

"Losing your head in a crisis is a good way to become the crisis."

– C.J. Redwine

This quote has become the MID board's mantra over the past week, and it's why we're imploring all residents and business owners to follow our **#5xSRule**:

Self-isolate; Social Distance; Sanitise; Support local and stay Sane!

This newsletter is being sent out to update members on a few pressing issues at hand. So as not to overwhelm you with info, a second newsletter with monthly reports will be sent out next week.

Please take note of all the info in this newsletter, including the public comment for the **proposed Draft Informal Trading Plan**.

These are trying times and the next few weeks will be a test of the strength of our community. I, for one, am betting Muizenberg will band together and weather this storm. There's no other place I'd rather be right now.

Stay safe, stay strong and please follow the **#5xSRule!**

Peter Corbett

MID CHAIR

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

The Board's priority is to ensure all staff members are well protected, while at the same time ensuring our essential services continue.

Currently, the status quo is:

- ⇒ Our public safety security provider, Grit, is following internal protocols to protect staff.
- ⇒ All MID cleaning staff have been provided with masks, sanitizers and gloves, and have been instructed to take their lunch breaks in open air.
- ⇒ We have put out an urgent appeal for a temporary space from which the MID cleaning staff can operate. The cleaning staff are currently operating from the MID office, which is located directly next to the Muizenberg Clinic. To access the office, they must go through the waiting room filled with sick people, which places them at high risk. As such, we are appealing to the Muizenberg community to either donate, or offer a reasonable rental rate for a temporary space, such as a storeroom or garage. If you do have somewhere to offer, please phone the MID manager Michael on either 0824631525 or 0780148276, or email him on ops@mid.org.za. We need to make a decision on this by 23 March!
- ⇒ As per the above, the MID manager will move to the office of one of our directors, who has volunteered the space at no charge.

We have received several suggestions from the community on preparing for this crisis. We are grateful for this input and offers of collaboration. The Board is, of course, restricted in terms of what we can use the MID budget for and also cannot overlap with the services already provided by

the CoCT. However, we are all in favour of doing what we can to support efforts by the community to “flatten the curve”. A special Board meeting has been called for Monday 23 March and we will revert following this. In the interim, community members have set up the Community Action Network (CAN). Please support where possible and get up to date on efforts via <https://trello.com/b/p33JO4Pj>

IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Department of health has launched a WhatsApp service where news, info, questions and updates regarding the Coronavirus are available.

Simply add this number: **060 012 3456** as a whatsapp contact and type Hi in the message block. Follow the simple instructions from there.

BAR & RESTAURANTS AND GATHERINGS

At the time of writing, governmental directives are as follows:

- ⇒ No gatherings of 100 people or more.
- ⇒ No restaurant, bar or club may have more than 50 people at a time, including staff.
- ⇒ Restaurants may continue normal trading hours, provided they do NOT sell liquor after 6pm.
- ⇒ All establishments (restaurants, bars, clubs, liquor stores) may not sell liquor after 6pm.
- ⇒ The CoCT has closed certain public spaces, including:
 - Swimming pools

- Camping sites
- Museums
- Art centres
- Community halls/Civic centres
- Recreational hubs
- Stadia
- Spray parks
- Resorts
- Braai and picnic spots
- City sports fields
- Nature reserves

We applaud government for taking swift and decisive action, however hard they may be for business owners. As such, we implore the community to **#supportlocal** as much as possible and to please adhere to these regulations.

Already several businesses in the MID area have begun offering bulk food ordering services, homemade takeaways/deliveries and “don’t touch your face” non-surgical masks, among other proactive initiatives. Please help our small businesses through this tough time by supporting local.

Lastly, please bear in mind that the sooner we “flatten the curve”, the sooner we can hopefully return to normal, or a semblance thereof.

PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL TRADING BAYS

As many of you may be aware, there is currently a City of Cape Town proposal for 79 informal bays to be dotted in and around Muizenberg, including 40 trading bays in Atlantic Road alone.

The draft proposal is available via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/rync27m>

Or at:

The City of Cape Town's Website: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay

After seeing this draft proposal, MID immediately approached the CoCT regarding a public meeting. We eventually received information that an "Open Day" would be held on Friday 27th March 2020 from 17:00 to 20:00 at the Muizenberg Civic Centre.

Following President Cyril Ramaphosa's ban on gatherings on 100 people or more, MID wrote to council requesting a postponement of the meeting and an extension of the public comment period. The City has agreed to postpone the meeting, but is insisting on the comment period deadline remaining as close of business on 31 March 2020. However, the City has indicated that it will include comments/objections after a public meeting at a later stage (please see correspondence further below).

While we are all too aware there is a crisis at the moment, we strongly urge every interested party to review the proposal and to submit their comments/objections before close of business on 31 All comments/objections to be placed in writing and emailed to Deon.Louw@capetown.gov.za. Kindly cc admin@mid.org.za.

Or comments can be made on the Website: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay

Or by Hand: Subcouncil 19 office, Fish Hoek or South Peninsula

Municipality, 3 Main Road (corner of Victoria Road), Plumstead

Special assistance will be given to people who cannot read or write, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups who are unable to submit written comments to have their inputs or comments recorded and submitted to the municipality. Contact Anathi Dywili on 021 400 9825 or Anathi.Dywili@capetown.gov.za for assistance.

Please bear in mind this is a DRAFT proposal, and your input at this stage is crucial.

We urge all interested parties to comment as soon as possible and to consider the following:

- Possible impact on local business
- Possible impact on parking
- Possibility of increased traffic
- Provision of ablution facilities
- Provision for cleanliness
- Provision for storage for the goods of 79 trading spaces
- Impact of increased number of traders on the Sunday Market
- Benefit of trading in the streets of Muizenberg
- Goods on sale by traders
- Possibility of increased risk of crime and drug dealing

CoCT latest correspondence:

On Fri, 20 Mar 2020 at 10:46, Paul Williamson
<Paul.Williamson@capetown.gov.za> wrote:

My e-mail dated Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 11:33 AM is the formal position of the City of Cape Town.

When the Proposed Draft Informal Trading Plan for Muizenberg Open Day is held, written submissions will be permitted on the day.

The Proposed Draft Informal Trading Plan for Muizenberg has been publicly available since the 25th February 2020 and there has been plenty of opportunities for any interested person to

make their enquiry regarding the proposal to Deon Louw; to apply their mind to the proposal, and to submit their written comments on such proposal.

Regards

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THE 6TH S !

In closing, the Board would like to remind everyone that, in times of crisis, solidarity is needed. Divisiveness is counter productive – we need to ALL work together and support each other through this crisis.

In line with this, we may have to add a 6th S to our **#5xSRule:**

STICK TOGETHER!

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