

RV NEWS BULLETIN

29 SEPTEMBER 2016

1. RULE REMINDER OF THE MONTH

The estate rules are sometimes inadvertently disregarded as homeowners or tenants do not always make themselves familiar with all the rules that govern the estate. In an effort to make RV a more harmonious place to live we will extract some rule reminders pertaining to issues that have been raised during the course of the month. We hope this will be helpful to all concerned.

- 3.3 Motorised vehicles may only drive on the main vehicular roads and link roads to and from members' residences and may not travel on the game viewing roads or foot paths or over open spaces, save for those necessary to maintain the estate and members shall obey such signage signifying various roads and game viewing paths.
- 3.4 Pedestrians, electric driven golf carts and bicycles only may take access over the game viewing roads, and only pedestrians and bicycles may traverse foot paths.
- 3.5 The speed limit within the estate shall be 30 kph and road signs displaying this limit will be placed in and around the road system.

- 9.2 **SATELITE DISHES**
Satellite dishes to be positioned as to have minimum impact on the surrounding areas. To be painted the same colour as the exterior walls/roof thatch.
- 9.3 **AIR CONDITIONING UNITS**
Wall mounted Air Conditioning Units condensate drainpipes and conduiting to be built into walls, or fitted into trunking. To be painted the same colour as the exterior walls.
- 9.4 **SPLIT UNITS**
Condensers to be placed on flat roof links, painted to complement the wall finish and piping and conduiting to be built in or placed in trunking. To be painted the same colour as the exterior walls.

2. RV SECURITY AND SAFETY

2.1 Current Security on the Estate

The RV security tender process is well underway and submissions close at the end of September 2016. We expect to appoint the permanent Security Service Provider by end October 2016. Until then we are temporarily using the services of MD Alarms.

Current contact numbers are:

- Main gate - 015 793 1663
- Estate cell - 071 675 2525
- MD Control - 073 039 2681

2.2 Speeding

The RV team are undertaking more frequent speed checks and a few fines have already been issued. The response from non-speeding residents has been very positive! You may be interested to learn that the highest speed recorded was 37km/h and fines totaling R2000 were issued.

3. ECOLOGY

3.1 Baboon Patrols

The baboon patrols are working very effectively and we will continue with these until the rains, when it is hoped the baboon activity around the houses will decrease.

3.2 Supplementary Feeding and Animal removal

We have sufficient lucerne for the current feeding program which is in place until the end of October, and we have more on order thereafter on a month to month basis depending on the vegetation condition once the rains come.

We will increase the amount of feed put out again, in early October.

We would like to thank all the residents that are contributing towards the feeding program and remind those who would like to contribute to please let the office know.

rvhoa@mweb.co.za

3.3 Game Capture and Game Count

We have unfortunately not been able to find suitable markets to receive animals removed by means of passive capture; and so we are therefore calling off this capture program. Should the opportunity arise to remove some animals in the future we will evaluate the situation at the time.

We do, however, plan to do a giraffe capture early next week depending on weather conditions etc.

Our annual game count will take place later this week also depending on weather conditions and the count team's availability. The possible need for further warthog and impala culling will be evaluated upon completion of the game count.

3.4 Wild Dog Sightings

A pack of two males and 1 female have had pups on Leadwood. The current den site is situated close to the RV bird hide, and some wonderful sightings have been reported through our fence. There is always the possibility that these dogs may come through on to the estate and although the chance of these animals harming humans is very remote, they remain a wild animal and caution should be taken when out and about.

4. ADMIN AND ESTATE MATTERS

4.1 Office & Admin Matters

- The office will be closed on Monday 3 October and will re-open on Tuesday 4 October 2016.
- Please use your site number as a reference in all communication with the office and your account number as the beneficiary payment reference when making electronic payments, for ease of identification.
- A reminder that office hours are 08:30 to 12:30 then again from 13:30 to 16:30 week days only.

4.2 RV Residents' Skills Data Base

We would like to compile a database incorporating all the skills and talents available on the estate. Projects are often undertaken on the estate which would benefit enormously from the input of suitably knowledgeable residents. If you would like to participate, please complete the questionnaire accompanying this newsletter (available in both word & PDF format) and return it to the office.

