



GET TO KNOW: ANDILE LUTHULI

Andile Luthuli joined the HDA in January 2016 as Manager: Projects.

He previously worked at the Kwa-Zulu Natal Provincial Treasury as a Specialist Project Technical Advisor.

“My role is to ensure that we deliver quality housing effectively to the N2 Gateway communities.”
“What I love most about my job is that it gives me the opportunity to assist my colleagues with clarity on their projects. In doing so, we are able to provide the community with a better service.”



N2 GATEWAY

Community Newsletter

PROJECT UPDATES

Boystown

- The relocation of informal structures from Phase 2 to Phase 3 is almost complete
- The installation of water, sewer and storm water protection services is underway
- The construction of 200 houses in Phase 2A will start in March 2016

Joe Slovo

- 252 houses are due to be handed over at the end of March
- Talks are underway with residents at phases 3A and 3C before land is cleared and occupants relocated so that building can begin
 - Approved beneficiaries will move to TRA 6
 - Non-qualifying beneficiaries will move to TRA 5
- Houses are being built at phases 3A 3 and 3A 4; 132 at 3C 3 are due to be completed at the end of March
- Six houses at Phase 3C are earmarked for beneficiaries with special needs and the elderly. To date 11 houses have been handed over to beneficiaries with special needs or the elderly

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IBoystown

- Ukususwa kwezakhiwo zethutyana ukusuka e-Phase 2 ziyo kubekwa e-Phase 3 sele luzakugqitywa
- Ufakelo lweenkonzo zamanzi, ugutyulo kunye nezokhuseleko kwizikhukula luyaqhuba
- Ulwakhiwo lwezindlu eziyi-200 e-Phase 2 A luzakuqala ngoMatshi 2016

E-joe Slovo

- Izindlu eziyi-252 sele zizakunikezelwa ekupheleni kuka-Matshi
- Intenetho ziaqhuba kunye nabahlali e-phase 3A kunye nase 3C phambi kokuba Umhlaba uvulwe nabahlali basukele ulwakhiwo
 - Abahlali abavunyiweyo bazakusiwa e-TRA 6
 - Abahlali abangavunywaga bona bazakusiwa e-TRA 5
- Ulwakhiwo lwezindlu luyaqhuba e-phase 3A 3 kunye nase 3A 4; 132 yazo e-3C 3 ilungiselelwe ukugqitywa ekupheleni kuka-Matshi
- Izindlu ezintandathu zibekelwe bucala kulungiselelwa abo banezidingo ezikhethekileyo kunye nabadala. Ukuzakutsho ngoku izindlu eziyi-11 sele zinikezelwe kubaninizo.

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PROTECTED AGAINST FLOODING

As winter approaches, the threat of flooding becomes a reality for thousands living in low-lying areas around Cape Town. Every year heavy rainfall leads to devastating floods that cause serious damage to houses and belongings, and leaves many families in discomfort.



HDA Project Manager, Bruce Malagas says: “The detention ponds are built lower than the foundations of houses so that they catch the overflow of water when there is heavy rainfall, and carry it away.”

He appealed to N2 Gateway residents to help maintain the detention ponds.

“It is important that waste is not dumped in the ponds because this will cause blockages and prevent the water from being carried away.

“We ask residents to immediately report any illegal dumping in the detention ponds to the City of Cape Town.”

Dumping can be reported to the City’s hotline at 0860 103 089.

Water detention ponds are used to channel flood water
In an effort to lessen the impact of potential flooding in the N2 Gateway projects, the City of Cape Town has installed storm water management systems in TRA 5 and Delft 7-9, and also built water detention ponds in Joe Slovo.

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CELEBRATING: HUMAN RIGHTS

On 21 March, South Africa will commemorate Human Rights Day under the theme:

“Celebrating the Freedom Charter, Enjoying Human Rights”

On this day we remember those who lost their lives in 1960 during political uprisings and protests, held around the country, against pass laws imposed by the government.

During the recent State of the Nation Address, President Jacob Zuma reminded all South Africans of the importance of human rights; especially:

- Equality before the law
- The right to be treated with dignity



- Freedom of movement and choice to stay anywhere in the country
- The right to choose a language and culture of your choice
- The right to life



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies:

When a life or property is threatened:	107 from a (landline) OR 021 480 7700 (cell phone)
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)

HOPE IN NEW HOMES

“The HDA does more than build houses for the community; we are in the business of giving hope.”

