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Reserve Manager's Monthly Report

‘ Every new road presents its own
challenges, but also its own rewards’
- *Unknown*

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1. Building Projects

- Unit 32 is currently occupied with plaster work and is gearing up for the upcoming roof construction phase.
- Construction activities at Unit 34 are progressing smoothly, with the foundation currently being poured.
- Residents are requested to ensure their homes always remain in a good state of repair and their gardens kept neat.
- We have received several building plans that are currently under revision with the relevant committee.



2. Water

- Water usage for the month of February was measured on 26 February 2024.
- The bulk water reading was 1688kl for the month of January.
- Water usage from the homes on the estate showed a slight increase compared to the previous month.



3. Estate Projects

- We are delighted to announce the completion of the road construction and upgrade within the reserve within just two weeks. This accomplishment enables residents to access a significantly larger area of our stunning reserve.
- The Rooikrans Eradication Project is well under way.
- The initial phase of cutting the wet rooikrans has been completed; it now awaits drying before being bagged.



TLB on-site improving road accessibility.





4.Environment

- Sick seagulls underwent rehabilitation at SARPEC before being released back onto our beach.
- Residents are also requested to contact me or Rene Hodges if any baby turtles are observed on “our beach”. We have been issued with turtle transit boxes so that the baby turtles can be taken to the two oceans aquarium for rehabilitation and future release back into warmer waters.
- The soil excavated at erf 34 to ensure the foundation's proper leveling was repurposed for the upgrades to the reserve roads.
- PetroSA paid us a visit during the last week of February, and we are eagerly anticipating their report.
- The Western beach underwent a thorough cleaning once improved road access facilitated easier reach to the area.



5. Employees

- No missed shifts.
- We welcome Andries Mongwe to our team. He will be joining us for the Rooikrans Eradication Project.



-Release of rehabilitated Seagulls

Rooikrans-Eradication Project



6. Maintenance Performed

- The lawnmower received a thorough servicing and greasing.
- The perimeter fence on the northern side of the reserve was cleared of trees that had grown through and against it, preserving its integrity.
- As per usual, the water troughs at the pump stations were cleaned.
- The grass was cut around the garbage cubicles to maintain neatness.
- The estate vehicle underwent servicing at Mahindra- George in early February.
- Viewing deck cleaned regularly.
- I continue to inspect all the pumpstations, sewerage plant and internal firebreak weekly.
- At the sewerage plant all appears to be in order and operating as expected. We seeded the plant twice during the month with bio-enzyme granules and once with chlorine tablets.
- I will continue to stress the importance of discipline from our residents and their guests as to what items are flushed down the toilet. Earbuds, tampons, nappies and used face masks CANNOT be allowed to enter the sewerage system. I would urge residents to put up signage in guest toilets to make guests aware of our natural sewerage system.
- The firebreaks was cut open on eastern side of the estate .
- The Milkwood trees at the picnic spot were pruned.



Perimeter fence at Northern Border

7. Security

- No major incidents to report for the month of February.
- We have received several quotes from alternative security companies and are currently in the process of carefully reviewing them. Our contract with Niqua Security is scheduled to expire soon.
 - Residents are requested to please report any security issues to myself or Markus Killian.
 - I want to again stress the importance of the sign-in of **all** personnel working on the estate.
 - We did a thorough inspection at the far western border - nothing suspicious to report.





8. General

- Please remain vigilant for wild animals on the roads, as there has been a notable increase in roadkill incidents.
- Residents and their contractors are reminded to please keep to our speed limit of 30km.h and to be on the lookout for snakes and tortoises.
- Please ensure all refuse is placed on the pavement before 08h30 on Wednesday mornings and that all refuse bags are sealed. Do not place bags on the pavements on Monday mornings.
- We kindly remind residents to utilize the blue bags for recycling purposes, encompassing paper, cardboard, tin, glass, and plastic items. Please refrain from including polystyrene or any household waste in the blue bags, as a single prohibited item will result in the entire bag being left behind.
- Homeowners are kindly reminded to ensure that all doors are securely closed and locked, and that all lights are switched off before leaving their holiday homes.



A beautiful view from the waterfall

- ***We express our gratitude to all owners for their timely levy payments, enabling us to carry out the necessary maintenance in this stunning estate.***



The "Berg Skilpad" doing its rounds around the office buildings