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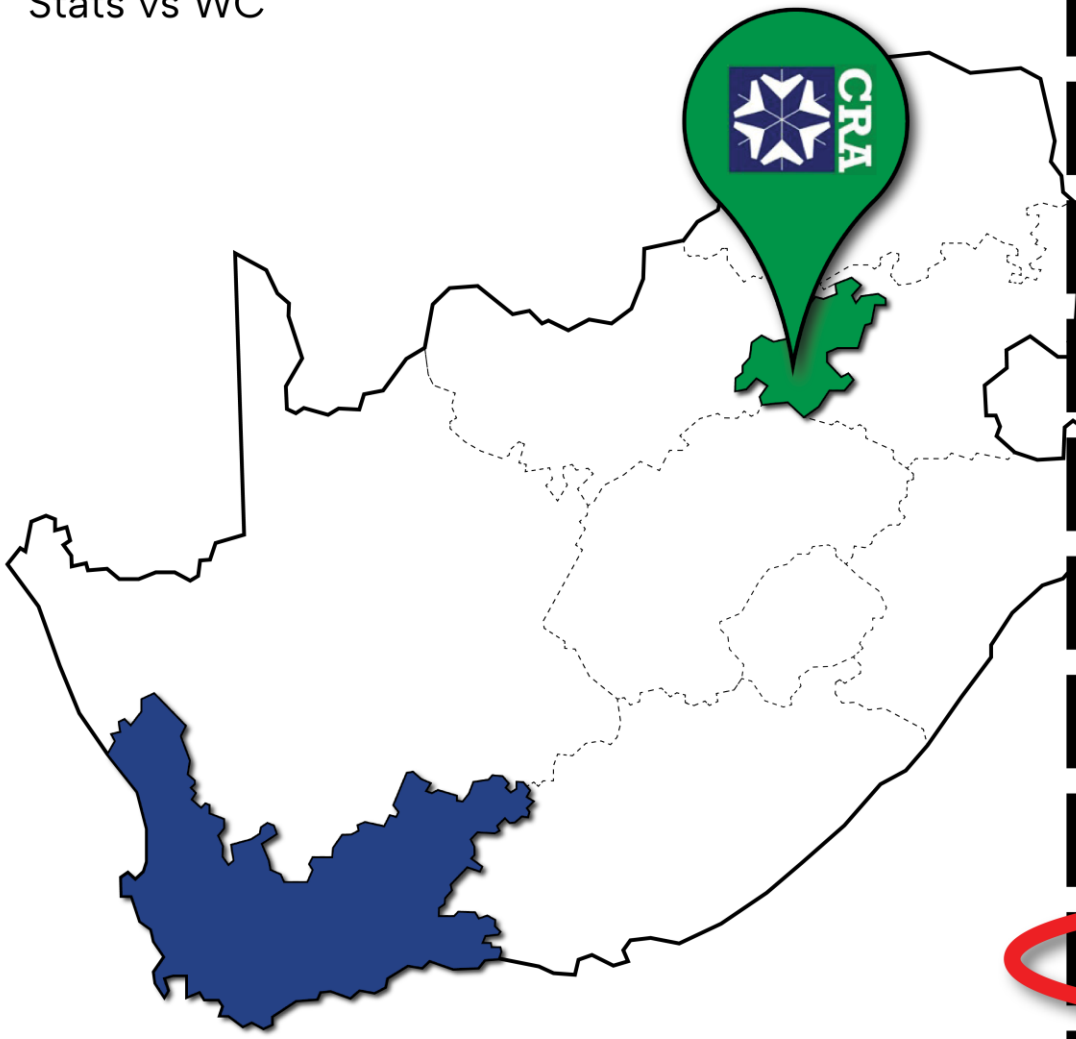
GAUTENG

Stats vs WC



	GAUTENG	WC
Land Area *% of total country*	1.5%	10.6%
Population *% of total country*	25.3%	12%
Population density	876/km²	58/km²
Median age	30	31
Homeless *% of total country*	45.6%	17.5%
Unemployment rate *% of province*	34.7% ->40%	22.5% ->27%
Share of GDP *% of total country*	33.2%	14%
GDP per capita	R96k	R90k
Personal income tax *% of total country*	48.4%	15.2%
Tax payers (Registered) *% of total country*	38.6%	17.1%

