



Good day, Park Islanders!

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter of 2026. We hope the year has started well for you and your families. As always, PICID remains committed to maintaining a safe, well managed and environmentally responsible neighbourhood that we can all be proud of.

Following Marina da Gama's 50-year milestone in 2025, we are reminded of the strong foundations on which our community is built. PICID continues to build on that legacy, guided by our pillars of security, property value and quality of life.

A reminder of your PICID Committee Portfolios holders for 2026:

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| 1. Colin Reeves: | Chairperson Security Guarding Portfolio |
| 2. David McBain: | Administrative Portfolio |
| 3. Boudje Giljam: | Environmental Portfolio (Open Spaces) |
| 4. Gregory Meierhans: | Security Surveillance Cameras Portfolio |
| 5. Patrick Tuckwell: | Contacts & Street Representatives Portfolio |
| 6. Rob MacLean: | Water Quality Portfolio |
| 7. Lara Röttcher: | Communications Portfolio |

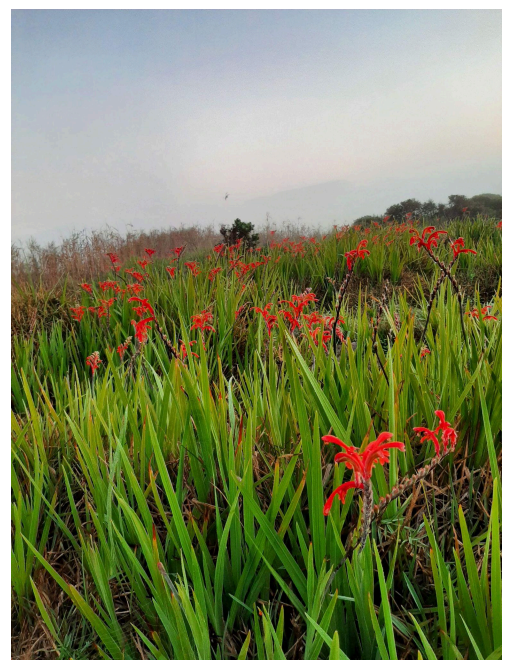
Please read on for the updates on each portfolio.

The next Board Meeting is provisionally scheduled for the 23rd of April. Please note that any of our members can attend the Quarterly Board Meetings to raise concerns or discuss issues of interest. However, this attendance is by appointment only. Please send us an email if you are interested and be sure to outline the topic you wish to discuss.

Regarding Our Open Spaces

Our natural surroundings remain one of Park Island's greatest assets, and the care of our public spaces plays an important role in maintaining both property values and overall quality of life.

Planting and greening initiatives are planned for the coming months at several locations across Park Island, including



DeLille Square, the Park Island entrance and the Michell water's edge, amongst others. Our choice of plants reflects the reality of a water-scarce region that is predicted to become even more water-scarce in future, as well as the increasing salinity of the vlei. These improvements will enhance our shared spaces while strengthening long-term environmental resilience.



Photo credit: Cherry Giljam

The stumpery in Thibault Park continues to evolve as both an artwork and a play space in progress. As additional suitable stumps become available, they will be incorporated over time, allowing the space to grow organically and develop its own character. A linseed oil treatment is planned to help preserve the wood and extend the lifespan of this unique feature. **Please note that the stumps are not to be removed, and any unauthorised removal will be reported as theft.** Your vigilance helps us keep our open spaces beautiful and well maintained.

Maintenance of our public garden beds remains largely volunteer-driven. Ongoing efforts focus on identifying, onboarding and resourcing members of the local volunteer corps, including supplying hoses and water connections where needed, to assist with watering garden beds in public open spaces near their homes. Our team of volunteers is expanding as our projects, both large and small, grow, and residents will see evidence of this in many locations across Park Island.

If you know of anyone who would be happy to become involved and help care for their corner of our public open space, assisting in beautifying the Park Island precinct, please let us know via email.

The gap in the Michell revetment has recently been closed, improving stability along the water's edge. However, some infrastructure has unfortunately sustained damage following recent weather conditions. These matters have been reported to the relevant authorities and will continue to be monitored.

We extend sincere thanks to all residents who generously give their time and energy to support environmental initiatives. Your involvement makes a meaningful and visible difference in our neighbourhood.

An Update on the Waterways Portfolio

The Marina da Gama waterways, including the Park Island canals, remain in generally good condition.

Observations over the past quarter indicate healthy fish populations, with fingerlings abundant, and strong bird activity, including active breeding among waterfowl. Algae levels in the canals remain low. While pondweed growth has been limited, there is optimism that *Ruppia* growth may increase following saltwater inflow when the Muizenberg berm is breached.

