunteers walked the streets of Nyanga with the objective to connect with the community members, communicate our safety message with one clear voice, impact the youth and attempt to change people's perception of this specific community and at the same time create a safer community.

In order to achieve this, the National and Provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security and other community-based organisations, such as the Nyanga CPF collaborated and hosted an Anti-Crime Campaign and specific activities within the Nyanga community.

Leading up to the community outreach event and walkabout it was important to communicate clear, focused and relevant information to all participating stakeholders, such as the SAPS, Nyanga CPF and other safety workers, such as Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) members within the area and external security companies so that it could be shared with the community members.

DOCS is working alongside the National Department – Civilian Secretariat for Police Service (CSPS) in putting together a strategy to reduce high levels of contact crime. This campaign has initiated collaborations, partnerships, community engagements, mobilisation and information sharing within communities on

crime prevention activities by various stakeholders to those affected by crime. The main focus of the Anti-Crime Campaign was to educate community members and share information on:

- destruction of properties
- burning of public transportation; and
- killing of people and gender based violence

This was accomplished through community walkabouts, pamphleteering and direct communication with community members during the door to door activity.

The rollout of this campaign is the mark that sets the tone and pace for DOCS and its safety partners not only to establish and develop this safety strategy, but to maintain and continue with community engagement in areas such as Nyanga.

Walking through the streets of Nyanga, engaging with the community members and sharing information as a group of safety promoters pushed our objective to speak with one voice and creating safer communities and encouraging participation from community members that will steer us on the pathway of growth and development, together.

Toward the end of the programme in Nyanga community members understood that together we can achieve more. It is, however, everyone's responsibility to work together in making progress possible within our communities.

Chantell Hendricks

LET US ALL REDUCE OUR WATER CONSUMPTION

FIND AND FIX LEAKS

Leaks can waste a lot of water, especially if they are undetected or underground and left for a long time. Leaks on your property are your responsibility. So here is a guide to finding and fixing them quickly, to save water and save you money.

HOW TO CHECK FOR LEAKS ON YOUR PROPERTY



CUT ALL WATER USE

Close all taps on the property and don't flush toilets.



CHECK AND RECORD

Check and record your meter reading.



WAIT 15 MINUTES AND TAKE ANOTHER READING

Make sure that nobody has opened a tap or flushed since you first noted the meter reading.



IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE, YOU HAVE A LEAK TO FIX

If the number on the meter has increased, it means you have a leak and you need to take action as per the City's By-law.



CALL A PLUMBER TO HELP FIX THE LEAK

Unless it's a simple DIY job.

3 SIMPLE TESTS FOR A TOILET LEAK

One leaking toilet wastes between 2 600 and 13 000 litres per month, depending on the flow rate of the leak. A leaking tap wastes between 400 and 2 600 litres per month.



Listen for water trickling into the toilet bowl.



Press a piece of toilet paper against the inside back surface of the bowl. If it gets wet, you probably have a leak.



Put 15 drops of food colouring into the toilet cistern. If after 15 minutes the water in the toilet bowl has changed colour, there is a leak.

If you can't afford to call a plumber to fix a serious toilet problem, use the little stopcock/angle valve tap at the base of the toilet to keep it turned off between flushes.

REPORT BUST PIPES OR LEAKS IN STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES TO YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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