

## Keep our communities clean

More time is spent outdoors during the holidays whether it be in our communities, at the beaches or at other public spaces.

It is important that while we enjoy ourselves, we do our bit to keep these areas clean and tidy. Remember that under the Waste Management By-Law, littering and dumping on municipal land is not allowed. Litter must be placed in bins provided by the Metro and waste can only be dumped at an authorised site. The Public Amenities By-Law meanwhile is very clear on how people behave at public spaces. Some of the most important

rules include that:

- Municipal instructions must be obeyed
- Vandalism of any structure is not allowed
- No-one is allowed to pick flowers or plants grown in a public space
- Ponds and fountains must not be swum, played or walked in

## Project Updates:

### Soweto-on-Sea Rectification

- 2034 of 2500 houses have been rectified

### Chatty 1380

- 1192 houses are complete and have Final Unit Reports issued by the NHBRC
- 1056 units were handed over to approved beneficiaries who have signed Client Handovers
- 1345 foundations, wallplates and roofs are complete
- "New Norms and Standards" (including internal plaster, gutters and downpipes) have been installed in 855 houses
- 145 units remain illegally occupied and this is affecting completion of the project
- The correction of site numbers and approved beneficiaries in occupation of units on the HSS system is underway

### Joe Slovo West 4040 (Services)

- All 4040 sites were serviced and the last Completion Certificates were issued on 03 September 2014

### Chatty 1060, Chatty 491, JSW 4000 (Top Structures) and 500 Soweto-on-Sea/Veeplaas Unbuilt Sites

- All of the projects are in the procurement stages

- The HDA is adjudicating tender proposals to appoint Principal Agents/Structural Engineers who will supply services that include the design, contract administration and close out processes for the construction of a total of approximately 6051 houses
- Relocations to Joe Slovo West 4000 have resumed after the ward leadership was consulted
- Serviced sites in the Chatty 1060 component project are being illegally occupied

### Soweto-on-Sea/Veeplaas 380 Toilet/Bathroom attachments

- The project is in the procurement stage; and the HDA is evaluating bids to appoint contractors
- The HDA intends to directly contract about ten SMMEs

### Chatty MPCC

- An agreement was signed by the contractor and the HDA, and construction is progressing well
- The contract period is 13 months from 08 September 2014 to 08 October 2015 which includes the annual builders' shutdown

### Useful contact numbers

The Housing Development Agency: 041 393 2600  
 Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality:  
 Customer Care (All hours): 041 506 5555  
 Service Delivery Centre (All hours for water, sanitation and all other services): 0800 205 050  
 Human Settlements Eastern Cape: 043 711 9500  
 Emergencies: (From cell phone): 112  
 Childline: 08000 55 555  
 Eskom Customer Care: 0860 037 566  
 Public Transport Information: 0800 656 463  
 Land Invasion:  
 Macdonald 082 410 5066  
 Hlela 079 490 0531  
 Fire: 041 585 2311  
 Water leaks, Power outages etc. 0800 205 050  
 General Emergencies: 041 506 2735

### Clinics

Chatty Clinic in Dullisear Street: 041 481 2111  
 Veeplaas Clinic in Kani Street: 041 464 1529  
 Zwide Clinic in Johnson Street: 041 464 1732  
 Soweto-on-Sea Clinic in Mbanga Street:  
 041 464 6021  
 Booyens Park Clinic in Auburn Road:  
 041 506 2700  
 Booyens Park Clinic 2 in Booyens Park Drive:  
 041 483 1590

### Police Stations

Booyens Park Police Station: 041 404 3000  
 071 475 1938  
 Kwazakele Police Station: 041 408 7743  
 Zwide Police Station: 041 405 4712



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# Zanemvula

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The Zanemvula housing project launched in 2006. It is an informal settlement upgrading and human settlement project in Nelson Mandela Bay. The project is located in the Chatty, Joe Slovo West, Soweto-on-Sea and Veeplaas areas and involves the relocation of residents from the floodplains of the Chatty River, backyard dwellings and other stressed areas around Nelson Mandela Bay to decent human settlements. The project will deliver 13 500 houses.

