

STRANDFONTEIN CULTURAL MAPPING

SPORTS AND CULTURE

TEAM SPORTS

Like many other parts of the Cape Flats, sports activities and clubs abound in the Strandfontein/Mitchell's Plain area. Some, like beach volleyball and running, take place in and around the Strandfontein Pavilion. Swagglers, a local athletic club, organises various events, including an annual fun run along the beach. One of the biggest sports in Mitchell's Plain/Strandfontein is football. Like many sports clubs on the Cape Flats, the Strandfontein Associated Football Club (AFC), known as the Seagulls, began as a family venture. It was established in 1978 as a community orientated team by a few families in the community.

ART AND CULTURE

There is a strong interest in teaching art and using art therapy for children and youth from Strandfontein and Mitchell's Plain. The 9Miles Project has been involved in a number of local art projects and has teamed up with Educosafrika, a local arts and culture organisation with a focus on children and youth from Strandfontein and the surrounding area under the leadership and mentoring of local Bayview resident, Wendy Abrahams. Both organisations collaborated on the production of murals used for Fisherman's Haven. Youth from 9Miles worked with an overseas graffiti artist to design a mural for the Strandfontein Library a few years ago. According to both Wendy and Nigel, the area is awash with local artists, especially graffiti artists.

RELIGION

Religion and religious leaders seem to have played an important role in the surrounding communities, especially in building and fostering social networks and a sense of community solidarity. Strandfontein itself is said to have diverse religious institutions.