

NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER EDITION

MESSAGE FROM THE ESTATE MANAGER

As 2022 draws to an end, we are reminded that despite any personal losses and challenges we encounter, with the right attitude we can emerge stronger and wiser. The end of the year is always a time to reflect on achievements and I'd like to thank you for accepting me and being so accommodating towards me over the past 14 months, yes, it's over a year. Where has the time gone to?

I would like to thank our service providers and especially:

- Marshall Security for keeping our estate safe.
- Life Landscapes for keeping our estate clean.

I would also like to thank our staff and especially:

- Malani for always being there and for being so obliging.
- To Emma our faithful cleaner for the past fifteen years – she has decided to hang up her broom and retire. Emma we say to you “Hamba Kahle.....mama.

Lastly...wishing those of you who celebrate Christmas a very merry Christmas and wishing all of you the very best for 2023.

To those travelling, please travel safe and come home safe.

We look forward to seeing you when the office reopens on the 09th of January 2023.

Charles Sturgess



2022 UPDATES

LANDSCAPE

Various small projects such as mulching on the verges, screening and landscaping on two electrical sub stations, and replanting of gardens at the entrance and outer area of the Estate have commenced and still in progress.

WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE

The Hawaan Forest Estate Website went live on the 15th of November 2022.

Follow the link below to view:



<https://hawaanforestate.co.za/>

FESTIVE SEASON PROMOTION

JOHN GATHERER & LEIGH MANN



We Are Where We Have Been – Journeys To The World's Wild Places,” a collaborative publication by John Gatherer and Leigh Mann, features adventure travels, photographic images, narratives and anecdotes showcasing eighteen different regions across the seven continents.

The book is a high quality, hard cover photographic table publication, 324 pages in length and popular as a special gift or as your own coffee table possession!

We are currently offering the book at a discounted price of R500.00 (retail price R 780.00) which may be of interest to you and your friends. If you would like to reserve a book, please advise by return mail to ljgatherer1@gmail.com or rlmann@mweb.co.za and we will arrange delivery.

For further information on the new publication, check out the John Gatherer Photography website at www.jgatherer.com



CONSERVATION TRUST

Overall, 2022 has been a successful year for the HCR. The management staff have continued with the general upkeep of natural areas and the associated administrative responsibilities that come with managing a declared Nature Reserve. Highlights of the year were to have planned and safely conducted controlled burning of the eastern portion of the grassland; successfully conducted snare removal patrols in the forest; and reintroduced some wildflower species back into the grassland which was rehabilitated from sugar cane 20 years ago.

Our camera traps have captured some beautiful images this year, specifically around the forest waterhole over July and August - which is the dry season for the forest. These images are regularly posted on the newly and beautifully updated HCT website. Our cameras have also helped to inform HCT management of illegal snaring in the forest, and we intend to increase the number of cameras from six to twelve in 2023.

Fortunately, the forest did not incur stormwater damage from the estate and surrounding suburbs during the intense rainfall and flooding over April – this is testament to the design, construction and maintenance of the storm-water berm around the estate, which not only functions to collect fast-flowing rainwater but also additional habitat for a number of bird species, including Southern Bou-Bou and White-browed scrub robin. On that note, the HCT and HOA have worked together with the local wildlife societies (WESSA and BotSoc) to co-ordinate and fund clearing of tree roots and invasive species from the municipal pipeline that runs through the western portion of forest. Although this activity is not within the terms of reference of the HCT, this has been a worthy investment into the long-term stability of the city infrastructure and forest more broadly.

Research in the forest during 2022 has been the ongoing monitoring of Polyphagous shot-hole borer by the FABI (Forestry, Agricultural Biotechnology Institute). The results of this work will serve to inform Government departments and us (as forest managers) on what protocols to follow when encountering this invasive beetle. If you suspect that this beetle has infected a tree on your property please get in touch with the HOA office. See the attached link (<https://www.fabinet.up.ac.za/index.php/research/72>).

