

# News Bulletin

3 November 2017



**RAPTOR'S**  
*View*

Home Owners Association

## **ESTATE NEWS**

It is already November and the festive season is on the horizon. Silly season will soon be here and many of us are beavering away trying to finish things before our small tourist town welcomes holiday makers and fills to capacity!

Where does Raptors View stand with regard our various projects and activities?

### **Water Project**

This has been quite a project!

It was completed in a very realistic amount of time and we have now been running off the reservoir system for over a week. We are learning all the time. We have identified a few minor leaks that need repairing, especially at pump station 1 and the reservoir connections. However, the main pipe line is holding up well and, remarkably, has had no leaks.

We took a decision to alter the design of the reticulation slightly giving us a number of shutoff valves placed at strategic points where we are now able to:

- Run off the reservoir as intended.

- Run off town supply in the event of having to do major maintenance on the reservoir.

- Divert all the water from the reservoir into Osprey Dam should we ever need to drain it, rather than draining it into the veld.

We expect to come out under the budget spend as approved by members; work still to be completed includes:

- Telemetry for monitoring the entire system.

- Completion of pump house.

- Reservoir scour pipes.

- Site rehabilitation and general tidiness.

### **Construction of Ring Beam Foundation for our Planned Future Tank**

The board has carefully considered and agreed to construct the ring beam foundation for the second tank now rather than later. The advantages are:

- Cost savings by doing it at current prices.

- Impact on site earthworks. Constructing the ring beam now will reduce the impact of rehabilitation in future.

- We believe that should the second tank ever be required, it is most likely that it would be in an emergency situation (quality of water etc.).

- By installing the second ring beam now, the future tank will be able to be erected and connected within a few weeks, rather than months.

- The costing for this construction will still bring us in under the AGM approved budget for the water project.

### **Reservoir Party - 17 November 2017 from 4pm to 6pm**

All residents are invited to a reservoir party so that you can appreciate your beautiful reservoir first hand!

We will supply hotdogs done on the fire and set out some tables. Bring your own drinks and join us for a sundowner. Please RSVP to Wilna on [info@raptorsviewhoa.co.za](mailto:info@raptorsviewhoa.co.za)



*Swimming in the reservoir is not permitted*

## **Telkom Update**

We can finally say that there has been some progress on this project. RVHOA signed a letter of commitment with Telkom, valid till the end of December - now extended until February - to proceed with the project. Telkom has already been through the lengthy process in subcontracting the operational side of the project, which entails laying the fiber and connecting it to the telecom equipment; and a site survey was undertaken last week by these contractors so the ball of progress is slowly starting to roll. Needless to say we do not expect much over the festive season, but certainly some more positive action in the New Year.

## **Rate Payers Association**

A group of home owners from the estate are taking up the manner and methodology behind the recent very steep rate increase that has come through from Maruleng Municipality.

Once this initial investigation has been completed, this task team will communicate their findings with all home owners and, if necessary, form a rate payers association to take matters further. This is not a board initiative but is supported by the board.

Please note that the municipal valuation of your property remains your responsibility .... this team are looking into the deduction and rebate codes and the correctness of the whole process as undertaken by the municipality.

## **Security**

Canyon Risk Management, our new security contractor, had a site visit from PSiRA (Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority) this week and we are expecting their Psira certification to be issued within a few days as this has been holding up the signing of the contract. Once the Psira certification has been issued, we shall transfer across to Canyon Risk Management.

## **Medical Emergency Services**

Hoedspruit Medical Rescue has been contracted by Canyon Risk Management to offer the same emergency medical service previously provided to the estate by GES Medical from 1 November 2017. This services also covers visitors and domestic staff at your houses.

**In the event of an emergency contact Pieter Papsdorf of Hoedspruit Medical Rescue on 072 170 0864**

## **Raptor's View HOA Offices**

The transfer of # 14 Safari Junction was formally registered with the deeds office on 31 October 2017 so is now officially owned by the HOA.

## **Contractors' Gate Closure**

A reminder that the contractors' gate will be closed from the end of the day on Friday 15 December 2017 and only reopen on Monday 8 January 2018.

This period is a quiet time for residents and no contractors will be permitted on site for alterations or maintenance work during this period.



## **WILDLIFE NEWS**

### **Supplementary Feeding Program**

The supplementary feeding program has now been halted after this year's dry season. The veld has improved remarkably after the recent rains and the animals have been utilizing the feeding stations less and less.

### **Game Census**

Below are the figures for the latest aerial game census - conducted on 4 October 2017.

## **Raptors View Game count 2017**

Name	Males	Females	Calves	Total
Blue Wildebeest	3	3		6
Bushbuck		1		1
Duiker				22
Giraffe	7	25	8	40
Impala	36	152		188
Kudu	4	12	2	18
Monkey Troops				2
Nyala	3	8	1	12
Steenbuck				1
Vulture Nest				1
Warthog				47
Waterbuck	6	17	1	24
Zebra				19

### **The Raptor**

The latest edition of The Raptor was full of amazing sightings - and has received many compliments - the contributions from residents was outstanding. With thanks to Sarah Solomon for putting it together but remember The Raptor is only as good as the submissions received - so keep your camera or phone ready, you never know what will happen next on our wonderful estate!





# Southern Cross Schools

## Nature Based Schooling Systems

30 October 2017

Dear Raptor's View Board Members

On behalf of the Race Organising Committee and Southern Cross Schools, I wish to thank you for your willingness to allow us to traverse on your property. Without the support of our surrounding land owners events such as this would not be possible.

The method of marking the track and clearing up as the sweeper went through worked very well. We were very impressed with the riders out on the route as we picked up very little litter. There was much positive feedback with regards to the Ardvark and parts of the Lion Trail that we used. I wish to thank Byron Wright and his team, not only for their support, but for the manner in which the estate is maintained.

I trust you were happy with the manner in which the race was organized and conducted and that you will be willing to support us again in 2018.

We are currently looking at the date of Saturday 10 March 2018, however, it depends on whether Cycling South Africa will sanction that date. Once we have had confirmation I will send out a proposal.

With sincere thanks

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