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Glenwood UIP is continuing with its goal of placemaking and improving areas in the community.

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Robin Opperman and Chantal van Rensburg by the newest mural in Cleaver Road.

THE Glenwood Urban Improvement Precinct (GUIP) is continuing with its goal of place-making and improving areas in the community and celebrated the completion of another two projects in the area last week.

Vernon Stokes from the GUIP said his team finished the revamp of a substation and Parks Department storage facility in Bath Road last week, also having recently completed the refurbishment of a pagoda on the same side of Bulwer Park.



*"The pagoda was really in a bad way and is now fixed, and the substation was the other project we wanted to attend to in Bulwer Park. It has been newly painted by Dave Nightingale, and is looking great," he said.*

This revamp was one of the many projects launched by the GUIP last year. Stokes said the UIP had identified 26 places in the precinct's area to revamp, and this, along with the clean-up at the power station at the intersection of Clark and Cleaver Roads, the Crart Avenue and Cleaver Road servitudes, and murals in collaboration with Umcebo Design on the



*Dave Nightingale and Vernon Stokes from Glenwood UIP by the newly revamped substation in Bath Road.*

Helen Joseph Road substation as well as a mural completed this week in Cleaver Road were some of the completed

Commenting on the Cleaver Road mural, Robin Opperman from Umcebo Design said the mural was painted over two days last week. He was assisted by UNISA fine arts student Chantal van Rensburg and her boyfriend, Saiesh Surujbally.

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*“The fact that Saiesh is currently completing his masters in homeopathy at DUT, and that he is not an art student, shows that anyone can get involved in a project such as this. Our drive is to involve the community in general to be involved in placemaking. I like the energy and spirit of this,” said Opperman.*

He said the mural was a large one, and the team had to be strategic on the spot when painting a wall of this size.



*The newly revamped pagoda in Bulwer Park.*

“What we are saying to people is they can get together and do something to beautify their space, be it a mural or creating a garden,” he said.

To support the ongoing project by donating acrylic or PVC paint, or to get involved, contact Robin on 083 793 3408.