

Heather knows her ward, 'warts and all'

During the run-up to the municipal election on Wednesday May 18, Tabletalk gets to know the ward candidates. This week we speak to the DA's Heather Brenner who is standing for election in Ward 107.

● What is your background in politics?

Politics and attending municipal meetings was the best part of being a reporter for Tabletalk for 18 years, so it was a natural progression when I was looking around for a new line, to veer in that direction. I was accepted by the DA to stand as

a PR councillor in the 2006 election.

I was then number 29 on the list and the DA won 29 PR seats with 42% of the vote so I was last past the post. Since then I have served as a councillor seconded by the DA to Blaauwberg Sub-council in particular to present a DA presence in Ward 104 (Dunoon, Doornbach and Parklands) which in 2006 was won by the ANC. In the City I serve on the Transport, Roads, Stormwater and Major Projects Portfolio Committee and am very much involved in the IRT. I also serve on the Disciplinary Committee for councillors where I have chaired some hearings. I chair Blaauwberg Public

Transport Working Group and in August 2009 I was elected to the chair of Blaauwberg Sub-council – the cherry on the top for a woman who has lived in this area for 45 years.

I have supported traffic calming measures, a management plan for the control of dispersing weed seeds, control of high density development in Table View byways and at the coming sub-council meeting I am tabling a motion for land to be identified in Blaauwberg for animal welfare. Dunoon and Doornbach being part of my constituency I also played a role in issues facing that community.



■ Councillor Heather Brenner

● Do you believe there is too much media freedom?

I do believe in media freedom, especially having evolved from that environment, but I also believe very strongly that along with the freedom comes the responsibility. The press and people in general should be more self regulatory and the world would be a better place.

● Are you happy with the education system and is there anything about it you think should be changed? In which way?

I do not support OBE. I believe good education lies in the dedication and skills of the teacher. Education is more than being able to impart the standard subject matter, it's about the teachers themselves having broader interests and life experiences to share and them having the ability to stimulate their pupils' minds with questioning and exploration. You can often judge the success of a teacher by their popularity with his students. From the government's side, the crucial thing in education is to have enough, trained teachers to provide for the needs of whatever education system is in place.

● Which ward are you standing in?

I am standing in the new Ward 107 which is made up of Parklands, Sunningdale, Table View, West Riding and Flamingo Vlei. Leibbrandt van Niekerk Hall Voting District however remains with Ward 4.

● Why are you choosing to stand as a councillor in this ward?

I established a DA branch for Parklands so it was familiar territory and I have watched the rest of Ward 107 grow for 45 years, served it as a journalist, I am familiar with it, warts and all and I believe I can continue to serve it well.

● What do you think the issues are facing this ward?

The big issue is the morning peak hour traffic which we are working hard to

resolve with the new public transport system and yes, soon it will be initiated and Blaauwberg will never look back.

Blaauwberg councillors fought to get the pilot project – the alternative, to be at the tail end in 20 years time and the traffic even worse.

Of course there have been some ups and downs, but it will be worth it in the end. Other big issues are managing development along Blaauwberg Road and ensuring the preservation of our natural biodiversity and maintaining our parks and green areas as well as the drug problems.

● How do you plan to address these issues?

I believe natural and gradual progression is the maxim for development and I will support the change which is inevitable with this in mind. I am not an avid "greenie" I believe in balance and an appropriate place for everything at the appropriate time.

In the drug abuse field I plan to take advice from organisations that have experience in dealing with the scourge, but this will be the biggest challenge of all.



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AVAILABILITY OF REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ASSOCIATED SPECIALIST STUDIES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Eskom Nuclear Power Station and associated infrastructure, the public is hereby notified of the availability of the report and associated specialist studies for public review and comment. This report is the revised Draft EIR and includes additional information based on public comment subsequent to the release of the Draft EIR in March 2010. The Revised Draft EIR (hard copy and CD) will be made available during the Comment Period **09 May 2011 – 23 June 2011** at the following public venues:

Eastern Cape, Public Libraries: Humansdorp, Jeffery's Bay, Kareedouw, Kruisfontein, Plettenberg Bay (CD only) and St Francis Bay. **Other venues:** Oyster Bay – Oesterbaai Eendomme, Sea Vista Community Hall, Sea Vista Clinic, Sea Vista Drop Inn Mini Market.

Western Cape, Public Libraries: Atlantis, Bredasdorp, Caledon, Elim, Gansbaai, Hermanus, Koeberg, Milnerton, Table View and Welverdiend (Bredasdorp). **Other venues:** Arcus GIBB Cape Town Office, Baardskeerdersbos Winkel, Jenny's Handelaar (Wolvengat).

Gauteng, Public Venue: Arcus GIBB Office, 14 Eglin Road, Sunninghill, Johannesburg

The Revised Draft EIR (including the Executive Summary and Specialist Reports) can also be downloaded from the following websites:

- Eskom's website: www.eskom.co.za/eia under the "Nuclear 1-Generation" link
- Arcus GIBB website: <http://projects.gibb.co.za/> under the "Nuclear 1 EIA" link

Summaries of the Revised Draft EIR and Specialist Reports are available in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa on request from the GIBB Public Participation Office.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

All Interested and Affected Parties are invited to attend Public Meetings scheduled as follows:

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Western Cape, Pretorius Hall, Main Road, Gansbaai	Monday 23 May 2011	18h00 - 20h00
Western Cape: Atlantic Beach Golf Club, Melkbostrand	Wednesday 25 May 2011	18h00 - 20h00
Eastern Cape, Oyster Bay Hall, Oyster Bay	Monday 30 May 2011	18h00 - 20h00
Eastern Cape, St. Francis Links Golf Club, St. Francis Bay	Tuesday 31 May 2011	18h00 - 20h00
Eastern Cape, Sea Vista Community Hall, Sea Vista	Wednesday 01 June 2011	16h30 - 18h00 Public Open Day and 18h00 - 20h00 Public Meeting
Eastern Cape, Humansdorp Country Club, Humansdorp	Thursday 02 June 2011	18h00 - 20h00

The purpose of Public Meetings is to provide the public with an opportunity to (a) discuss the findings as they are presented in the Revised Draft EIA Report and (b) comment on the specialist study findings and the outcomes of the EIA. The EIA Team will be available from 17h00 to answer individual questions on the Report. Interested and Affected Parties are encouraged to review the Revised Draft EIR, attend Public Meetings and submit written comment by 23 June 2011.

For further information, please contact the GIBB Public Participation Process Office, PO Box 3965, Cape Town, 8000, Tel: 021 4699180 (Office Hours: 09h00 – 13h00 Mon to Fri excl. public holidays, Fax: 021 4245571, Email: nuclear1@gibb.co.za)

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