



## News Letter May 2020

### **Update on continuation of Road refurbishment**

Due to the countrywide lockdown which started on 27 March, the contractor appointed for the capital program to upgrade sections of the estate roads, was forced to suspend operations.

The sections which had already been cleared of underlying rocky material were due to be graded in preparation for the new surface to be laid on top. Unfortunately, this did not happen, leaving a very bumpy driving surface.

Construction will commence as soon as restrictions allow certain businesses to return to work, possibly under a level 3.

### **Staff during lockdown**

The Raptors View office has been closed since the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, following the lockdown. Roz has been working from home since then, keeping the financial side of the estate functioning. Management staff have been attending to essential and emergency maintenance on the estate, as well as waste collection being conducted on a Thursday. The ground staff have only been attending to waste collection, but are on call should the need arise. It has been a very frustrating time for all as they want to get the many jobs done, without being on the wrong side of the law.

### **Solar rules**

Nine submissions were received regarding the proposed new solar installation rules. Voting on the amendments to the Architectural Rules will be conducted in the near future, once the process has been finalised. We thank all the members that submitted comments.

### **Screening and testing of staff**

We are in the process of finalising the Health & Safety Policy with regard to Covid-19, and the effects that it has on the workplace and functioning, in preparation for when staff return to work. Currently, all staff reporting for work are screened and their temperatures recorded.

### **Recycle bags**

With the office being closed during the lockdown period, recycling bags can be dropped off at residences when waste is normally collected on a Thursday. Please send your request via SMS or Whatsapp to the estate mobile phone, indicating the number of bags required. The cost of the bags will then be added to your monthly invoice as normal.

## BBC Planet Earth film crew

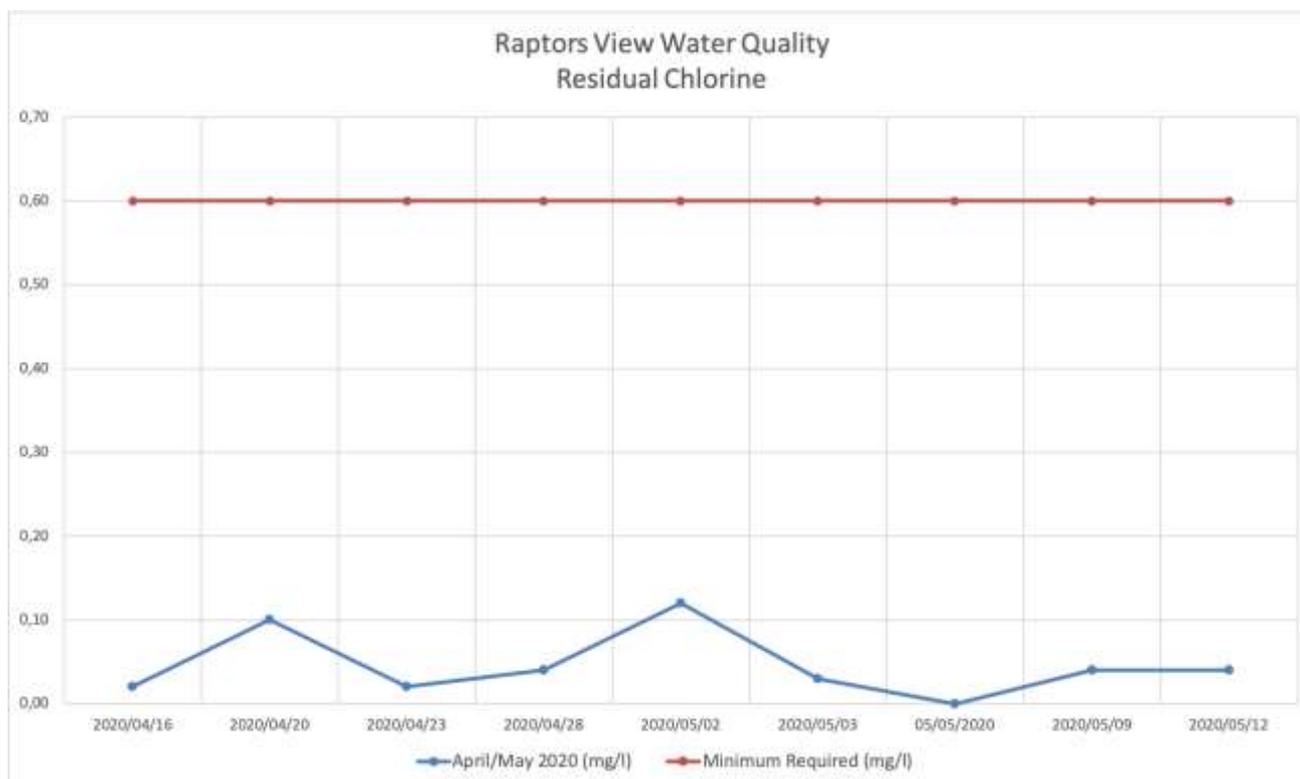
We have been approached by one of our residents to participate in a documentary being made for BBC Planet Earth 3 with potential narration by David Attenborough. As you may be aware, the film and TV industry has reopened under level 4 rules for Media and this team has been given a permit for filming.

Their main interest is warthogs in and around their burrows. A burrow will be identified by estate management and a maximum of two photographers will be allowed on the estate to film at any one time. Their movement will be under the guidance of the General Manager.

It is strictly an animal documentary so no contact with residents on the estate will be necessary. You will be notified when the documentary is presented.

## Water quality

The bacteriological quality of drinking water supplied from the municipality has been doubtful for some time, hence the initiative by management to monitor quality on an ad hoc basis. Measurements were taken at the incoming pipework at Raptors View bulk reservoirs during April and May 2020. Below is a graph of our findings. The recommended Water Research Commission minimum free residual chlorine is 0,6 mg/l. The bacteriological quality of our drinking water is obviously significantly below the recommended level and therefore not safe for consumption.



## Speeding

Even though we are currently in lockdown the Raptors View rules still apply. A number of reports of residents speeding on the estate have been received. This is not only a danger to residents making use of the roads for exercise purposes, but also to our wildlife that are sometimes oblivious to the speeding vehicles.

## Rainfall

Some wonderful follow-up rain was received during the month. The rainfall figures for the month of April are indicated below:

	April
Contractors' gate	52.5 mm
Phase 2	52.7 mm
Phase 3	49.2 mm

As the dry season approaches, we urge all residents to be cautious when lighting braai fires. The dry leaves and grass will easily alight during these times.



**Masked weaver** – note the red eye and mask covering the beak. Common resident. Let us know if you spot one in your garden!

## Important Contact numbers

Estate Management (emergencies only) - 071 675 2525  
RV main gate - 015 793 1663  
Canyon Risk Solutions - 071 218 1994  
Medical - 072 170 0864  
Police - 015 799 4000  
Fire Brigade Maruleng - 015 793 0536