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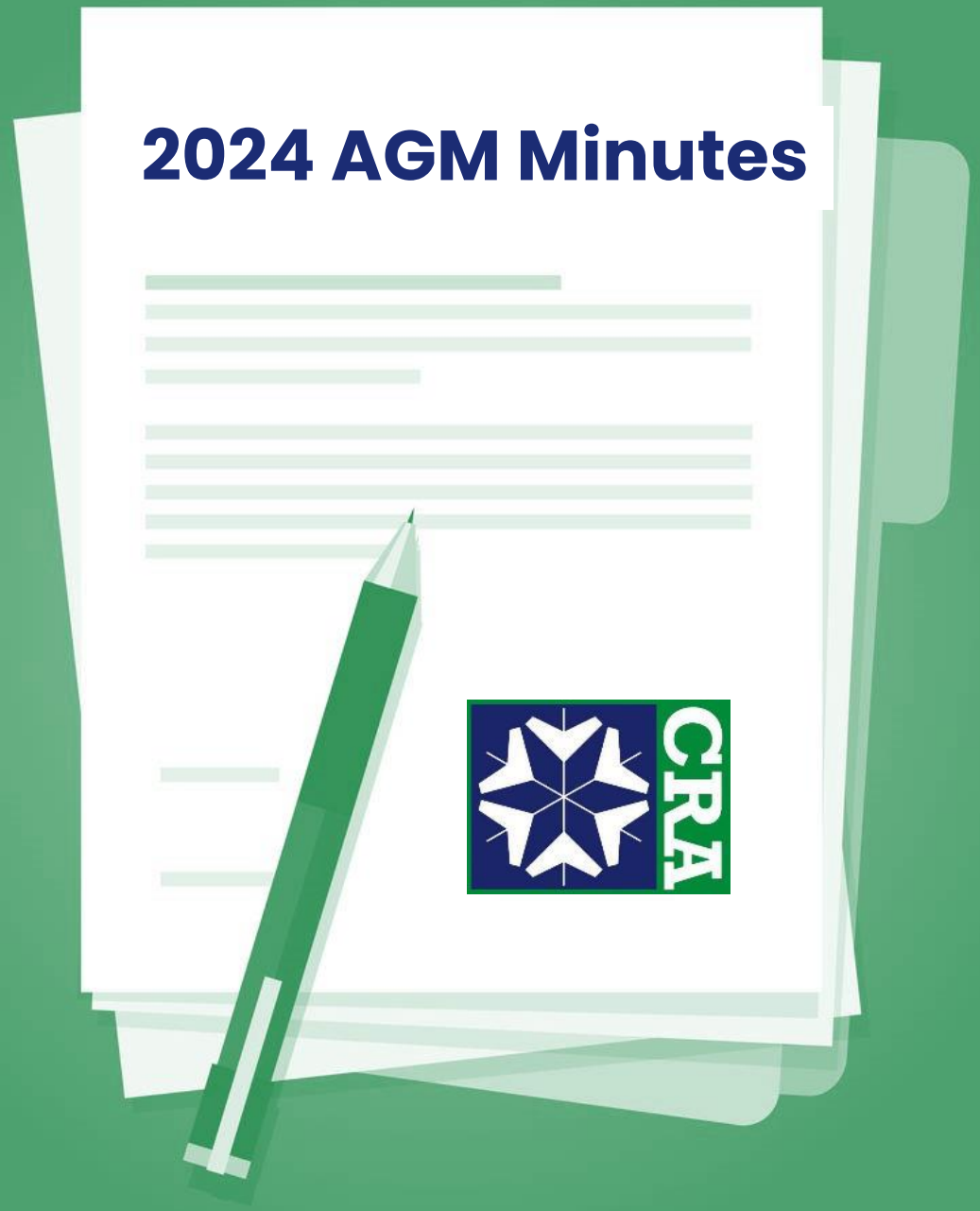

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CraigPark Residents Association
Income Statement – 2024

