

MONTHLY PROGRESS BULLETIN



September 2025

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SAFETY FIRST, ALWAYS

KEY METRICS

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

September 2025

1

Security
Incident

0

Internal Asset
Damages

0

Lost Time
Injuries

2

Near
Misses

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Security Incident – Cathodic Protection.

The theft and vandalism of cathodic protection bunkers and manholes under SE2 Phase 1, discovered in August, remained under investigation during September. While findings are still being finalised, preliminary outcomes highlight several procedural and commissioning gaps. Corrective actions include referring the matter to SAPS, discontinuing manual locks, improving project–operations alignment, and strengthening commissioning processes.



Near Misses – Veld Fires. During September, two veld fires of unknown origin occurred near Borwa Pump Station, destroying natural vegetation on the surrounding mountain slopes.



Encroachment remains a risk until servitude registration is complete. The process is progressing as planned, and an encroachment procedure has been finalised to support servitude and land management.



Operations Wellness Day. During September, BWUA held its second Wellness Day at Havercroft, focusing on personal wellness, cancer awareness and early detection. CANSA led sessions and screenings, supported by MIMED, Lancet Laboratories and SANBS.



Fitness session facilitated by MIMED

BWUA Recognised for Excellence at NOSCAR Awards

In September, BWUA Chief Executive Officer Dr Kobus Duvenhage was named CEO of the Year (CMB253 category) at the NOSA 2025 NOSCAR Awards Banquet. This follows his recognition as the 2024 Northern Region Managing Director/CEO of the Year, underscoring his leadership in building a strong safety culture.

BWUA was also recognised among the International SIC winners, achieving third place in Sector E (Electricity, Gas and Water Supply), following two consecutive regional awards for Best NOSA Integrated Five Star System in the same category. The award was accepted on behalf of BWUA at the NOSCAR event by the Head of Operations and Maintenance, Mr Thembani Makhubele.

These achievements reflect BWUA's commitment to excellence, building on its NOSA 5 Star Platinum status and certification to ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001, as well as compliance with ISO 50001, 55001 and 37101 through independent audit.



Kobus Duvenhage receiving the award for CEO of the year



Thembani Makhubele receiving the award for 3rd place in Sector E

OPERATIONS UPDATE

WATER SUPPLY TRENDS

Water supply during September picked up, compared to the first two months of FY25/26, with a 25% increase in water pumped daily.

762 998 m ³	Water Supplied (09/2025)
25 433 m ³	Daily Average (09/2025)
2 084 958 m ³	Year to Date (2025/26)



Spitskop Pump Stations, Steelport

MAINTENANCE STATUS

Maintenance to ensure reliable water supply remains on track. During September, a 91% completion rate was achieved despite training of key employees. Monthly maintenance plans include stretch targets to drive continuous improvement, and outstanding job cards will be monitored closely to ensure timely closeout. Highlights include the commencement of switchgear replacement at Dwarsrivier and the Havercroft Weir. Clapham Motor 3A has been returned to the OEM for a coupling installation.

Maintenance Jobs: September 2025

339 Created	311 Completed	28 Outstanding
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KEY HIGHLIGHT



The Association has eliminated peak-time pumping across all pump stations.

Although electricity use increased in September due to higher water supply, sustained pumping efficiency was achieved through continued operational and equipment improvements.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL UPGRADE PROGRAMME

Equipping schools with innovative, modular infrastructure.

5	Schools Complete*
0	School In Progress

* Includes the SUP pilot school, completed in March 2023

Update: The Association has appointed maintenance service providers at the four recently-completed schools for a period of six months.

PEN ECD PROGRAMME

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

Key Metrics: September 2025

30 ECD Centres Registered (Total)	36 Coaching Visits (during September)	3 Training Sessions* (during September)
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* Includes 2 x lesson planning sessions, and 1 x gross motor skills training session.



Gross Motor Skills training session, Steelport

Highlight: The positive impact of the PEN Programme is demonstrated in Mmabana Preschool's progress, improving from Level 1 to Level 3 in under a year, with significant gains in health, safety and classroom management creating a safer, more structured learning environment for children and staff.

NAL'IBALI LITERACY PROGRAMME

Promoting literacy in the seven communities we currently support.