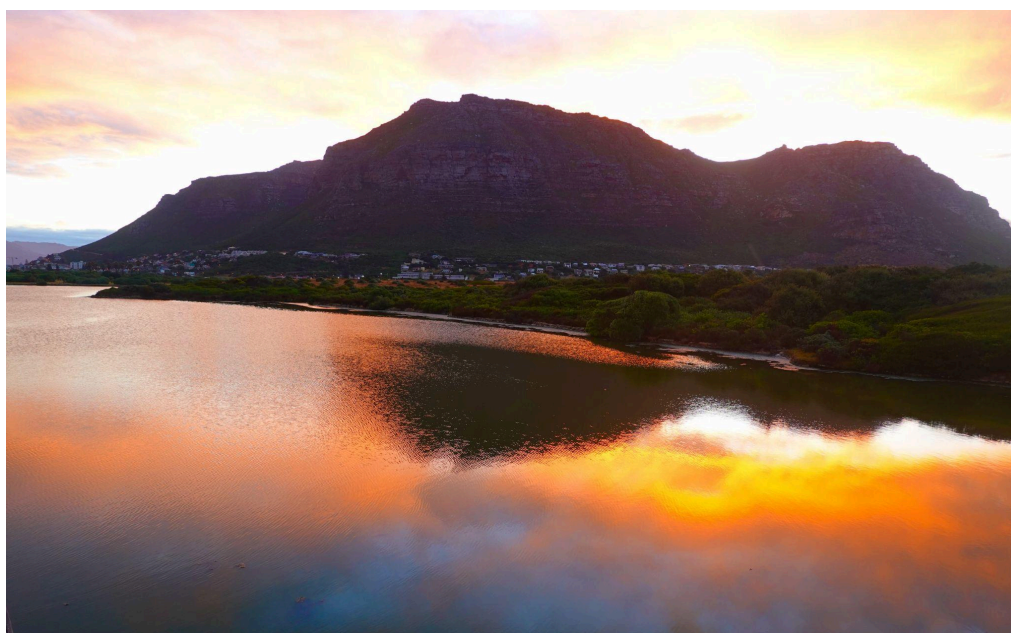


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Dredging of the Vlei

Progress continues on the proposed dredging of the vlei. Authorities have reviewed the data collected last year and identified priority areas for intervention. A final report is being prepared, which will initiate the Environmental Impact Assessment and public participation process. ZPAAC will be formally engaged once the report is tabled.

This remains a long-term process, with budgets still to be secured before moving toward tender. Of particular interest will be the bathymetry mapping and sediment analysis findings, which are expected to be presented at the February ZPAAC meeting.

Water Quality

On 20 January, an electrical trip at the Raapkaal Sewer Station resulted in an overnight spill into the Westlake River. City teams responded promptly, and clean-up was undertaken the following day. With the Zandvlei mouth closed and favourable wind conditions at the time, there was no immediate threat to the main waterbody.

Follow-up sampling confirmed that the system has recovered, with all E. coli readings below the required threshold. No partial closure or additional follow-up sampling is required at this stage. The next scheduled sampling will take place on 16 February.

Operational Matters

Bridge signage remains in process and is currently being routed via an RFQ.

During December and January, reports indicated that the two new weed harvesters experienced mechanical issues and were not fully operational. We trust that continued maintenance of these vessels remains a priority to ensure effective canal management.

We are saddened to note the passing of long-time Marina da Gama resident and keen canoeist, Mike English, in January. He will be remembered by many who shared and cared for these waterways over the years.

Feedback on Our Security Program

We are pleased to report that, to the best of our knowledge, no serious crimes were recorded in Park Island during the past quarter. An “emergency” alert circulated on the community WhatsApp group was investigated and proved to be unfounded. We kindly remind residents to verify information before sharing and to use communication channels responsibly to avoid unnecessary alarm.

Our Security Officers continue to carry out their duties diligently. Following a recent system change and short adjustment period, operations are running smoothly. All CCTV cameras are functioning well, and the Board is investigating the possible expansion of the network by one or two additional cameras in the new financial year.

Response Companies

Deep Blue remains our preferred response company for incidents in Park Island. They operate three vehicles in the area during weekday daytime hours and two vehicles at night and over weekends. Ithuba Security also responds to incidents and maintains one vehicle in the area 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Both security service providers respond to incidents reported in public streets only. They do not respond to private properties unless residents have a separate contract in place with their chosen armed response provider.

Control Room Contact Details

- Deep Blue Control Room
WhatsApp text messages only: 076 433 8658
- Ithuba Control Room
Cell phone voice and text: 079 905 7633

Both security service providers are members of the Park Island Emergency WhatsApp group.

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity directly to the Deep Blue Control Room. Please provide as much detail as possible, including clothing descriptions, vehicle colour, registration numbers and make of vehicle where applicable.

If you have suggestions or wish to raise concerns, please contact Colin directly via WhatsApp on 083 625 4845.

Emergency WhatsApp Group

Please note that the PI Security WhatsApp group is named **PI Emergencies** because this group is strictly for emergency use only. It serves as a communication channel between the person initiating an emergency and those responding, including security companies and nearby residents.

It is intended to complement, not replace, residents' private armed response services. To ensure it remains effective, the group must be kept free of non-emergency posts at all times.

Thank you to residents for your continued vigilance and cooperation in keeping Park Island safe.

Finance, Governance and Representation:

PICID's finances remain well managed and under control. Detailed financial reporting is provided annually, and sound oversight ensures the sustainability of our services.