Year ending 31 December 2024

	Change	2024	2023
Total Revenue	▲	**589 250**	**562 559**
Member income	▲	**464 235**	**460 939**
Membership Fees	▲	388 474	269 999
Donations	▼	75 761	190 940
Other income		**125 014**	**101 620**
Interest	▲	96 871	70 492
Commissions	▼	28 143	31 128
Expenses	▼	**(364 515)**	**(521 674)**
Administration	▲	(22 082)	(36 300)
Gardeners + related expenses	▼	(147 848)	(184 386)
Environment	▲	(94 054)	(64 616)
Town Planning	▼	(13 800)	(55 200)
Pothole Repair + Delta	▼	(12 499)	(77 514)
Other Portfolios	▼	(74 283)	(103 658)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	▲	**224 734**	**40 885**
Cash reserves (Money in the Bank) at year end	▲	**1 273 758**	**1 049 024**

- Surplus of R224,734 is up 450% on last year's surplus of R40,885.
- Growth in surplus largely due to a decline in spending of 30% rather than an increase of income.
- Relationships with the City are paying off (more on that later).
- Delta Park / Spruit partnerships increasing efficiencies.
- No increase in membership fees. (Still 3 Cups of Coffee per month)
- Total contribution from members (incl. donations) only increased by 0.72% year on year.
- Conversion of residents from paying once-off donations to becoming regular members.
- Less requirements for donation drives due to improved relationships with the City.
- Getting an accountant to manage financial statements going forward.

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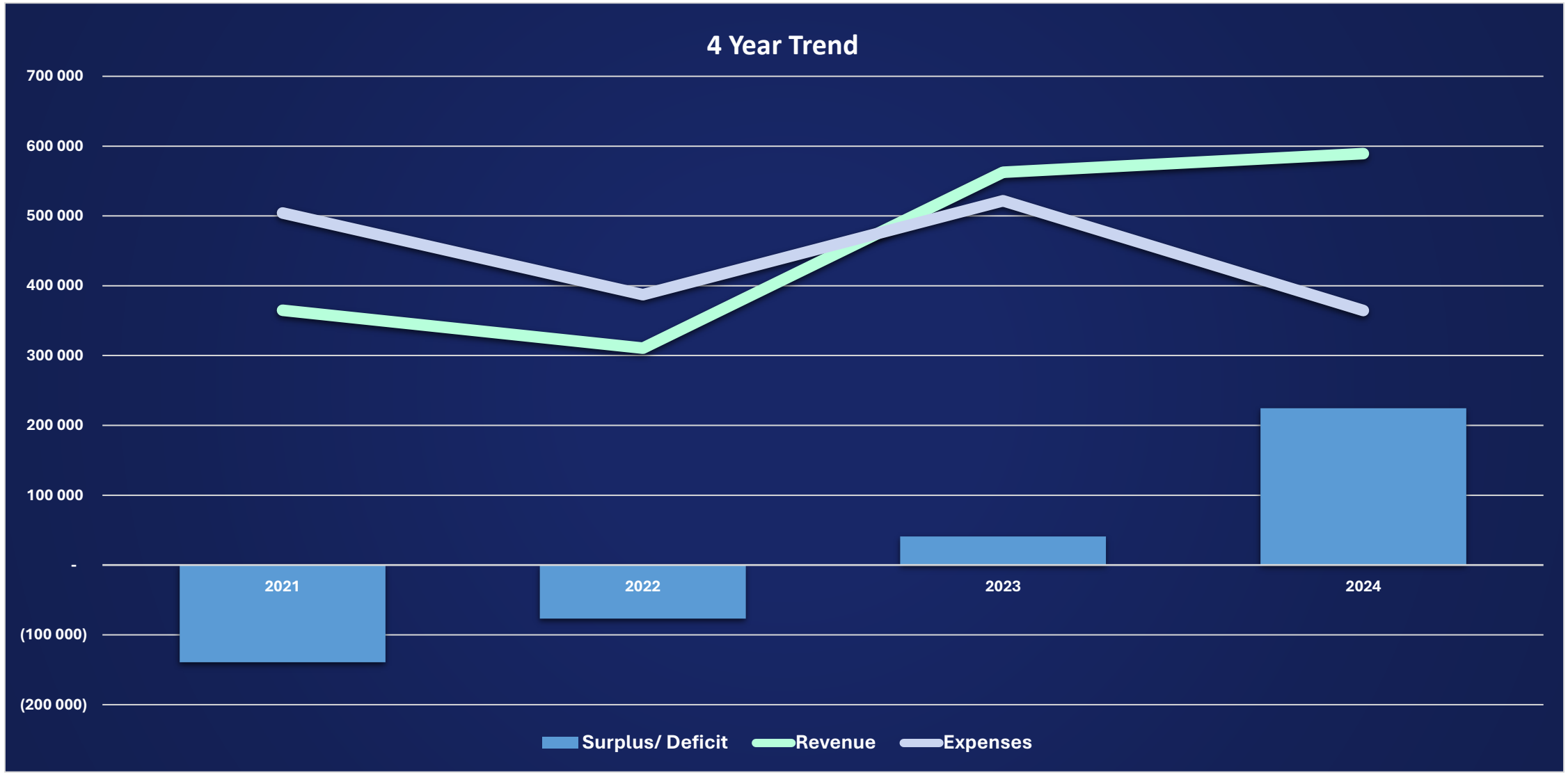


