

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Joe Slovo

- So far, 650 houses have been built and handed over in Phase 3A. 63 more are under construction and, if all goes according to plan, these are expected to be completed by October 2014.
- 318 temporary relocation units in TRA 6, Delft, are available for approved beneficiaries to move into so that Phase 3, Joe Slovo, can be cleared for construction.

### Boystown

- Occupants at Phases 2 and 3 – who do not want to move voluntarily - are still being consulted regarding their relocation, so that construction at Phase 2 can continue.
- Families who will relocate from Phase 2 can be accommodated at sites at New Rest and Gqobasi.

## UHLAZIYO LWEPROJEKTHI

### Joe Slovo

- Okwangoku, zingama650 izindlu esezakhiwe zaze zanikezelwa ebantwini bazo kwiSigaba sika3A. Ezingama63 ngaphezulu zisakhiwa yaye, ukuba konke kuhamba ngokwesicwangciso, ezi zona zilindeleke ukuba zigqitywe ngo-Okthobha 2014.
- Izindlu ezingama318 zokuxhwakrisa okwethutyana eTRA 6, eDelft, zikhona ukuze abaxhamli-zinkonzo abavunyiweyo bangene kuzo ukuze iSigaba sesi3 eJoe Slovo, sikwazi ukucoceka ukulungiselela ulwakhiwo.

### Boystown

- Abahlali bezindlu kwiSigaba sesi2 nesi3 – abangavumi kusuka ngokuzithandela – kube kusadliwana indlebe nabo mayela nemfuduko yabo, ukuze ukwakhiwa kwiSigaba sesi2 kuqhubeka.
- Iintsapho eziza kufuduswa kwiSigaba sesi2 zingabonelelwa ngeendawo kwiziza eziseNew Rest neziseGqobasi.



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# N2 GATEWAY

## Community Newsletter

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## A NEW SYSTEM TO REPLACE BUCKET TOILETS

The HDA has been appointed to roll out the Bucket Eradication Programme (BEP) that is to be undertaken with the consultation of beneficiary communities.



*New Sanitation containers for installation in Boystown*

It will see two containers - that each houses six toilets - supplied for every 30 households. One container is for males; the other for females. Where possible, the containers will have waterborne sewage connected to sewer mains and where this is not possible waste will be disposed via a conservancy tank that will be emptied regularly.

Bosco Khoza is the HDA's Programme Manager in the Western Cape. He says two containers with 12 toilets are earmarked for Boystown. "Our plan is to start in areas that have been identified as having the greatest need – such as Khayelitsha, Philippi, Crossroads, Nyanga, Gugulethu, Langa and Blouberg. Most of the units will be rolled

out around the City of Cape Town during the financial year 2014-2015, We will also focus on the Cape Winelands and Eden District where there are similar challenges."

Mr Khoza says they will work closely with every community to ensure that the implementation process proceeds smoothly and that everyone is able to actively participate in developing solutions.

The bucket eradication programme is being run by representatives from the National Department of Human Settlements, the Western Cape Provincial Government and the City of Cape Town.

## GETTING TO KNOW THE SUPPORT SERVICE TEAM

The HDA Support Services Team is led by Lennie Barnes and consists of Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) for each N2 Gateway project area and a Subsidy Officer.

It is the responsibility of the CLOs to ensure that information is shared between residents and the HDA and vice versa – at the end of the day the residents are kept informed and up to date about progress and that their concerns are shared with



*From left to right: Elizabeth Rathinasamy (Subsidy Officer), Lennie Barnes (Support Services Manager), Chumisa Jackson (CLO, Joe Slovo/New Rest), Emihle Masekwana (CLO, Delft, Precinct 3 & 5), Thulani Zulu (CLO, Delft Precinct 3 & 5 and TRA 1, 2 & 5), Nokuthula Ndevu (CLO, Boystown) and Nomafengu Ngxukumeshe (CLO, Boystown)*

the Agency. They also assist with consumer education for beneficiaries, and help residents with any housing-related issues they may have.

The Subsidy Officer's job is to help applicants with their subsidy submissions,

to assist beneficiaries with any queries they may have and with title deeds and signing deeds of sale.

**If you have any concerns or questions contact your CLO or the Subsidy Officer at the HDA office on (021) 481 2900.**

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Emergencies:

When a life or property is threatened:

021 480 7700 (cell phone)  
OR 107 from a (landline)

Fire Department (General information):

021 590 1900

The Housing Development Agency Helpdesk:

021 481 2900

City of Cape Town matters:

0860 103 089

Eskom Customer Care:

0860 037 566

Western Cape (WC) Government (general enquiries):

0860 142 142

WC Social Development Hotline:

0800 22 0250

Department of Social Development Disability Programme:

021 483 4015

Master of the High Court (for deceased estates):

021 410 8300

Childline:

0800 55 555 or 021 762 8198

Stop Woman Abuse Hotline:

0800 150 150

Rental Housing Tribunal

0860 106 166

Waiting list database

021 444 0333



The N2 Gateway Project started in 2005 and Phase one is nearing completion. It is a project of the National Department of Human Settlements, with the Housing Development Agency (HDA) appointed as implementing agent by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements. Phase One will deliver about 15 000 houses. The project provides houses for residents of the informal settlements and backyarders along the N2. Current projects include the following: Joe Slovo • Delft Symphony • Delft 7-9 • Boystown • Temporary Relocation Areas (TRAs)



## WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

### What to do to ensure safety during localised floods

The City's Disaster Risk Management Centre says that certain parts of Cape Town are prone to flooding during winter due to heavy rainfall, blocked stormwater drains or the fact that hardened surfaces, such as tarred roads, do not absorb water.