Two of our board members serve on the MDGA Executive Committee, representing Park Island and ensuring that PI residents' interests are considered at a broader Marina da Gama level.

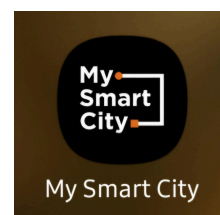
A provisional date for the 2026 PICID Annual General Meeting is 26 November 2026. Provisional board meeting dates for the year are available on our website.

City of Cape Town Reporting:

Please report any faults in our wonderful area, like blocked drains or water leakages, to the City of Cape Town. Do not report it to us as we cannot assist.

The Service Request reporting must go through the City's official channels:

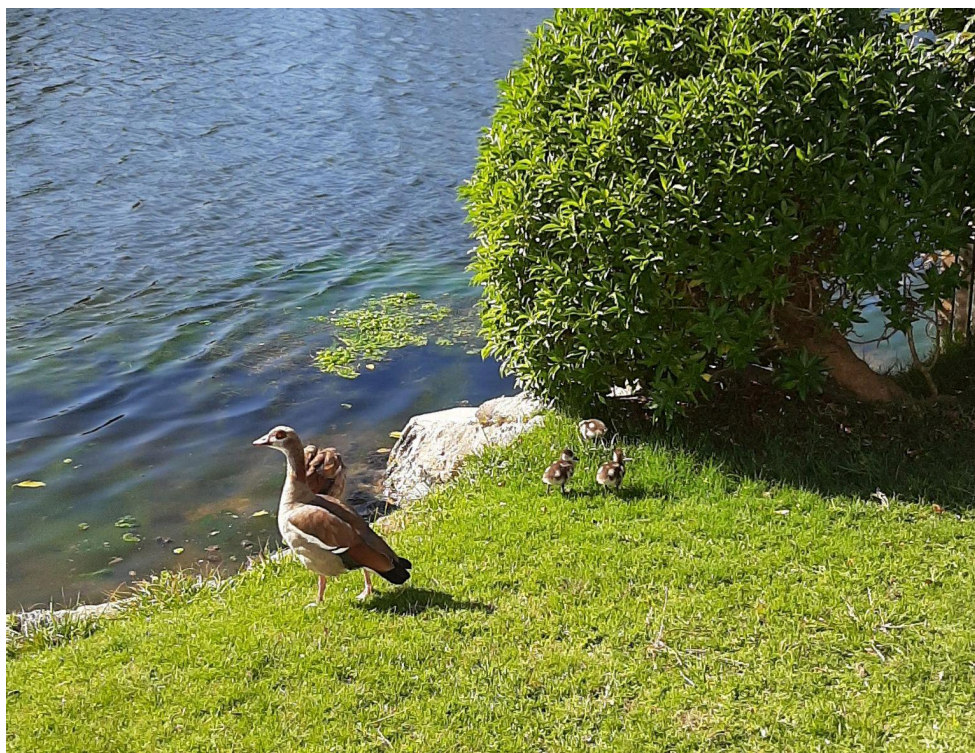
1. Report online: www.capetown.gov.za/ServiceRequests
2. Call centre: **0860 103 089**
3. SMS 1: **31220** (electricity faults)
4. SMS 2: **31373** (water faults)
5. Email: contact.us@capetown.gov.za
6. App: Download **My Smart City** app via your app store (free of charge)



Please ensure that you receive a reference number for your service request. This number needs to be quoted when following up on the progress of your query.

City News of Interest

- **Water inspectors hit the streets to enforce water by-laws** 02 February 2026
[capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Water inspectors hit the streets to enforce water by-laws](https://capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Water%20inspectors%20hit%20the%20streets%20to%20enforce%20water%20by-laws)
- **Urgent request to reduce water consumption across the city** 10 February 2026
[capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Update 10 february 15h00- Urgent request to reduce water consumption across the city](https://capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Update%2010%20february%2015h00-Urgent%20request%20to%20reduce%20water%20consumption%20across%20the%20city)



Stay Connected

Residents are welcome to attend quarterly board meetings by prior arrangement. If you would like to attend or raise a matter, please contact us in advance. Additionally, please feel free to contact us with any suggestions or comments at our email address: parkislandcid@gmail.com.

Further information, newsletters and updates are available at:

www.parkislandcid.co.za

If you have any photos to share of our beautiful Marina and Park Island that we can use in our newsletters and on the website, please do share them with us! Drop us an email and we will share the Google Drive Folder with you.

The contacts database for all residents of Park Island continues to be updated. The contacts database includes tenants and family members living here. We are continuously surprised by how often people seem to change their email addresses, so please do let your street rep know if your contact details

change. Similarly, if you notice a new neighbour, please spread the news of our CID and encourage them to send us their contact details to our email parkislandcid@gmail.com. And if you're too shy, then pass the news on to your street rep or to Patrick Tuckwell. We need to keep our database as up-to-date as possible!

Thank you for your continued support as we move through 2026 together.

Warm regards,

Your PICID Committee