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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.

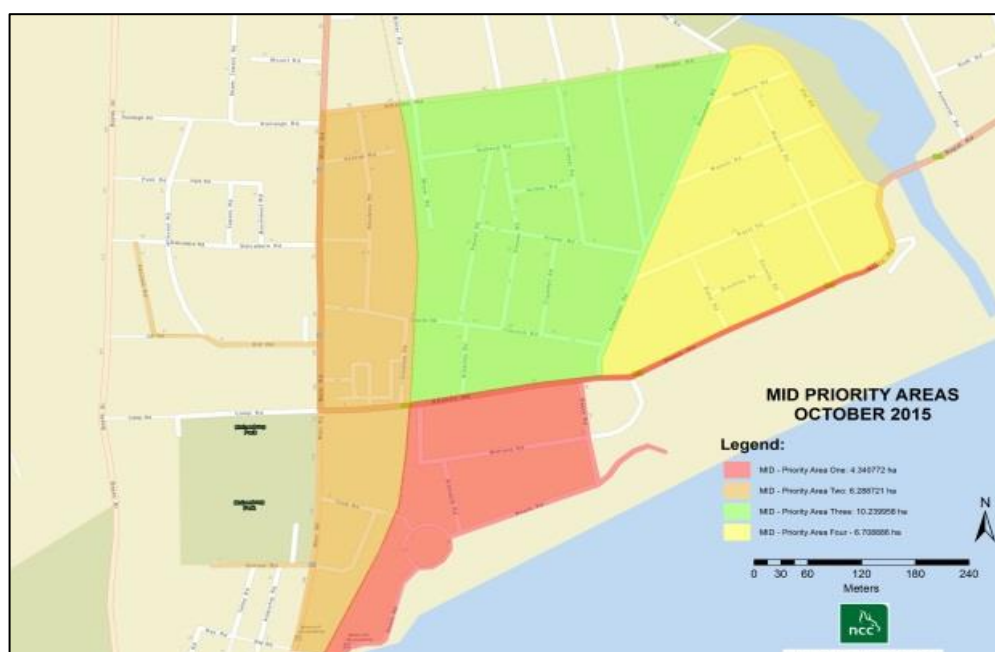


Figure 1: Operational Areas of the MID.

2.1 Priority Area One

Standard work operations have continued in area one during October 2016. As a result of changing weather conditions and increased traffic through the area, cleaning operations within priority area one has been intensified. The cleaning team has focused on clearing litter and keeping the guttering system clean from sand



Figure 1: litter build up in priority area one.

2.2 Priority Area Two

The area adjacent to the railway line at the False Bay pedestrian railway crossing has been identified as a area where litter builds up. This results in guttering system becoming blocked (. The area is being serviced according the operational plan and is being monitored throughout the week. Refuse bin collection days remain a challenge throughout the MID.

Ongoing mechanical weeding is being conducted within the area. This is focussed on reducing the seed load and hence regrowth of weeds.



Figure 2: guttering system unblocked by MID cleaning team.

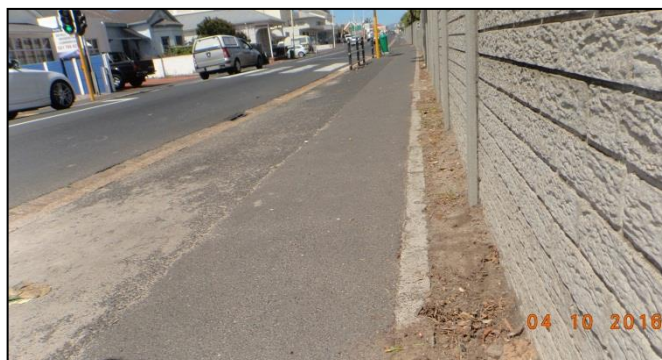


Figure 3: Weeding along Main Road.



Figure 4: Cleaning activities on Alexander Road.



Figure 5: Litter left behind on refuse bin collection day.

2.3 Priority Area Three

Church Road is one of the most challenging areas within the MID to maintain and keep free from litter. The area adjacent to the electricity transformer is a hotspot for dumping. Vagrants have also been using the area as a lavatory. The entrance and surrounding areas of the subway on Church Street is being serviced regularly. The team often removes dumped material from this area. Dumping and refuse bin collection days are the main challenges being experienced by the cleaning team within this area.



Figure 6: Church Road subway maintenance.



Figure 7: Refuse being left behind after refuse collection.

2.4 Priority Area Four

Work has continued without any major issues in priority area four. A load of Aloes was removed from the Royal Road embankment. Ongoing weeding has been taking place throughout the area.





Figure 8: Weeding and pruning on Royal Road.

3 CONCLUSION

The cleaning team managed to remove 900 black bags of waste from the MID area during October 2016. 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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