MOMENTUM WITH PARTNERS & THE CITY

COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS & NETWORKS

- Great working relationship with our local ward councillor, **Martin Williams**
- **Water Crisis Group** – coordinated response to Joburg's water challenges / long term view
- Active in **RA/PARKS Chairs Group** – aligning efforts with neighbouring suburbs
- Working with **JoburgCAN** – civil society partner driving government accountability
- Regular engagement with **City of Joburg** departments and leadership

KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE CITY OF JOBURG

- **JRA** – joint efforts to fix roads and reinstate road markings
- **Johannesburg Water** – improved turnaround on burst pipe repairs
- **CRUM** – regional urban management coordination
- **JPC** – ongoing engagement on alienation and protection of green spaces

STRATEGIC TASK TEAMS

Johannesburg "**Bomb Squad**" – part of City Task Force liaising with us and other nearby Residents' Association Chairs to fast-track problem resolution and dealing with high-level aspects

OUR FOCUS
Strength in collaboration, reducing duplication
Driving synergy across communities
Leveraging connections to fast-track service delivery

CRA COMMITTEE

Incl. Hugh Wyndham Park Sub Committee

COMMITTEE

A small, dedicated team of resident volunteers

We work with the Clr Williams & City to keep Craighall Park clean, safe, and desirable

This work protects our property values and quality of life

NEED HANDS ON DECK

Money alone doesn't drive action — people do

You care about your suburb, please get involved

Speak to us after the AGM or contact us directly

URGENT NEED for a Town Planning Assistant

TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Infrastructure issues?
Report the issue and cc infrastructure@cra.org.za

Bylaw problems?
Use our JMPD online reporting form to escalate

Thanks to volunteers like Mike Tiger who help escalate issues with the City

ENVIRONMENT

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

We have partnered with **Jozi Trails** for the maintenance of the Delta and local parks. We assist with the maintenance costs in our section and continue to pay a salary for a worker but we no longer oversee day to day management. This collaboration has given us insight into the greater operations of the Delta and maximised efficiencies.

Bubele Africa (NPO) employs 10 workers, an increase from 6 last year, who work 3 days a week removing litter from the spruit, maintain the substations, weed the islands and clear storm water drains. The CRA has partnered with **The Woods** and **Delta Central** for one of the days but we are looking for more funding to increase the work done by the team. Work done by smaller resident led initiatives has been merged into this team to create more of an impact.

We have continued our work with **WaterCAN** to test the water quality of our spruit on a monthly basis. Test kits were donated. This provides feedback to WaterCAN about the quality of the spruit and alert us of any abnormal contamination so that corrective action can be taken. Information will assist in seeking action from the city.

Support the **Friends of the Delta** to ensure that the delta remains a Safe and attractive space for all to enjoy.

RESIDENT LED, CRA SUPPORTED PROJECTS

The garden at the corner of Buckingham and Hamilton continues to be maintained by **Blessing**, overseen by **Martin van Niekerk.**

LOOKING FORWARD

World CleanUp day is on the 20th September. The CRA have partnered with Jozi Trails to create awareness of the issues we face and will be encouraging schools to join this morning of information sharing and action. Please come and support.

