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QUIGNEY ASSOCIATION, BUILDING A WORLD-CLASS BEACHFRONT!



PHOTO: Buffalo City Tourism

Collective involvement by ratepayers and residents drives further improvements in Quigney.

By Satish Nair (Treasurer for the QRPR)

The Quigney Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (QRPR) invites all residents and ratepayers of the beachfront suburb to join the association as more can be accomplished to enhance and upgrade Quigney into a world class smart city.

During an association meeting held at the Kennaway Hotel in September, Satish Nair, Finance and Operation Officer for the association reported that

the association has achieved significant progress in a short space of time but much more needed to be done.

"The association aims to cover the entire Quigney community, protecting the dignity of both residents, businesses and students living in the area. We are actively addressing a numerous number of daily concerns, while also working to upgrade the suburb. By joining the QRPR, you can participate in these initiatives and assist in making Quigney better," said Nair.

Initiatives launched by the QRPR, include the employment

of 14 people using funds generated from donations by businesses and private residents. TEAM O, as they are known, is responsible for community watch (day and night shifts), cleaning of the streets which covers 55% of Quigney.

Hundreds of dangerous weapons have been retrieved from vagrants and possible criminals, and these dwellers directed away from the Quigney suburb. Waste and debris are collected from gutters, inner streets, pavements, and along the beach. Grass is cut and gardens tended to on a daily basis.

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“Quigney businesses has increased by at least 10 to 15% since the cleanup and safety operations started. Team O works alongside the police and private security. In September, they removed bush dwellers who were living in bushes in the suburb,” he commended.

The seven employed cleaners also work in collaboration with the municipal cleaning services assisting when recyclers break

open black refuse bags left out for collection and leave litter lying about. The team was critical during the recent municipal strike as they were on ground cleaning alone.

QRRA cleaners assist in removing liquor bottles left in the streets by illegal shebeen owners and illegal drinkers over the weekends. They have also enforced the no public drinking stance all over Quigney.

“If every member of the association can make a monthly contribution of any amount, more people will be employed to serve the people and businesses of Quigney.

I urge residents to attend the QRRA meetings announced on our social media pages and experience the wonderful spirit and camaraderie generated by the lively and hard-working committee members and ordinary members of the public.”

Quigney bush dwellers busted

By Roberta Voormak

The Quigney Ratepayers’ and Residents’ Association alongside Buffalo City Metro Law enforcement services and the South African Police Services (SAPS) joined hands to keep the streets of Quigney clean and in order this September.

The joint crime combating operation divided itself into three groups and went inside the bush between Fitzpatrick Road down to Currie Street. They found more than 30 bush dwellers and confiscated twelve knives, a gun and illegal drugs and demolished eight illegal structures.

Eight suspected foreign nationals without documentation were apprehended and taken to the department of Home Affairs for verification.

This operation will be carried out on a monthly basis parallel to the daily operations of Team O.

According to the spokesperson for the Mayor of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) Bongani Fuzile, it is important for different departments within governance to be present and available to assist with finding suitable shelters and solutions for vagrants.

“Yes a lot of these people are vagrants but that does not necessarily mean they are criminals. That is why you see them being taken to the police station and released the next day.”

Head of safety and cleaning for the Quigney Ratepayers, Anele Mkangelwa confirmed the raid. “The raid is a critical operation that has been going very well so far. All the involved stakeholders are committed to the operation of searching and cleaning the bushes near Fitzpatrick Street and anywhere else in Quigney”.

Quigney used to be ‘fabulous & thriving’

Roberta Vermaak sits down with six elders who have lived in Quigney for over six decades as they reminisce about the golden years of Quigney.

Six decades ago, Quigney was known for its pristine ocean views, holiday flats, clean local parks, thriving businesses, annual reunions and recreational spaces that attract tourists from all over the world. Members of the community knew one another.

In recent years, the reputation of Quigney has deteriorated due to high levels of crime, poverty and poor service delivery.

Alarmed ratepayers and residents formed the Quigney Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (QRPRA), aiming to restore and reclaim the glory of this leading suburb.

Former Quigney hairdresser in the early 60s, Nelson Restrom (84), now retired, recalls what Quigney once was for him.

“It used to be fabulous. People from Port Elizabeth, which is three times the size of East London, used to come to the Quigney or East London to jol over weekends,” recalls Restrom.

According to him, there were many night clubs and hotels which offered a wide variety of entertainment. However, change has brought about conditions such as poverty, unhygienic living conditions, and unwarranted illegal activities.

The elders believe that there are “laws” and ways of doing things that were practised in the olden days that need to be reintroduced.



