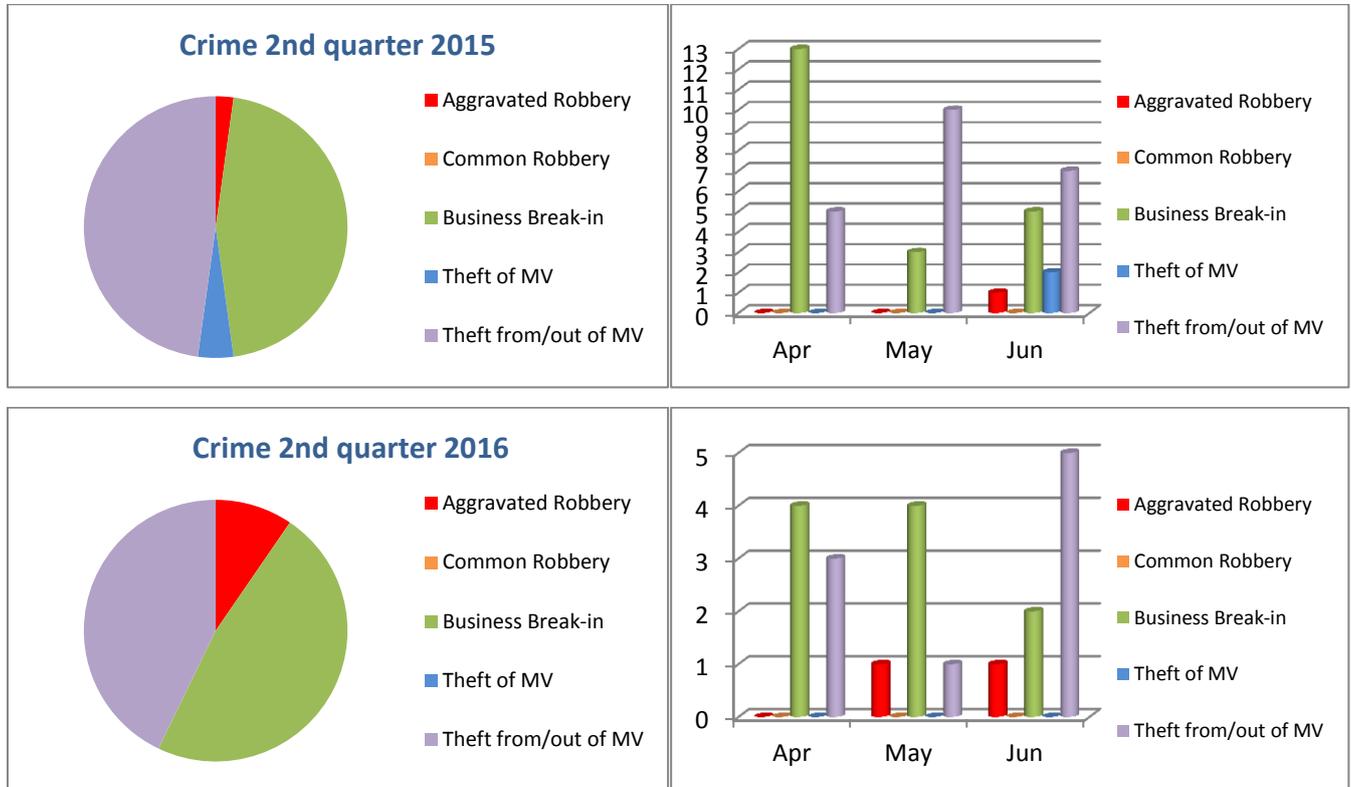




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REPORTED CRIME FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2016 COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD 2015



ARMED ROBBERIES: UP FROM 1 TO 2

- Followed from banks to places of business in Wallflower and Auckland Streets.
- Cash of R37 000 and R50 000 taken; four and three armed black males respectively.
 - Do not carry large sums of cash unless properly escorted.
 - Use different routes on regular withdrawals.

BURGLARIES: DOWN FROM 21 TO 10

- Hotspots, Milner, Auckland & Natal Streets.
- Computers, power tools and electrical goods taken.
 - Check alarm systems regularly.
 - Light up your premises.

THEFT FROM/OUT OF MOTOR VEHICLE: DOWN FROM 22 TO 9

- Hotspots: Paarden Eiland Road, Section and Auckland Streets; no forced entry; access by remote jamming.
 - Physically check all doors and windows are locked before leaving vehicle.
 - Do not leave valuables inside vehicles, whether out of sight or not.

ARRESTS – 6

Thanks to vigilance of Camera Controllers and swift action by PECID Patrol Officers we had six good arrests:

- ❖ Two for break-in at food trailer in Neptune Street;
- ❖ One for theft of cables from trailer in Nereide Street;
- ❖ Three for theft from sub-station in Carlisle Street.

SAPS' CONCERNS : GENERAL THEFT

As in most areas, the increase of general theft in Paarden Eiland is a major concern for Maitland SAPS, where theft is widespread and there are no particular hotspots.

- Many cases are linked to poor access control, where opportunistic thieves enter buildings and take whatever valuables are lying about unattended, such as cell-phones, bags, purses, wallets and other valuables.
- Theft of copper pipes and cables, where no actual break-in occurs, continues unabated and huge losses in damage are incurred.
- Theft of diesel by siphoning is happening regularly.
- Shoplifting from retailers continues.
- Theft of Council refuse bins is fairly common.
 - *In many cases theft could be prevented by increased access control. Do not leave visitors unattended.*
 - *Protection of outer pipes and cables may be enhanced by suitable lighting on the outside of buildings.*
 - *Siphoning fuel from any vehicle is illegal and punishable by law. Please report any such activity to SAPS with as much detail of the incident as possible.*
 - *Internal CCTV systems are not usually monitored and footage of theft is only discovered well after the deed is done. Thieves are aware of this.*
 - *Ensure your refuse bins are clearly and indelibly marked with your company name or physical address, which makes them readily traceable. All unidentifiable bins confiscated by PECID are taken to the Woodstock Depot. Solid Waste will only provide a new bin if a case of theft for the missing bin is opened at SAPS.*

GOOD NEWS!

