



## water & sanitation

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Water and Sanitation  
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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### DWS and partners to clean Hennops River for Madiba

**16 July 2020**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with Exxaro Resources and the Strategic Water Partners Network (SWPN) are spearheading a “**heal the Hennops**” cleanup, as part of their 67minutes on Mandela Day in Centurion on Saturday, 18 July 2020.

A diverse group of companies, NGO’s and government entities will come together on Saturday, 18 July to remove two polystyrene islands in the Hennops River. These islands have become natural litter traps where masses of plastic have accumulated to form a walkable surface over 50m long. These islands are constantly releasing toxins into the river and damaging the ecosystem around them.

This clean-up campaign is part of the Department’s Clear Rivers Campaign, an annual Departmental initiative which encourages individuals, businesses and civil society organisations to roll up their sleeves and be part of cleaning water resources such as rivers, streams and wetlands.

#### Members of the media are invited as follows:

**Date : 18 July 2020**

**Venue : Centurion Shisa Nyama, Lenchen Street South, Centurion**

**Time : 09H00-14H00**

**For media confirmations, please contact Mr Khulekani Ngcobo on 082 723 6030/  
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