



## ESTATE NEWS

2017 is fast coming to a close and many of you will be heading off on holiday over the festive season while others will be spending that treasured time on our wonderful estate. 2017 has been a very busy year on the estate and the Board and Management would like to thank the members and residents for their support.

The RVHOA Management team and the Directors wish you all a jolly Christmas and happy New Year. This is our last bulletin for 2017 and in addition to our usual feedback, we would like to remind you of important estate arrangements over the holidays.

### **Festive Reminders**

The festive season is meant to be happy time for everyone staying on the estate during the holidays and it is a wonderful opportunity to use and enjoy the facilities. Please give some thought to how your activities can impact those around you. Speeding and making a noise until late into the night is not acceptable nor is it permissible.

Raptors View Homeowners Association reserves the right with regards to any breach of the Home Owners Rules as published and circulated to owners. The members of the Association (owners) are responsible and are liable for ensuring that their families, tenants, visitors, friends, invitees and employees abide by and respect these rules. If you have any problems please contact the **Estate Management on Cell 071 675 2525 for emergencies only.**

The following list is a general guideline for considerate conduct. Please ensure that your visitors are made familiar with these as well:

### **Please do!**

1. Obey the speed limit of 30 km/hr. at all times, this is to ensure the safety of children, animals, little creatures, joggers and cyclists on this Estate.
2. Look out for cyclists, pedestrians, especially children and observe the courtesy of slowing down for oncoming traffic
3. Give right of way to wildlife and game that frequently cross our roads including the littlies like tortoises, snakes and dung beetles.
4. Ensure that your children are safe and do not cause danger to themselves on the roads  
All cyclists please wear helmets.
5. Respect the privacy of people's driveways and only use them if you're intending to visit
6. If going for walks on the dry river beds please respect the home owners privacy when walking past.
6. HAVE A GREAT STAY WITH US!

## PLEASE DON'T!

1. Make any fires other than in designated areas at houses
2. Abuse the security guards and the controlling security rules and systems in place for your security
3. Disturb our peaceful environment with loud music, electronic instruments, power tools etc.
4. Bring domesticated wildlife or any domestic animals whatsoever, including rabbits, birds, caged or otherwise, onto the estate
5. Collect or take anything from the estate, including wood, stones, flora, fauna or the remains of fauna
6. Litter or throw cigarettes/empty bottles into the bush

## Important Dates

8 December 11h30 – Office Closed due to staff Christmas function

15 December 18h00 - Contractors gate closes. No contractor activity is permitted.

22 December 12h00 – RVHOA office closed for Christmas. Please arrange for access cards prior to this closure.

25 December – Christmas, Merry Merry to you all.

1 January 2018 – New Year's day, Happy Happy to all.

2 January 2018 – RVHOA office opens 08h30 to 13h00

8 January 2018 – Contractors gate and office for Contractors services re- open as per usual

## Surviving the holidays on Raptors View

Living in the Lowveld, we should always be prepared for life's inconveniences. These can include flooding, extreme heat, RV office closures, Eskom and water outages.

In order to combat the frustration this could bring we recommend the following:

- Arrange for your visitors access cards timeously
- Stock up on fresh water, liquor and any other vices you may have.
- Ensure enough firewood for braai's but remember there is always a fire risk so please be careful.
- Ensure you have enough cooking gas and candles.
- Remember it's Malaria season, stock up on repellents and use nets.



## Important Contact numbers

Estate Management (emergencies only)	-	071 675 2525
RV main gate	-	015 793 1663
Control Room	-	086 111 5216
Mobile Unit	-	083 321 3388
Medical	-	072 170 0864
Police	-	015 799 4000
Fire Brigade Maruleng	-	015 793 0536

## Security Related

We have a security plan in place that includes measures to be proactive. You may find security staff in the field, or busy with spot checks on vehicles and sites. They are easily identified by their camouflage uniforms and their company logo embroidered on the left chest. Please remember our security staff work while we are on holiday so give them a smile often as they are keeping us safe.

### *Contractor's gate Closure and Biometric system*

A reminder that the Contractor's gate will close on 15 December 2017 at 18h00, and reopen on 8 January 2018 at 06h00. No contractor activity, home renovations or maintenance may be done during this period. Access will only be granted in the event of an emergency.

We are finally moving over to Biometric access control at the contractor's gate. This will enable us to improve on access control by eliminating risks such as card swopping. The equipment will be installed and tested during December and hopefully fully implemented simultaneously with the opening of the contractor's gate in 2018.

**Our Speed Limit is 30 kph!**

#### *Speeding*

**C** for our children  
**A** for our animals  
**R** for our roads  
**E** for our environment



We are well aware of the recent ruling in the Natal high courts regarding the legality of issuing speeding fines on private estates. We are currently consulting on this matter which will determine the way forward for Raptors View. Although we will not issue any speeding fines at this time, we shall continue to monitor motorist's speeds on the estate.

Remember the speed limit is not there to be a cause of irritation but rather to ensure the safety of your children and our animals.

Just take a minute to consider our care signs.

### **Telkom Project**

There is no status change for this project. Please refer to the previous bulletins for updates. Project planning is to continue in January 2018.

