

SEA POINT

Grass project at the beach underway



The City of Cape Town continues to beautify public spaces in ward 54. Councillor Nicola Jowell apologises for any inconvenience caused during the construction work in the area. PHOTO: NOMZAMO YUKU

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Beachgoers and residents are urged to be patient while the grass restoration project along the beaches at Sea Point Promenade is underway. The project will be carried out in different phases with the last phase scheduled for next year. The ground (between Sea Point Pavilion parking area, Marais Road and

Mouille Point) has been aerated and weeds removed. Areas have been cordoned off with tape to warn pedestrians. According to Nicola Jowell, councillor for ward 54, this is the second phase of the project. The first phase focused on the Three Anchor Bay parking area and the Adventure Playground. The last phase, which will include Milton Road kids play area, the Fort Road kids play area, the Marais Road to Rocklands Road, and the area around Three

Anchor Bay, will be carried out next year. Jowell says the damage to the grass was caused by the recent droughts as no watering was allowed. She says some parts were damaged by the presence of site offices during the construction work on the sea wall and the repaving of sections of the promenade. "The parks department, along with expert horticulturists, determined the onset of spring would be the best time to do this work. In winter, it would have been

too cold and would not have been optimal," Jowell says. She adds the project also looking at permanently assigning 20 expanded public works programme (EPWP) workers on the promenade next month. They will be involved with weeding, cutting grass, loosening the soil and picking up litter. "These additional hands will help ensure the upkeep of the new grass and the preservation growth of the old grass," Jowell says.