



Lande NHW receiving their accreditation certificate at the Beaufort West Brand Launch on 16 March 2020.



Graceland NHW receiving their accreditation certificate at the Beaufort West Brand Launch on 16 March 2020.

NHW BRAND MAKES ITS LAST STOP IN BEAUFORT WEST

After visiting various district municipalities across the Western Cape the new Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) brand strategy was launched in the Central Karoo District at a NHW Brand Launch and Accreditation Ceremony in Beaufort West.

The following NHWs also received accreditation certificates:

- Prince Albert
- Lande
- Middeldorp
- Rustdene
- Graceland
- Hospitaal Heuwal
- Klaastroom
- Hillside 2 Nieuvelid.

The brand launch and accreditation ceremony form part of the Department's initiatives to professionalise NHWs and increase community participation, create safer neighbourhoods and change perceptions of safety in communities as obligated by section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act.

Presentations were done on the NHW Accreditation Support Programme by Ms Ayesha Fortune, Microsoft Kaizala by Winston Cogill and the Neighbourhood Watch Brand by Ameerah Kenny.

The aim of the brand roll-out is to create safer neighbourhoods and increase perceptions of safety in communities and to build community cohesion amongst NHW structures.



Winston Andrews delivered the vote of thanks at the Beaufort West Brand Launch on 16 March 2020.



Hillside 2 NHW receiving their accreditation certificate at the NHW Brand Launch on 16 March 2020.

MINISTER FRITZ EXTENDS SUPPORT TO TYGERDAL SAFETY STAKEHOLDERS

On 21 January 2020 the Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, met with the safety stakeholders of Tygerdal and the broader community at the NG Church in Goodwood Park to discuss and resolve safety related issues. Minister Fritz committed to working closer with the community to address issues including a lack of resources for Neighbourhood Watches and increasing the presence of law enforcement.

Safety Stakeholders included various Neighbourhood Watch Structures and Community Policing Forums. Representatives from the Glenwood, Goodwood, Monte Vista and Tygerdal Neighbourhood Watches were present to form strategic partnerships with the department.

During his address Minister Fritz said, "Going forward, I will facilitate discussions between these safety stakeholders and law enforcement, SAPS and private companies to address safety concerns in the area. I will also deploy an official from the Department of Community Safety to further address the issues outlined by the various Neighbourhood Watch Chairpersons."

"I look forward to having further such engagements with Neighbourhood Watch structures and Community Policing Forums in the Cape Metro and in rural communities," added Minister Fritz. Minister Fritz concluded by saying, "Those who volunteer in our Neighbourhood Watches and Community Policing Forums contribute significantly to their communities, and I wish to recognise them for their invaluable work. I understand that many do not join these institutions because they want to, but rather because they feel a strong need to protect their communities. For that, I sincerely thank you."



MANENBERG COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM AND NHW MATRIC ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

On 18 January 2020 the Manenberg Community Police Forum hosted their 4th Annual Matric Achievers Awards at the Phoenix High School in Manenberg. The top three learners from the following schools received awards: Manenberg Secondary, Silverstream Secondary, Phoenix Secondary, Cathkin Secondary, TLC – The Leadership College, Heideveld Secondary and Darul Islam High School.

Learners gathered at the Manenberg Police Station and were transported on a party bus through the streets of Heideveld and Manenberg before the formal proceedings began. The CPF felt the need to honour and extend a heartfelt appreciation to these learners for their hard work as the Matric class of 2019.

The event was supported by the Vanguard and Welcome Estate NHW and the Cathkin NHW. The respective NHWs assisted with ensuring the safety of attendees by guarding the perimeters. Female NHW members assisted by escorting honoured guests to their seats.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

NHW operating hours and contact information

Operating office hours: 07:00 – 16:00

- Members of the public must phone (021) 483 7813 / (021) 483 7855 to make an appointment.
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.
- No walk-ins will be allowed as meeting rooms must be arranged in advance.

BODORP NHW COMMUNITY WORKS PROGRAMME (CWP) MEMBER



Mike D'Elboux from the Bodorp NHW handed Johannes Kalala his reward

Johannes Kalala, one of the members of the Community Works Programme (CWP) Bo-Dorp Neighbourhood Watch's St. Blaize Hiking Security Project, found a Garmin GPS during his patrol on November 20, 2019. He handed the item over to Mike D'Elboux, the member of the neighbourhood watch team responsible for the CWP-project. The lost item was reported on several WhatsApp groups and in the media in an attempt to locate the owner.

The Neighbourhood Watch's committee decided to pay a generous reward to Mr Kalala, indicating their appreciation for his honesty.