4.3 The Raptor

The Raptor is content driven and although it is currently planned as a quarterly publication even that is a struggle without input from residents. Please send any unusual and/or interesting sightings or notes – with or without photographs (although the latter is VERY welcome!) to the editors at info@kuyimba.com

4.4 Contractor and Service Providers

We have a database of contractors and service providers registered with RVHOA. These companies have followed our security protocol and have undertaken to abide by the rules of the estate. The list is on the website (under the LOGIN section; password is RV2015) and is updated from time to time.

4.5 Contractor Identification Decals

Contractors have been advised that all their vehicles must display identification decals on both sides and the back of their vehicles. Please email Byron to report vehicles not complying with this and include the vehicle description and registration number.

byron@raptorsviewhoa.co.za

4.6 Estate Tours

Due to popular demand the estate tours are back! We can accommodate 12 passengers at a time and should you wish to join one of these drives, please contact Byron (by email only)

byron@raptorsviewhoa.co.za

The drives are extremely enjoyable and informative so this is a great opportunity to get to know your estate better.

4.7 Fiber Optic network

We have received a proposal from Telkom to upgrade the existing infrastructure on the estate to fiber optic. In order to do so it would require capital contributions and long term commitment to Telkom. We plan to have an information session with residents as soon as possible where Telkom will provide in-depth information so we can make an informed decision.

4.8 Non-payment of Accounts

As of October any letters sent to members for non-payments of accounts will have an additional amount of R50 per letter levied for administrative costs.

4.9 The use of motorcycles on the estate

The current status quo only permits the use of motorcycles to and from home and the main gate. There have been a number of reported incidents where certain motorcycle riders are abusing this arrangement and driving on non-vehicular tracks. This must stop, as not only does it cause noise irritation but it is a danger to pedestrians on these walking tracks. Culprits are being identified and will be fined, and stand the risk of being banned from using a motorcycle on the estate.

4.10 Subcommittee Members

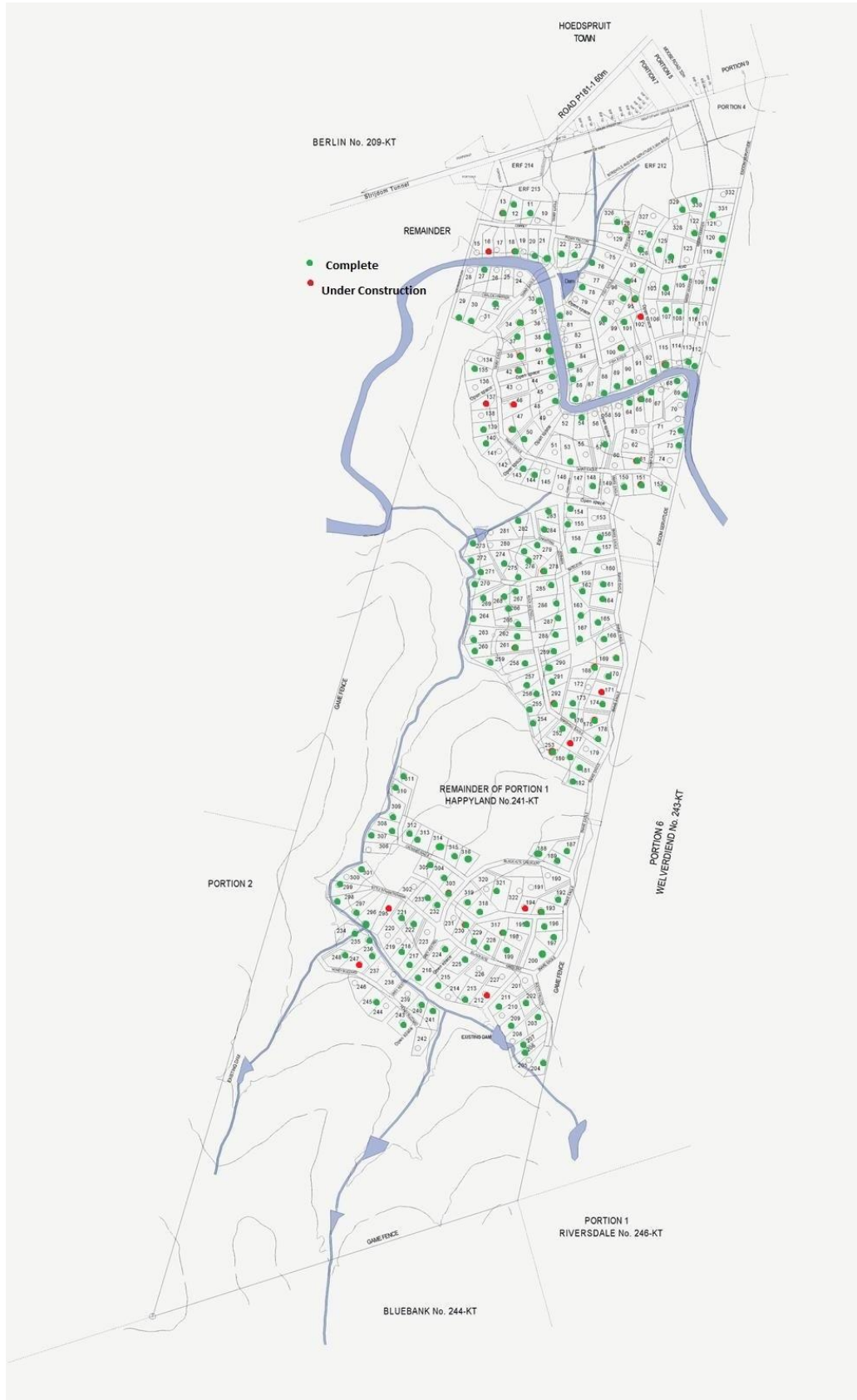
	Communication	Ecology	Building	Security	Finance & Legal	Capital Projects
Director	Lovelle Henderson	Jeremy Brown & Janine Scorer	Dave Spencer & Janine Scorer	Janine Scorer & Richard Braun	Rob Severin & Richard Braun	Dave Spencer & Richard Braun
Committee Members	Michael Brooke	Derek Solomon	Arthur McKechnie	Abel Erasmus	Chris Gregory	
	Hugh Marshall	Keith Hartshorne	Dave Hoffman	Michael Brooke	Michael Henderson	
	Sarah Solomon	Hugh Marshall	Kevin Mitchell	Ant De Boer	Janine Scorer	
		Rael Loon	Michael Henderson	Martin Meyer		
		Dave Spencer	Thomas Muller	Michael Brooke		
		Tina Rennie & Wayne Dickinson	David Corlett			
		Ian Shoebottom (Southern Cross Schools)	Thomas Muller			
		Brendon Pienaar				

