



DPV
OUTREACH
Annual Report

1 July 2024–30 June 2025



**Devil's Peak
Vredehoek
OUTREACH**



Vision

A thriving and safe Devil's Peak Vredehoek community that is inclusive of all, family-friendly, ecologically sustainable, and commercially attractive

Objectives

- Facilitating support for and understanding of people experiencing homelessness.
- Creating an ecologically sustainable community.
- Fostering cooperation between residents, businesses, other stakeholders, and the City to actively build the community.

DPVO activities are focused on Devil's Peak and Vredehoek.

Our main goal is to try and find ways to alleviate chronic homelessness in our area by working with Streetscapes, and their clients – people who want to get off the streets.

We hope that by building bridges between the Streetscapes workers and housed residents, we will gain greater understanding of the issues that lead to homelessness and, over time, help people move off the streets.



When DPV Outreach was set up in 2021, the core idea behind it was to look for ways in which our community could support Streetscapes and other organisations in the work they do with homeless people. Our first goal was to fund a field worker's salary so that we had someone available when residents reported people camping on our streets or in our parks. We also hoped to gain greater understanding of the reasons for homelessness, and find ways to make a difference.



Streetscapes is an NGO which works with the chronically homeless across the City Bowl. Their programme is based on providing paid work, principally in vegetable gardens, backed up with a range of psycho-social counselling and rehabilitation services. They have been and continue to be very successful in helping people get back on their feet and off the streets. More recently, as Streetscapes have grown, they have started to offer other services, all based on the premise of employing people who are not easily employable, and giving them the space and support needed to rebuild their lives. One of Streetscapes' vegetable gardens is located in Vredehoek – giving us the opportunity to partner with them and build bridges between residents and homeless people.

Our activities reviewed in this report for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 align with this objective.

OUR TEAM

We welcomed Jonathan Clark as Treasurer as the start of our financial year. However, during the year, Alexa Mönning, who offered us secretarial help and was our link to DPVwatch, and Sean Robertson, who handled our graphics and developed our branding stood down due to work commitments. We also welcomed Li Folgado, who volunteers at the Streetscapes Rugley Road garden, and assists us at the community market events.

ACTIVITIES

The cleaning team

When the government funding which had covered the costs of a cleaning team in our area came to an end in June 2024, DPVO felt that the services offered by the team should be kept going, if at all possible. The team made a big difference to the cleanliness of our streets and parks, and we had very positive feedback from residents.

In July 2024 DPVO committed to sponsoring three stipends, initially for four months. We fundraised through the Vredehoek Community Facebook page and through DPVwatch and our newsletters. Several residents were kind enough to commit to monthly donations, which gave us approximately 50% of the amount needed each month. The balance was made up by ad hoc donations. We are delighted to report that we have managed to keep our sponsorship going until June 2025 (and beyond).

Hilma Amutenya, who supervised the team on the ground and reported to Chantel Sampson, moved on to a different project, and Clinton Hendricks was appointed as supervisor in April 2025. Streetscapes bolstered the team with other workers when they could. The three workers sponsored by DPVO – Cwenga Buru, Zulpha Manuel and Jonathan Manuel – have now all moved on. Jonathan has joined the Streetscapes Peer Outreach team under Rudie Basson's management, a step up for him; Zulpha initially made huge strides in stabilising her life, but when her contract came to an end, she left the programme. However, she is no longer on the streets, but lives with her boyfriend in proper accommodation. Cwenga is still working at Streetscapes but is looking for a job in line with his qualifications (a BTech accounting diploma) and work experience.

Over the year, the team filled approximately 1 070 bags with rubbish, sweepings and weeds.

To make sure that all our parks and streets were attended to, we drew up a roster for each month, mapping out the streets to be tackled each week. This helped the team plan their route across Vredehoek and Devil's Peak, so that all our residents benefited from their work. As a way to fundraise for the team's stipends, we invited residents to book the team for specific



Cwengwa, Zulpha, Jonathan and Clinton

“ Streetscapes taught me how to talk in the right manner and this helped me become independent and more confident. – Clinton



In January 2025 the team spent a week tackling the pavement garden on the intersection of Capel and Homeleigh Roads, Highlands Estate. This small garden had been very neglected and had become totally overgrown with weeds and bushes run amok. The team's concerted effort transformed it : once again one could see aloes and lavender bushes, and a bird bath that had been totally hidden, was discovered!



days in the month. This resulted in three regular bookings per month and occasional once-off bookings.

The City's Solid Waste department undertook to collect the bags filled by the team within 24 hours. While this was not always possible, overall this arrangement worked well, and the Solid Waste manager for our area has been supportive of the cleaning initiative.

Co-ordination with Streetscapes peer outreach counsellors

When DPVO first started, we were fortunate to have the services of Chantel Sampson as field worker in our area. Over time, Streetscapes established a peer outreach team under Rudie Basson's management. The team consists of people who have lived experience of being on the street and have come through the Streetscapes programme. They are now our first port of call when residents request assistance with homeless people in our area. While we do not have many people living rough in our area (most of the hot spots are on our periphery), the few individuals who are regularly reported tend to be those who have been on the street for a long time, and who do not wish to take up the offers of assistance.

