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1 INTRODUCTION

NCC Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (NCC) was appointed as the service provider for the cleaning and greening services within the Muizenberg Improvement District (MID), with the mandate to provide a cleaning and maintenance/gardening service team tasked with the following responsibilities over a one-year period:

- To ensure that pavements, streets and fences in the MID area are kept clean and free from litter and weeds;
- To ensure that threats to public health and safety are reported to the MID office; and
- To ensure that various formal and informal green areas are properly maintained, regularly watered and kept free from weeds and litter.

2 OPERATIONAL AREAS

The MID has been divided into 4 operational areas (Figure 1). These areas can be ranked according to their priorities, the latter which has been determined based on the following criteria:

- The volume of people that visit the area on a daily basis;
- Areas where litter build up is rapid and needs constant attention;
- Tourist hot spots;
- Public infrastructure and venues;
- Number of planted areas and gardens; and potential areas where criminal activities could take place.

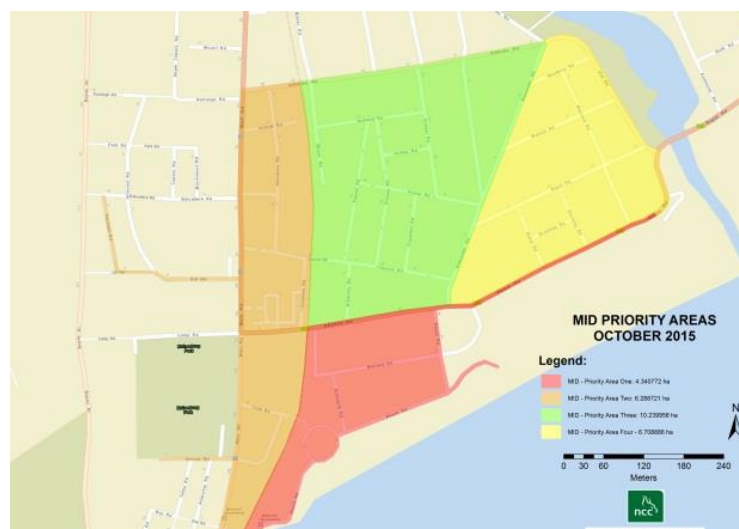


Figure 1: The four Operational Areas of the MID.

2.1 Priority Area One

Standard work operations have continued in area one during June 2016. Litter left around the areas most favoured by homeless people does seem to increase during the winter months. The Atlantic road bridge is one such area (see figure 1).



Figure 1: Atlantic road bridge.

Building corners and overhangs seem to be favoured for shelter and it is often in these places that litter accumulates (see figure 2 & 3).

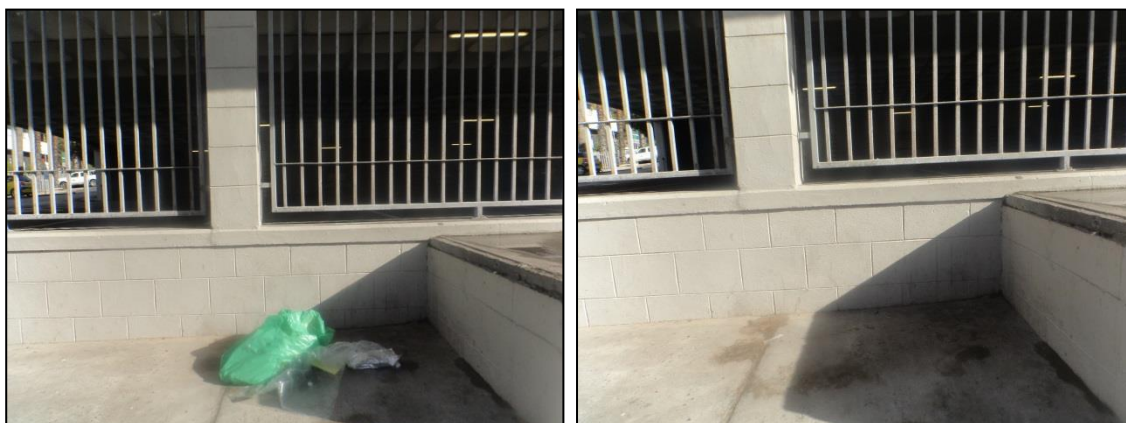


Figure 2: Packets tend to blow into corners or become hooked on other objects.



Figure 3: Any form of shelter tends to become gather points for litter in winter.

Refuse bags are unfortunately often torn open and the litter strewn around causing an unsightly and unpleasant scene (see figure 4).



Figure 4: Bags are often dumped which are then targeted by litter pickers or dogs scavenging.

2.2 Priority Area Two

There are no major issues to report on in area two for June 2016 and cleaning operations have continued unimpeded. Areas of Pedestrian traffic contribute to most of the small sized litters items, the area around False bay college seems to collect quite a large quantity of this (see figure 5).



Figure 5: The parking lot opposite False Bay College is often quite dirty.

The MID team has been assisting with some minor pruning work in areas deemed necessary (see figure 6).



Figure 6: Trees growing through fences protruding into the road cause problems.

