



29 August 2025

Dear GPRRA member,

GPRRA Management committee looks forward to welcoming you to our AGM at Hamiltons Rugby Club on Thursday 18 September (5:30pm for 6pm). The attached invitation outlines our plans and we anticipate that Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis and Councillor Ian McMahon will address your interests and concerns. Please assist us by confirming your attendance (RSVP).

Special acknowledgements to our loyal supporter Sandak-Lewin Trust for their generous contribution to the event, and to Hamiltons Rugby Club for hosting us once again.

Thanks to those who have renewed their membership. Renewal can be done via our website <https://www.gprra.co.za/membership> or pay via GPRRA First National Bank | Cheque acct no: 62143274059 | Branch: 560 | 250655 (ensure name appears on EFT). Fee is R250 per annum, per household.

Important notices: Colin Eglin Library will be closed 1-30 September 2025 for urgent electrical repairs to ensure the safety of both the staff and the community. We also extend our appreciation to Katherine Moon for her many years of dedication as Head Librarian.. Katherine, who retired at end of July, inspired countless members of our community....not least the GPRRA gardeners who also learnt computer skills under her patient guidance. She left big shoes to fill, but we welcome Kaylene Amon who joined the Library on 1 August. Many will know Kaylene from her time at Camps Bay Library. Farewell to Katherine, we wish you all the best in your retirement.



Farewell to Katherine Moon after 37 years of dedication

The GPRRA management committee's three entities remain committed to safeguard your interests to the best of their ability, as well as celebrate achievements in line with our motto: *'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has'* – Margaret Mead.

Management Committee

Events Committee

Over the past year, Cape Town has hosted a wide range of major events, with a notable peak in November when over 200 events were held. December's numbers were predicted to nearly double, with 53 approved events on one weekend alone. Highlights for Green Point included the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the Cape Town Marathon (though traffic congestion was an issue), the Earthshot Awards attended by Prince William, the Freestyle Kings event (surprisingly quiet), and the sold-out Springboks vs All Blacks game. More recently, the HSBC 7s tournament brought steady traffic flow to the area.

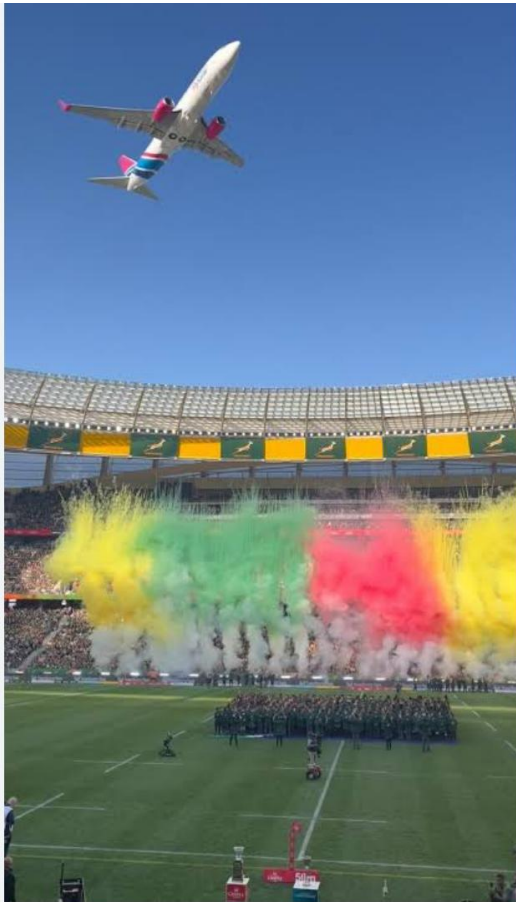


Cape Town Cycle Tour

Winter has seen a steady flow of smaller events alongside the usual Stormers rugby and soccer games. The recent Springboks vs Barbarians and Australia matches were sell-outs, with an amazing atmosphere and well-controlled traffic. The usual big running events, the Cape Town Carnival, and various stadium concerts are also set to continue. We are pushing the City to move more music events and festivals to the old A Track, in an effort to minimise noise impacts. While traffic congestion has improved during larger events, we continue to press the Traffic Department to clamp down on illegal parking in Green Point's side streets and around the stadium. Importantly, there is a real need for more residents to join the Events Committee, as Paige and I are often out of town and unable to monitor sound levels ourselves.

