



News Letter 30 January 2020

Raptor's View Board

The Raptor's View Board currently consists of four members. If any member wishes to join the Board, please submit your CV for consideration.

As of 1st February, Thinus Potgieter will be taking over from Janine Scorer as Chairperson of the Board. We take this opportunity to congratulate Thinus on his appointment and wish him all the best in his new position.

A warm thanks goes to Janine who has tirelessly served as Chairperson for over two years and through her dedication and commitment has contributed to making Raptor's View Home Owners Association one to be proud of and highly respected in the area.

Hoedspruit Medical Rescue

Not all residents may be aware of the services provided for under our agreement and contract with Hoedspruit Medical Rescue. Please note that any additional expenses incurred for medical treatment are not covered by this contract, and will be for the members account.

Hoedspruit Medical Rescue can be contacted on 072 170 0864 or pieter@hoedspruitmedicalrescue.co.za

Below are excerpts from the contract.

Services provided

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.

Services to be rendered

- It is stipulated, and the Client being made aware of same, that the Service Provider is not a qualified doctor and will also not take over the role of a doctor. The Service Provider is also not able to render the impossible and will render services within the Service Provider's scope of practice.
- It is up to the Service Provider to establish if any service provided to persons covered by this agreement, are to members, residents, visitors or employees of RVHOA and Raptors View Wildlife Estate.

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 – Within the boundaries of the estate fence.
- Members and their immediate family's only – In the greater Hoedspruit area ranging from Strydom Tunnel, Mariepskop, Kampersrus, Klaserie, Orpen Gate, Mica, Gravelotte and areas in between.
- Employees of the Association - In the greater Hoedspruit area ranging from Strydom Tunnel, Mariepskop, Kampersrus, Klaserie, Orpen Gate, Mica, Gravelotte and areas in between.

Zebra Trail

The Zebra trail has now been completed. If any residents have suggestions for improving the trail or to make it more user friendly (or any of the other trails for that matter), please contact management with your suggestions on generalmanager@raptorsviewhoa.co.za.

The parking area for the Zebra trail will be moved within the next two weeks and a new entrance will be made. The new parking area will be indicated by signage placed on Tawny Eagle road.

Neighbouring fences

Our staff as well as Canyon Risk Solutions staff have been monitoring our neighbours electric fencing and at this stage we find that they are not always up to standard considering that they have some of the Big Five on their estates. As the fences are currently not operational to recommended standards, we urge residents to be extremely cautious when walking or cycling along the fence lines. If lion or rhino are near the fence please do not pass, rather turn around. Even a fully operational electric fence will not stop a charging lion or rhino.

Leadwood to our west, and Bloubank to the south, have appointed a contractor to repair their electric fences and work is currently underway.

Water Quality

There has been no change in the quality of the water supplied to the estate by Drakensig. Residents are still advised to take necessary precautions regarding drinking water.

Roads tender

The successful contractor will commence work from around the middle of February. There will, unfortunately, be minor traffic disruptions during the course of the project, but they will be managed to limit the disruptions. We ask that residents please be understanding of the situation during this time and comply with instructions given by the road marshals.

Leopard sightings on Raptor's View

There are quite a few residents who have camera traps set up near their houses, taking pictures/videos of all sorts of interesting creatures that live on the estate. We have an owner who is interested and willing to compile a report on the leopards that frequent the estate. If you have any pictures or videos of leopards taken on the estate, please forward them to Jeremy Bolton jeremy@bushcamconsulting.com

Following the analysis of the photo and video material a report will be compiled and this information will be made available to owners.

Wild Dog sightings on Raptor's View

Residents are also requested to report any wild dog sightings on Raptor's View to management, on 0716752525. We will then co-ordinate this information and share it with Grant Beverley of the Endangered Wildlife Trust, who is monitoring their movements in the area. If you have managed to get a photograph either from your trap cam or camera, please would you email it to management to forward to Grant Beverley for identification purposes.

Rainfall

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

Contractors' gate	42.5 mm
Phase 2	38.5 mm
Phase 3	59.5 mm

The Blyderivierspoort dam is currently at 82.6% compared to 45% in December 2019. This is a significant improvement due to the good rains received in the catchment area.

Closer to home, all the dams on Raptor's View, namely Osprey, Hammerkop and Guineafowl, are full and teeming with waterfowl.

Speeding

Residents may have noticed the speed camera that is in operation. The speed and vehicle details are now recorded on video as evidence of the transgression. Hefty fines will be issued for speedsters especially to those who repeat offences.

We appeal to all motorists to adhere to the 30 km/h speed limit applicable on the estate. Members are requested to please inform their guests, as any speeding violations will be added to the members' account.

It is of grave concern that a number of animal fatalities and injuries have been reported recently, ranging from dead Tree squirrels to a crippled warthog. Please drive within the

speed limit, not only for the safety of other road users, but also to ensure the safety of our precious wildlife.

Pets

Just to remind residents that no domestic animals, feral animals or domesticated wild animals, whether caged or not, are permitted on the Estate. Severe fines will be imposed if any residents or guests ignore the Home Owner Association rules and have pets whilst on the estate. If you do notice or become aware of any domestic pets, please report this to management.

Request from the office

When paying your account, it is imperative that you use your RVHOA account number as the beneficiary payment reference as it makes identification of the payment easier. When we receive an unidentifiable payment, we have to log a query with the bank to identify who made this payment. There are costs involved with such a query and we will be obliged to pass these costs onto the relevant member. PLEASE note that to use RVHOA as the beneficiary payment reference does not assist us either, as we are ALL paying RVHOA. It is the account number that links to the individual.

In addition, please put your site number in the subject line of all email correspondence for ease of identification.

We are receiving more and more post from the post office, addressed to member's physical addresses on the estate. Please note there is no street delivery to your house on Raptors. If you have not got a post box, please acquire one as soon as possible. Boxes are available at both the post office and Postnet for such a purpose.

You will only receive an email notification from the office if post has been received for you (it is not a bulk email sent to ALL members). Following up members post is time consuming and we urge you to have all your postal items addressed to your personal PO Box number.

The Raptor

You will all have received the latest copy of the Raptor and we are sure you enjoyed it thoroughly. Thank you to Sarah Solomon for this wonderfully informative publication. Please do share your photographs and sightings with Sarah as your contributions will assist Sarah in producing future lovely publications.

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