Winter rains do appear to wash some of the smaller litter out of sight, unfortunately this often ends up in gutters and drains (see figure 7).

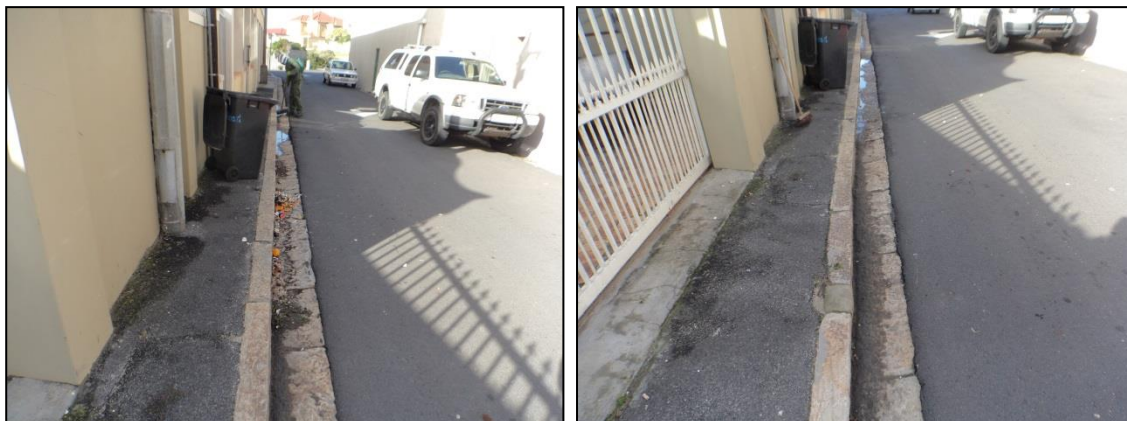


Figure 7: Small litter items which can clog up drains.

2.3 Priority Area Three

General leaf litter and sand does build up in certain areas and the team has done well to address these places (see figure 8&9).



Figure 8: Leaf litter build up.



Figure 9: A quick sweep is able to address minor issues such as this.

Unfortunately more serious small dumping does occur in the residential areas of MID which is then reported, or, if small and minor, NCC will remove this to the dump (see figure 10).

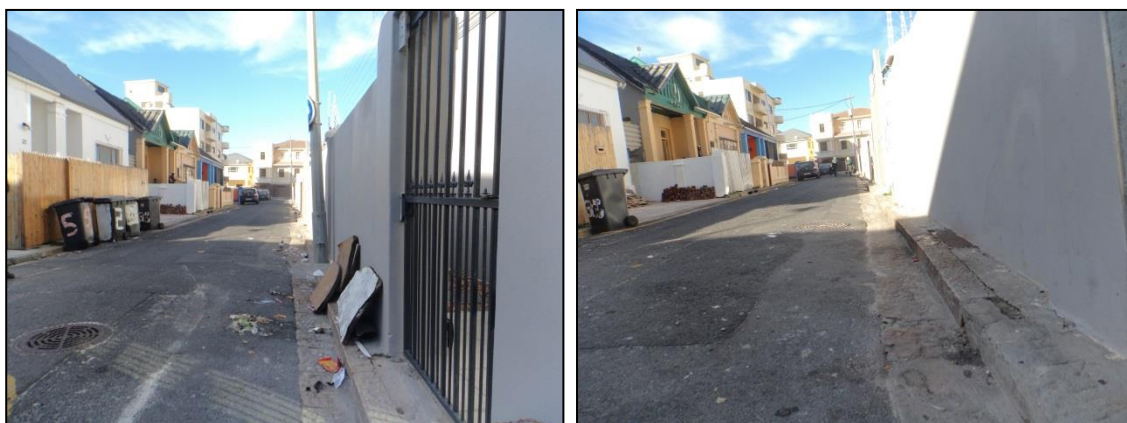


Figure 10: The church road areas tend to experience dumping the most frequently.

2.4 Priority Area Four

Work has continued unimpeded and without incident in priority area 4. The primary concern here is bin bags being torn open and the contents then being blown throughout the road (see figure 11).



Figure 11: Bin bags removed, torn open and left next to the bins.

3 GENERAL

Sporadic dumping of some large items and what seems to be a higher vagrant litter rate have been the only noticeable issues during June 2016 (see figure 12 & 13).



Figure 12: A couch and large building planks were discarded on pavements.



Figure 13: Shelter spots contributing to the litter in and around the MID.

4 CONCLUSION

The cleaning team managed to remove 960 black bags of waste from the MID area during June 2016. On site management of the project has once again been a team effort with supervisors co-managing the project during periods when staff are away or on leave.

The NCC team is striving to continually improve on the techniques and strategy being implemented to keep the MID clean and litter-free. To date the cleaning team has managed to make a significant impact on the visual appeal of the MID area. The guttering systems are constantly maintained to ensure they operate efficiently during the rainy season. All blocked or broken drains and infrastructure noticed during the cleaning operations have been reported to the MID Office to ensure that they are repaired quickly and operate effectively.

We look forward to working with the MID to strengthen this partnership and improve the quality of our services in future.

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