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Planting open to public at Zandvlei Circle

STAFF REPORTER

Progress is being made in creating the Zandvlei Strandveld Circle in Promenade Road, Muizenberg. The public can take part in open planting days

this week and on Friday September 25, between 2pm and 5pm (weather permitting).

All are welcome if they are feeling well and haven't had recent contact with anyone infected with Covid-19, although attend-

ance will be at your own risk.

Physical distancing will apply and face masks are compulsory. You will need your own spade (small or large), a hat, water, sunscreen and suitable gardening attire.

This is a collaboration between FynbosLIFE and the City of Cape Town.

Botanical ecologist Dr Caitlin von Witt is the managing director of Fynbos LIFE (Fynbos Locally Indigenous Flora Education).

She says the Zandvlei Strandveld Circle will be a 1000m² flower display that will feature indigenous strandveld plants.

Visit the FynbosLIFE Facebook page for more information.

Pressing issue

Life Ndlovu, Masiphumelele

On Tuesday September 15, I went to False Bay Hospital. When I got to the door of the reception area, I was told that anyone with Covid-19 symptoms is not allowed in.

I respect that and understand it. I was taken to the tent and had to join the queue and sit in the open space with the other patients coughing and sneezing in the cold, some with babies on their backs.

The trouble started when I needed the toilet. I stood at the Covid-19 tent door and asked the lady for the toilet. She said they had no

toilets there and I had better go to the next building and ask for a toilet. It is just next to the tent. I walked there and next to the entrance there were four or five security-guard women with one gentleman basking in the sun.

I asked them if I could get in and use the toilet. The one woman responded by saying that the nurse did not allow people from the Covid-19 tent to enter there and use the toilet. I asked where I could go as I really needed the toilet. The women said all the toilets were blocked – the story had changed within a few minutes.

The security guard said I should go to the

admin block and ask for the toilet. I told them that they screened people there and if you had a sore throat you were not allowed in.

The women said I could go there and lie to them. I told them that I am not a liar naturally. I then told them that just for the sake of my dignity, I had to go to my car and relieve myself there instead of wetting my clothes in front of everyone.

When I walked towards my car, a male security guard ran after me and said, "Mam, come back, I will escort you to the admin block."

I then turned around and followed the gentleman, with my knees rubbing each other to try to avoid

wetting myself. What a shame. The ladies remained sitting there and laughing.

Finally the male security guard took me there and asked his colleagues who were by the door to allow me in.

When I came out walking properly again, I still wore shame all over my face. What an embarrassment.

My question is, where are the facilities for those people who come to test for Covid-19 or those who are just coughing?

Are we expected to sit there in the cold for hours and not use a toilet and pee in our pants? This is not okay. I think these people are stigmatised and their dignity is being stolen from them.

● **Dr Wendy Waddington, manager for medical services at False Bay Hospital, responds:**

We sincerely apologise for the patient's negative experience. The matter will be addressed with all staff concerned.

We have since put up a notice to ensure that patients are aware of where the restroom facilities are.

All patients waiting in the tent can make use of the restroom facilities in the main building. This has been the arrangement since the tent was erected.

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Date: 26 October 2020
Time: 20:00
Venue: Community Centre, Main Road, Kalk Bay
All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and to approve an annual budget and planning for 2021/2022.
PLEASE NOTE: The AGM will be subject to COVID 19 regulations in force at the time. Members will be provided with updates to the meeting procedure via the SRA emailing list and our website www.kalkbaystjamesra.org
Resolutions presented at the AGM may only be voted on by bona fide members of the company. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of properties in our SRA area, but they must be registered before 19 October 2020.
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