



Makana Revive!

- Safety, Sustainability & Security for All -

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Pothole and Road Repair Campaign – Thank you!

Dear Grahamstown Residents,

After years of negligence by the Makana Municipality the *Makana Revive* committee resolved to initiate the repair of Makana's salvageable roads. Commencing last Thursday, professional road repairs were started by the Jetpatcher contractor team from East London.

What started as a Facebook social media request for assistance energised our small community and within 5 hours, the Facebook page had some 6000 hits and donations started pouring in. Interviews were held and even the national press reported on our initiative of '*taking back our city, one pothole at a time*'.

We were overwhelmed by the show of support and despite some setbacks, the Jetpatcher team managed to tackle some of the worst potholes (even craters) in Joza, Oatlands and the CBD. Even the Municipality were supportive of our efforts, allowing the traffic officials and staff to cooperate with the Jetpatcher crew. Within a day, the new Makana Manager had initiated discussions and we can now report that the Municipality has contracted with Jetpatcher for a further *four weeks of repairs*.

We thank the hundreds of contributors – you are part of the fabric of our society and you understand the critical need to save what is left of our city's infrastructure. Many contributors chose to remain anonymous, but we would like to acknowledge Sally Price-Smith who donated accommodation and meals, the directors of Makana Brick and Micronized SA who stood surety for the contractor payment, Tim Bull, Richard Gaybba and the GRA for logistical support, Carara Agri, De Jager Lordan Inc and many other businesses who challenged other businesses to contribute or provided indirect support. And to those countless citizens who stopped, offered encouragement, cold drinks, sandwiches and smiles of appreciation ... you rock!

Makana Revive! had one significant goal: that the remedial work be done professionally. We wanted value and to ensure quality over quantity. It made no sense to patch an unprepared pothole just to have the work redone within a few months. Our roads are in such a state of disrepair that some potholes required nearly half a cubic metre of bitumen aggregate to repair.

As donations permit, we will continue to repair roads, provide privately serviced refuse bins and pursue our 2018 goal: to have as much of Grahamstown made safer with 24/7 armed response to lawlessness.

Through civil society bodies such as the Grahamstown Residents Association and the Concerned Citizens Committee we will continue our work to compel this government to deliver on services and run our municipality according to the obligations contained in our Constitution and laws.

For a few amazing days we joined as a community and showed South Africa what can be done. With your continued energies, these few days of effort can grow into a season of hope and the reality of a better future for us all.

THANK YOU Grahamstown.. THANK YOU!

Ron Weissenberg
Chairperson

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