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Robinhill parents stage peaceful protest: 'Special learners deserve better'

On Tuesday 8 April, several parents who serve on the School Governing Body (SGB) at Robinhill Special School in Atlantis, held a peaceful protest at the school. Despite heavy rain limiting the group to only a handful, many parents and community members supported the protest. Joy Davids, chairperson of the school's SGB, said the parents decided to protest due to a range of unresolved challenges raised with the Western Cape Department of Education (WCED). She said parents often worry about the future of their less-abled children.

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Robinhill parents: We worry about our less-abled children

● PETER LATEGAN

There are different types of disabilities, and while each is unique, it does not necessarily receive the same attention. Robinhill specifically focuses on learners with Severe Intellectual Disability (SID) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). These learners learn differently, hence special schools function on a D-CAPS curriculum which is different from the CAPS curriculum at mainstream schools. D-CAPS, short for Differentiated Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement, is specifically designed to make learning more accessible and meaningful for these students.

Three representatives of the WCED accepted the memorandum. "They were eager to engage, accepted our memorandum, and confirmed that they will dissect all of our concerns and get back to us," said Davids.

One of the parent's first concerns was ASD classrooms for autistic learners, which the SGB said was promised years ago, yet never materialised. "We seek additional classrooms and other spaces for the purpose of the learners' progress. Alternatively, a new special school should be built," said Davids. The SGB is aware that Robinhill is built on property that belongs to the Orion Organisation, which is one of the reasons why these classes are not yet built. Millicent Merton, a spokesperson for the WCED concurred, adding that a feasibility study found that can be a risk to use public funds to construct buildings on privately owned property. When asked if there are there plans afoot to build an alternative special needs school in Atlantis, Merton said they are conducting a needs analysis in the Atlantis area, which will determine the best ways to respond to individual learner needs. She explained that no commitment was made either orally or in writing to build additional classrooms.

Pertaining to the SGB's concern about medical and socio-psychological support by the WCED, learner support and development,

Merton said Robinhill also has access to psycho-social support with weekly access to the circuit-based psychologist and social worker. Davids said another concern for parents all over the country is the lack of educational pathways beyond grade five for learners in special schools, particularly regarding secondary and tertiary opportunities.

The department said transitioning to a School of Skills, where the emphasis is on occupation-specific skill acquisition for learners with mild intellectual disabilities, may not be suitable due to differing needs. It is important for learners to be assessed in the year they turn 14 to determine whether this transition will be to their benefit the following year.

Davids said another issue parents raised was the school's playground not being conducive for learners, while school transportation is a regular problem and disruptive to the learners. The WCED said actions are being taken to create a more conducive and safer playground, by providing training to educators on their 'Abuse No More'- protocol addressing positive behaviour techniques. Additionally, practical guidance will be offered on ensuring a safe environment and exploring how allocated funding can be used to refurbish playground equipment. The policy also requires all staff to report all incidents of abuse and suspected abuse. Responding to the school's transport concerns, Merton said Robinhill was allocated a new 35-seater vehicle in February this year, fully funded by the WCED. The school received funding in 2024 and 2025 to alleviate transport-related pressures. They've committed to assist the school in minimising double trips and late arrivals, whilst assessing how the funds can be used to improve access to the vehicles for physically disabled learners.

Parents also believe that the D-CAPS Curriculum should be reviewed and improved where necessary; and a range of policies and guidelines should be overhauled to ensure



FOR THE CHILDREN: The three representatives from the WCED are from left to right Russel Andrews, Dheena Achary and Ignatius Du Preez. Above is Joy Davids, parent and chairperson of Robinhill SGB.

quality education and support in special schools and special resource centres like Robinhill. Davids said if the curriculum is not properly implemented or there are limited resources to work with, or the educators are not skilled to work with SID or ASD learners, these learners will not develop and grow to their fullest potential. "They may not be equipped enough for independent living, nor become employable or even learn a skill or trade."

According to the WCED, schools are guided by inclusive policies, including Education White Paper 6 (EWP6) and the Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support (SIAS) framework. "These policies cater to the diverse needs of learners requiring additional support. The department will work closely with the school to provide needed support and guidance to ensure all learners have clearly defined exit plans. The school and district will be informed

of their visit in due course," said Merton. "We as parents gave the WCED 14 working days to respond. Should we not receive a positive outcome, further action will be taken, which includes reaching out to other organisations and communities in the disability space to support this cause," concluded Davids.

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Wesfleur track gets long overdue make-over

● STAFF REPORTER

The City of Cape Town's Recreation and Parks Department marked the start of refurbishments at the Wesfleur Athletics Track in Atlantis and the Blue Downs Athletics Track with a site visit during the first week of April. The total investment in the reinstatement of athletics tracks at both of these facilities is approximately R60 million.

