

# MONTHLY PROGRESS BULLETIN



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## BWUA Achieves Three Additional ISO Standards

Now compliant with  
seven world-class ISO  
and NOSA Standards.

Following an external, 2<sup>nd</sup>-party audit in August, BWUA achieved compliance with ISO 50001:2018 (Energy Management), ISO 55001:2024 (Asset Management) and ISO 37101:2022+A1:2024 (Sustainable Development in Communities). These build on our NOSA 5-Star Platinum Grading (CMB253) and existing certifications to ISO 9001:2015 (Quality), ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental), and ISO 45001:2018 (Occupational Health and Safety), confirming our integrated approach that unites quality, safety, environment, energy, assets and community sustainability.

## SAFETY FIRST, ALWAYS

### KEY METRICS

We focus on prevention and preparedness to protect our team members, operations and surrounding communities.

July & August 2025

3

Security  
Incidents

2

Internal Asset  
Damages

0

Lost Time  
Injuries

0

Near  
Misses

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS



**Three illegal connections were found and removed on the 2C pipeline**, which is managed by Lepelle Northern Water. The incidents were reported, and **a full pipeline sweep is in progress** to prevent recurrence and protect the Association's interests.



**Two minor vehicle damage incidents were recorded:** One in a basement parking incident, and another by a third-party vehicle improperly overtaking an Association vehicle as it was entering the Havercroft main gate. Both incidents are being managed in line with BWUA's asset management and incident response procedures.



**The Association continues to reinforce its security through Cortac;** a 36-month contract extension has been signed.



**The Association commenced implementing its encroachment procedure, notice, register and reporting process** to address encroachments identified along the original scheme pipeline.



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

## WATER SUPPLY TRENDS

The water supply for the first two months of FY25/26 has been the lowest in the past five years due to a decline in demand, mainly from smelters.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 641'666 m <sup>3</sup>   | August 2025                   |
| 20'698 m <sup>3</sup>    | Daily Average (Aug 2025)      |
| 1'321'964 m <sup>3</sup> | Year to Date (Jul & Aug 2025) |



## MAINTENANCE STATUS

While maintenance to ensure reliable water supply remains on track, better job card closeouts are being sought through improved planning and scheduling. Key progress includes the completion of the **De Hoop Dam–Spitskop 1 Dam tie-in** (July), and the **installation of Havercroft Pump 1B's reconditioned mechanical seals** (August), with a remaining leak to be addressed in September. Clapham Motor 3A, returned because of balancing issues, is expected to be **delivered and installed in September 2025**.

| Maintenance Jobs: August 2025 |                  |                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 316<br>Created                | 302<br>Completed | 14<br>Outstanding |

## KEY HIGHLIGHT



**Eskom bills at Havercroft Pump Station have shown a significant downward trend since June**, despite tariff increases. These savings have been driven by improved pumping efficiency, shifting operations to off-peak times and aligning with plans to wheel solar energy for standard pumping while using Eskom supply during off-peak periods.

# SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## SCHOOL UPGRADE PROGRAMME

Equipping schools with innovative, modular infrastructure.

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| 5 | Schools Complete*  |
| 0 | School In Progress |

\* Includes the SUP pilot school, completed in March 2023

**Update:** The Association has started the process of appointing maintenance service providers, at the four recently completed schools, for a six-month period.



## PEN ECD PROGRAMME

Developing Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres to Department of Education standards via the Participate Navigate Envision (PEN) programme.

| Key Metrics: July & August 2025         |                                       |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 27<br>ECD Centres<br>Registered (Total) | 50<br>Coaching Visits<br>(Cumulative) | 8<br>Training Sessions*<br>(Cumulative) |

\* Includes 7 x lesson planning sessions, and 1 x emergency plans and procedures & creative arts session

**Update:** In July, seven more Traditional Authorities in Steelpoort granted BWUA permission to introduce the PEN programme to additional ECD centres, which has **contributed to additional centres joining** the programme.

## NAL'IBALI LITERACY PROGRAMME

Promoting literacy in the seven communities we currently support.

**Update:** In July and August, Nal'ibali delivered **200 story sessions** across schools and community sites, distributed over **1,700 reading supplements** and provided **350 story books** and **58 anthologies** to schools as well as ECD and drop-in centres. Highlights included a successful Mandela Day celebration in Ga-Phala, a winter holiday programme reaching 309 learners and a series of training workshops for parents, educators and reading club leaders. The third edition of *Ke Leeto*, a storybook co-created by learners and parents in the Association's area of operation, is in design and layout stage and will be launched in October 2025.

## INTERNET ACCESS

Providing Internet access to schools in our doorstep communities. We are also working to assist schools in our communities without access.

