



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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