You can't stop a flood but there are practical precautions that you can follow if you find yourself facing floodwater:

- Encourage children to never play at or near rivers or canals, especially after there has been heavy rainfall

- Do not drive through a flooded area; turn around and go another way
- Don't walk through flooded areas; moving water that is only 20cm deep can knock you off your feet.

Disaster Management also says that floodwater poses health risks because it is dirty. Its advice is to:

- Teach children not to play in floodwater
- Always wash your hands, with soap and clean water, when you have come into your home from outside and before working with food

## BY-LAW BOX: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A stormwater system is anything – natural or manmade – that collects, treats and disposes of any water that is not drinking water or is not part of a piped water system.

The City's Stormwater By-Law outlines what measures are in place to protect our stormwater system, and to avoid flooding and water pollution.

Under the by-law no-one can empty any goods or substances into the stormwater system that could interfere with the way it works or contaminate the water. Draining water from or moving ground or building any structure near a stormwater system is only allowed with written permission from the City.

## ALL SETTLED IN

Three months ago 105 families took ownership of their new homes in Delft Symphony Precinct 3 & 5.



From left to right: Riedewaan Lakay, Adam Williams, Yazi Florence Gxwalinhloko

The houses are built using Alternative Building Technologies (ABT) that include weather- and fire-proof Chromadeck panels.

43-year-old wheelchair-bound male, Riedewaan Lakay previously lived with a friend in Bridgetown. His new house is disabled-friendly, and he says that he and his family are happy to finally have their own space.

"The ramps have made it easier for me to move into and out of my house. It feels good to not need permission to have people over anymore because I have a house of my own and my friends and family can visit anytime".

**"We feel blessed to have a roof above our heads."**

Riedewaan says he is aware of the difference between living in a house that is built with bricks and one that is built with ABT materials.

"I'm definitely experiencing the benefits. On warmer days the house is cool inside, and when it's cold out it's a lot warmer inside."

63-year-old Adam Williams is also wheelchair-bound. He moved into his ABT house with his sister, two nieces and nephew in February.

A stabbing incident when he was 40 left one of Adam's arms and a leg paralysed.

"I had to depend on my family in Delft and life was difficult. I applied for a

house in 2010, and could not be happier with my disability-friendly home."

**"I always needed other people to help with even the basic things like going to the bathroom. Since I've moved in I use the railings in the bathroom and I manage just fine."**

"Life could not be better!" says 53-year-old Yazi Florence Gxwalinhloko. This former Tsunami resident lives with her four children and grandchild. She applied for a home in 2007.

"Where I stayed before we had communal bathrooms, so to have one of my own is amazing. I haven't had any problems since I moved in; I'm relaxed and have nothing to complain about because I'm the owner here!"

## WHAT TO EAT AND DRINK TO STAY WARM AND HEALTHY THIS WINTER



During winter we often crave warm food that keeps us feeling full for longer. The problem is that this can become costly. There is however a number of foods that are cost-effective, filling, will warm you up from the inside, and help boost the immune system.

**Soup** is a trusted, winter-warmer. One pot of soup made with veggies of your choice – and some meat - will go a long way to feed the family, keep them warm and deliver vitamins that can help prevent colds and flu.

Eating oranges, naartjies, guavas or kiwis will get you your daily dose of **Vitamin C** that helps your body fight infection and keeps colds at bay.

Try taking fresh **garlic** daily to boost



your immune system. **Ginger** added to a soup or stew or some ginger tea has a similar effect.

Eat **oats** for breakfast. They are high in fibre, will leave you feeling full for longer, and give you increased energy.

Have a cup of **tea**. It'll warm you up from the inside and its antioxidants are good for your immune system.



## CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

26 May to 01 June 2014 is annual National Child Protection Week. The aim is to raise awareness of the rights of children as stated in the Children's Act of 2005. The campaign began in 1997 to ensure that children are cared for and protected.

The Constitutional Court says:

**"Children need special protection because they are among the most vulnerable members of society. They are dependent on others - their parents and families, or the state when these fail - for care and protection."**

Section 28 of the Bill of Rights says that every South African child – who is younger than 18 - must know that they have the right:

- To a name and nationality from birth
- To be cared for
- To food, shelter, healthcare and social services
- To protection from being neglected or abused
- To protection from child labour, and not do work that is inappropriate for their age or puts their well-being at risk
- To only be detained as a last resort and separately from anyone who is older than 18
- To have a lawyer in civil proceedings who is appointed and paid for by the State
- To not participate in armed conflict and to be protected when there is armed conflict

(Source: <http://www.constitutionalcourt.org.za/text/rights/know/children.html>)