The site visits were attended by councillors and representatives from the athletics community. "Athletics facilities in the city are well used and are crucial for promoting physical activity, encouraging team spirit and nurturing talented athletes. By investing in our facilities, we are also investing in future champions," said Mayoral Committee Member for Community Services and Health, Councillor Francine Higham. This refurbishment marks the first phase of both tracks to full operational readiness, with subsequent phases still being planned. "This will provide young athletes in the area with

the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute to the future of sport in Atlantis. I look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our athletes," said Ward Councillor and Sub-Council 1 Chairperson, Allister Lightburn. The upgrades include resurfacing the track, replacing the top layer and improving key features, such as the hammer throw cage, take-off boards and steeplechase area.

Mario Philander, Chairman of Velocity Athletic Club in Atlantis, said they appreciate the refurbishment. "Thanks to the City's attention to our concerns, Velocity Athletic Club and the wider athletic community of Atlantis will now benefit from a fantastic track refurbishment," he said.



60 spots available in Fetola programme

Applications are now open for Fetola Fire, a programme created to fuel investment readiness and expansion. It is designed to prepare black-owned micro and small businesses for scale.

This 12-month programme helps entrepreneurs aims to build a financially sound and investment-

ready business so that they can attract the right investors and lenders. There are only 60 spots available, and applications close on 16 May 2025. For more information on the qualifying criteria and to apply, visit the Fetola website, call 086 181 9209, or email fire@fetola.co.za.

TENDER NOTICE



TENDER WCC/PS/2025 – THE APPOINTMENT OF A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ENTITY TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR WEST COAST COLLEGE IN RESPECT OF INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED WORK AT WEST COAST COLLEGE:

CENTRAL OFFICE, ATLANTIS CAMPUS, CITRUSDAL CAMPUS, MALMESBURY CAMPUS, VREDENBURG CAMPUS AND VREDENDAL CAMPUS.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the above-mentioned tender as set out in the tender specification.

Tender in sealed envelopes clearly marked “(1.TENDER:WCC/PS/2025)”, **PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)**” can be put in the tender box at West Coast College, Central Office, 2 Loedolf Street, and Malmesbury before 11:00 on Friday the 30 May 2025 when tenders will open.

A non-refundable tender fee of R300.00 per tender document must be deposited into the West Coast College Bank Account, as follows: ABSA Bank, Account No. 4052300937, Branch Code: 632005, Reference: **WCC/PS/2025** followed by service provider’s name.

To obtain a copy of the tender documents, the proof of payment with the applicable tender reference number must be emailed to mparenzee@westcoastcollege.co.za.

Tenders will be evaluated according to the college’s Supply Chain Management Policy. Tenders must be valid and binding for **ninety (90) days** after closing date. **Prices must be VAT inclusive.**

A valid and original tax clearance certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services (SARS) must accompany the tender.

Late or incomplete tenders will not be accepted. Proof of dispatch of a tender will not be regarded as proof of receipt thereof. West Coast College is not obliged to accept the lowest or any bid. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or part thereof and may cancel the tender process and reject all tender offers at any time before the drafting of a contract. West Coast College will not incur any liability to a tenderer for such cancellation and rejection but will give written reasons for such action upon request to do so.

Tender documents are available from Ms. Myrna Parenzee on mparenzee@westcoastcollege.co.za or 022 482 1143



HAVE YOUR SAY! TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES: CENTRAL REGION

The City of Cape Town’s Urban Mobility Directorate hereby advises residents and road users in the central region of traffic calming measures in the areas listed below. This work will enhance pedestrian safety, particularly around schools where the highest concentration of vulnerable road users is usually found. The statutory public commenting process is an important aspect of this undertaking. Although it is the City’s intention to implement traffic calming measures at all the sites listed via link below, it will be subject to the availability of funding.

Interested and affected parties can view the designs and the list of affected streets and roads on www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay.

Affected areas:

• Avondale	Langa	Milnerton	Parklands
• Protea Park	Robinvale	Table View	

In terms of Section 17 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000, the public and interested parties or groups are given the opportunity to submit comments, recommendations or input on the traffic calming measures to the municipality from Friday 2 May 2025 until Monday 2 June 2025.

