

# STRANDFONTEIN CULTURAL MAPPING

## SHARING MEMORIES AND STORYTELLING

Everyone we interviewed was more than eager to share their memories and stories about growing up and living in Strandfontein and its nearby suburbs, as well as times spent as children or as adolescents in various activities at the Strandfontein Pavilion, at the beach, or on family walks and outings along the coastline. A key feature in Strandfontein, as it is across the Cape Flats, is the role that family histories play in all the storytelling. From the building of the Strandfontein Pavilion to the establishment of swimming, surfing, lifesaving, football, and cricket clubs. An interesting local storytelling site is the Y-Wiseup Museum, located at the YMCA/Rotary Club on Camp Road, where there is an evolving exhibition of photos and stories related to District Six and several commemorative rooms dedicated to telling stories about local legends, heroes, and heroines of the Cape Flats. According to the Cape Flats YMCA Director, Richard de Relick, the museum space was motivated by a desire to inspire a sense of a shared history and identity as a counter to the rise of gangsterism in the Mitchell's Plain area and surrounds.