## 350 yet to come forward for consolidation subsidies at SoS 500

Around 350 title deed holders living at Soweto-on-Sea / Veeplaas are urged to come forward to sign up for consolidation subsidies so that their houses can be built.



Nombulelo Bangani (left) and Norman Badi (right) were assisted by HDA Project Admin Coordinator Asanda Mzaza to fill in their forms

Initially under the Soweto-on-Sea / Veeplaas Upgrading Project, beneficiaries in these areas were given freehold titles and serviced sites with external toilets. However construction of consolidation subsidy housing was put on hold in 2005 when the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality initiated the Zanemvula Project.

Recently, the Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements made funds available for the construction of 500 houses that are earmarked specifically for these beneficiaries. So far only around 150 have come forward.

A list of the rightful beneficiaries of the Soweto-on-Sea 500 Project is kept at the local ward council offices. Only beneficiaries whose names and erf numbers appear on this list can sign up for a consolidation subsidy. HDA staff are available to process beneficiaries in Ward 24 and 30 on a Monday, and in Ward 27 and 28 on a Thursday.

60-year-old Nombulelo Elizabeth Bangani who has lived in Serote since 1974 recently visited the Ward 27 council office to sign the necessary documents.

"I was so happy to be able to sign the papers. I am even happier to know that eventually I will move out of a shack into my very own house that is plastered and has a tiled roof."

64-year-old Norman Zolile Badi is unemployed and lives in a shack in Kobi Street in Ward 27 with his son.

**"I am very pleased to have signed the forms. I will have my own house and won't need to live in a shack."**

For occupants of the remaining 1500 unbuilt sites at Soweto-on-Sea / Veeplaas there is still some way to go as more houses can only be constructed there once the process of re-planning is completed.



# Qualifying for a subsidy

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There are a number of criteria an individual must meet to qualify for a housing subsidy:

How do you qualify for a subsidy?	Imigaqo yesibonelelo sendlu ka-Rhulumente
Be a South African citizen	Kufuneka ube ngumi wase Mzantsi Afrika
Be competent to contract (18 years and older)	Kufuneka ube neminyaka eliShumi elinesibhozo nangaphezulu
Be married or habitually cohabit with a partner	Ube kanti utshatile okanye uhlala nomlingane wakho
Be single and have financial dependents	Ube kanti awutshatanga unomntana / abantwana abaxhome-keke kuwe ngokwemali
Not earn more than R3500 as a household	Ungarholi ngaphezu kwe R3500 ngenyanga
Not have received a government subsidy before	Ube kanti awuzange wasifumana isibonelelo sendlu ka-Rhulumente ngaphambili
Not owned a house in the past	Ube kanti azange wabanandlu ibhalisiwe ngawe
Be the original owner of the site (Applies to Soweto-on-Sea only)	Ube kanti ungumnini wokuqala wesiza sakho (Isebenza kuSoweto-on-Sea kuphela)

What documents do you need to apply?

Essential documents:	Impepha ekufuneka ubenazo
Copy of ID documents of applicant	Ikopi yesazisi sakho esine-Stamp sasemaPoliseni okanye e-Post Office
Copy of ID documents of spouse or co-habiting partner	Ikopi yesazisi somyeni okanye umfazi wakho okanye umlingane ohlalisananaye
Copy of marriage or divorce or death certificates	Ikopi lempepha zomtshato / limepeha zokuqhawuka komtshato /limepeha zokufa
Copy of children's birth certificate (or affidavit if the child is not yours)	Ikopi lempepha zokuzalwa zomntana okanye isiqinisekisi esivela emaPoliseni ukuba umntwana asingowakho
Pay-slip if employed	Pay-slip ukuba uyaphangela
Affidavit if unemployed	Isiqinisekisi esivela emaPoliseni ukuba awuphangeli
Pensioner: SASSA letter or bank statement	Ukuba ufumana isibonelelo sikaRhulumente kufuneka isiqinisekisi esivela kwaSASSA okanye esivela ebhankeni yakho

Anyone who wants to apply for a subsidy can visit the HDA office in Greenacres. HDA representatives also regularly visit the offices of local ward councillors where beneficiaries are able to complete the necessary documentation on-site.

