



The Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Cape Higher Education Consortium

WESTERN CAPE ECONOMY INNOVATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2026

Please complete this nomination form accurately, completely but succinctly.

1. Contact details

Nominator (Person)	Nominating Organisation	Signature	Date	e-mail address
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Nominated Person	Nominated Organisation	Sub-sector one of the following: Private Sector or Academia or Public Sector or Non-Profit	Cell phone number	e-mail address
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2. Short description

+100 word description of what the innovation / solution is and who needs to be recognised for which parts of the solution.

(e.g. new service /product /solution /regulation /infrastructure /institutional capacity)

The V&A Waterfront has committed R230 million to a new Quay 7 Superyacht Marina with completion targeted for October 2026. This dual purpose marine infrastructure will accommodate superyachts up to 90 meters during peak season and off season it will provide berthing to the local boat building industry who export catamarans and other vessels worldwide. With 8 superyacht berths, this infrastructure will drive demand for fuel, provisioning, engineering and logistics and will support local marine manufacturing.

3. Detailed description

Please answer all the questions (a) to (j) below, and place answers in the prescribed place as indicated in the table below (to construct a results chain):

- a. What is the target business group/s that this innovation serves and improves?
- b. How many of these target businesses have already utilised this new solution?
- c. How did these businesses access and receive the new solution?
- d. What did this new solution help these businesses become better at?
- e. How did this help to improve their business performance? *Increased sales, lower costs, increased investment, increased employment, increased exports?*
- f. What exactly is this new innovative solution?
- g. What makes it new, compared what existed before? (Novelty in the WC economy)
- h. What makes it better than what existed before?
- i. How is/was the new solution made available to the target market / business group?
- j. What will ensure that the financial viability / sustainability of providing the innovative solution and the beneficial consequences remain intact over this period? *E.g. profitable business with enduring competitive advantage in the market.* What is the expected longevity of this this solution? *E.g. 5yrs, 10 yrs, 10+ years*



Output: A new catalytic innovation established, serves the WC economy	Outcome: Improved business environment (for the target business group)	Impact: Which target group of businesses benefitted & what improved for them (Will be improved when infrastructure complete)	Longevity: Duration of benefits
<p>f. The V&A Waterfront has committed R230 million to a new Quay 7 Superyacht Marina</p> <p>g. It introduces a dual-use model—accommodating visiting yachts in peak season while supporting local boatbuilding, commissioning, and export activity year-round. This shift from incidental to intentional infrastructure strengthens the marine ecosystem, enhances operational efficiency, and positions Cape Town as a strategic technical hub</p>	<p>i. Extensive in-depth engagements with the marine manufacturing and boat building sector, market research into berthing needs and requirements together with a strategic team at Executive leadership level resulted in the V&A Waterfront making a R230 million rand investment.</p> <p>c. Through a fair procurement process run by V&A Waterfront</p>	<p>a. Boat builders, visiting superyachts, marine component manufacturers, fuel suppliers, retailer, logistics operators, ship builders</p> <p>b. Damen CT has been awarded the contract to construct the marine infrastructure, Coastal engineers and marine engineers have completed all preliminary design and working drawings and all permissions from</p>	<p>j. Marine infrastructure is a long term investment of between 30 and 50 years depending on construction materials and maintenance. The development turns idle quay space into a high-yield, year-round revenue-generating asset with multiplier effects across hospitality, retail, and marine services.</p>

<p>within the global superyacht network.</p> <p>h. Previously super yachts were berthed opportunistically along multi-use quays. Quay 7 provides a dedicated marine specifically engineered for large vessels.</p> <p>It moves Cape Town from a scenic stopover to a recognised technical and operational hub for the global superyacht industry.</p>		<p>TNPA have been received.</p> <p>d. New marine infrastructure is catalytic for an ecosystem of players in the marine manufacturing and engineering space.</p> <p>e. The marine infrastructure is not just berths, it is year-round working infrastructure. It is not just luxury is it also about the industrial ecosystem support. It is not just about the destination, it is about a strategic global routing point in support of an African Superyacht route.</p>	
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After completing the table, read from left to right. Check for coherence and improve if needed.

4. Declaration of Evidence to verify results chain

What supporting evidence can you provide to verify the results stated above are as stated?

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What evidence can be provided? e.g. Records, reports, peer reviews, and so forth	 <p>Superyacht Announcement_Local </p> 	<p>The marine infrastructure is safer, more capable, more flexible, and strategically focused for visiting superyachts. It creates vital berthing and commissioning space for the local boat building industry valued at R4.9bn pa with 90% exports.</p>	<p>Improved work for coastal engineers and marine engineers and ship builders. In future it generates revenue, strengthens marine supply chains, creates skills opportunities, and boosts hospitality and retail. By connecting operational, commercial, and industrial layers,</p>	

			the Waterfront has become a strategic, long-term hub for the global superyacht ecosystem.	
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5. Select the best category of award for this innovation

Sector	Award	Mark with "X"
Public Sector	6 x Catalytic innovations that contribute to growth.	x
Public Sector	1 x Provincial- or National-government systemic innovation most impactful on economic growth	
Public Sector	1 x Municipal (LM+DM) innovation that is impactful on growth of their local economy	
Public Sector	1 x Public-sector innovation, enhancing good governance.	
Safety & Security	1 x Innovation enhancing precinct safety & security.	
Labour Market	1 x Labour market efficacy award Reducing impediments to increased employment.	
Academia	1 x Research most impactful on competitiveness of Industry	
Academia	1 x Tertiary education best aligned to Industry / market needs	
Academia	1 x Most successful start-up / spin out	
Academia	1 x Entrepreneurship development in higher education	
Industry Sector Bodies	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their Industry.	
Organised Business	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their business precincts.	

6. Check that you completed all that is necessary.

7. Submit this documented and/or video recorded to innovation@capechamber.co.za.

Thank you for helping us discover and celebrate the champions shaping a better WC economy!