So says Bruce Malagas, Project Manager at the HDA. During December last year, three Freedom Farm families and one from Malawi Camp were among beneficiaries who received keys to their homes in Delft Precincts 3 & 5.

William Isaacs, is unemployed and previously lived in Freedom Farm. Years ago he suffered a medical condition which led doctors to remove one of his lungs.

“I was so happy when I moved into my new home. It has really changed my life; I no longer have to make fire outside to keep myself and my family warm.”



William Isaacs

Single mother of two, Virginia Vaas has never owned a house.

“When I moved into my house for the first time, I felt dignified. I am also excited about the fact I no longer have to share a toilet with the community.”



Virginia Vaas

Much like Virginia and William, an overjoyed Elsabie Fortuin has come a long way.

“I come from a large family; I have a daughter and 13 siblings. When I was told that I would be moving



Elsabie Fortuin

into a new home I cried, because we have never lived in a proper house.”

Mantso Mqwebetu, a former resident of Malawi camp was also among the beneficiaries.



Mantso Mqwebetu

“My living conditions in Malawi Camp were terrible. A tree once fell on my shack; fortunately no one was home that day. On another occasion robbers broke in and stole all our belongings.”

She adds that she is grateful that her family is now in a safer environment.

REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

Regular home maintenance can help ensure that your house is prepared to keep your family warm before winter sets in. This includes small tasks such as repairing broken door handles, shattered or cracked window panes, leaking pipes or even that extra coat of paint.



Thembeka Simelela

Many homeowners have made efforts to beautify their homes on the inside. Over a year ago Thembeka Simelela relocated to Delft Precinct 3 & 5. She says that she started by making small changes on the inside of her house.

“To create more space for furniture, I replaced the bathroom door with a folding door.”

Simelela advised her neighbours and other residents to always use a qualified person to help with jobs around the home, especially if the work that needs to be done involves electricity.

TIPS TO FOLLOW:

- **Windows** – replace broken frames or cracked glass. This will not only keep cold air out; but burglars too
- **Painting** – Remember you cannot paint the outside walls of the house. However, a fresh colour on the inside will brighten things up and also protect wood and metal from mould and rust
- **Flooring** – putting down a mat or carpet can warm up a room as the cold from the concrete will become trapped underneath



LIVING IN A TRA: THE DO'S AND DON'TS



Zolisa Mbana

“I take good care of the unit in which I live, so that whoever moves in next finds it in a good condition.”

So says Zolisa Mbana, an approved beneficiary who lives in TRA 6, in Delft Precincts 3 & 5.

If like Zolisa you already live in a Temporary Relocation Area (TRA) or, you are about to move into one, it's important to remember that the units belong to the HDA and that there are a number of rules to stick to:

- A TRA cannot be bought, sold or rented
- You cannot run a business from the unit or from the complex
- The unit may not be painted or extended
- The unit must not be vandalised
- Illegal electrical connections are not allowed
- Whoever lives in the TRA will be held responsible for any damages to the unit

Residents of TRA units are also reminded to advise the HDA in advance if they plan to be away from them for any period of time. An example would be if the household plans to leave the city on holiday.

The HDA can be contacted on **(021) 481 2900** or visited at **129 Bree Street, Cape Town, 8001.**



KEEPING IT CLEAN

The City of Cape Town provides every household in the metro with a 240 litre black wheelie bin for domestic waste that's emptied once a week (including on public holidays).

According to the City, your bin will only be replaced free of charge if it has been damaged beyond usage and, if stolen, the matter has been reported to police. If either of these is the case, send your municipal account number, your residential address, contact numbers and a sworn affidavit (if the bin was stolen) via post to:

Solid Waste
PO Box 655
Cape Town, 8000

For more information you can also call **0860 103 089.**



DEEDS OF SALE

In order for a deed of sale to be usable, the following information must be applied:

- The document must be filled out with all of the necessary information
- Every page must be initialed and signed
- Take along your ID and proof of income if you are employed
- If you are married and applied for a subsidy with your spouse, both your ID documents are required
- If you applied for a subsidy with your spouse but they have since passed away, a death certificate is required
- If the beneficiary of the house passes away, their next of kin can obtain power of attorney from the Master of the Court to sign the deed of sale on their behalf. A death certificate must be provided

For more information contact the HDA office on **021 481 2900**