Building of a **litter trap** on the spruit to assist with removing of litter from a concentrated area.

Replacing trees on Jan Smuts destroyed by truck crash.

Uplifting the **Waterfall Park** in partnership with a resident led action group

Bubele Team

Partnering with :

WATER CAN
COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

JOZI TRAILS
Walk Run Ride

WATER MONITORING RESULTS

CRA IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH WATERCAN IN A CITIZEN-LED EFFORT TO MONITOR AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR LOCAL RIVER SYSTEMS

WHAT WE TEST FOR

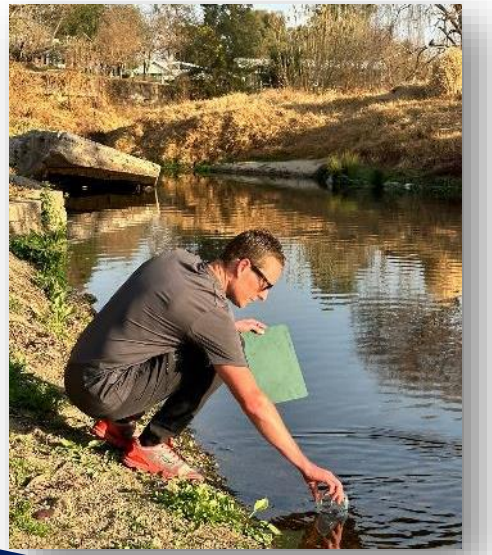
Using **WaterCAN's** community science **test kits**, we assess:

- **Chemical parameters** like nitrates, phosphates, chlorine, and pH
- **Microbial contamination** including E. coli and coliform bacteria
- **Visual and physical** indicators such as colour, smell, litter, and damage

These data points allow us to detect both **short-term pollution** events and **long-term trends** that could threaten our ecosystem or community health.

WHAT WE FOUND

- May & June: **E. coli-free** for the first time since testing began.
- Dangerous **phosphate spikes** in Sept (25 ppm) & May (10 ppm) — a threat to aquatic life.
- Nitrite levels consistently **exceed safe thresholds** for ecosystems.
- Litter, faeces, and runoff reported every month — **pollution is chronic**, not seasonal.



WHY IT MATTERS

The spruit is the green heart of Delta Park — vital to biodiversity and community wellbeing.

Polluted water doesn't stay local — it flows into our broader river systems.

We've seen **real improvement** — clean-ups, dry season, and community action made a difference.

This is a system **we can protect — or lose**. It depends on all of us.

Why not test water on your travels? Help WaterCAN assess those smaller towns.
Contact: **watercan.org.za**

BLUE BRIDGE AT DELTA

In March 2025, the Blue Bridge at Delta Park suffered severe structural damage due to the flooding caused by two significant storms

CRA-FACILITATED ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

- Deck sagging – possible cable or pylon failure
- Marlborough Ave abutment shifted >3cm – structurally unstable
- Suspension system may no longer be functional
- Severe erosion and collapsed gabions = high risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and dogs

- CRA taskforce established. Volunteer Rob Rogan is leading this team and working with Martin Williams and CoJ
- Working with JRA, recently Mayor's Office, to expedite action
- Likely need community funding support for a new bridge

SUBURB MAINTENANCE

ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OWNED BY CITY POWER

RISKS

Mini substations frequent subject of attempted theft, vandalism – especially during load shedding periods.

Opportunity for theft, false alarms, further infrastructure damage.

City Power does not have the resources or budget to improve or maintain security

An outage of the mini-sub can affect multiple streets for hours or potentially days (recent experience).

IMPLEMENTED IMPROVEMENTS

CAP has a partnership agreement with City Power in place, includes authorisation to control keys, processes to verify access requests and respond to alarms or incidents.

CRA has cleared the vegetation, repaired the fences and installed locks which have resulted in no theft, vandalism or other issues; positive impact on CAP / security.

