

Getting hands dirty in Kuils River

The launch of the Keep Kuils River Clean initiative took place from Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 April. Mayco member for community services and health Zahid Badroodien, together with staff from the City's recreation and parks department and representatives from the community were present.

According to a statement issued by the City, horticultural teams from Strand, Somerset West, Khayelitsha and Blue Downs came together to clean public green spaces and parks. The statement said mowing and tree maintenance teams and workers from the City's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) also assisted.

"Additional funding has been made available to address the challenges associated with the mowing and cleaning of public green spaces."

According to the statement, Kuils River has 400 hectares of public green spaces which must be maintained, and the City's recreation and parks department remains committed to effective service delivery.

These spaces are divided into community parks, walkways, road reserves, greenbelts and river systems among others.

To effectively manage the maintenance of these areas mowing and cleaning takes place based on planned schedules throughout the various areas.

Badroodien said the City's mowing and cleaning programmes take conservation principles into account.

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ment of the natural and built environment. Public green spaces not only beautify our suburbs but also create areas that can be used for leisure activities and exercise," Badroodien said in a statement.

Badroodien thanked all the participants for their assistance and said this initiative shows that the City and the community can work together as a team in beautifying the public green spaces.

"Communities are encouraged to take ownership of their parks, greenbelts and river systems and to report any vandalism and destruction of City community facilities and property so that it can be investigated and that the City can act more swiftly to protect our urban public green spaces."

Community members are also asked to help the City fight the scourge of littering and pollution.



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