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## Mayor opens R38-million Claremont Transport Interchange

The Claremont Public Transport Interchange, which serves an average of 29 000 commuters per weekday, was officially opened by Executive Mayor of Cape Town, Helen Zille on Wednesday, 22 October 2008.

The R38-million interchange, the sixth largest in the Cape metropole, was co-funded by the City of Cape Town, the Western Cape Government and National Government. It consists of the bus terminus, taxi rank and taxi holding area, with the train station forming an integral component of the interchange on the other side of the Claremont Boulevard.

"Originally the interchange consisted of an informal arrangement with inadequate provision of shelters, no lighting, seating, information signage, nor auxiliary or trading facilities," said Mayor Zille. With the increase in numbers using this informal facility it became necessary to upgrade it to a fully-fledged facility bringing all modes of public transport together.

"The City's Transport Department initiated an extensive public participation exercise that comprised of three public meetings, six stakeholder group meetings and several bilateral meetings with major stakeholders," said Zille.

On 23 February 2006, the Claremont Improvement District Company (CIDC) and the Claremont Road Bypass Company entered into an agreement with the City, whereby the City and other relevant authorities would fund the construction of the interchange.

"The City set out to create a facility that catered for and was acceptable to all the stakeholders. Although there were initially concerns around the proposed taxi operations within the Central Business District, the taxi operators conducted their business professionally and contributed to the harmony at the facility," said Zille.

According to Cllr Elizabeth Thompson, Mayoral Committee Member for Transport, Roads and Stormwater, the Claremont Public Transport Interchange is the first facility of its kind designed for universal access, special needs passengers and articulated buses.

The latest figures for this facility indicate that about 9 600 people use buses, 6 700 use taxis and 13 000 use the train daily to and from this location. "I trust that the



Cllr Elizabeth Thompson, Mayoral Committee Member for Transport, Roads and Stormwater, Executive Mayor of Cape Town, Helen Zille and CIDC Chairman, Chris Drummond on a tour of the new facility

numbers will continue to grow and that this facility will become the flagship for future public transport interchanges. This facility proves that the City works for its residents in putting public transport, people and quality of life first," says Cllr Thompson.

In his vote of thanks, Eddie Chinnappen, Executive Director for Transport, Roads and Stormwater, acknowledged the valuable contributions of the Claremont Improvement District Company (CIDC), Golden Arrow Bus Services, Cata, Codeta and the Mfuleni, Hanover Park and Manenberg Taxi Associations.

The opening was attended by Maddie Mazaza (the City's Director for Transport), Henry du Plessis (Director for Roads and Stormwater), Dave Buerger (Manager: Capital Implementation), Melani Ohlson (Project Manager), Ian Iversen (Ward Councillor for Claremont) Owen Kinahan (Chairperson of the Protea Subcouncil), Chris Drummond (CIDC Chairperson) and Anthony Davies (Executive Manager of the CIDC).

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## From the Executive Manager's desk



Greetings to all our friends and stakeholders

Summer is at last upon us with sunny skies and warm days! I wonder if you, our readers, recognise the real impact of all the rain we experienced during this past winter? Perhaps it is best illustrated by the September rainfall statistics. Since 1960, when monthly rainfall data have been recorded, the average for

September recorded at the airport is 41mm. This past September it was 140mm! No wonder therefore that construction work has slowed down, particularly delaying the completion of the Claremont Boulevard roadworks which we are hoping will be completed by the end of this month of November.

Perhaps one of the most important events in the civic history of Claremont, certainly since the CIDC was established eight years ago, was the official opening of the Claremont Public Transport Interchange by our Executive Mayor. This is covered in the lead article on the front page. We are indeed very proud of this excellent new facility which is proving such a boon to all our bus and taxi commuters. What's more, you are all now able to drive past the state-of-the-art taxi rank and bus terminus, travelling to and from the Stanhope Bridge on the first phase of the Claremont Boulevard roadworks.

The grand reopening of the magnificent new Pick 'n Pay flagship store in September is covered on page 3. Regarding this event in particular and as other tenants are moving into MontClare Place which is nearing completion, we ask that all concerned please understand that the current traffic congestion experienced, especially when exiting the building, is caused first of all by the delay in the construction of the roadworks between MontClare and the railway line and secondly due to the fact that the building itself is still undergoing construction. Whilst we in the CIDC are taking this matter very seriously, seeking both short and long term solutions to this problem, we know that once the Claremont Boulevard is open and operating, this will bring major improvements to this congestion problem.

Well dear readers, it is now November and soon the Festive Season will be upon us. Therefore, our very best wishes to you all for Christmas and 2009 as we in the CIDC continue our committed endeavours to make Claremont a better place for all.