Comments, recommendations and input may be submitted by (quote reference 210242507):
Email: RIM.PTI.Communication@capetown.gov.za
Online: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay or scan the QR code
Written submission: Public Participation Unit, 3rd Floor
Podium Block, Civic Centre,
12 Hertzog Boulevard, Cape Town 8001



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Subcouncil 1	Corner of Grosvenor Avenue and Hermes Avenue, Saxonsea, Atlantis
Subcouncil 3	Milnerton Municipal Building, First floor, Royal Ascot, Bridle Way, Milnerton
Subcouncil 15	Corner of Jakkalsvlei Avenue and Kiaat Road, Bonteheuwel

Libraries:

- Langa Public Library, Corner of Washington Street and Mendi Avenue, Langa
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- Milnerton Public Library, Pienaar Road, Milnerton
- Wesfleur Public Library, Wesfleur Circle, Atlantis

Special assistance will be given to people who cannot read or write, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups who are unable to submit written comments to have their inputs or comments recorded and submitted to the municipality. Contact the Public Participation Unit, André Louw on 021 400 9809 or email Andre.Louw@capetown.gov.za if you have any queries on how to submit your comments.

Please note: requests for new traffic calming measures must be submitted via the respective Subcouncil office.

For technical queries, please contact Deon Manuel on 021 400 6537 or RIM.PTI.Communication@capetown.gov.za for more information.

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Minister De Lille visits Atlantis Dunes, promoting tourism

● MONIQUE HANSEN



South Africa’s Tourism Minister, Patricia de Lille, is encouraging local and international travellers alike to explore the country’s breathtaking landscapes, rich culture, and vibrant communities throughout the month.

On Monday 7 April 2025, just ahead of the Easter weekend, the minister launched the Easter Campaign with an activation at the Atlantis Dunes, showcasing the variety of adventures available to visitors across South Africa, especially in smaller towns. The event was attended by tourism business owners, industry associations, media, and content creators. De Lille highlighted the importance of both domestic and international travel in sustaining and expanding the tourism sector. “International travellers are drawn to South Africa for its diverse cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and warm hospitality. We must continue showcasing what makes our

country special and keep igniting the spirit of exploration,” she remarked. Speaking about how the campaign supports locals in discovering hidden gems such as nature reserves and markets, The City of Cape Town’s Deputy Mayor, Eddie Andrews, emphasized ongoing efforts to ensure affordability for local destinations, starting with sites like the Atlantis Dunes. “This campaign is more than just a tourism initiative, it’s an invitation. Whether you are a young family, a group of friends, an adventure enthusiast, or someone seeking a relaxing escape, South Africa has something for you,” said De Lille.

With additional long weekends coming up, she urged travellers to take advantage of these opportunities to explore, experience, and support local businesses.



INVITATION TO REGISTER ON WEST COAST COLLEGE SUPPLIER DATABASE 2025 / 2026

Supply Chain Management Commodity List

West Coast College hereby invites Prospective Service Providers to apply to be registered and included in their Supplier Database.

The invitation is open to new service providers who did not have an opportunity to submit their database registration forms. Suppliers who are already registered should only apply if they have updated their company information, SARS and BBBEE information. Update to be done on a regular basis.

Please note that the College may ONLY do business with service providers already registered on Government Central Supplier Database (CSD) and in possession of a “MAAA” reference number. Service providers are requested to submit WCC Supplier database registration form, CSD registration summary report, Company registration documents, SARS Tax compliance status pin letter, BBBEE certificate or Sworn affidavit and a confirmation letter from the bank.

Supplier database registration forms can be obtained from West Coast College Central Office or downloaded from WCC website: www.westcoastcollege.co.za

For any enquiries, please contact Ms Parenzee or Ms De Villiers on 022 482 1143, or e-mail mparenzee@westcoastcollege.co.za or cberlin@westcoastcollege.co.za respectively.

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Food fundis cook up a storm... and loving it!

● PETER LATEGAN

Meet Marcus and Wendy Onrust, a married couple from Atlantis who turned their passion for good food into a successful business venture. The dynamic duo turned a seemingly bleak situation into the foundation for something extraordinary.

As a young adult, Marcus found himself in a difficult rut, unemployed and uncertain about his future. It was during this challenging phase that a heartfelt conversation and a mere R300 sparked an idea that would change everything. Inspired by the resilience of others, Wendy suggested that he turn his culinary skills into a small business — making food and delivering it to her workplace at Old Mutual in Pinelands. What began humbly with only seven foil-wrapped sandwiches very quickly gained traction. The delicious flavours Marcus crafted

became a hit among staff, leading to growing demand and boxes upon boxes of food deliveries. The success of this venture marked the beginning of Marcus's path toward entrepreneurship.

In 2018, the couple took another leap of faith when Wendy resigned from her secure job and they moved to Atlantis to pursue their dreams. Marcus's experience as a café manager provided valuable insights into running a business, and together, they were determined to forge ahead. However, the journey was far from easy. When COVID-19 struck, Marcus found himself unemployed once again.

