



January 2024

Reserve Manager's Monthly Report

‘Hulle weet nie wat ons weet nie.’

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1. Building Projects

- Unit 32 is making good progress, and has poured second level concrete
- The annual builders break is over and building projects resumed 15 January 2024.
- Residents are requested to ensure their homes always remain in a good state of repair and their gardens kept neat.
- We also request all homeowners to inform their contractors/service providers to submit police clearance certificates for all their workers when entering the Estate. This is required for any work lasting more than two days.

2. Water

- Water usage for the month of January was measured on 27 January 2024.
- The bulk water reading was 1533kl for the month of January.
- Water usage from the homes on the Estate was slightly higher compared to the previous month.

3. Estate Projects

- We have officially started with the Rooikrans Eradication Project. This is an enormous task and will take several months to complete. In the upcoming months we will be aggressively targeting these alien trees in our reserve area.
- Cleaning the Perimeter fence forms part of the Rooikrans Eradication Project starting at the office and working our way to the western border.
- Rooikrans Saplings around the office building and some of the homes have already been targeted.

- Unit 42 is complete and has received its occupancy certificate.
- Unit 34 will be starting building operations in the next few days.



Rooikrans Eradication project under way

4.Environment

- The refuse cubicles was thoroughly cleaned after the holiday season.
- Beach cleanups were done on Fridays. A big thank you to our residents as well as their guests for assisting to keep our beaches clean
- We buried two large adult seals that washed up on our beach during the current reporting period. Please continue to report these deaths so that we can bury the carcasses and report our findings.
- 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 process to obtain a permit to relocate Milkwood trees on erf 17 is under way.
- I would like 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. We urge residents to put up signage in guest toilets to make guests aware of our natural sewerage system.



Blue bottles painting the beach the last few weeks.



5. Employees

- Both Xolla and Frans returned to work on 8 January 2024.
- Both employees were issued with new over-all's and work boots for the year.



Waterfall path



Paint Brush Lily

6. Maintenance Performed

- Water troughs at pumpstations cleaned
- Viewing deck cleaned regularly.
- I continue to inspect all the pumpstations, sewerage plant and internal firebreak weekly.
- All 4 sewerage pumps was serviced and checked on the 24th and 25th of January. The pumps are still in good state and operating well according to the report by Coastal Armature Rewinders who also did the service.
- 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.
- Faulty streetlight globes were replaced.
- Steps were cleaned and cleared of

sand at the eastern beach.

- Rotten planks on the stairs at the eastern beach have been replaced and loose planks were fixed.
- Due to Eskom one phase failure Pump 3 tripped mid January.
- Garden around office was pruned and cleaned.
- The roads in the Estate have been sprayed to kill off the weeds as well as the areas around our pumpstations. Due to the immunity to glyphosate that the Skraalhans next to the road have built up - we had to use Round Up Turbo for better effect..



Skraalhans (Weed)



Coastal Armature Rewinders at work

7. Security

- No major incidents to report for the month of January.
- We have received a few quotes from other security companies and are working through them. Our contract with Niqua security expires end of March 2024.
- 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.
- I did inspection at the far western border - nothing suspicious to report.





8. General

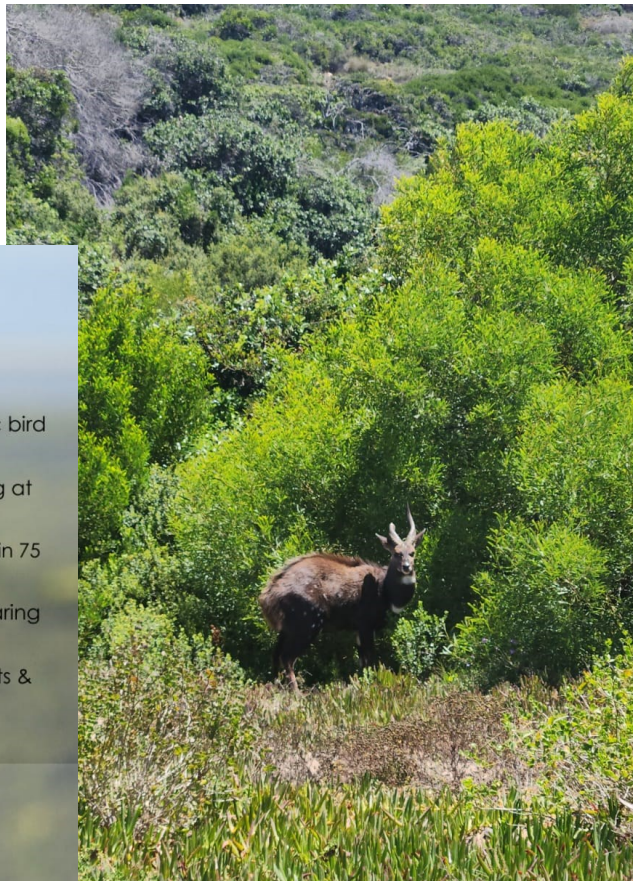
• We are excited to welcome Tertius Louwrens and Marion Erasmus onto our EXCO team!

• Residents are requested to ensure all doors and windows are closed and locked before returning

home after the holidays.

- 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.
- We thank all owners for their timeous levy payments, which allows us to perform the required maintenance in this beautiful Estate.
- 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 urge residents to please make use of the blue bags for re-cycling. This includes paper, cardboard, tin, glass and plastic items. No polystyrene please and definitely no household waste in the blue bags. One such item means the whole bag is left behind.
- Take a look around—we really do have some special birds living on our reserve!

Bush Buck. (aka Dricus du Plessis)



BLACK HARRIER

in more danger than BLACK RHINO



- SA's scarcest endemic bird of prey
- Numbers are declining at an alarming rate
- Likely to go extinct within 75 years if nothing is done
- Report any illegal clearing of fynbos
- Raptors control rodents & small mammals.

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There are only 1 300
Black Harriers left in the world.