**Anthony Davies, Executive Manager**

## Celebrating 70!

**The Clarion congratulates Anthony Davies on attaining this significant milestone on 23rd October! Several celebratory functions were held in his honour to mark this very special occasion. We wish Mr Davies many more years of health and happiness and thank him for his sterling and tireless work on behalf of Claremont and the CIDC.**

## The Claremont Central Directory 2009

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## SAPS Claremont CPF Public meeting

The quarterly public meeting of the Claremont Community Police Forum (CPF) was held in the nightclub Tiger Tiger in Stadium on Main on Thursday, 18 September. Mike Kabat, CPF's Chairman, joked that it was the first time ever that a SAPS meeting had been held in such a venue, but thanked the management for their hospitality.



Attended by some 50 community members, either owners of local businesses or residents of the area, metro police, members of the CIDC, Orbis Security and media representatives, the meeting was opened by CPF's Sector 2 Chairman, Robert Maydon, and addressed by Capt. Angie Latchman, Communications Liaison Officer for Claremont SAPS.

Captain Latchman declared that sector policing had proven to be a great success in the Claremont precinct, which covers some 35 square kilometers with a population of over 31 000. Inspector Rayno Joubert, SAPS Manager responsible for Sector 2 (the CBD), gave an overview of the most predominant crimes, reporting that theft out of motor vehicles, burglaries and assault, still present the biggest challenges. Homelessness, which further aggravates the situation, was addressed by Sam Vos, the director of U-turn.

Mike Kabat stressed the need and importance of the whole community becoming actively involved in the fight against crime. He urged members of the public to attend the various local meetings aimed at addressing these issues, in particular the SAPS 0800 Tuesday morning meeting at Van Zyl's Hostel, behind Lansdowne Road, across the road from the police station.

## Get to know your local SAPS Sector Managers



**SECTOR ONE:** Harfield Village and Lynfrae  
Sector Manager: Inspector CJ Geneke: 079 8941555

**SECTOR TWO:** Claremont Central Business District  
Sector Manager: Inspector R Joubert: 079 894 1492

**SECTOR THREE:** Bishopscourt, Kenilworth and Newlands  
Sector Manager: Inspector S Wentink: 079 894 1495

**SECTOR FOUR:** Lower Kenilworth (including Kenilworth Centre and Access Park), Claremont Village  
Sector Manager: Inspector D Mockey: 079 894 1567

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Captain Angie Latchman : 021 6578 2271/ 071 604 8370

# A grand opening for Pick 'n Pay Claremont

At long last and much to their customer's delight, the new Pick 'n Pay Claremont opened its doors to the public on Wednesday, 17 September. Well before the opening time at 09h00, several hundred shoppers formed an orderly queue outside the store, while indoors Pick 'n Pay staff and invited guests listened to the melodic voice of Idols pop star, Jody Williams and the sounds of 104KFM, and witnessed a very dignified opening ceremony.

Enthusiastic shoppers keen to take advantage of the more than 400 opening specials, waited patiently in line until staffers, Dave Smith and Seville Josephs, egged on by supermarket doyen, Raymond Ackermann, performed the official ribbon cutting ceremony and declared the store open.

Customers jostled in the aisles, bumping trolleys, ready to grab the bargains on offer, while friendly staffers wearing red carnations were standing by eager to assist and facilitate an amazing shopping experience. Shortly after 10h00 the doors were closed to control the queue of eager shoppers, stretching beyond the Main Road entrance and onto the pavement outside. The long queues which later formed at the check-out counters were clear evidence that the campaign to lure customers to the new store had been a great success.

Abdurahman Hamdulay, General Manager, Pick 'n Pay Western Cape comments: "We sincerely thank our loyal customers for their incredible support of our new flagship Claremont store. Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming customers back to the store for many years to come."

Claremont set a new Pick 'n Pay record for turnover on opening day. Abdurahman adds, "Response to the opening special offers by customers has been nothing short of amazing – an indication of just how much the specials were needed! We thank customers for their patience in coping with the long queues waiting to get into the store, and trust that the wait was worth it".

