

Dear Residents and Stakeholders,

October 2026 has been a month of critical change and significant civic victories for uMhlanga. Following the Local Government Elections, we welcome new leadership to Ward 35. Furthermore, our relentless pursuit of lawful development has resulted in decisive High Court action regarding the Umhlanga Centre. Below are the key updates and action items from this past month.

1. Local Government Elections: Meet our new Ward Councillor

Following the recent Local Government Elections, URRA officially welcomes Jacques Poupard (DA) as the newly elected Councillor for eThekwini Ward 35. Cllr. Poupard has publicly committed to pushing for improved municipal services, robust infrastructure maintenance, and stricter by-law enforcement across our precinct.

We look forward to a productive and transparent working relationship with Cllr. Poupard and his Ward Committee to ensure uMhlanga's specific needs are prioritized within the municipality.



2. Major Legal Victory: Court Enforcement at Umhlanga Centre

URRA, alongside 123 Net CPT (Pty) Ltd, has secured urgent and severe High Court interventions to halt unlawful construction, earthworks, and the removal of protected trees at 185 Ridge Road (Umhlanga Centre). Following blatant disregard for an initial stop-work order granted on 16 October 2026,

Judge Pitman authorised immediate enforcement measures on 18 October 2026.

Key Outcomes of the Court Orders:

- **Immediate Site Preservation & Seizures:** The Sheriff, accompanied by SAPS, has been authorised to enter the site, cordon the area, and seize/impound construction machinery, excavators, and tools to prevent further unauthorized alterations and protect lateral support to the M4 road reserve.
- **Contempt of Court Proceedings:** Sun Star Investments (Pty) Ltd and Dr Ashraf Mohammed face a proposed contempt declaration and suspended 30-day imprisonment provision. The owners requested additional time to file replying affidavits, and these contempt proceedings have been formally postponed to 8 December 2026. The existing site protections remain firmly in force.

> *"This restores our faith that justice will prevail. Developers cannot and will not be allowed to simply do as they please in Umhlanga. Court orders are binding and must be respected. We have seen enough unlawful development in our area. URRA will continue safeguarding the future of our community."*
> *Terri MacLarty, URRA Chairperson*



3. Community Policing Forum (CPF) Sub-Forum Elections

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all community members who attended the recent CPF sub-forum elections, and a special note of gratitude to our local law enforcement partners from SAPS Durban North.

We are excited to officially welcome our new CPF leaders to their roles and look forward to executing many more successful community safety initiatives together in the year ahead.

4. Fundraising

Looking for a fun night out? Join URRA for an evening packed with laughs, friendly competition and community spirit, all in support of keeping uMhlanga the place we love to live, work and play.

Entry is just R100 and every donation helps fund community initiatives that make a positive difference at the uMhlanga Ski Boat Club on 26 November at 6:30pm. Bring your friends, bring your lucky streak and join us for a memorable evening! Together, let's keep uMhlanga world class



Stand With URRA — 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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