### **Water Project**

Other than the second ring beam, which we will be building in January 2018, all outstanding items such as lath screens for the generators and fine tuning of the pump drives, we are ready to close the chapter on this project.

### **Malaria**

At a recent talk on the subject of malaria we were made aware that malaria is definitely on the increase in the Hoedspruit area. It is clear that all of us, including residents and the HOA, have to work together to successfully combat malaria. Treatment of their larvae can be done successfully by using Larvaciding which is target specific and doesn't kill other creatures or larvae. In addition, IRS inside houses poses minimal risk when compared with malaria itself. To be effective though, 80% coverage is required.

The HOA will treat known risk areas on the common property but home owners have to assist with their private properties. We do not have the resources available to treat individual homes. Please make use of the many pest control companies in town.

Furthermore, please report any known risk areas where mosquitos are breeding close to your homes, such as unmaintained pools and nonfunctional septic tanks etc.,

## **From the Office**

### ***Managers on Leave***

Roz will be on leave from 15<sup>th</sup> December and returning on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The January bills will only be sent out after her return.

Byron will be on leave from 16<sup>th</sup> December and returning on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. If you have an estate emergency, please contact 071 675 2525 and the duty manager will assist.

Any building related items will be dealt with upon the opening of the contractor's gate

### ***Who are you?***

Please remember to include your site number in the subject line of any correspondence with the office. This makes it so much easier for us to respond to your queries and find the information that you require.

### ***Waste Collection***

Take note there will be no waste collection on 28 December 2017, as the staffs are on Christmas leave. The waste area will be open, access via town.

### ***Nude Cycling on the estate.***

There have been a few reports of persons cycling nude on the eastern fence line. Please be aware that we are a family estate with children using the fence line roads. Please be aware if you are guilty of this activity, you could be charged with indecent exposure under the National Indecency Act. Cycling "au naturelle" in the presence of children can have serious repercussions. When out and about please wear the appropriate clothing.

## **Supplementary feeding program**

Once again we find ourselves monitoring the conditions of the animals at the beginning of summer. Although the early rains brought some relief, the veld has already been showing signs of deterioration. The rain of the last weekend will do wonders in the next few weeks. We do however have to be realistic and will consider continuing with the supplementary feeding program should we not get the required rainfall.

## **Social**

On 17th November we had our official Reservoir inauguration and we celebrated it by having "Boeries on the Braai". Approximately 50 people joined us for a sausage roll and what was meant to be a 2 hour function turned out to be a kuier until after dark. Thanks to all who popped in to have a look at your new asset, which has already proven to be of value after the water supply issues in town last week.



## **Rural Safety Awareness Meeting Hoedspruit 26 October 2017**

A RV resident attended the Rural Safety Awareness Meeting and reported that:

It was in English and extremely well attended- in excess of 100 persons.

Farm Watch was there in force and had conducted some manoeuvres with the police earlier that day.

It was very pleasing to see firsthand the good working relationship between Farm Watch, Town Watch, the Police, the farmers in the area and other relevant parties.

Captain Thete, our acting Station Commander welcomed the community. There was high praise from all for the newly appointed lady Station Commander who was unfortunately not in attendance that night.

Our new Cluster Commander used to work in Hoedspruit and seems well respected and quite impressive. I think he has been handpicked by Maj General Scheepers to ensure that this initiative being introduced, works, as it will reflect directly on him.

Maj General Scheepers the Deputy Provincial Commissioner: Policing for Limpopo spoke extremely well and honestly about what they are doing and what they can do within their capacity and really impressed all of us.

He was passionate in making it clear that unless we all work together we will not succeed against the criminals. He is on a mission to reduce the crime in Limpopo and particularly in Hoedspruit. Apparently two years ago it was instructed from on high that the police work closer with the communities they serve and Scheepers said that it had not got off the ground so he is carrying the initiative forward on his own in his province and Hoedspruit was the first stop.

He stated that he would not put up with any slack policing in his area which covers about 100 police stations in Limpopo and appealed to the public to please report any bad service immediately to the station Commander and if he did not respond, to the Cluster Commander and then finally if he did not respond, then contact him directly. All the relevant telephone numbers were supplied.

He referred to the CPF Forum and the Chairpersons role in that it was an oversight role and not a directional role and that the work of the forum was to gather ideas and implement the communities requirements and that the Chairpersons role was not to dictate what is to be done. The current Chairperson who as meant to give the message of support did not attend the meeting so there appears to be some sort of problem there: Mr. Mafologe is the current CPF Chairperson.

Debbie Thompson gave a very gracious vote of thanks on behalf of Farm Watch who are obviously going to be playing a very active part in the whole programme.

Station Commander: Hoedspruit 082 5658253

Acting Station Commander: Hoedspruit, Captain Thete 0825658253

Cluster Commander: Giyani Maj. General Ngobeni 082451 7553

Deputy Provincial Commissioner: Policing, Maj General Scheepers 082 4109818

Endangered Species: Captain Retief 0823199460

Head of Detectives: 0825760743

Farm Watch: Emergency 0723100032