The CWP project officially ended on 10 December for 2019 and will only start again in mid-January 2020. Generous sponsorship from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous, however, allowed the foot patrols to continue daily, seven days a week for the rest of the peak summer season.

"We thank the donor for their generous sponsorship to enable the neighbourhood watch to continue with the important safety initiative," said chairperson of the Mossel Bay Community Forum, Leon van Dyk.

MORE NHW'S IN THE CAPE METRO RECEIVES ACCREDITATION



On 25 February 2020 the Department of Community Safety held an accreditation ceremony in Parow to recognise 39 newly accredited Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) structures.

The ceremony included an overview of the accreditation of NHWs, a demonstration on the new NHW online application system and the new communication and reporting platform being piloted for NHWs, a talk on the SAPS and NHWs partnership and a handover of certificates and starter kits. This event was aimed at acknowledging and recognising the efforts of these heroic NHWs and their members.

Upon approval of accreditation, a NHW is issued with an accreditation certificate which is valid for two years and must be renewed three months prior to its expiration to ensure that the accreditation does not lapse. Once accredited, NHWs qualify for free training, resources and funding from the Department.



Above: Siyolungisa NHW received their accreditation certificate at the NHW Accreditation Ceremony in Parow on 25 February 2020.



BLOOMSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BICYCLE HANDOVER



In December 2019 the Bloomsbury neighborhood watch held its Thanksgiving service at the URC church Windmeul under the leadership of Reverend Williams who is also an active member of the neighborhood watch. During the service, Bloomsbury neighborhood watch handed over six bicycles and their accessories, to six families, who live on farms, so that they have transport to town.

We also collected nine large boxes of non-perishable items of food that were handed over as gifts to the elderly. As neighbourhood watches, we are not only responsible for safety, but also try to help the community where we can.

STELLENBOSCH NEIGHBOURHOOD RECEIVES BASIC NHW TRAINING



On 9 and 10 November 2020 the Stellenbosch NHW attended basic NHW Training. The training covers the following topics: Increasing safety in the Western Cape, Community Mapping, your rights and responsibilities, the Neighbourhood Watch Code of Conduct and patrolling etc.

As part of the NHW Accreditation and Support Programme, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety (DoCS) offers a two-day basic NHW training course. The training is provided within communities throughout the Western Cape at a community hall within the area. Training is free of charge and all logistics relating to training and catering is provided by DoCS.

FAQs

This feature aims to address questions you may have about the running and operations of your respective Neighbourhood Watches (NHW)s.

Can NHWs raise their own funds?

Yes.

Can NHW members make arrests?

Yes, the NHW member has the same power as an ordinary citizen to make a citizen's arrest, only Schedule 1 offences i.t.o the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977 i.e. robbery, murder, rape, house breaking, assault, assault committed in their presence, theft etc. in the presence of a police officer.

Do NHWs still report to Community Policing Forums (CPFs)?

NHWs and CPFs have specific roles. They share the vision of safer neighbourhoods, so healthy relationships are essential. In terms of Section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act the CPFs have an oversight role to ensure that Neighbourhood Watches abide by the law and to manage healthy relationships between communities and the police.

Can NHW members use vehicles?

Vehicle patrols are allowed. We encourage NHWs to abide by the traffic laws.

COVID-19 - COVID-19

General advice

What is COVID-19?

A respiratory illness similar to flu (cough, fever, fatigue & aching body/muscles). More commonly than flu, it can become severe causing viral pneumonia (difficulty breathing).

4 out of 5 people will have a mild illness and recover without treatment. The elderly and those with underlying health conditions have increased risk of severe illness. Cases in children are rare.

How does it spread?

You can pick up coronavirus from:

- Touching an infected surface or object. The virus can enter your body when you touch your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Very close contact (1-2 metres) with a sick patient.



Prevent spread to keep you and your family safe:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve/elbow (not your hands) when coughing/sneezing. Discard used tissues immediately and wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick. Wearing a mask is unlikely to protect you if you are well. People who are coughing and sneezing who wear a mask are less likely to infect others.
- Avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (counters, bedside table, doorknobs, bathroom surfaces, phones).
- Wash hands often, especially before handling food/after using toilet or coughing/sneezing.



Wash your hands well

- Use these steps to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Roll up your sleeves, rinse hands in clean water and apply soap to palm of hand:



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Rub palms together.



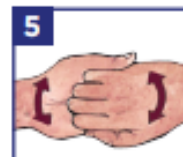
2
Rub tips of nails against palm. Swap hands.



3
Rub fingers between each other.



4
Place one hand over back of other, rub between fingers. Swap hands.



5
Grip fingers and rub together.



6
Rub each thumb with opposite palm. Swap hands.

- Rinse your hands with clean water and dry on paper towel or allow to dry on their own.

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