Among the 'lowlights' were excessive noise from a religious event without an independent sound consultant, the drawn-out Country Music weekend, and serious traffic and parking

issues at the Bafana vs South Sudan match. Inevitably, traffic congestion in Green Point on event days remains one of the biggest concerns for residents.



Springboks versus Barbarians 28 Jul 2025

The good news is that progress is being made. Noise levels are improving thanks to continued negotiations with event organisers, sound consultants, and ward councillors. Our insistence on independent sound consultants is paying off, with noticeable reductions in sound spillover at concerts such as Andrea Bocelli, where clever stage positioning made the event barely audible from nearby homes. However, sports announcers remain a challenge, and weather patterns still affect sound travel.

Traffic, however, remains the most pressing issue. Increased densification and semigration have pushed traffic flow to breaking point, especially at Somerset Road, High Level Road, and Buitengracht Street intersections. While the City has yet to provide permanent solutions, we continue to push for:

- mandatory MyCiTi shuttle services for all large stadium events
- independent sound consultants for every major event
- greater Traffic Department involvement, particularly to prevent illegal parking in residential streets and to monitor key intersections

Notably, applications are already being submitted for 2026, underscoring just how central Green Point has become to Cape Town's events calendar.



Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis at Springbok vs Australia, 23 Aug 2025



Steve Massey

Built Environment Committee (BEC)

The BEC is currently addressing over 20 applications, a significant increase over previous years. The sheer number of demolition applications indicate that we can expect to see more proposed redevelopments.



The Daily on Cavalcade Road:

The extensive excavation for 3 floors of underground parking is now complete. The hotel is now applying for a deviation to allow the bar and restaurant on the premises to be open to the general public. This could be setting the scene for commercialisation to creep off Main Road into the residential area. The neighbours are understandably concerned.



108 Main Road:

We had expected building work for the 7 storey mixed use development on the Ultra Liquors site to commence this year. However, we understand that drilling has revealed the presence of bedrock which will complicate the planned excavation and could mean a greater level of disruption.



38 X & Y Ocean View Drive:

Ever since these 6 rooftop base stations were illegally installed in 2020, we have been fighting to have them removed. The matter is now before the Municipal court where a decision has again been deferred until November.



Three Anchor Bay site – Erf 2187:

Proposed mixed-use development in Three Anchor Bay. The site is roughly 4.5 hectares, government-owned and zoned as Public Open Space. It is located where Green Point, Sea Point and Mouille Point meet.

The City of Cape Town has indicated that the proposed development will include a location for the Pinocchio Creche. If possible, there is an intent to retain the Colin Eglin Sea Point Public Library and the Sea Point Civic Centre and Hall.

The City of Cape Town invited interested and affected parties to comment on the proposed development. Closing date for such comment has now passed. It will be interesting to see if and how the City of Cape Town responds to these comments.

Stuart Burnett

Human Environment Committee (HEC):

Our Environmental Activities:

Given the security challenges on Table Mountain and Signal Hill, we have been prioritizing efforts to make the area above Carreg Crescent and Signal Hill safe and clean. Over the past two months, we have organized three interventions in partnership with Law Enforcement, SANParks and the GPRRA team, with additional support from SRG. This compliments the regular maintenance of the lower slopes, generously funded by neighbours of Merriman and Springbok roads. We will continue with weekly clean-ups on the upper slopes, while also engaging with and offering support to individuals living on the mountain. Our next major intervention with Cllr Ian McMahon, SANParks and Law Enforcement is scheduled for 'World Clean Up Day', Saturday 20 September. Please save the date to join us - your participation will not only show passion for our iconic mountain but also strengthen our partnership with SANParks and Law Enforcement to protect it.