Once the documents have been completed and submitted, the information is verified and captured on the HDA's subsidy database before it is passed on to the Eastern Cape Department

of Human Settlements.

For an individual with a disability the process is much the same. They must however also submit a medical document with their application so that their subsidy will be approved at an amount that accommodates special disability features to be built in accordance with their needs.

# Starting anew at Joe Slovo West

In 2015, thousands of families will watch as the construction of their new houses at Joe Slovo West begins.

Around 2190 households are already living there on serviced sites that are connected to water and sewer systems.



Nkosiyazi says having a proper house will restore his family's dignity

Nkosiyazi Gametze, his wife Mamanci and their two young children were relocated from eDongweni in Kwazakhele in July 2014. He applied for a subsidy in 2001.

"Life in a shack is bad. When it rains my family and I get soaked because our home leaks. For now we will continue to live in our shack but on a serviced site; this makes me hopeful. Compared to living in the congestion among other shacks, we are almost there; soon we will have our own house."

**"Having a proper home will bring back our dignity."**

A total of 4000 units are planned for the project which is still in the procurement stages.

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# Holiday wishes from the HDA



Nicholas Tsewu  
Manager, HDA Operations

Dear Zanemvula residents,

2014 has not been without challenges; but the positives certainly have outweighed the negatives.

Highlights include the allocation of funds to assist communities at Soweto-on-Sea and Veeplaas residents who have lived on unbuilt sites for more than 20 years. Work also began to construct the first Multi-Purpose Community Centre in Chatty.

Next year there will be as many exciting things to look forward to. Early in 2015 we will open tender processes for the construction of nearly 5000 houses at Joe Slovo West, Chatty, Soweto-on-Sea and in the Military Veterans Project.

I would like to thank every household in the Zanemvula Project for your support over the past year. In 2015, we look forward to the continuation of our journey to help build and maintain communities in which families can grow and prosper in houses of their own.

Wishing you a safe holiday season, and all of the best for 2015!

**Nicholas Tsewu**  
Manager, HDA Operations



# Enjoy your time off responsibly

The holidays are a well-deserved break for young and old after a long, busy year. While it is an opportunity to relax and enjoy the time off from school and work, it is important to do so responsibly:


- Whether you are walking or driving, be cautious on the road. Never do either under the influence of alcohol
- Ensure that children are always supervised by a responsible adult regardless of whether they are playing nearby home, or are out and about
- When at an ATM be aware of your surroundings; never allow anyone to assist you. Do not draw or carry large sums of money on your person
- Be cautious not to overspend; remember in the new year money will be needed for school uniforms and stationery, transport and other necessities


# Be SunSmart

The Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) says everyone must cover up during the summer months regardless of how fair or dark their skin is.


Painful sunburn and the risk of skin cancer – which is one of the most common types of cancer in South Africa - are not


## ALL SKIN TYPES SHOULD:


 Avoid direct sunlight between 10am & 3pm. Stay in the shade or under an umbrella as much as possible

 Wear protective clothing: wide brimmed hats & UV protective clothes/swimsuits

 Wear sunglasses with a UV protection rating of UV400

 Always apply sunscreen regularly (SPF of 20 - 50) according to skin type

 Avoid sunbeds & sunlamps

 Spot the spot - check your skin carefully every month (follow A, B, C, D, E Rules\*)

the only dangers of the hot summer weather. High temperatures and spending hours outdoors can also cause sun or heat stroke.

Children and the elderly are particularly at risk and symptoms include dizziness, fainting, hot dry skin and a rapid pulse. If you suspect someone has sun or heat stroke, quickly get them into a cold bath or shower to try to decrease their body temperature and then go to a doctor or clinic.



For more information call CANSA toll-free at 0800 22 66 22.