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Dear Residents and Stakeholders,

September 2026 marked a milestone month for the uMhlanga Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (URRA). Following the successful hosting of our Annual General Meeting (AGM), major progress on municipal water infrastructure, active law enforcement engagements, and crucial public policy notices, our collective voice is stronger than ever. Below are the key updates and action items from this past month.

1. URRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026 Recap

On Tuesday, 15 September 2026, URRA hosted its Annual General Meeting at the uMhlanga Baptist Church. The meeting brought together engaged ratepayers and residents to reflect on a year of dedicated civic advocacy and growth.

Key Highlights & Guest Speakers:

- **Don Mottian (Acoustics Engineer):** Delivered an insightful presentation on acoustic testing, noise impact, and scientific measurement in urban environments—providing critical expertise as we address noise pollution in Umhlanga.
- **Mary Kassam (COO of DOCRA):** Shared valuable perspectives on civic collaboration, ratepayer activism, and the importance of voting in the upcoming elections
- **Special Resolutions Passed:** The appointment of Brett Milton as Director was unanimously ratified. Members unanimously voted to extend the terms of URRRA Executive Office holders. Another vote, also unanimous, was for URRRA to continue with the type of projects/ scope of work we have been pursuing.

"We started this to have a collective voice. Today we have it. Now we must use it wisely, firmly, and with respect."

— Terri MacLarty, Chairperson's Report



2. Infrastructure Victory: R1 Million Pipe Replacement Project

In a major win for local infrastructure, eThekweni Municipality has allocated R1 million for a critical pipe replacement project along Hilken Drive and Northmoor Avenue in uMhlanga.

Residents on both roads have suffered from severe, recurring pipe bursts for years, damaging driveways and flooding properties. The scope of work will replace brittle, aging asbestos cement (AC) pipes with high-durability PVC piping, decommissioning the old infrastructure.

“We’d like to see them replaced all over uMhlanga. This is a win for the residents and a much-needed project, and we hope there will be future projects to replace pipes on Ridge Road in particular.”

— Terri MacLarty, URRRA Chairperson & Ward 35 Committee Member (Water & Electricity Portfolio)



Terri MacLarty from the ratepayers' association talks to Northmoor Avenue resident Mark Hultzer about the project.

3. Public Notice: Have Your Say on eThekweni's Draft Noise Control By-Law 2024

URGENT: Submit Your Comments Before 18 October 2026!

eThekweni Municipality has officially published the Proposed Noise Control and Noise Management By-law, 2024. With uMhlanga battling excessive disturbance in the Village and residential corridors, this is our chance to shape enforceable legislation.

- Email Comments To: Joyce.Hammond@durban.gov.za & Zandile.Shange@durban.gov.za and copy admin@urra.co.za
- Hand Delivery: Office of the City Manager, City Hall, Dr Pixley kaSeme (West) Street, Durban
- Deadline: Within 30 days of publication (published 18 Sept 2026)—submit before 16:00, 18 October 2026.
- View Draft: Available at City Hall, municipal libraries, and Sizakala Centres.

4. Law Enforcement: Call for Metro Police to Step Up Patrols

Following a surge in reckless driving, illegal street racing, loud vehicle revving, and disregard for road rules in uMhlanga Village, URRRA and Ward 35 Councillor Bradley Singh are calling on Metro Police to establish an active, permanent presence in the precinct.

While periodic roadblocks have yielded positive results, URRRA is pushing for sustained, visible policing and strict enforcement of traffic and noise by-laws to safeguard residents, visitors, and local businesses.

URRA advises residents to submit affidavits against party houses in La Lucia in order to get these establishments under control.

5. Unauthorized building on the Umhlanga Centre site

Further to the outcry from the uMhlanga community about the illegal building and construction works at uMhlanga Centre, URRRA has taken the decision on behalf of the community to issue an immediate cease and desist against this illegal activity

6. Fundraising

Fund raising is continuing for the fight against the Bingo Hall and the lawless situation in the uMhlanga Village area . We must protect uMhlanga for our next generation

7. URRRA Arbour Week 2026 & Membership Drive

Our September Arbour Week initiative on iNaturalist is wrapping up! Thank you to everyone who snapped and logged photos of local coastal species like the African Wild Olive and White Milkwood to help map uMhlanga's urban canopy.

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

Stand With URRRA — Join, Renew or Donate Today!

Protecting Umhlanga resident's infrastructure, 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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