CITY OF CAPE TOWN APPROVES EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE PAARDEN EILAND CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PECID) FROM 01 JULY 2016 TO 30 JUNE 2021

Following an application by PECID for a five-year extension of its term as a City Improvement District, plus approval of a new 5 year business plan as agreed to by members at PECID's Annual General Meeting held in November 2015, the following good news is happily recorded:

At a meeting of the Council of the City of Cape Town held on Thursday 26 May 2016, it was resolved that the extension of the Paarden Eiland City Improvement District (PECID), plus PECID's new 5 year business plan from 01 July 2016 to 30 June 2021, be approved.

The approval is indicative of the City's confidence and belief in the huge benefits the Paarden Eiland CID affords not only its property and business owners, workers and visitors, but the City of Cape Town itself.

Our partnerships with the various line departments over the past ten years have multiplied and flourished and PECID is justly proud of our association with the City.

Our pledge is to continue implementing our vision and mission, incorporating and sharing the values of the City's IDP and, by so doing and within the scope of our abilities, enhance the lives of all those with whom we come into contact in our daily endeavours to provide a safe and environmentally maintained area.



ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Boniswa Mjali, A Shift Camera Controller, who achieved a 90% aggregate pass in End User Computing after completing the course at Silulo Ulutho Technologies.

In pursuit of self-development, Boniswa took it upon herself to further her knowledge and studied hard during her "off times."

This accreditation will stand her in good stead for her future and we trust Boniswa's achievements will be a source of inspiration to her colleagues.

Well done, Boniswa. We are proud of you!

GREENING

Another successful greening project initiated by PECID took place in June along the banks of the Salt River Canal in President Kruger Street.

Thanks to City Parks and their participation in the EPWP Programme for their fantastic assistance in planting.

Just more proof that by working together with the City, PECID can deliver on its promises.



SHOCKING STATE OF ZOARVLEI

The shocking state of the Zoarvlei Section of the Table Bay Nature Reserve, also known as the Paarden Eiland Wetlands, was brought into sharp focus at a recent presentation by CID Manager, Patricia Tallant, at the annual general meeting of the Friends of Rietvlei. There has been vast and unacceptable deterioration of the area over the last three years.



Thanks to Kevin Drummond-Hay for the beautiful photographs of the once abundant Zoarvlei birdlife

- Since 2013 the profusion of birdlife has all but disappeared and the melody of birdsong stilled.
- The once panoramic view of the wetlands is now stifled by reeds as far as the eye can see.
- Even worse, hidden amongst the reed beds, are pockets of displaced people camping illegally in what is supposedly a protected area. Despite constant clearing of the campsites, sometimes on a weekly basis, the degradation, filth and mess continues.
- The unprecedented spiralling cost of operations to clear illegal campers is becoming a massive burden, not only on the City, but also on all other role-players, including PECID, who continually put their hands up to help.
- Hazards include illegal fires, pollution, muggings, dumping, theft, robberies, drugs, litter and concealment of stolen property.
- People traversing the vlei between Paarden Eiland and Brooklyn are particularly vulnerable early mornings and evenings, where lighting has been vandalised.



A recent proposal for assistance in establishing a presence on site, through the appointment of a Nature Conservator, was presented to PECID by Dr Anthony Roberts, CEO of the Cape Town Environmental Education Trust (CTEET).

This exciting proposal is seeking financial support from various stakeholders to facilitate safe access to the Zoarvlei whilst ensuring the restoration of its ecological integrity.

Besides basic requisites for a conservator, worker post, operation and admin costs, other high cost interventions include Typha (bulrush) control; flow management; seawater introduction and recreation facilities (footpaths, benches and hides).

Similar programmes are working well elsewhere and there is no reason why it should not work in the Zoarvlei.

We need to work together with other organisations, such as local ratepayers associations, clubs, schools and other bodies who ought to have a vested interest in their immediate environmental surrounds.

The continued degradation must be halted and urgent intervention by those responsible for the protection of the wetlands should be non-negotiable.

See what KwaZulu-Natal is doing in the St Lucia Estuary <http://isimangaliso.com/newsflash/bold-facelift-for-isimangalisos-st-lucia-estuary-and-beaches/> and let us ask ourselves:

“What is the Western Cape doing about our estuaries?” & “How can we help?”



PECID receives daily complaints relating to speedsters on our roads and we have recently experienced a number of accidents with tragic results.

While our cameras often pick up such disregard for traffic laws, unfortunately, and for obvious reasons, Traffic Management cannot use our footage. PECID will, however, attempt to trace errant drivers and appeal for more conscious consideration.

Please also remember that one way streets are designed with safety in mind and we ask drivers to respect this. Most culprits come from businesses situated in the one way roads, such as Natal, Transvaal, Lowestoft, Dorsetshire, Bridgewater, Wallflower and Perfecta. Ignoring road signs is sadly indicative of the lawless society that we live in.

Road accidents don't just happen - they are caused by motorists who dare to defy road safety rules, putting other road users at risk.

PLEASE OBEY THE RULES OF THE ROAD

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