Nelson Restrom with his mother, Ms Elaine in 1964

For Rudy (83) and Patsi (84) du Toit Quigney was built to be a family suburb and they have fond memories of raising their children in it. They are fondly referred to as Pastor or Daddy and Mama by those who seek for their assistance.

These small acts spoke and still speak to the human side of the suburb and how unity and steadfastness were the core of the suburb.

Former business owner, Keval Patel (90), a resident at Kennaway Hotel says Quigney could regain its stature in society by roping in people who have served the community out of passion.

“They never got paid; if



Wilson's Butchery, still open, was first opened in 1974.

they had meetings they would meet after work and dedicate their time towards the improvement of their town,” said Patel.

Sharon Ahlschlager and Allyn Theron who lives at Weavers Hotel claim that the return of lucrative

activities that were once part of Quigney's allure will be beneficial. The likes of motor racing (Formula 1 SA Grand Prix), ice cream parlours, beach theatres, Wing and Wheels, and live music that caters for all ages and races.

Refuse Schedule



FIGURE 1: MAP FOR QUIGNEY AREA & AREAS SERVICED



TABLE 1: STREET NAMES OF AREAS SERVICED IN QUIGNEY

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Alston St, Angle St	Blaine St, Browning St
Aquarium Rd, Bonanza St	Burns St, Carlton St
Brighton St, Cadwallan Rd, Campbell St	Chambers St, Court Cres
Clifford St, Currie St	Coutts Cres, Cowper St
Esplanade St, Fitzpatrick Rd	Fitzpatrick Rd, Goudsmit St
Fleet St, Ganteaume Cres	Longfellow St, Marine Terrace
Goulden St, Hillview Rd	Moore St, Rhodes St
Inverleith Terrace, Jameson St	Signal St, Tennison St
Orant Rd, Norden St	Tullien Terrace
Prior Cres, Quanza St	
Rees St, Rhodes St	
Seaview Terrace, Symons St	

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To: The Occupier

Quigney

OFFICIAL NOTICE: REVIEWAL OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR QUIGNEY

The Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), through its Department of Solid Waste Management, hereby informs residents of an official amendment to the domestic refuse collection schedule for the quigney area.

Effective **Monday, 04 August 2025**, the weekly collection day for the areas listed will be revised. Please refer to **Annexure A** for details. The map in Annexure A uses colour coding as follows: areas marked in yellow will be serviced every **Tuesday**, and those in blue every **Monday**. This adjustment forms part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve service delivery efficiency and optimize route planning in line with operational requirements.

Residents are respectfully requested to place their refuse bins or bags on the curbside on the correct day, to ensure timely and uninterrupted collection. Refuse that is placed outside for collection on the incorrect day may not be collected and may attract penalties if left unattended.

We urge all residents to take this change seriously. In accordance with **Chapter 10 of the BCMM Waste Management By-Law**, non-compliance with official waste management notices, including failure to adhere to the designated collection schedule, may result in penalties or fines upon conviction.

Your cooperation is essential in maintaining a clean, healthy, and sustainable urban environment for all members of the community.

Thank you for your understanding and continued commitment to responsible waste disposal practices.

ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



Dear residents of QUIGNEY:

The Buffalo City Municipality truck fetches refuse as per the schedule

1. Please do not put out your rubbish every day
2. Do not stash your refuse on street corners
3. Please put your rubbish into black bags and in front of your property on the day that the truck will come
4. Please see the refuse collection schedule on this page

Safeguarding your community is a demanding job

The story of MK, a village boy who fell in love with Quigney.

By Roberta Vermaak

NOT all heroes wear capes; some wear reflector vests with hats and patrol the streets. Anele Mkangelwa (37) is a Ngqamakhwe native who came to East London to study a Mechanical Engineering diploma and fell in love with this wonderful city, specifically Quigney.

Unable to finish his diploma, he started his own cleaning and grass cutting business. At the time Quigney was a hotspot for theft and crime and his equipment was unfortunately stolen during a housebreaking. Instead of giving up, he decided to start a community forum with a group of other individuals to deal with crime.

They did not want to associate themselves with the stigma of a 'Forum' as it is commonly known for beating people up and mob killings. The group decided to name themselves 'The Neighbourhood Watch'.

They were later introduced to the Community Police Forum (CPF), a relationship he says fell through because of politics and power dynamics. He quit 'The Neighbourhood Watch' but continued to be concerned and involved in community safety.

Anele, widely known as MK believes that dealing with illegal activities does not start with the criminals, but the state of mind of the community.

The formation of the Quigney Ratepayers' and Residents' Association in 2023, he says, has provided much needed support and structure for a reliable safety watch and cleaning team. He works as the head of safety and cleaning under the Association.

