

June 2020 Newsletter: COVID 19 Update

CAN Funding and Operations

The local branch of Community Action Network (CAN) continues with its wonderful work to assist those in need during this difficult time.

Residents will be aware from our newsflash of 22 May that by that date residents and businesses in St James and Kalk Bay had contributed an AMAZING amount of R180,00 to help feed and assist those in need in our community as a result of the lock down.

Of this amount, about R145,000 had been spent providing food parcels and basic toiletries to up to 70 families in need and about R22,000 had been contributed to assist other communities in the Far South.

We are informed by CAN that they currently have about R41,000 available, which is enough to provide food parcels to about 40 families to the end of this week. They budget to spend about R120,000 for the months of June, July and August (about R40,000 per month). This, of course, is dependent on the continued generosity of contributors to their work.

SRA Activities

Management: Our Manager, Gail Daniels, continues to work remotely and is contactable by phone or email.

Social Development: The SRA Social Development Coordinator, Anna Els, has resumed her Open Door consultations at the SRA office at the Community Centre every Tuesday between 09h00 and 13h00.

Many of our homeless people who were temporarily accommodated by the City at the Strandfontein Pavilion have returned to the streets following the closure of this facility.

Unfortunately, the Haven Night Shelter in Kalk Bay is full and unable to expand its accommodation capacity. We are awaiting clarity from the City regarding its plans to provide more accommodation for the homeless longer term.

Public Safety: A full complement of Lake Security patrollers continue on their normal patrols on a 24/7 basis.

Due to problems associated with the lock down output from a number of the SRA's security cameras have been lost. We are currently working to re-establish those connections.

Cleaners: the SRA cleaners are back in operation and have resumed their work schedule.

General

Most businesses, apart from sit down restaurants, are open for business, and most restaurants are offering take-away or delivery options.

Schools in our area reopened last week for the Grade 7 learners. Strict procedures are in place to ensure the safety of the teachers and learners.