



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE - GQEBERHA AREA**

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## Notification: Peaceful gathering at GEMS office - East London

Following developments reported in the previous *Informus*, the PSA noted that GEMS implemented a revised 9.5% membership-fee increase for 2026, effective February 2026, without agreement by unions. Despite prior engagements, GEMS has not addressed members' concerns regarding affordability and justification.

In terms of the *Gatherings Act*, the PSA will conduct a peaceful gathering to the GEMS office at Shop LG 36, Lower level, Gillwell Mall, East London, to submit a memorandum demanding clarity, reconsideration of the fee increase, and protection of members' interests.

### Gathering details

- **Date:** Saturday, 21 February 2026
- **Gathering starts** at 09:00 at Shop LG 36, Lower level, Gillwell Mall, East London
- **Memorandum** handing over to GEMS representative at 12:00 bringing an end to the gathering.

The PSA has catered for 600 members. T-shirts will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis on the day. Marshals will ensure orderly conduct at the gathering, in collaboration with Buffalo City Municipality and the SAPS, in line with safety and legal requirements.

### Member registration

Interested members must submit their names through their shop stewards or directly to the following PSA Organising/Marketing Officers (OMOs) by no later than **17 February 2026**:

- Mxolisi Nyandu – 082 880 8968
- Phumela Qilingele – 079 871 9202

The above-mentioned OMOs will also assist with enquiries and coordination. Members from outside the East London area are welcome to participate but must cover their own travel costs.

**Member instructions:**

- Assemble at the address as indicated above at 09:00.
- Follow instructions by marshals at all times.
- Maintain peace and order throughout the gathering.
- Observe safety precautions, including hydration owing to heat.
- Collect T-shirts early - allocation is first-come, first-served.

Your cooperation is vital to ensure a lawful, safe, and orderly gathering, whilst effectively conveying members' concerns to GEMS.

For employees wishing to join the Union of Choice: Do not miss this golden opportunity - join a Union that protects members' rights and promotes their interests whilst promoting their health concerns and right to fair and equitable medical aid.

Through peaceful gathering, PSA members are sending a clear message: Healthcare must remain affordable for public servants.

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