Up and coming plans for 2023 are to conduct forest walks around the themes of Birds of Hawaan, Trees of the Hawaan, Insects of the Hawaan and possibly offer some forest bathing (Reiki) to residents who are interested.

We look forward to another year of good service in 2023.

From Allister Starke (Forest Ecologist)
on Behalf of the HFCT



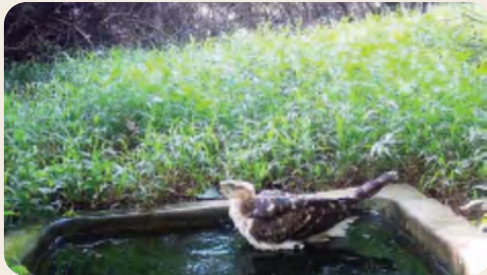
The annual prescribed burning was conducted on 5 ha of the eastern portion of the reserve during August 2022.



The sewer pipeline has been treated, cleaned, and treated for tree roots and invasive plants. Follow-up maintenance will continue in the 2023.



Banded-mongoose, Crested Guinea fowl and Vervet monkeys at the forest water-hole in winter.



Juvenile crowned eagle on the camera traps



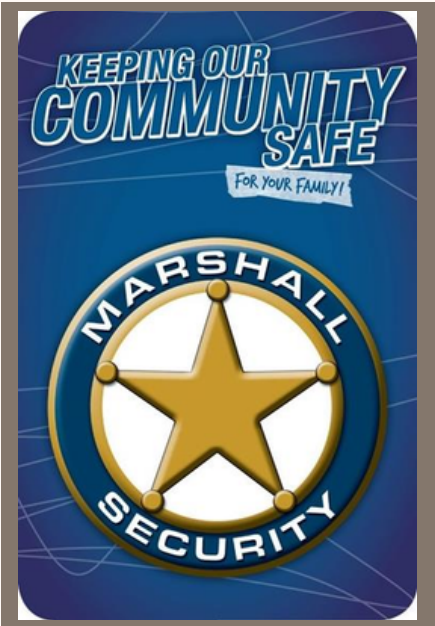


HAWAAN FOREST ESTATE YEAR END STREET PARTY



A big thank you to all Residents for taking the time to join us and making the event successful.





FROM MARSHALL SECURITY

We come to the end of what seems a very short year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Residents and HOA staff at Hawaan Forest Estate for their continued support and trust placed in Marshall to secure the Estate and Homes. Our team are very grateful for the environment they are able to work in and the Residents and staff they are able to interact with.

We will shortly be embarking on a large security upgrade to the estate which will see advancements in the security layers currently seen on the estate, we are also working on bringing a medical element to the estate which will see rapid emergency response if required along with added benefits such as wellness days for Domestic staff.

We believe that in 2023 we will see a lot of positive change to our security efforts not only on the estate but across board and are excited to be able to be apart of this and share the journey with the Hawaan residents and staff.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a very safe festive season.

Please remember to call us in case of anything.

From the Marshall Security Team.

FROM LIFE LANDSCAPE

2022 has been quite a challenging year with the series of extreme weather events that Umhlanga and the greater Durban area endured. The storms and flooding experienced in April and May tested the estates storm water reticulation and ability to deal with these catastrophic events and we were pleased to see the estate coming out relatively unscathed. This is a testament to in no small part of the effectiveness of the landscaping and vegetation together with stormwater reticulation in dealing with that which has now been classified as a 300 year event. Other areas were not so fortunate. Hawaan Management together with the external Landscape Architect and Life landscaping team remain committed to ensuring the integrity and original landscape philosophy intended for Hawaan, this to ensure that Hawaan remains a prestigious and sought after estate thereby protecting and enhancing property values. We would like to thank Hawaan Management and residents for the continued support and wish all a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

From Life Green Group



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all Residents.

May this Holiday Season bring immense happiness to you and your family.

We thank you for your contributions for the Landscape, Security and HFCT staff.

Stay safe and blessed.

Best Wishes from the HOA Management