"A lot of people whisper that I am probably getting paid a lot of money, why would I care so much. I do not get paid a lot of money. My activeness stems from passion and genuine care for the environment and not hunger and a selfish mindset," he enthuses.

Despite a lot of obstacles in the journey of leading people to do the 'right or decent' thing, the hope of a suburb and community that is free of drugs, prostitution and crime holds higher significance for MK. The bigger aim is job creation and maintaining the beautiful history of Quigney.

Aside from being the head of safety and cleaning for the Quigney patroller, MK is also the chairperson of the Inter-town patrollers; multiple forums that include Beacon bay, Duncan Village, Scenery Park, Southernwood, Quigney and West Bank. According to him, change happens whether we consent to it or not.

"But if we are active in keeping the values we uphold, all the generations after will inherit the way of good deeds. I don't have a lot of free time but when I do have a few minutes alone, I like to read books".

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Anele Mkangelwa

DONATE TODAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."
- Nelson Mandela

Your generosity can bring hope, support, and care to those in need. SKA in collaboration with "Helping those in Need" are reaching out to the community to assist with the following donations.

- Non-perishable food items (canned goods, pasta, rice, etc.)
- Fresh produce (fruit, vegetables)
- Other essential groceries (body soap, sanitary towels, etc.)
- New/Gently Used School Shoes

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SKA, 146 Caxton Street, Quigney, East London

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Thank you for your support!!

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A hearty Greek lamb chops and roasted vegetables



Locally-trained chef, Nolu Ndlela

OFFICIAL APOLOGY STATEMENT



It has come to our attention that one of our guests has filed an unusual complaint.

They claimed our food is "too good" and ended up ordering more than they planned. They even said they now "can't stop thinking about Kofini & Co." Some also admitted they'll have to keep coming back just to satisfy their cravings.

We sincerely apologize for making our menu this irresistible. But to make up for it, we've introduced even more exciting items so the temptation just got harder to resist! Check out our latest posts and see what's waiting for you.

Looking forward to seeing you again and again!

Team Kofini & Co

Kofini & Co is a beachfront gem

Great food and a relaxing low-light ambience at coffee shop/restuarant with a heart

By Quigney Voice Correspondent

Situated in one of the prime spots in East London, the Quigney beachfront, Kofini & co is a quaint and not so average coffee shop renowned for the best food and coffee in town.

Led by an expert chet and in house barrista, it offers great service and a wonderfully eclectic new look menu. Its low-light ambience creates peace, daytime serenity and low key conversations.

The staff is wonderfully attentive and provide a smiley one-on-one personal touch that usually lacks in larger conveyor belt-type franchise establishments. The menu arrives at the same time as you touch down at your table.

I had a business-type lunch that fitted nicely into an hour. I was testing the waters for future business luncheons that I need to host. Kofini & co. passed the test with flying colours.

I treated myself to Greek lamb chops and roasted vegetables prepared by locally-trained Chef, Nolu Ndlela. The food, which came in minutes, looked incredibly appetising and tasted great on the palate.

The lunch time choices range from grilled chicken breasts, fish and chips, beef ribs, oxtail, rump steak to sticky pork ribs. For those who are seeking a more casual dining experience there is a wide choice of breakfast items and even homemade burgers and smoothies. The beverages list would satisfy most punters' thirst.

Kofini & Co. offers options of dining in, takeaways, outdoor seating and free Wifi. It comes highly recommended.

Located at 12 Esplanade Street, Quigney.

info@kofini.co.za



Dumza Maswana



Musicians Noma 100 (Thandi Bushula) and Luyolo Lenga

House 87, rooted in heritage

By Khuthala Nandipha

In September, local eatery and arts venue House 87 was one of the host venues for the heritage inspired inaugural Cultured Roots Film Festival, from 4–8 September; hosted in multiple East London venues.

House 87 in Caxton street hosted the screening of a documentary Chosi Ntsomi, that follows by Peddie born jazz vocalist Dumza Maswana and directed by Vukile Pokwana.

The doccie is about (re) reanimating and re-imagining isiXhosa folktales that disappeared into a black hole for modern audiences; blending preservation with innovation.

“The documentary was Pokwana’s vision to explore the importance of storytelling. I think what drew him in is how I weave storytelling into my music, making the two inseparable,” said Maswana who also performed on the night.

He added that the storytelling was instilled in him by his grandmother from a young age. “I’ve always loved isiXhosa, the music and the culture. There was a time I felt disadvantaged because I could not articulate myself in English. But, my language and my culture are my strength,” he enthused.

The project is not just about entertainment, but a way of archiving history, promoting and preserving our languages.

“Young people consume content on their phones; having isiXhosa stories available on a video format makes it

easier for them to access and connect with this heritage “.

