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Dear Residents and Stakeholders,

August 2026 has been a high-impact month for the uMhlanga Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (URRA). From mobilizing our community against inappropriate developments and hosting fundraising events to taking measures to address lawlessness on our roads, our collective advocacy continues to grow stronger. Below are the key developments and upcoming community initiatives from this past month.

1. Bingo Hall Appeal: Town Hall, Cocktail Fundraiser & BackaBuddy Launch

uMhlanga is known for families, beaches, and coastal calm. A high-volume gambling hall with 150 machines and 2:00 AM operating hours does not belong in our community. URRA is lodging a formal appeal supported by town planning, safety, and traffic experts.

To drive this appeal forward, URRA hosted two key community gatherings this month:

- **Town Hall Public Meeting:** Held on Tuesday, 4 August 2026 at the uMhlanga Ski Boat Club, where residents rallied to align our strategy.
- **Legal Fund Cocktail Evening:** Hosted on Thursday, 6 August 2026 at The Radisson Hotel, bringing together community leaders and stakeholders to raise essential legal funds.

BackaBuddy Campaign Live!

To fund independent legal, planning, and safety experts, our crowdfunding campaign is officially active.

Contribute online:

<https://www.backabuddy.co.za/campaign/urra-ethekweni-objection-campaign>

Section 18A Tax Certificates

URRA is a registered Section 18A PBO. All financial contributions from individuals, businesses, and Body Corporates are fully tax-deductible against taxable income.

Together we protect our home.

2. Herrwood Drive Legal Dispute: Technical & Engineering Progress

Following our successful High Court Order, URRRA's appointed independent traffic engineer met directly with eThekweni Municipality officials to evaluate technical interventions for Herrwood Drive.

Discussions focused on traffic signalling adjustments, potential roundabout solutions, improved barrier and road demarcation, and alternative lane configurations at critical bottlenecks.

Our engineer is now engaging directly with Zutari (the original road designers) to determine the technical feasibility and implementation roadmap for these proposals. eThekweni Municipality remains supportive of this Court-mandated process.

Important Action for Affected Residents: We strongly encourage residents who have not yet engaged directly with Balwin Properties regarding specific driveway or boundary concerns to do so immediately, ensuring all individual property matters are formally registered and reviewed.

3. Metro Police High-Level Meeting: Curbing Road Lawlessness

In response to severe public complaints regarding nuisance motorists, illegal street racing, loud engine revving, unlicensed vehicles without number plates, and reckless taxi behavior, URRRA executive members are convening a formal high-level meeting with the Brigadier of Metro Police.

Our core objective is to establish consistent roadblock operations, increased visible policing, dedicated speed enforcement, and strict by-law prosecution to restore safety and order across uMhlanga's road network.

4. URRRA Arbour Week 2026: Help Map uMhlanga's Urban Canopy

National Arbour Week runs from 1 to 7 September 2026, and URRRA invites all residents to participate in our month-long citizen science project running throughout September 1–30, 2026.

We are mapping local indigenous trees—from the African Wild Olive to the White Milkwood—across uMhlanga Rocks, uMhlanga Ridge, La Lucia, and the Lagoon Nature Reserve corridor using the free iNaturalist platform.

How to Participate:

1. Download the free iNaturalist app (iOS or Android) and create an account.
2. Search for and join the project: "URRA Arbour Week 2026".
3. Snap and upload photos of indigenous trees, especially Wild Olives, on your walks or in your garden.

Project Link: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/urra-arbour-week-2026>

5. Upcoming AGM Notice & Membership Renewal Appeal

Save the Date: URRRA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2026
- Time: 18:00 (Please arrive at 17:30)
- Venue: uMhlanga Baptist Church

All ratepayers and residents are warmly invited to attend, review our annual progress, and participate in executive deliberations.

Join, Renew or Donate to URRRA Today!

Protecting our community's properties, legal rights, and environmental heritage requires ongoing community backing. Please activate your membership or make a Section 18A tax-deductible donation online.

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