



News Bulletin

6 November 2018

Resident Acknowledgments

A resident has again donated 50 large bales of Teff to the estate for the supplementary feeding program. We are very grateful for this donation.

RV general communications

The Association currently makes use of a bulk sms facility to communicate relevant information that cannot wait to be included in a news bulletin. Examples are security related information, power outages and water issues. The sms facility is used as it is a one- way communication medium.

WhatsApp now has an option where only administrators of groups can post information, eliminating unnecessary responses. We have tested this method during a short trial period with great results. The advantages are that information can now be sent to our overseas residents as well which sms did not allow. WhatsApp does not cost the Association much, whereas bulk sms is fairly costly.

We will be phasing out the bulk sms by the end of November 2018. If you wish to be on the bulk WhatsApp group, please send your name and number to info@raptorsviewhoa.co.za

Farm watch information

Farm watch often sends valuable information to its subscribers, most of which are safety and security related. The cost of the sms facility is excessive and as a result Farm Watch also prefers to send out WhatsApp messages to groups. A dedicated Raptors View WhatsApp security group on which to share their information has been created.

If you would like to be included in this group, please send Wilna an email and she will add you to the database. (info@raptorsviewhoa.co.za)

Include the following information:

- **Name**
- **Telephone number**

Please note: This group is an open group, with anyone able to post **relevant** security and safety information. The following should be considered prior to posting:

- Post information relevant to Hoedspruit and surrounding areas only.
- Do not post any pictures or videos of minors on a group as it is against the law to do so.
- Do not post pictures or information of suspects in criminal cases; this can negatively influence the court outcome of these cases.
- Do not post items that are outdated or deemed to be a rumour. Post only if you know the information to be factual and not anything that can jeopardize the safety and privacy of anyone. There is a lot of false news out there so be aware.
- We are always grateful, do not reply with thumbs-up's and or other emoticons.

- Do not hang your dirty laundry out on this platform.
- Last but not least this is not an advertising platform.

Non adherence to these basic rules or abuse of the group will see you removed from it

Game Count

Raptors View

Game count 2018

Name	Males	Females	Calves	Total
Baboon Troops				1
Blue Wildebeest	4	2	1	7
Bushbuck	1			1
Duiker		17		17
Giraffe	15	13	4	32
Impala	23	132		155
Kudu	1	7		8
Monkey Troops				1
Nyala	11	7		18
Raptors Nest				1
Warthog		39		39
Waterbuck	6	14	1	21
Zebra		25	4	29

Medical Response on the Estate

Our medical response agreement has been renewed with Hoedspruit Medical Recue (the Service Provider) Amendments to the agreement were made with the added benefit of covering **members** now not only on the estate, but also in the greater Hoedspruit area.

Please remember that ambulance or air ambulance transportation needs to be paid for either by your medical aid or yourself. The cost of these services are not covered by the agreement. The service provider will assist in facilitating the arrangements of such transport if deemed necessary, but is not responsible for the payment of this service.

1. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER

The Service Provider will provide to the Client, specific services as well as generic services which will inter alia include:

- Response to medical / trauma related call-outs with the necessary life support equipment, by the Client , whenever physically able in doing so ;
- To make arrangements deemed necessary in order to dispatch a medical emergency team to the Client ; and
- To take or to facilitate the taking of appropriate actions on the emergency scene, as deemed necessary and in accordance with the stipulations and prescribed protocols, as set out by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), which may include air evacuation if the patient falls into flight criteria.
- To render a medical/ trauma response to all individuals who are on the Client's property during normal business hours
- To render a 24 hr. medical/trauma response to all company employees at their homes as agreed upon with management

2. Geographical area of service coverage

The Service Provider will cover the following geographical areas for the following entities:

- Residents, domestic staff, Estate staff and Estate visitors will be treated – within the boundaries of Raptors View Wildlife Estate.
- Members and their immediate family's only – In the greater Hoedspruit area ranging from Strydom Tunnel, Mariepskop, Kampersrus, Klaserie, Orpengate, Mica, Gravelotte and the area in between.

HOEDSPRUIT MEDICAL RESCUE – 072 170 0864. Please save this number in your mobile phone.

Speeding stopping distance on a dirt road

There is an increase of speeding on the estate roads again. Security does regular speed checks and if you are observed to exceed the estate's speed limit of 30kmph (which is the estate's speed limit that is legally acknowledged by the roads traffic department and therefore needs to be adhered to under the national roads traffic act) you will be receiving communication informing you of your actions. Additionally, you will also never know when it is the official Maruleng traffic department trapping because they have been requested by the board to carry out speed checks at any time they see fit. If this is the case they will present you with a speeding fine.

Speeding on a wildlife estate is a selfish act as you put the safety of other road users, our children and our animals at risk.

The stopping distances on dirt roads is greater than that of tar roads. This table shows tar road stopping distances so you can add a further 20% - 40% to that distance for sand or gravel. Remember our signs: "We love our children, we love our wildlife".

Higher Vehicle Speeds Require Longer Stopping Times



Note: Above distances are typical distances. The total stopping distance also depends on the thinking distance, road surface, weather conditions and age/condition of the vehicle.

Source: Cities Safer by Design (2015)
wri.org/publication/cities-safer-design



Rules regarding external lights

We are receiving an increased number of complaints from residents who comment about their neighbors external lights causing light pollution. The bush is noticeably less dense due to the drought and can have an added effect, but in so saying, some houses are not compliant with the rules which are quoted as follow:

17. LIGHTING

17.1 Prevention of Light Pollution

The number and positioning of lights should be such that light pollution around the dwelling is kept to an absolute minimum. No Member shall illuminate open areas by spotlights.

17.2 Height Restrictions for Outside Light Fittings

Light fittings for external patios (covered and uncovered) and entrances to be wall mounted and “eyelid” – type fittings shining down, which shall be installed:

17.2.1 at a maximum height of 1.2 metres from floor level at the main house entrance;

17.2.2 At a maximum height of 1.2 metres from floor level for all external decked areas; and

17.2.3 at a maximum height of 300 millimetres from ground level for lighting around the house in non-decked areas, such as carports, driveways, service areas and external walkways.

17.3 Light Fittings under Thatched Patio Areas

Members may install light fittings under thatched patio areas, provided that the light fitting is installed above the thatch drip line. No Member may install light fittings under thatched patio areas that have an open gable.

17.4 Light Fittings under Concrete Roofs

Members may install light fittings into the roof of external facilities, such as concrete roofs, provided that the light fittings shall be concealed by a concrete down beam. The concrete down beams must be the same height or level as the window or door height.

We urge you to keep to these principles and switch off any external lights when not out and about.

Fairy Lights in Trees – Danger to browsers

We urge members not to put fairy lights in the trees as these, besides being against our lighting policy are a hazard to the wildlife who feed from these trees. We urge any members who have such lights in trees to please remove them immediately.

Contractor’s gate closure

Please remember the contractor’s gate will be closed from 14 December and reopen on 7 January 2019