Presented by local company, SivuBuhle Media in partnership with the National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF), the South African Cultural Observatory, and The Film Hub.

It brought together over 200 creators and audiences from across the globe. It featured 15 filmmakers from

Gqeberha, Mthatha, and East London and 15 facilitators, panelists of directors, producers, writers, and sales and distribution officers from Cape Town, Johannesburg, and KwaZulu-Natal.

The Festival also featured world-renowned designer Laduma Ngxokolo, founder of MAXHOSA AFRICA, acclaimed Gqeberha: The Empire actress Zandile Msutwana and film star Vuyo Dabula.



Team O, Quigney residents, Makro Gonubie staff and their families at the Clean Up.

Quigney celebrates World Clean Up Day

By Roberta Vermaak

The Quigney Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (QRPRA), Team O members and residents joined by staff members from Gonubie Makro spent a day cleaning the streets of Quigney on World Clean-up Day.

Seeing adults sacrifice a weekend day to clean the street and look so jovial doing it bring hope to our generations. Communities around the world came together to make a global effort to reduce pollution and fight to maintain a better living environment.

On Saturday, the 27th of September, the teams gathered in the Quigney

Heroes Park and were divided into four teams, each consisting of 4 volunteers. General Sales Manager for Makro, Lindo Ntanzi, expressed enthusiasm, stating that Makro is always on the lookout for worthy initiatives to be part of.

"Makro's values are culture and community involvement, so we are fully committed to the communities we exist within, no matter how far they are from our stores," said Ntanzi.

Satish Nair, Treasurer of the QRPRA, expressed gratitude for the collaboration the company offered the Quigney community. "Makro volunteering to assist in the Quigney cleanup serves as motivation to

Quigney residents and businesses to step in and own their suburb too. It also motivates them to arrange such days with the QRPRA to do a mass cleanup".

Makro staffers donated two hours of their time to create a clean and safe environment for the Quigney community brought refreshments and snacks for all the volunteers. The dedication shown was memorable.

Such engagements foster unity between people but also promotes humanity amongst each other. This was the start of a beautiful working relationship. As runners and tourists testified, the streets were left spotless and fresh.

AGRI 5 EXPO

Eastern Cape 2025 was held at the Buffalo Club in Quigney on September 25–26.

The event focused on youth empowerment through agro-processing and connecting rural produce to retail markets, aiming to help farmers transform primary produce into marketable commodities. It also explored the latest technology available for urban farming



The Amatola Water Board team at the Agri Expo

The Quigney beachfront hosted two marathons in September; Friends of Pumpkins 10km run and the Daily Dispatch Fun Run (4 & 8km)



Local runners enjoyed the clean streets of Quigney during the Friends of Pumpkins 10km Run on 21 September. The run was organised by the Pumpkins Athletics Club.



Proceeds from this year's Fun Run & Walk race will go to Rehab for Persons with Disabilities.

Yomelelani Mabaso, Chairperson of Students Living With Disabilities at the University of Fort Hare and Xolela Vuzane and Sanelisiwe Mlambo took part in the annual 4km and 8km Daily Dispatch Fun Run and Walk in Quigney on Sunday.



Important Notice to QRPRA Members

Dear Valued Members

This is a reminder that our team members (Team O) are not allowed to solicit any cash money for their efforts, as they are already receiving a weekly stipend from our contributions. However, we welcome your generosity and willingness to show appreciation through food and drinks now and again.

For transparency and accountability, we kindly request that any cash contributions be made directly to QRPRA's account. This ensures that all funds are properly managed and accounted for.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Best regards,

Management



Female cricket players and officials engaging young cricketers during the Ngumbela Cup as part of the youth development programme

EC linyathi lose Ngumbela Cup in the finals

By Khuthala Nandipha

The Eastern Cape linyathi suffered a narrow defeat to Port Elizabeth’s Dafabet Warriors in the final of the Ngumbela Legacy Cup: Festival of Cricket held on September 14 at the Ngumbela Park in Healdtown, Fort Beaufort.

The annual cricket competition was founded in 2022 to celebrate community sport and the legacy of the late sports patron, Advocate Mthetheleli Ngumbela, uBawu Ndlovu.

The Eastern Province (EP) Women also defeated the East London outfit by 47 runs to win the cup. The tournament has the support of Border Cricket and Cricket South Africa. It features matches between local schools such as Dale College, Women’s teams and professional teams; Dafabet Warriors and the EC linyathi.

The event uses cricket to unite, uplift communities and to increase cricket’s exposure in the region. The defeat by the men’s side of the EC linyathi comes after the team were crowned Momentum Health T20 Challenge Champions 2025 after an action-packed tournament from 1–4 September at Supersport Park in the finals.



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