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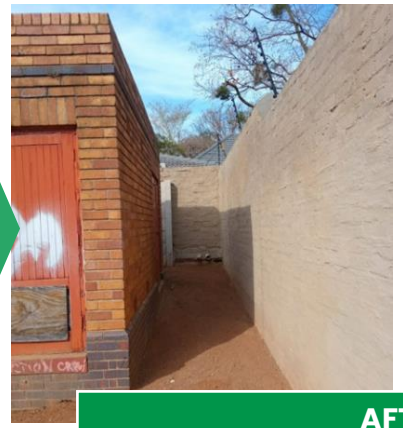

AFTER

SUBURB MAINTENANCE

STOP SIGNS REPLACED BY THE CRA

CURB MAINTENANCE

- 4 new stop signs erected where old ones had fallen down
- Refurbished the basketball court on the delta
- Ongoing pothole initiative
- Substation cleanups
- Fixed split poles along the delta fence
- Recent City Power audit of streetlights was coordinated by the CRA

BASKETBALL COURT (AT DELTA) REFURBISHED

SUBSTATION CLEANUPS

POTHOLE INITIATIVE

TOWN PLANNING & POLICY

Rezoning Applications

- Awareness of Application
- Facilitate objections within community reach by groups, email, website
- Support and guide
- Liaison with Applicant's town planner
- Support through Municipal Planning Tribunal (MPT) process
- Assistance with Appeal if needed

Heritage Applications

- Heritage approval > 60 years for structural alterations, additions, partial or complete demolition
- CRA-area starting ageing near 60 years
- Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Gauteng) requires RA input

High-level Policy

- Working with other RAs and JoburgCAN on Policy input
- IDP, SPLUMA, Open Spaces By-Laws, CCTV By-Law, Security/PSIRA

Current Business & Achievements

- Guidelines developed
- Major applications in progress (Eastwood Hospital)
- Smaller but important rezoning facilitated community-driven objections 50+ strong, some 150+ being taken seriously
- Liaison and support other RAs in overreaching development planning

Consultants & Professional Input

- Town Planning – MoU with VBH Town Planning
- Leverage with other RA's experience
- Resident Architects to review Heritage-related & access to Johannesburg Heritage Foundation

Looking Ahead

- City's densification policy affects suburbs character and desirability
- Residents' active participation needed
- Overdensification, loss of tree cover, pressure on infrastructure, negative impacts to neighbourhood character

Portfolio Needs

Active participation needed – please get involved

MYHood

OBJECTIVE

The CRA's **MYHood** programme was designed by the CRA to encourage resident participation and engagement both in our community and with each other.

WHAT IS IT?

MYHood is flexible and can comprise of various **special interest groups** (e.g. bird-watching, wine-tasting, sporting activities etc.) – you decide!

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ **MYHood** Weekly Time Trial
- ★ **MYHood** Easter Egg Hunt
- ★ **MYHood** Halloween Festivities
- ★ **MYHood** Santa on Hamilton

LOOKING FORWARD

Let us know if we can help you set up your own **MYHood** special interest group by admin@cra.org.za

MYHood

Become part of a family

HEALTH & COMMUNITY NEEDS

Jul-25	Prof. Craig Sheriden	**Day Zero**
Jun-25	Dr Cary Goodwin	**Winter Garden**
May-25	David Fleminger	**Pride of Place (UNESCO)**
Apr-25	Martin Williams	**Meet the Councillor**
Mar-25	Mariolette Vorster	**Community Outreach**
Feb-25	Abdul Karim	**Role of Your Pharmacist in the Community**
Jan-25	Carlos Nairenge & Shaun Kaplan	**Personal and Home Safety and Security**
Dec-24	Dudley Holmes	**Music and More...**
Nov-24	Trevor McGlashan	**Estates, Wills & Wealth**
Oct-24	Dr Cary Goodwin	**Your Summer Garden**
Sept-24	The Harmonettes	**Sing With Joy**
Aug-24	Christine Gordon-Bennett	**How to Avoid Being Scammed on Your Phone or Computer**
Jul-24	Bruce Sparks	**Greying Gracefully**

Community Activity

Tea & Talk

MEMBERSHIP

Donations can be earmarked for specific projects. When making the donation, please write a note in the comments on what you would like it to be allocated to.

