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## PRESS RELEASE

### WE LOVE OUR PARK

On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the staff of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum have invited ±135 children and their facilitators from communities across the Metro including Motherwell, New Brighton, Missionvale, Northern Areas and Uitenhage to join us for a walk through St George's Park and a picnic at the Art Museum.

The participants have been challenged to each decorate a stone and add a special message about the importance of parks and green spaces in our City. The stones will be placed outside the Art Museum for visitors to enjoy.

Watchmen from the Safety and Security Directorate will make sure that the learners are safe while in the park.

St George's Park, is the oldest park in Port Elizabeth and is situated within walking distance of the City centre. Established in 1860, St George's Park is spread over 73 ha. The Park incorporates the world-famous Port Elizabeth Cricket Club; the founder cricket club in South Africa. The oldest bowling green in South Africa (named "Founders Green"); Prince Alfred's Guard Memorial as well as the 1882 Victorian Pearson Conservatory which was built for the cultivation of exotic plants, water lilies and beautiful orchids.

In recent years the park has experienced vandalism and increased crime. The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum would like our event to bring attention to the importance and beauty of the park for us and for the community.

You may contact Emma O'Brien the Assistant Director at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum on 079 490 0690 for more information.

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