



## Press Release

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Fifty years ago, Casa Mia in Hillbrow was a grand old building, a plush hotel accommodating the rich and famous. It is now a cold, dark and derelict block, housing Johannesburg's poorer pensioners.

Dozens of elderly residents live in squalid conditions at the **Casa Mia Old Age Home** run by the Johannesburg City Council. There has been no hot water for months, no heat and no security. Some pensioners have made serious allegations of abuse by management.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** spoke to residents about the filthy conditions in the building. What we found was a shocking evidence of neglect and a basic disrespect of human dignity.

Although council proposed massive renovations, there is no sign of upgrading. We ask why government neglects our old people and what is going to be done.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**, Tuesday, 29 August at 8pm only on **e**.

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