A persistent hot spot is around the four-way stop on Upper Buitenkant Street. Over an extended period, the Streetscapes team has engaged with the people who bed down there at night, and one couple was accepted at the City's Safe Space. Unfortunately, they could not sustain the change, and returned to the intersection. Legally, no one can be forced to move to a shelter or safe space. It is hoped that ongoing interaction will encourage them to accept the services offered and to try again.

Members of the Streetscapes Peer Outreach team also participated in two night walks in the area, with DPVO and DPVwatch members. This gave everyone the opportunity to engage safely with people on the street, and to share information about the work done by Streetscapes and other organisations with which they collaborate.

“ I really love this job so far ... It gets me to interact with others and help them get their lives in order.
– Sandile, peer field worker

Community Market

Streetscapes has been holding a monthly Saturday produce market for well over a year at their Rugley Road site. With a vision of making the Streetscapes garden into a true community hub, they were keen to expand the market; DPVO was asked if we would be interested in helping. In late 2024, some dozen people replied to a survey on the Vredehoek Community Facebook group to gauge interest. When the first market of 2025 was held in February, four vendors participated. Everyone was very enthusiastic, and supportive of the initiative continuing. But it soon became clear that building foot traffic and sales was no simple matter! After six months of treading water, it was decided that we should take a break and review what we had learned and also look at what other markets offer. With assistance from Streetscapes and a consultant, it was decided to concentrate on the last three months of 2025. This strategy seems to have paid off and the last few markets have been much more of a success, with many more vendors and visitors. The initiative will be reviewed at the end of the year to work out how to sustain our role, as it has been a huge amount of work and commitment of time for our small team.



FINANCIALS

We started the financial year 2024–25 with an opening balance of R28 374.99, and received donations of R70 103.00 (see breakdown of income and expenses on page 7). Almost all of this was allocated to our sponsorship of the cleaning team stipends: R150/per person / R450/per shift. The full amount paid depended on the number of weeks in the month but ranged from approximately R9 500 to R11 500.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated funds to DPVO during the financial year. Other than our commitment to Streetscapes, our expenses are limited. Since starting the market, there have been a few expenses related to marketing the event. Small expenses incurred, such as printing of posters and flyers to advertise our activities, were covered by DPVO committee members.

LOOKING AHEAD

Both communications and fundraising will need more attention. It is clear that marketing the community market day is crucial for its success. We also want to promote the work of the cleaning team and keep sponsorship of their stipends going.

Melissa Pether has taken charge of our Facebook and Instagram pages, but we are aware that not everyone is active on social media, and we need to explore other methods of advertising both the market and the cleaning team's services.

We aim to build our team in 2026 to spread the load more evenly.



Chantel Sampson and Clinton Hendricks (right) hand over to the new cleaning team of Farag Afrika (left) and Lee-Roy Wagenaar (second from left). They will be joined by Mcebisi Caka.

Devil's Peak Vredehoek Outreach
Registration number NPO 271-223

Annual Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2025

(Figures in rand)

Income Statement

For the period from	1-Jul-24 to 30-Jun-25	1-Jul-23 to 30-Jun-24
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Revenue

Donations	70 103	42 302
Interest received	—	—
	<u>70 103</u>	<u>42 302</u>

Expenses

Bank charges	801	12
Project expenses	—	—
Community and meetings	—	—
Partnership support	81 948	29 460
	<u>82 749</u>	<u>29 472</u>
Surplus/(deficit) at end of period	<u>(12 646)</u>	<u>12 830</u>

DPVO is registered as an NPO. To be able to issue Section 18A tax certificates for donations, we would need to have our financial statements audited and be registered with SARS as a PBO. Because of the costs involved, we have not yet taken these steps.

THANK YOUs

DPV Outreach's activities are made possible by the support of our community and partners. Thank you to everyone whose donations – financial and in kind – enabled us to support the work done by Streetscapes and to offer assistance to homeless members of our community.

Thank you to:

- The DPVO committee for their time and effort, especially to Melissa Pether and Retha Tait who got the Community Market off the ground
- Streetscapes for partnering with us, and especially Jesse Laitinen, Chantel Sampson, Rudie Basson and the Peer Outreach team, and Megan Gladwell for their support and advice
- Eclipse Print for discounting the cost of our printing
- Hammer and Tongs for discounting the cost of tools for the cleaning team
- Residents for their generous contributions to the cleaning team's stipends and for supplying snacks and drinks to the team
- Kingdom Hall for allowing us to tap into their electricity supply
- Pumla Nayo, Engen Garage owner, for hosting a coffee cart on her forecourt on market days
- City of Cape Town's Solid Waste department for prompt collection of rubbish bags
- Ciao Deli for hosting our 2025 AGM
- DPVwatch for giving us a platform to disseminate news and information in their newsletters
- Jacqui Biess and Lisa Malcolmess, Vredehoek Community Facebook administrators, who allow us generous postings on the group
- Natalie Spires for help with our website, and Sean Robertson for help with graphics, and
- Last but by no means least, the hard-working Streetscapes team who keep our streets and parks clean and tidy



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