



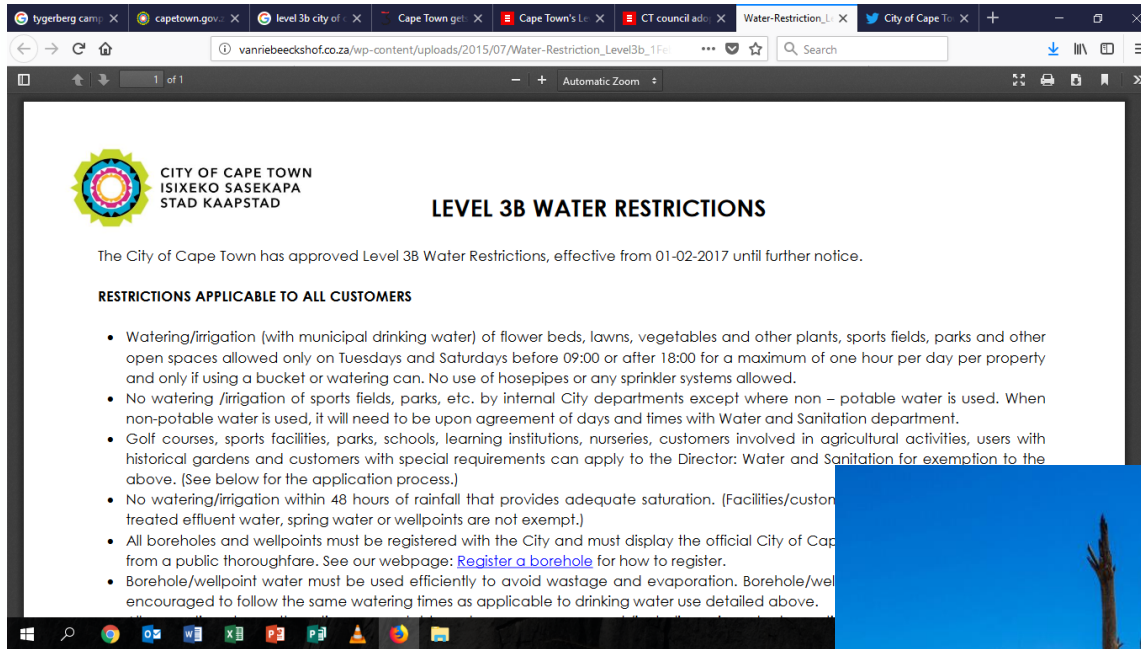
# New directions in engagement



Bucket  
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health

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# Bucket Loads of Health



CoCT water restrictions notice  
February 2017

Theeswaterskloof dam at the height  
of the Western Cape drought  
It is the largest dam in the province



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Professor Wesaal Khan (centre) and members of her water microbiology research team  
Scientific partners in the *Bucket Loads of Health* project

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Rainwater harvested directly from a shack roof is piped into a solar pasteurization system.

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Delft : a township in the City of Cape Town municipality  
Residents were severely affected by the water restrictions put in place by  
local government

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## *Doing It Differently*





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Screenshot : Opening clip of *Our Water Challenges*



A short film linking the Enkanini participants' stories about their water priorities to their call for change

It was made specifically for the purposes of community mobilization

<https://vimeo.com/280761240>

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Invitation

Community mobilization event in Enkanini  
18<sup>th</sup> September



BLH participant Yondela Tyawa introducing *Our Water Challenges* to an invited audience in Enkanini

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**Community Spirit**



**Health, stress and sanitation**



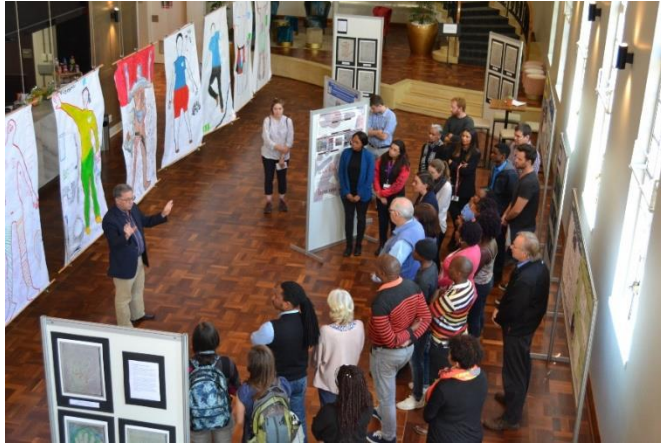
**Water and Loss**



**Children, water and recreation**

The stories from the Delft group have been drawn into a series of 4 mini films, according to the 4 thematic areas that they fitted into

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Project exhibition held in the HB Thom Theatre in Stellenbosch on October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Attended by academics, Enkanini residents and other members of the public

## Key Insights

- The BLH project provides an example of how the health-related priorities of a community can be off the radar of researchers who don't live in those settings
- Working with PVM enabled participants from both community groups to articulate their experiences and perceptions, and to interact confidently with the scientists
- By participating in the hand-mapping exercise the research team presented themselves as approachable people who are emotionally connected to their work and who are interested to learn from the community

## Key Insights

- By engaging with the array of materials created by community members, a team of researchers have been able to see the topic of their research in a new light and from a more grounded perspective
- The project approach allowed BLH to take on a life of its own, leading to a community mobilization event that was organized and run by the project participants, in Enkanini
- Although it is important to be exploring new and more creative ways of doing public engagement, tried and tested methods such as drama and laboratory visits are still of tremendous value

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