

## **Brackenfell**

The suburb of Brackenfell was established in 1913 (the name "Bracken" refers to an indigenous fern). Brackenfell used to be a major road crossing during the earlier days of Cape Town, but today it is a well-known suburb located behind the 'boerewors curtain', which is a local term meaning an invisible curtain that basically divides the city's English and Afrikaans speaking people. Brackenfell is situated in the northern suburbs of Cape Town.

In Brackenfell you will find a variety of income groups from the poorer residents in Northpine and the swatter camp just next to Northpine and the middle to high income groups in the rest of Brackenfell. The majority of residents of Brackenfell are white with the next highest population being coloured.

### **Brackenfell Clinic**

The Brackenfell Clinic was originally opened in 1979 and was located in a wing of the Municipal building and was staffed on a part-time basis. Brackenfell has grown in size over the last few years and therefore there was an increased need for clinic services in the area and a new clinic building was built and has been in use since 1997.