

EASTLAKE ISLAND CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026

Dear Eastlake Island neighbours,

We hope you are all keeping warm and well as we make our way through the Cape winter. This newsletter is a chance to share a few updates from around Eastlake Island and to keep everyone in the loop about what has been happening in our neighbourhood. Thank you, as always, for your interest, support and for being part of what makes Eastlake Island such a special place to live, work and visit.

It is also quite hard to believe that the Eastlake Island CID is already entering its third year. Our financial year ended on 30 June 2026, and our AGM will take place on 5 November 2026 at 18:00. At the meeting, members will be asked to approve the annual financial statements and appoint directors for the year ahead.



putting themselves forward as directors. Fresh ideas and willing hands are always welcome, and it is a lovely way to play a part in caring for our Island.



As the CID grows and settles into its role, we would really like to encourage residents to think about getting involved by

In this edition, we have included updates on the gardens, the Children's Park, infrastructure matters and a few other bits and pieces that may be useful or interesting to residents. If there is something you would like to share in a future newsletter, please feel free to send us an email — we would love to hear from you. Enjoy the read.

CHILDREN'S PARK

What started as some pretty awful, rather ugly, recycled park equipment from Muizenberg Beach has now been transformed into a really special area for children, families and friends to enjoy. Led by Sarah and Amy, a cheerful team of parents got stuck into painting, adding little features and bringing the space to life. A big thank you to Cllr Izabel Sherry for helping to secure the equipment and to Peter Weir for his assistance and persistence. This wouldn't have happened without Sarah, Amy, Dexter and all the wonderful helpers who made it happen, the CID and community members whose crowdfunding helped cover the necessary costs. A spring opening and neighbourhood get-together is being planned to celebrate this new space.





SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT

Natalie, Principal of Sunrise Educare Centre, and members of her team gratefully receive 53 blankets donated through the Eastlake Island CID Mandela Day project — bringing warmth and kindness to elderly and vulnerable members of our neighbouring community.

Mandela Day 2026 – Spreading Warmth and Kindness

Sometimes a small act of kindness can make a very big difference.

For Mandela Day this year, Eastlake Island CID wanted to do something simple, practical and meaningful for people in our neighbouring community.

We found a wonderful factory special on blankets and, thanks to the generosity of our members and others who contributed, we were able to purchase blankets for our Mandela Day project. Some members also generously donated blankets of their own, allowing us to deliver 53 blankets in total.

On 24 June 2026, we took the blankets, together with a few other donated items, to Sunrise Educare Centre in Vrygrond. Natalie, the Principal, and two members of her staff were delighted to receive the donation.

Sunrise Educare is an organisation that does so much for its community. Although the Centre cares for and feeds children, it also reaches out to families and elderly people in the surrounding community who are struggling.

Knowing that these blankets will help keep someone warm through the Cape winter makes this project especially meaningful to us.

Mandela Day reminds us that we don't have to do something enormous to make a difference. Sometimes it is simply about noticing a need, opening our hearts — and doing what we can.

A warm blanket may seem like a small gift, but to someone who is cold, it can mean comfort, dignity and the knowledge that somebody cares.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, whether through donations or financial support. You helped us turn the spirit of Mandela Day into something tangible — **53 warm blankets and a whole lot of warmth from our community to theirs.**

The blanket handover for Madiba Day at Sunrise Educare Centre in Vrygrond took place on Wednesday 22 July. The twenty-two elders who attended were grannies of learners who have been instrumental to the early childhood educare centre's growth. The children sang songs for them and they enjoyed some warm soup. For the grannies who could not attend the handover, the Educare staff delivered the blankets to them at home.



Spreading warmth this Mandela Day ❤️



The Brown Salvia in flower

PARKS AND GARDENS:

Even in the cooler winter months, work has continued in our parks and shared spaces, with a focus on adding colour, encouraging biodiversity and choosing plants that are well suited to Eastlake Island's coastal conditions.

At the entrance bridge to Eastlake Island, approximately 30 ***Pelargonium cuculatum*** plants, also known as hooded-leaf pelargoniums, have been planted on the right-hand side as one crosses the bridge. This hardy, fast-growing shrub is well suited to coastal conditions and, when in flower, produces beautiful pinkish-purple blooms from spring into summer.

The same species will also be used in the area from the storeroom complex to the entrance of Halyard Walk, which is still planned for planting during this winter season.