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| 8 | Schools Continue Receiving Internet |
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# OLIFANTS MANAGEMENT MODEL PROGRAMME (OMMP)

## OVERALL PROGRESS

**100%** Early Works Contract 1 (*completed in budget*)

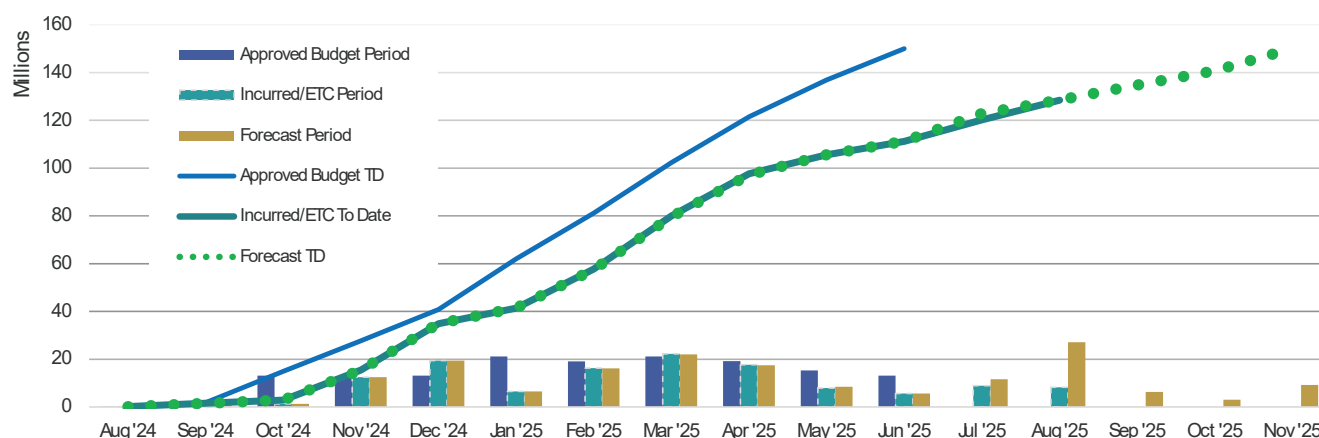
**100%** Early Works Contract 2 (*WBHO scope complete*)

**0%** EPC Stage 1 Contracts (*starts: Q4 2025*)

## RECENT MILESTONES (JUL/AUG 2025)

- ▶ Credit committee approval processes for Stage 1 commercial fundraising commenced in July with feedback expected end-September;
- ▶ Stage 1: WBHO's deliverables for Early Works Contract 2 were delivered in July, quality assured and accepted, with final deliverables including BWUA inputs expected in September;
- ▶ Stage 1: Environmental Basic Assessment Reports for the Renewable Energy Solution Sites were concluded in August 2025; and
- ▶ Stage 2: Environmental Basic Assessment Reports for Phase 2D and 2F were concluded in July.

## OMMP IMPLEMENTATION - EARLY WORKS CONTRACT 2 PERFORMANCE (AUG 2025)



## MITIGATING KEY RISKS

- ▶ Cost and schedule overrun risks will be reduced through a fully wrapped EPC NEC strategy, Member-led project control and world-class control systems and resources.

## INDICATIVE MILESTONES

- ▶ Stage 1 financial close (Q4, 2025);
- ▶ Stage 1 EPC contract award with partial release (Q4, 2025);
- ▶ Stage 1 construction commencement (Q4, 2025); and
- ▶ Stage 1 sod turning ceremony (Q4, 2025).

## PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

### REGIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME

The Association-led R26.5 billion Regional Energy Infrastructure, Storage and Distribution Programme **aims to secure predictable, long-term energy supply for the OMMP and safeguard affordable, reliable water delivery for our Members**. Announced by President Ramaphosa at SIDSSA25, the project has been **selected by Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) for priority project support**.

Work has progressed from the Association-sponsored concept study to the pursuit of development funding to undertake the Intermediate Business Case, which will be fully funded from external sources. This milestone brings us closer to stabilising tariffs, strengthening water reliability, and driving regional growth.

### WATER RE-USE BUSINESS CASE

Work has advanced on a business case to **unlock wastewater re-use in Limpopo**. The initiative addresses two linked challenges: **increasing water availability through the recovery of treated effluent**, and supporting municipalities to **restore compliance** at wastewater treatment works (WWTWs). The approach focuses on **refurbishing and upgrading distressed WWTWs** and **partnering with municipalities** to develop a profitable business case for treated effluent, in line with the resolution taken at the Ministerial Water Indaba to augment industrial and potable use. The model shows strong potential to attract private investment, generate revenue for municipalities and reduce pressure on freshwater systems. Engagement with key stakeholders is now underway, as we move towards developing a business case for the re-use upgrade of Mogalakwena WWTW near Mokopane.

### AGRICULTURAL MEMBER BUSINESS CASE

The Association submitted a business case and motivation to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for in-principle support to amend its mandate to include Agricultural Members.

This would **enable provision of up to 30 ML/day of bulk raw water for irrigation** in the Phase 2B area of OMMP Stage 1, which would potentially

enable the Association to recover approximately ~R130 million/year in new water-sales revenue, reduce member tariffs by 5 - 10% and catalyse ~R800 million/year in additional regional agricultural turnover and create ~2 000 jobs.

DWS confirmed its **support for the proposed feasibility study**, which will inform project design, funding and ESG compliance.