If you would like to join any sub-committee – it is clear from the table where input is most needed - please contact the office.

5. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

5.1 Building Sites

There are 10 Sites currently under construction, and 5 undergoing alterations.



5.2 Building Break

The builders break will commence on 15 December 2016.

The contractor's gate will be closed for all building and contractor activity from 15 December 2016 to 9 January 2017. Please take note that all contractors' access cards will be deactivated during this time.

5.3 External Wall Fittings

With the current low density of vegetation external wall fittings have become visible - particularly if unpainted. It remains part of the Architectural Rules (as highlighted in the rule reminder at the start of this news bulletin) that these items should be enclosed behind laths, or painted to match the house. Examples of these fittings are geysers, air-conditioning units, satellite dishes, internet aerials etc. Please ensure your property is in line with this rule.

6. SCS CYCLE RACE

The SCS cycle race, part of which went through the estate, was a great success, here is an extract from their Facebook page:

 Southern Cross Schools shared their album.
September 17 at 8:03pm · 🌐

We are reminded once again of just how unique our school environment is. Such an amazing place for youngsters to grow up.




Southern Cross Schools added 19 new photos to the album: SCS MTB Challenge - 2016.
September 17 at 5:28pm · 🌐

Thanks to the Hoedspruit community for attending our annual SCS Cycle Challenge this morning! It seems like everyone had a great time, challenging themselves beyond their ability. We would like to thank all who made this event possible. Hoedspruit Spar for sponsoring the medals. Spot prizes were made available by Khaki Fever, Hoedspruit Coffee Purveyors, Ice Cream and Dreams, Hoedspruit Spur, Steers and Debonair's! We would also like to thank Raptor's View Wildlife Estate and Khaya Ndlovu for allowing us to make use of their stunning properties to host the challenge! We look forward to future collaborations! Thanks also to GES Medical Response for being on standby for medical support during the course of the challenge right up until everyone was back safely!

Lucky draws for the prizes will be done during the coming week and winners will be contacted and announced on Facebook! Keep your eyes peeled, you never know, you might get lucky.

7. RIVER BRAAI CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, the river braai scheduled for 1 October has been cancelled due to lack of response.