

Durban families without water for days

HUNDREDS of families were without water for about six days in areas north of Durban, the *Mercury* reported yesterday.

Water had, however, been restored in some of the areas on Thursday.

Neil Macleod, the eThekweni water and sanitation head, said four reservoirs were empty and 16 were gradually filling up.

“We are working on the problem and water tankers have been sent to all the affected areas.”

Umgeni Water spokesman Shami Harichunder said that although reservoir 3 was about 75% full, residents could still be without water for another three days.

“We do acknowledge the fact that eThekweni has dealt with the root of the problem,

enabling us to start pumping water into the reservoirs, but it could take up to three days for the water to be restored in all the affected areas,” he said.

Said Siphso Khuzwayo, head of the municipality’s infrastructure committee, “We have set up a management team to monitor the situation. We are using about 70 water tanks.” — Sapa.