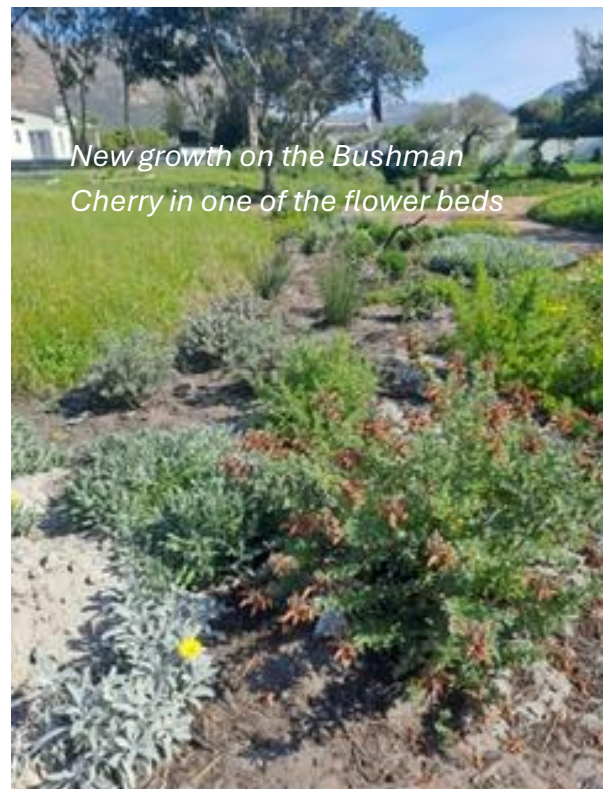
Further along Eastlake Drive, around 350 supplementary and replacement plants have been added to the three flower beds and the garden at the parking area at the end of the road. These include two special indigenous species: the Cape Flats Conebush and the Strawberry Spiderhead, both members of the Protea family and both important plants to help protect and encourage.

We are also grateful to the City for providing 15 trees to Eastlake Island. Some of these have been used to help provide shelter around the children's play area from the south-easterly wind, while others will replace trees that have died.

A big thank you is also due to Getti Mercorio of 9 Turks Head Close, who kindly donated gardening equipment to the CID. These items have been placed in the Marina storeroom and will be very useful as we continue caring for the Island's green spaces.

Looking ahead, the CID will continue to focus, budget permitting, on practical ways to keep our pathways, garden beds and shared green spaces neat, attractive and cared for.

The aim is simple: to make our shared spaces more attractive, resilient and biodiverse, while also showing which water-wise plants can thrive in our local conditions of wind, sandy soil and coastal exposure.



New growth on the Bushman Cherry in one of the flower beds

SECURITY UPDATE

Security on Eastlake Island is all about keeping our little community calm, connected and looking out for one another. Our CCTV network continues to help us keep an eye on key areas, and we are working with Park Island around movement across the footbridge. We are also looking at ways to increase safety around the children's park area, so that the parents have a little extra piece of mind whilst our youngest residents enjoy their play space..

A friendly reminder to everyone:

- **Please don't allow strangers into your home or vehicle,**
- If you notice anything unusual — including vehicles being left in parking areas, on roadsides or pavements — please let us know as soon as possible so that it can be followed up promptly.

CONTACT NUMBERS & MEETING DATES:



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0860 103 089
or online
www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests



Working together for a safe, clean and beautiful Eastlake Island.



MEETING DATES

Stay informed. Get involved. Make a difference.



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 28th October 2026

If you have a matter to raise, please send us an email.

Members are welcome to attend the **first 15 minutes** of the meeting to discuss this matter.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 5th November 2026
@ 18:00

Become a member so you can **vote** in directors appointments and on the **proposed budget**.



Get in touch!

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INFRASTRUCTURE & ROAD SAFETY



While reducing speed limits is not a priority for the CID, nor part of our mandate, we felt it was worth approaching the City to understand whether a reduction in our area could be considered. Many residents have expressed concern about vehicle speeds on Eastlake Island, and we wanted to explore whether there was a practical way to address this. Unfortunately, based on the City's current process and priorities, this is not something that is likely to happen. The City provided a helpful explanation of how speed-limit reviews are considered, and we have included their full response below for residents who would like the detail. We will continue to keep residents informed of any developments that may help improve road safety over time.

Response from the City:

In terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1989 and its Regulations, all roads are considered 60km/h speed zones unless otherwise signed. In order to legally alter the speed of a road, a comprehensive speed limit review survey is required and undertaken, in terms of the *Speed Limit Procedure, outlined in SARTSM-VOL2, Chapter 20: Setting of Speed Limits*¹, by consultants, where numerous factors are recorded along the road environment, apart from the operating speeds, to determine the safe speed for a road. The sample speeds are measured over an off-peak period, when there is free flow, and where a sample of **100 vehicles per direction** can be measured to determine highest and 85th percentile speeds. The Speed Limit Review reports are ultimately reviewed by the City's Speed Limit Review Team, comprising of Traffic Engineers and Traffic Services. The decisions are safety based, but there is no certainty a survey will result in a change, especially where the regulated speeds are acceptable in terms of the road environment.

The surveys are costly and the City's region can only accommodate four road surveys per annum. Therefore, at this stage, our program is reserved only for **Arterials and Secondary Arterials only**, where there are **recorded Hazardous Locations (High Crash Zones), Schools zones, etc.** If the change in speed is recommended, then the road needs to be formally registered and sign posted, before it can be legally enforced.

However, the **Department of Transport and the Road Traffic Management Corporation are reviewing South Africa's current speed limits**. This would effectively see the baseline speed limits across the country reduced by 20km/h. i.e. the country's highways from 120km/h to 100km/h, while the top speeds on main roads would drop from 100km/h to 80km/h. Speeds in residential areas would decrease from 60km/h to 40km/h.

For more Information, see link below:

<https://businesstech.co.za/news/motoring/495737/push-for-new-speed-limits-in-south-africa/>

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