

River Braai

The River Braai held on Saturday 10 September proved to be most successful with at least 80 residents in attendance. The turn of season was evident and the warm spring afternoon much appreciated. While children ran around playing in the dry river bed into the early evening, adults evidently enjoyed the time sitting around the fireside's socialising with their neighbours. It was a lovely relaxed occasion enjoyed by all. Make sure this event is added to your calendar as based on the feedback received this should be a significant social annual highlight not to be missed. Sincere thanks to James and his team.



Homeowner's AGM

The Annual General Meeting for **Home Owners** is scheduled to take place at the Rhino Convention Centre, Hoedspruit on 29 October 2022 at 10:00 am.

The format of the AGM will be in accordance with the respective statutory requirements with the main purpose being the approval of the Annual Financial Statements 2021/22 and the appointment of Directors to represent the RVHOA Board. Proxy forms will be available at the Information Evening.

Upcoming Information Evening

Residents will shortly be invited to an Information Evening to be held on 19 October and this will allow those Members/Home Owners who are unable to attend the AGM with an opportunity to present their submissions. These evenings allow for all residents to share ideas and ask questions of the Directors who will be in attendance at the event.

It has also been proposed that a Contractor Information Evening be held where representative service providers registered on the estate are invited to attend. Further information in this regard will be circulated in due course.

Nomination of Board Directors

Correspondence calling for the Nomination of Directors has been circulated and these completed forms with the necessary requirements are due for submission to admin@raptorsviewhoa.co.za on or before close of business on Friday, 7th of October 2022.

The Board urged Member participation in the upcoming election process and specifically those willing to offer their services with expertise particularly in legal and financial portfolios.

Workshop and Storeroom

This Special Project was approved in the 2021/22 Financial Year and the building plans of the new Workshop and Storeroom were recently passed. Construction is expected to commence shortly. A Quantity Surveyor was appointed to draft the preliminary Bill of Quantities which will enable contractors to tender accurately for the works.

Roads and Fire Protection

When the RVHOA purchased the water tanker it was anticipated that it would serve a number of purposes, namely road maintenance as well as providing for fire protection on the estate.

During September the RVHOA offered our services and involvement to the greater Hoedspruit community where we assisted Town Watch and Farm Watch with putting out fires on a nearby farm in the area. The efforts of Gordon, Dirk and their teams is much appreciated by the community.

On another occasion, over a weekend, a house behind the Community Church in Springbok Street caught fire and quick-thinking James used the water cart to assist in bringing this situation under control.

Baboons

There have been no baboon house break-ins during September. The only incident to report was some external damage experienced to one property. It appears that although the baboons have been visible at times during the month, their presence on the estate has reduced significantly since July. Management continues to monitor the movements of the collared baboon and residents will continue to be updated should they move back across the fence lines. Management would like to thank residents who have since made an effort in the management of waste around their homes, by keeping rubbish bins locked in cages and not leaving inviting items visible. We must however, caution residents not to become complacent, as any lapse in our vigilance can once again be an open invitation to the ever opportunistic baboon troops.

Speed Trapping & Road Rules

Speed management on the estate continues to be considered a high priority and is monitored on a consistent basis. The effort of all residents to adhere to these rules is appreciated.

Two volunteers on the estate have received training in analysing speeding footage for fines. It was gratefully noted from these statistics that speeding seems to be on the decline so we appeal to residents to continue driving within the speed limit as it protects our children and fauna.

Management also urges residents to be mindful of their children playing at their driveway entrances or riding their bicycles on the roads.