Update: The third edition of *Ke Leeto*, a storybook co-created by learners and parents in the Association's area of operation, was launched at the Mahlo Primary School on 30 September 2025.



INTERNET ACCESS

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

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

OVERALL PROGRESS

100% Early Works Contract 1 (completed in budget)

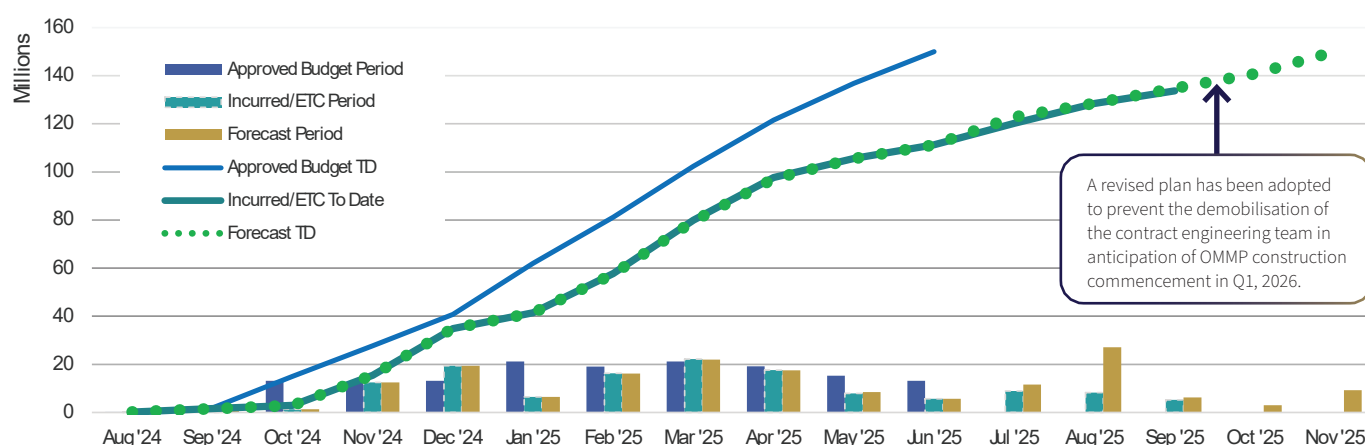
100% Early Works Contract 2 (completed in budget)

0% EPC Stage 1 Contracts (starts: Q1 2026)

RECENT MILESTONES (SEPTEMBER 2025)

- ▶ Credit Committee approval was obtained in September from three major banks for the Commercial OMMP Stage 1 Loan, paving the way for financial close. Work now continues on meeting conditions precedent and finalising governance requirements;
- ▶ Stage 1: All Early Works Contract 2 deliverables were quality assured and accepted by BWUA in September;
- ▶ Stage 1: Heritage Walkdown Report for Phase 2B and Phase 2B+ was issued by the Heritage Specialist in September; and
- ▶ Stage 2: The Water Use License Applications for Phase 2D and 2F were submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

OMMP IMPLEMENTATION - EARLY WORKS CONTRACT 2 PERFORMANCE (SEPT 2025)



INDICATIVE MILESTONES

- ▶ Stage 1: Financial close (Q4, 2025);
- ▶ Stage 2: Submit Phase 2D and 2F Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Programme reports to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Q4, 2025);
- ▶ Stage 1: Engineering, Procurement and Construction contract award with full release (Q4, 2025);
- ▶ Stage 2: Commence with Phase 1 of the Resettlement Action Plan (Q4, 2025); and
- ▶ Stage 1: Place orders for electrical and instrumentation subcontractor (Q2, 2026).

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.

INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (IADP)*

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) confirmed its in-principle support for the **development a feasibility study for BWUA's Integrated Agricultural Development Programme (IADP)** and the subsequent amendment of the Association's mandate to include Agricultural Members. The IADP, which would be enabled by the provision of up to 30 ML/day of bulk raw water for irrigation by BWUA in the Phase 2B area of OMMP Stage 1, aims

to address under-used government farmland in Limpopo, creating a circular, self-funding agro-industrial corridor enabling ~R800 million/year in regional agricultural turnover and creating ~2 000 jobs. Infrastructure and support to farmers will potentially be funded through carbon credit trading. The potential benefits for the Association include new water sales revenue and a 5-10% reduction in Members' water tariff.