GPRRA SafeStreet Collective with Sanele Dalane of SRG on Signall Hill



Law Enforcement, SANParks, GPRRA SafeStreet Collective & residents



Relocation of Yellowwood tree to the Green Point Common

We also recognise the importance of protection trees in our neighbourhood. A noble example is the Yellowwood tree at 8 Ocean View Drive which survived the demolition of the house in 2017. At the request of the City's Environmental & Heritage Management, the tree was safeguarded during both demolition and the subsequent (but unrealized) development. With new plans pending, provisions were made for the tree to be transplanted to a safer environment. Its roots were carefully excavated and, using the largest available crane, it was relocated to the Cricket Club on the Green Point Common. Today, it continues to thrive as a proud 'soldier' in the battle against climate change.

By contrast, the City's Recreation and Parks Department advises control of invasive species, particularly English Ivy, which 'poses serious threat to the local environment'. We ask residents particularly along the historic Scenic Route on Ocean View Drive to remove the ivy and to trim hedges – not only to protect biodiversity but importantly to reveal the spectacular view. The GPRRA team will also continue removing litter along this stretch to ensure the Scenic Route remains a source of enjoyment and pride for all.

SafeStreet Collective:

Since early 2022, when Cllr Ian McMahon introduced us to Streetscapes (administrators of the City's PEP fund), Green Point has seen the positive impact of this partnership. Together we have helped individuals leave the streets, reconnect with families, learn new skills, and address substance abuse challenges. In the past year, 114 people have accepted our offers of shelter or support to return home. These stories remind us that chronic homelessness is not insurmountable. We encourage residents to channel donations to organizations

dedicated to long-term social reintegration and recovery.

In early July we welcomed four new members to our PEP team - Matiso Lusizo, William Kleinbooi, Jerome Siebritz and Roger Soloms – who had recently accepted offers of assistance from our field worker Riedoewaan Galant and transitioned from life on the street to Safe Space 2. They are now developing skills for the future. Jody Botha - well known to many resident - has been promoted to supervisor, a well-deserved step forward. The team continue to transform our open spaces, from gardens around Granger Bay Boulevard, Colin Eglin Library, Thornhill Park and the 30 spaces in and around the lanes. Clearing refuse on bin days is less creative but equally important.



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attention to detail by gardeners at Ben Nevis park, Colin Eglin Library & Granger Bay Circle

We urge residents to make use of the free weekly recycling program and to place bins out in the morning, not the night before (which also reduces security challenges). Our team is responsible for graffiti removal - ideally within 24 hours to discourage repeat tagging – and for safely removing and documenting needles to report back to TB HIV Care.

A gentle appeal to all dog owners: please dispose of dog waste responsibly, especially in Thornhill Park, so that these spaces remain clean and welcoming for everyone, especially children. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGXRWsNifcS/?igsh=N2g5ZXJyYzk2dGxr>

Our Social Activities:

On mother's day we celebrated a family reunion. After about a week on the streets, Deon Fotuin found refuge at the Colin Eglin Library where the GPRRA team gardens and engages with the homeless every Friday. Deon accepted their offer of assistance. Following our usual process, we worked with City's Street Development to secure a shelter placement. As part of their procedure, the team checked the "Missing Persons" Facebook page — and that's when Ricardo Beukes discovered an appeal from Deon's family. Within an hour he was reunited with them. This heartwarming outcome was only possible thanks to the compassionate and swift efforts of Ricardo, Pamela Beukes, Acorna Mvakwendlu, Alex Kriel, and their colleagues. We also acknowledge the GPRRA team — James Johnson, Jody Botha and Riedoewaan Galant who have been learning invaluable skills from the City's specialists — as well as Katherine Moon and her library team for their steadfast support.

That same day, Melvin Yambey who had spent months on the streets, including a recent traumatic assault, was offered Deon's place at the shelter. Street life is harsh. These stories remind us why it's important to follow the City's guidelines on 'responsible giving' and to direct those in need to the City's Social Development office at Golden Acre / Strand Street Concourse.

Liz Knight

Yours sincerely,

GPRRA Management Committee