

Information Sheet for PAWs Project Mural

Study Title: Pathways to water resilient South African cities (PaWS)

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

We are preparing to develop a mural as part of the PaWS project. We have started with a base coat on some of the wall panels to attract input and interest. We explain our process below.



WHAT IS THE PaWS PROJECT?

This is a research study that aims to consider *Pathways to water resilient South African cities*. UCT researchers are working with colleagues from the University of Copenhagen, with the aim of identifying opportunities for integrating nature-based solutions (NBS) into the urban water cycle to support a transition towards water resilience in South African cities. Nature-based solutions, like stormwater retention ponds, can provide options for managing excess rainfall, but can also be useful spaces to local residents.

The purpose of this study is to find ways to make South African cities more water resilient. This study is being conducted through the Future Water research institute at UCT. The aim of this part of the study is to develop a painted mural that can explain this work and the importance of stormwater, as well as highlight the biodiversity here. It is part of a larger research project in this area (ongoing since 2020) that explores how best to use nature-based solutions in stormwater management, and how the people living nearest to these solutions understand and are impacted by them.

THE MURAL PROCESS?

We are planning a series of workshops to develop a mural in the space here. We are looking to create a mural that explains what we have done in the stormwater pond space, but also the biodiversity and benefits of the pond highlighting things like the birds and reptiles. It is important to note that we are starting this mural process, but we are looking for local residents to get involved. We provide an outline of planned activities:

1. **29 March** – Preparatory permission and painting day. We would like to seek permission from affected residents and lay the mural foundation with block colour on walls where permission is granted. We invite residents to get in touch with us if they are interested in being involved.
2. **7 May** – Workshop with as many local residents and other stakeholders as possible to co-design the artwork for the mural. The artist team is flexible in their approach and look forward to co-designing with local residents.
3. **Final artwork planned and application for mural permit from City of Cape Town (during May)** – Confirm permissions and then arrange mural permit application process with the City.
4. **Early June (date tbc)** – mural painting (weather dependant).

The paints are eco-friendly and colours are earthy tones.

Please contact us if you are interested in being part of the design or painting process:

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WHO CAN ANSWER MY QUESTIONS?

The study researchers are from the *University of Cape Town Future Water research institute*. You can talk to the researchers about any questions, concerns, or complaints you have about this project. If you wish to ask questions about the project or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about this research, please call UCT's Future Water Institute, A/Prof. Kirsty Carden at 021 650 5317 or email kirsty.carden@uct.ac.za.