

HAWAAN FOREST ESTATE

NEWSLETTER

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Kalanchoe Rotundifolia

Flowering in the western portion of the grassland

EXPLORE OUR BEAUTIFUL FOREST

The importance of ecosystems, biodiversity and the Hawaan Forest

Article Link:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/n740abew8uj9ai6793f4o/World-Environment-Day-article_5-June-2023_final.pdf?rlkey=w8ehdok3ligck7zzqsxcb9ilq&dl=0

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THE ANNUAL CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2023

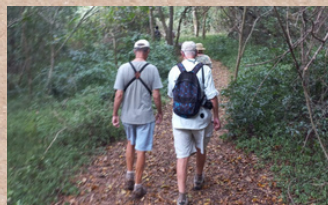
by Leigh Mann

On Friday, 28th April, a team of residents, staff, external subject experts and members of our conservation staff participated in the Annual City Nature Challenge under guidance of The Hawaan Forest Conservation Trust. Amongst the many interesting observations were mammals such as bushbuck and duiker. Bird sightings, under the guidance of Bob Rickards (former head of Birds Africa Tours), included a sighting of the rare Green Malkoha and other favourites such as African Fish Eagles, Kingfishers and the Purple-crested Turaco. Bernard Chatikoba (WESSA Volunteer Guide) enhanced our knowledge of the amazing and diverse plant life that thrives on our doorstep in this ancient coastal sand forest. Of particular interest was the information on plant adaptations, medicinal value and the place plants have in traditional folklore.

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INTERESTING PICTURES

NATURE CHALLENGE



CONSERVATION PHOTOS



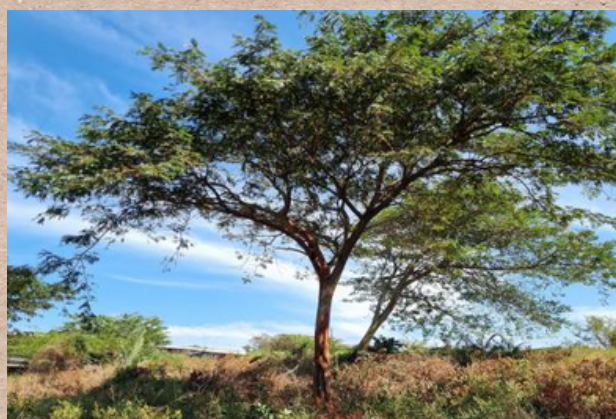
The male one-horned Red Duiker has been visiting the water point regularly in May



A Red Capped Robin & Olive Thrush



The *Nepheronia argia*, also known as the Large Vagrant, likely feeds on plants from the Celstralaciae, Rhizophoraceae, and Oleaceae families, which all occur in forest areas



Pruning of woody encroaching species has been conducted on the eastern section of the forest during April.

AGM 2023

A friendly reminder that the 2023 AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, 23rd August 2023 @ 17H30.

Meeting details:

Link - [https://vm-solution.zoom.us/j/82985053461?](https://vm-solution.zoom.us/j/82985053461?pwd=SkhlaDFmbVRDYVVCNlluYkhpejFtUT09)

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SECURITY

Following the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM), in alignment with the security upgrade mandate received from our members, we are thrilled to announce that the contract for the upgrade has been awarded to Marshall Security.

Since the AGM, the Board have carefully undertaken the process of requesting tenders for the security enhancement and thoroughly evaluated the received quotations.

To ensure a comprehensive approach, we have also engaged the services and expertise of Ivan Jacobs, a private security consultant. Ivan has been instrumental in providing valuable insights regarding the project's scope, the Bill of Quantities (BOQ), equipment selection, and the overall agreement. Collaborating closely with our legal director, we have successfully concluded and signed the final agreement between Marshall Security and the HOA.

The commencement of the upgrade is planned for the end of August, and we foresee a duration of approximately five (5) months for its completion.

CHILDREN/GOLF CARTS

While golf carts can be a fun and convenient means of transportation, it is crucial to prioritize the safety of our residents., especially our young residents.

We would like to emphasize the importance of adhering to age restrictions and understanding the potential legal consequences associated with underage driving. One of the main concerns involves the risks posed by oncoming vehicles and pedestrians.

In most jurisdictions, operating motor vehicles, including golf carts, is not legally permitted for children below a certain age. Encouraging underage driving can result in legal repercussions for both the child and their parents or guardians. It is imperative that if children are using a golf cart, they should always be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult who is capable of operating the vehicle safely and who understands the rules of the road.

By collectively prioritizing safety and promoting responsible usage of golf carts, we can create a secure and safe environment for all residents.

INSTALLATIONS/APPROVALS

When it comes to homeowners making improvements or modifications to their properties, please be aware there are necessary steps which need to be taken for approval. This is some of the important information which should ensure a smooth process moving forward.

The purpose of the HOA is to maintain the overall aesthetics, quality, and value of our community. In order to uphold these standards, any external changes made to your property, such as installations or alterations, must be submitted for review and approval by the HOA prior to commencement of the work. This includes but is not limited to additions, renovations, landscaping, and structural modifications.

We would like to emphasize the importance of this process, as it allows the HOA to assess proposed changes and ensure they align with the community's architectural guidelines and regulations.

By obtaining approval in advance, we can avoid any potential conflicts, maintain the cohesive look, and feel of our neighbourhood, and protect property values for all residents.

Please note that failure to obtain the necessary approvals before initiating changes to your property may result in the imposition of fines, requirements to revert the modifications, or other actions deemed necessary by the HOA.

We believe in working together as a community, and we are confident that by adhering to these guidelines, we can continue to enhance our Estate while maintaining harmony among residents.

VERGES

The HOA has received numerous complaints concerning the narrow roads, damage to verges, damage to vehicles and safety of pedestrians.

After careful consideration and discussions, the HOA is currently looking at options of widening the roads.

We want to assure you that this decision was not made lightly and was made with the best interests of our community in mind and is aimed at ensuring the overall aesthetics, functionality, and safety of the Estate.

We extend our gratitude to the residents who have previously dedicated their personal time and energy to caring for the verges.

To facilitate a seamless transition, the HOA will collaborate with Life Landscape to provide assistance. We kindly request your understanding and support during this transition.

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