

# RV NEWS BULLETIN

23 MAY 2016

## 1. SECURITY AND SAFETY

### 1.1 Security Breaches

There have been no further security breaches.

### 1.2 Risk Assessments

We have completed the Risk Assessment and with the help of the security subcommittee will now develop a strategic plan for security on the Estate. We will keep you informed.

### 1.3 Fire Breaks

We would like to remind you of the need for firebreaks around the houses. Although the vegetation fuel load is low, it is still a precautionary measure. If you need assistance please contact the office.

### 1.4 Snake Bites

There have been some queries concerning snake and scorpion bites. If you are concerned about this use applications such as Snakebite First Aid Southern Africa, refer to posters such as those attached, attend first aid courses and subscribe to a medical response unit.

In the event of any such emergency contact the town's medical emergency number **(084 770 1743)** or get the patient to Tintswalo as soon as possible.

## 2 ECOLOGY

### 2.1 Baboon Patrols

Since implementation, these patrols have increased to two persons and now include weekends. Our employees, easily identifiable by a khaki uniform with "RVHOA" embroidered on the left breast pocket, walk along drainage lines and along internal roads.

## **2.2 Game Capture**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May an external game capture company captured the following species:

- 9 zebra
- 11 wildebeest
- 15 impala

We will still be removing some kudu, nyala, waterbuck and giraffe. Due to the drought and the reduction in carrying capacity it is necessary to remove some of the stock.

## **2.3 Feeding of Animals**

The drought is affecting the Hoedspruit area and the estate so a supplementary feeding programme will be implemented soon. The ecological subcommittee will advise on the method, quantity and location of feeding sites.

We are aware that some residents are feeding animals at houses and by doing this they are being habituated. Tame nyala and warthog can be extremely dangerous to humans, especially young children and these animals may have to be put down if they become a danger. Feeding the wrong food to an animal can also cause discomfort and even death.

## **2.4 Prickly Pears**

There is greater visibility with reduction of leaves in the veld, making it easier to notice alien plants such as prickly pears. If you notice these plants on your property, please report any sightings so they can be removed.

# **3 ADMINISTRATION**

## **3.1 Future Board Members**

We need a few new members to join the Board for the coming financial year. If you are interested and would like more information, please give the office your details and we will arrange an appointment.

# **4 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

## **4.1 Architectural Rules**

We have received some comments from residents which will be processed and discussed at an information session on Saturday 28 May 2016, at 09h30 at the Black Rhino Convention Hall. These rules are for your benefit and we value your input.

## **4.2 Members and Contractors Right of Way**

We have received several complaints from residents and contractors regarding the right of way on the estate. The usual road rules apply and we request all residents to be respectful toward contractors. Contractors have been asked to be courteous towards residents as this is your estate. Contractor vehicles, especially trucks, must not pull off onto road verges because of the damage this causes.

## **5 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **5.1 Electrical Upgrade Project**

The electrical upgrade is progressing well and is ahead of schedule. There has been very little interruption to traffic flow.

There are still a few outages scheduled and we ask you to please be patient during these interruptions in supply. We will keep you informed via sms of when work is scheduled in your area so you can plan accordingly.

New 40 amp circuit breakers are being installed in all houses at RVHOA expense. We are busy with phase 2 and 3 and will be moving to phase 1 shortly. If you are not at home, please advise the office as to when and how we can gain access to your property to carry out the necessary changes.

### **5.2 Water Storage Project**

We have scheduled an information sharing session for Saturday 28 May 2016 at 09h30 at the Black Rhino Convention Hall. We will present three possible options for installation of the tanks together with the cost estimates. A notice and further information will follow.

## **6 SOCIAL**

### **6.1 River Braai**

We have set the date for the river braai - Saturday 28 May 2016 from 14h00 - the same day as the information session previously mentioned. Please let the office know if you will be attending ([rvhoa@mweb.co.za](mailto:rvhoa@mweb.co.za)).

We shall provide fires, tables and salads. Please bring your own "chop and dop", cutlery and chairs. We look forward to seeing you there.



## 7 UPCOMING EVENTS

### 7.1 Rotary K2C Cycle Tour

On 16 June 2016 the Rotary K2C Cycle Tour offers the “Wild Cyclist” the opportunity to experience a 95km cycle tour through pristine game reserves bordering on the Kruger National Park, through the Timbavati, Thornybush and Kapama Private Game Reserves, across the R40 and into the Blue Canyon Conservancy and ending in the Blyde River Canyon.

If you are interested register on line at [www.k2c-cycletour.co.za/registration.html](http://www.k2c-cycletour.co.za/registration.html)

### 7.2 SCS Cycle Race

The annual SCS cycle race will take place on 17 September 2016. There will be a variety of races during the course of the morning which are open to riders of all ages. There will be a 2.5km; 5km; 10km; 20km and 40km event. Please contact the school on telephone 015-793 0590 for registration details.