Amid their uncertainties, a persistent suggestion from Wendy's mother encouraged them to revive the idea of a food business. An investment by Marcus' brother enabled the couple



to *Onrustige Plekkie*, a play on their surname. They navigated countless hurdles, from securing licenses, legal and health compliance, and attending many markets and events. Despite early losses, no profits and sleepless nights preparing for markets outside Atlantis, they persevered with grit and determination.

Their resilience paid off in remarkable ways. "Without Marcus's knowledge, I recently entered him into a competition by KFM, a Cape Town radio station," said Wendy. Soon after their presenters visited Atlantis, tasted the flavourful dishes and selected their eatery as one of five vendors to participate in the station's prestigious K-day event on 5 April 2025. It marked a new milestone—showcasing their talent and hard work to a broader audience of many thousands of hungry festival goers. For many, the Onrust couple

is a shining example for the younger generation in Atlantis — especially those feeling lost or unsure of their career-path. "Marcus and I would also like to inspire our young generation in our *dorpie*, particularly those who wish to start something they are passionate about. We eager to share insights and support others who wish to start their own ventures, offering guidance to anyone who needs it," said Wendy.

Wishing these graduates nothing but the best as they embark on their new journeys, Impact News reporter **MONIQUE HANSEN**, asked them what their future plans look like and how their degrees will aid these goals and ideals.



LOGAN HANSEN: *I graduated with a BA Degree in International studies. With this qualification and as I complete my Honours in Political Studies, I hope to work in the field of public policy, specifically engaging with domestic politics and how political ideologies influence decision making in South Africa. My goal is to contribute to shaping more inclusive, transparent, and effective policy processes, whether through research, advocacy, or within government and civil society spaces.*



SHAHIMA HAOUST: *I graduated with a Bachelor's of Education in the Senior Phase and Further Education Teaching. I aspire to use my degree as a tool to inspire and uplift the youth. My goal is not only to be a source of knowledge, but also to ignite a vision of greatness within them. I want my journey to serve as a testimony that encourages young people to pursue success and remain resilient, no matter the challenges they face.*



YULEN WITBOOI: *Ek het my BA Graad in Onderwys, Senior Fase en Verdere Onderwysopleiding behaal. Ek het 'n passie vir leer en die bemagtiging van ander, en ek onderwys is een van die mees impakvolle beroepe. My doel is om 'n opvoeder te wees wat inspireer en om 'n verskil te maak in die vorming van die volgende generasie.*

KYRA SAULS: *I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, and majored in English, Afrikaans and Psychology. This degree enables me to study further, and I am currently doing my Post Graduate Certificate in Education, which will give me the opportunity to become an educator.*



MICHE CLAASEN: *I graduated with a Bachelor's of Education. I want to make and be the change where it is needed in the education sector, and invest in the next generation of learners.*



AFC Bournemouth leaves local youth teams hopeful

● MONIQUE HANSEN

England's AFC Bournemouth's Community Sports Trust seems to have made a meaningful impact during their recent visit to South Africa.

In the middle of last month, their coaching representatives spent some time in Atlantis as part of their broader tour, which included stops in Johannesburg, Durban, and Cape Town. They conducted football workshops and community engagement activities, aiming to foster both academic and athletic development among learners. As part of their program, the group visited Robinvale High School's soccer team to conduct a soccer workshop. This project aims to help learners develop both academically and in sports, and to have a better attitude towards their education. Additionally, they visited a youth development group in Dura Flats, Robinvale, led by Alphonso Abrahams, who focuses on teaching

kids soccer and life skills. Despite the participants being slightly conflicted —given Bournemouth's victory over their favourite team, Manchester United—the visit was well-received and left a positive impression. Abrahams expressed hope for future sponsorships and support, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives for the community.

The local youth program also provides a feeding scheme for the kids in the community. "The kids range between the ages of six and thirteen years old, and they all possess unmatched passion and talent for soccer. I want people to see that. I need all the help I can get, so the visit from Bournemouth felt good, it means that we are heading in the right direction," Abrahams said.



Atlantis 'boykie', Maart scoops lucrative Adidas deal

Kaizer Chiefs' Yusuf Maart has officially extended his endorsement deal with sportswear giant Adidas. The midfielder maestro — who hails from Atlantis — is known for his calm presence and leadership in the heart of the Amakhosi engine room.

The new contract will see him earning a total of R2,5 million annually, making it one of the most lucrative endorsement deals in recent local football history. The partnership includes exclusive product campaigns, lifestyle shoots, and even potential



ambassadorial roles for future Adidas youth projects. In 2022, Maart joined one of the biggest clubs in South Africa on a three-year deal. He also earned himself nine national team call-ups between 2021 and 2022, and he is now a regular in the Bafana Bafana set-up.

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