R50 / MONTH	Recommended R100 / MONTH	R150 / MONTH	R200+ / MONTH
PENSIONERS LARGE COMPLEXES/UNIT	INDIVIDUAL	BUSINESSES	THOSE WHO CAN GIVE MORE
Subscribe	Subscribe	Subscribe	Subscribe

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- The CRA's website has all the latest news and suburb related info.
- CRA Business Members can have a presence on the website.
- You can sign up as a member on the CRA website with a very easy and secure payment portal.
- There are also options to pay once-off donations and to pay membership fees as an annual lump sum.
- Some members still prefer to EFT membership fees directly (harder to administer).

224
Monthly individual subscribers using the PayFast system

208
Complex units Via Body Corporates

2720
transactions through PayFast for the last 12 months

Business Members using the PayFast System
29

Cleanup Days at Delta Park

Comedy Evenings

Pothole Initiative

Twice Weekly Time Trial

Road Painting

Why join the CRA?

Security Facilitation
Special operations to address eg. cable theft, substations, hotspots, etc., Monthly reporting, SLA adherance

WhatsApp Community

Responsible Town Planning

Santa on Hamilton

Gardeners

Easter Egg Hunt

Municipal Escalations

VOTING - CHANGES TO CRA CONSTITUTION

The CRA constitution was last updated in 2021 and approved by the online AGM meeting

1

MEMBERSHIP

Membership references in line with our revised membership approach, to cater for monthly membership (previously annual)

2

COMMITTEE TERM

Allowed for 2 x annual extension for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, in addition to three-year fixed term. Subject to membership vote approval.

3

CRA BOUNDARY

Incorporate Oerder Park – 3 x complexes signed up for membership

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THANK YOU

ENVIRONMENT – APPENDIX

CURRENT WATER READINGS

Location: Blue Bridge

Parameter	Blue Bridge (Upstream)	SANS 241 Compliance	Environmental Guidelines Compliance
Nitrate (ppm)	0.5 (Safe)	Yes (≤ 11 mg/L)	Yes (≤ 6 mg/L for Aquatic Ecosystems)
Nitrite (ppm)	0.15 (Safe)	Yes (≤ 0.9 mg/L)	No (exceeds ≤ 0.03 mg/L for Aquatic Ecosystems)
Phosphate (ppm)	10 (Safe for humans)	Yes (≤ 0.5 mg/L)	No (eutrophication risk > 0.5 ppm)
Hardness	50	Not Directly Regulated	Advisory only (acceptable < 600 mg/L)
Total Chlorine (ppm)	0.5 (Safe)	Yes (≤ 5 mg/L)	
Free Chlorine (ppm)	1 (Safe)	Yes (≤ 5 mg/L)	
Bromine (ppm)	0 (Safe)	Not Applicable	
Alkalinity	80	Not Regulated	
pH	7.6 (Safe)	Yes (6.5 - 8.5)	Yes (6.5 - 8.5)
Metals	No data	Unknown	Unknown
Water Colour	Greenish tint	No (should be clear)	No (not suitable for recreation)
Smell Present	No	Questionable	Questionable
Damage	No	Not Applicable	No (visible damage undesirable)
Pollution Present	Yes (egg shells, plastic)	Not Applicable	No (pollution should be absent)
Coliform Colour	Clear/Yellow (Safe)	Yes	<130 CFU/100mL for recreation
Blue Spots (E. coli)	0 (Safe)	Yes (0 CFU/100mL)	Yes
Red Spots (E. coli)	0 (Safe)	Yes (0 CFU/100mL)	Yes

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Chemical Quality

- **Nitrate** and **Nitrite** levels remain within **safe** limits for human health. However, nitrite levels continue to exceed thresholds considered safe for aquatic ecosystems, reinforcing concerns about nutrient runoff or wastewater seepage upstream.
- **Phosphate** levels spiked to 10 ppm — consistent with the high reading at the downstream site in May. While this poses no direct human health risk, it raises **a red flag for ecological health**, particularly due to the risk of eutrophication and algae blooms.
- **Chlorine** and **pH levels** are stable and within **safe bounds**, indicating ongoing disinfection and neutral water chemistry.

BECOME A WATER ACTIVIST

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