Right up until Sunday 5 October when the opening specials came to



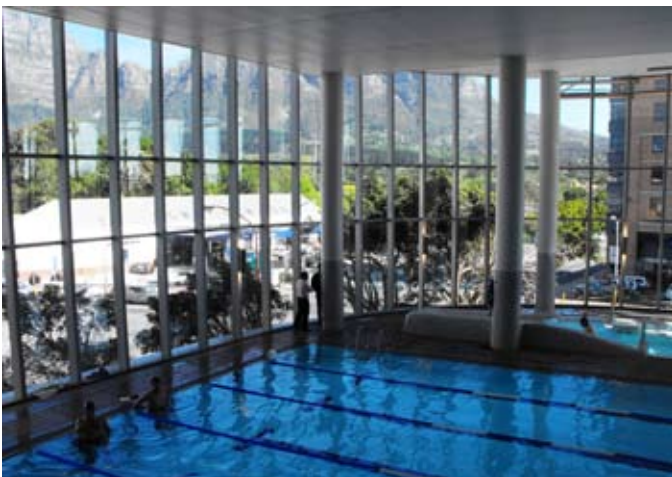
an end, there were still lengthy queues both to get into the store and at the till points. Parking in the building was also at a premium during the opening phase, but customers reported that the money savings to be had made the frustrations and the wait worthwhile

The new store boasts a 48-seater kitchen café, a gourmet meat counter, an on-site sushi bar with 3 specialist chefs, a kosher shop offering a wide array of products and a fresh flower stand with a qualified florist on hand to assist. The in-store pharmacy, Primary Care Clinic and extensive wellness and beauty section further boost the consumer offering.

By the time this edition of the Clarion went to print, the store had already settled into a routine where customers are able to soak up the ambience of this incredible new shopping experience.

The Clarion wishes Pick 'n Pay all success with its new store!

## Workout with a view



A workout session at the spacious new Virgin Active gym in MontClare Place with its voluminous glazing and spectacular mountain views, will calm even the most stressed executive.

## Shoe HQ Opens in CBD

SHOE HQ on Main Road recently opened its doors and is the latest addition to Claremont's extensive retail offering. The look and feel of the store appears high-end and expensive but shoppers can look forward to a great variety, color and styles at affordable prices.

In addition to stocking gorgeous fashion shoes for ladies and men, Shoe HQ also stocks handbags and kiddies shoes.



The Clarion wishes the owner and staff of this fine new store every success and good trading.

## Graffiti Project provides employment

The Graffiti Project is a scheme run by U-turn, in partnership with the Protea sub-council and the City of Cape Town, who pay the organisation to remove unsightly graffiti from council property. "In this way", explains Sam Vos of U-turn, a non-profit organisation that works with homeless men and women in Claremont, "we are able to provide sheltered employment for men and women who are currently in our rehabilitation program to do this work as part of their rehabilitation and life-skills training."

The men and women are given the experience of working regular hours, under a boss, as well as dealing with issues that come up in the work place. They are also given training on how to manage their money as they earn it. Other specific rehabilitation can also take place during work hours, such as appointments with medical professionals and further skills training, so that after a given period of time they are prepared to go and find employment in the formal sector, which will sustain them in the long term.



**The graffiti removal team has proved very effective at their task and is now offering quotes on private work. If a member of the public wishes to have unsightly graffiti removed from their property, they can contact Ron Wilson, the head of the team, on 084 6088 925**

## U-turn's Golf Day scores BIG!



A full playing field of keen golfers, sunny skies and wonderful prizes, all contributed to making the U-turn Golf Day, held on Friday 17th October, a huge success! Players started arriving from early on in the morning - some to help, while others simply wanted to soak up the atmosphere. By 11h30 the front desk was a hive of activity with players signing up for their complimentary annual subscription to the Compleat golfer™ organized by U-turn as part of the registration. With goodie bags safely stored away in the locker room, the golf (or gardening for some) got underway.

It was a wonderful day with half-way meals sponsored by Claremont Spur in the form of a Spur burger and Powerade coming from Peninsula Beverages. With just a gentle breeze to cool the players down during their 18 holes, U-turn was thankful that God provided near perfect playing conditions on the day.



The prize giving and auction got off to a good start when the donated Pick 'n Pay food platters from the Claremont store were offered to fill the player's stomachs once more. A quick presentation by Sam Vos on U-turn's activities was followed by an auction to raise funds for U-turn's work amongst street people in Claremont.

Under the safe hands of Dawie Maritz of the Claremont Auction group, and R15 400 later, all the goods were sold with happy customers looking forward to yacht trips to Camps Bay, Arabella Golf weekends in Kleinmond, weekends at Newlands Southern Sun hotel and two annual memberships from Virgin Active, amongst other things. In total U-turn managed to raise R60 010, to achieve their target they set for the day.

A huge thank you goes out to all the churches, businesses and individuals who sponsored prizes, goods and fielded players on the day. U-turn could not have done this without their support.

## Cavendish Square 35 years on ...

Cavendish Square recently celebrated its 35th anniversary. The award-winning shopping mall opened with 66 stores in 1973. After a series of renovations and extensions, the centre now boasts over 250 of the most elite stores, offering many unique and trendsetting brands.



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