Aerial Survey Feedback

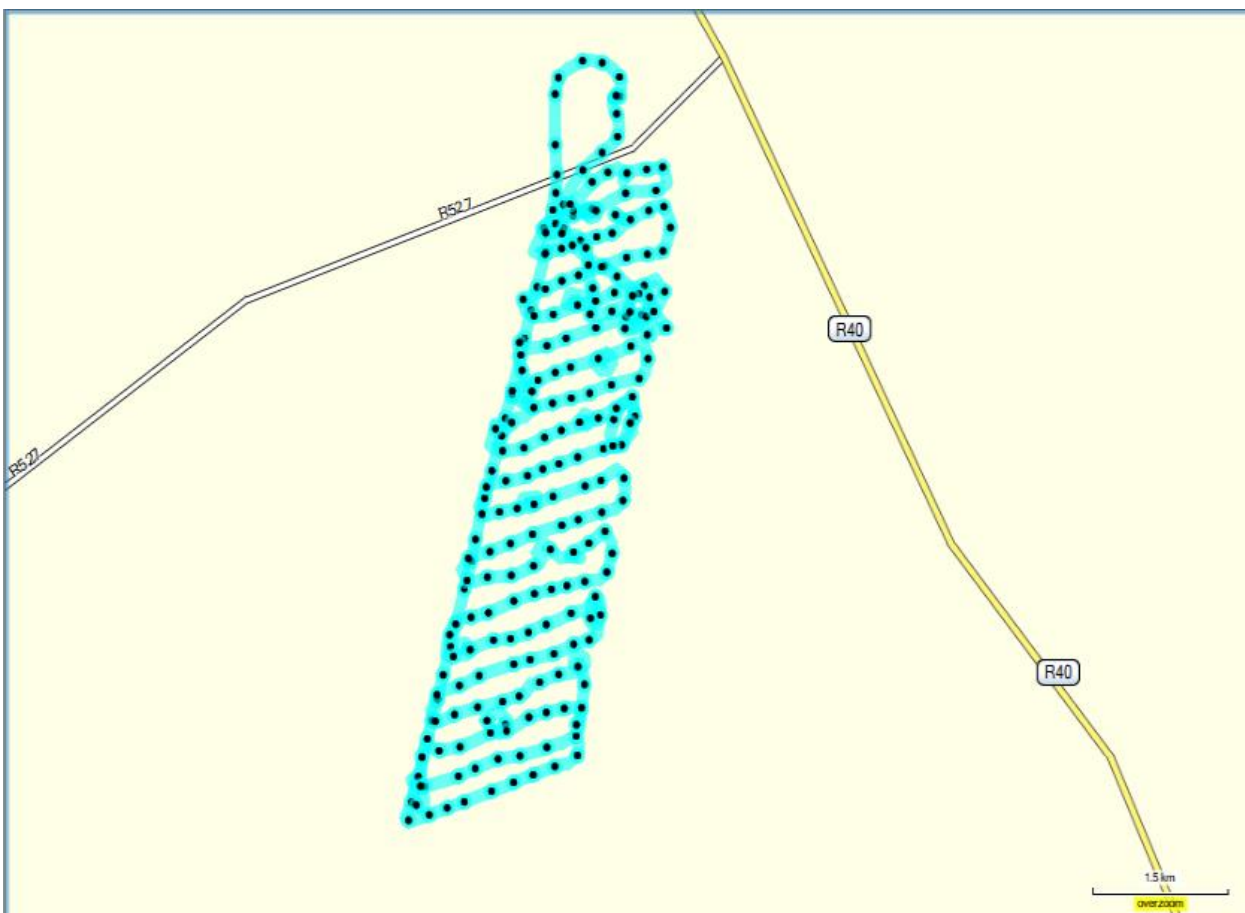
An orthophoto of the estate has been received from Premier Mapping Africa, the service provider appointed to conduct the survey. The major erosion areas have been identified and Premier Mapping are currently analysing the data to produce a DTM file. This will enable us to determine and prioritise the severity of the affected areas which will assist in determining the type of erosion control methods per site, as well as the quantities of material.

Game Feed & Count

The feeding programme continues twice weekly with bales of a lucerne/grass mix being put out as well as mineral blocks for the Kudu, Zebra and Waterbuck predominantly. Only on one of the days was all the feed used so it appears that food is still readily available on the estate and game conditions are effectively managed.

After a slight delay, attributed to weather conditions, the annual game census was conducted on Saturday, 24 September by Sunrise Aviation. The figures and findings from this exercise will be provided once the game count report is received.

Below is an interesting image, showing the flight path during the game count recorded using a GPS.



Rainfall

The rainfall figures during the month averaged 8 mm.

Temperatures however soared with highs of up to 36 degrees experienced on some days.

The humidity levels also increased significantly.

With the current dry bush conditions, increasing temperatures and seasonal winds, Residents are requested to be extremely cautious with open fires at their houses.

Monthly Statistics

Some statistics for the month of September that may be of interest to Home Owners and Residents alike:

5 site visits were conducted with 2 homes undergoing pre-sale inspections;

4 new build plans were reviewed and 4 alteration plans were approved;

Alterations are currently being done on 5 houses;

8 New houses are being built on the estate; and

3 building projects have been handed back and alterations are now complete.

Waste collection

As a reminder to residents, should you not wish to have your waste collected for whatever reason, please advise the administration office on or before a Wednesday of your movements to save costs and unnecessary trips. Please email admin@raptorsviewhoa.co.za.

From the office

Although there are a number of interesting and informal Facebook links to various sightings and birding activities on the estate, should you wish to receive regular notifications of official estate activities please ensure you are joined to the Raptor's View Bulk Message group. Please contact Vanessa on 015-793-0267 or mail admin@raptorsviewhoa.co.za to provide the necessary consent to join.

Important Contact numbers

Estate Management (emergencies only)	071 675 2525
RV Main Gate	015 793 1663
Canyon Risk Solutions Control Room	072 806 4868
Canyon Risk Services Coordinator	082 836 5609
Medical Response	072 170 0864
Police	015 799 4000
Fire Brigade Maruleng	015 793 0728
After hours Primary Health Care Assistance for Medical Emergencies from 6pm to 6am (no house calls)	063 051 2999
Times: Weekdays: 18h00 – 06h00 Monday – Thursday	
Weekends: 18h00 Friday – 06h00 Monday	

The doctor-on-call would be one of those shown below:

Dr A. Polley, Dr J. Mkhebela, Dr M. Kirstein, Dr H. Shivambu.

Any comments on the newsletter would be welcomed, as well as any interesting articles that residents may want to include.