



Estate Manager

Our estate manager will be taking a well deserved break from the 27 April to 27 May 2024 and we wish him safe travels. Whilst Charles Sturgess is away Malani Reddy the estate administrator will be available to assist you with any inquiries or issues. During this time, please direct all correspondence to: reception@hawaanho.co.za.

Boundary Wall

Maintenance work on the boundary wall is currently in progress. This essential project involves a comprehensive restoration that includes cleaning, waterproofing, and regrouting, to ensure the structural integrity and longevity of the wall. The cleaning process aims to remove any accumulated dirt, grime, or debris that may have compromised the appearance and durability of the wall over time. Additionally, waterproofing measures are being implemented to protect the wall from moisture ingress, which can lead to deterioration and structural damage.



"Every sunrise and sunset paints the sky with a reminder of the beauty that surrounds us."

Pet Guidelines Reminder

LET'S PROTECT THE BIODIVERSITY

While we adore pets, it's important to note that the rule/ guideline is in place to protect the biodiversity of this Hawaan Forest Estate nature reserve. We remind Residents that no dogs, cats or other pets that may harm wildlife, or threaten biodiversity will be allowed on the Estate.



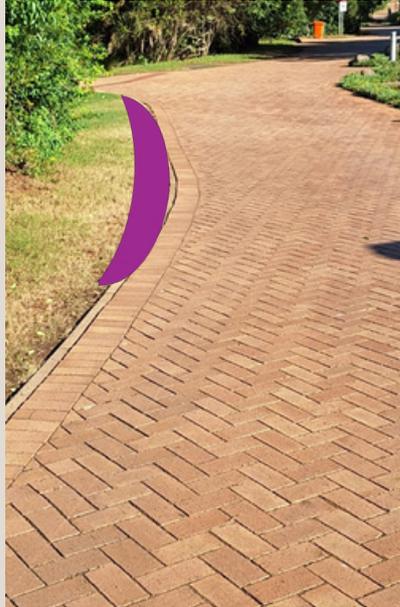
↓ In this newsletter you will find:

Snake Bite Procedures, Contractor's Access Procedures, Security Upgrade and more. Keep Reading!

Widening The Roads

One of the initiatives we are pursuing is the widening of the road by two bricks at the pinch points.

We have already initiated discussions with Bosch, and we are eagerly awaiting their proposal to move forward with this endeavour. This improvement aims to create a safer passage for vehicles navigating through these areas. *The image on the right in purple is an example of a pinch point.*



Exotic Plants

Exotic plants, while often visually appealing, can pose a threat to natural flora and fauna by outcompeting indigenous species, disrupting local ecosystems, and potentially becoming invasive.

To assist you in selecting appropriate vegetation for your properties, please refer to the below links to the HOA landscape guidelines and plant list.

[Landscape guidelines](#)

[Plant list](#)

Snake Bite Procedures

If you or someone you know has been bitten by a snake, it's crucial to take immediate action. Here are the essential steps to follow in case of a snakebite:

Stay Calm: Try to remain calm and avoid panicking. Movement can spread the venom more rapidly through your bloodstream.

Remove Jewellery and Tight Clothing: Before swelling begins, remove any jewellery, watches, or tight clothing near the bite area.

Position Yourself Comfortably: Sit or lie down so that the bitten area is in a neutral and comfortable position.

Clean the Bite: Use water to gently clean the bite wound.

Seek Immediate Medical Help: If you've been bitten by a venomous snake, call your local emergency number or go to your nearest hospital right away.

Look out for signs such as changes in skin colour, swelling, or pain. Emergency rooms often have antivenom drugs that can help.

Remember, do not attempt to suck out the venom or cut the wound. These methods are not recommended and can worsen the situation.

Emergency Numbers (Ward 35)

- SAPS Emergency Services - 10111
- Durban North SAPS - 031 325 6590
- Metro Police, Fire, Emergency - 031 361 0000
- Rescue Services –Sea (NSRI) - 031 361 8567
- Electricity Department - 080 131 3111 /080 311 1111
- Water Department - 080 131 3013 /080 311 1111
- KZN EMS - 10177
- Netcare Ambulance Services - 082 911
- Crisis Team– Durban North & Umhlanga- 0848104969
- Ashburne Vet (open 24hrs) - 031 562 1037
- SPCA Durban & Coastal - 031 579 6500
- Monkey Helpline - 082 659 4711
- Deceased Animal Removal - 031 311 8809
- Umhlanga UIP - 087 365 3700
- Marshall Security - 086 162 7732
- Blue Security - 031 717 5000
- **Snake catcher:** Jason Arnold - 082 745 6375

Contractors Access and MEL App Update

Some upcoming changes include the Contractor times switching to winter hours. This will commence from the 01 May 2024 until 31 August 2024. Kindly inform your contractors that the operating times will change to 07H00 - 16H30, this will help facilitate smooth operations during the winter period.

Additionally, we would like to encourage contractors to apply for access in advance. By applying beforehand, contractors can streamline their entry process and avoid any delays. Please share the following link to access the application form with your contractors. Link: [Contractor Access Application Form.](#)

Continuing on the updates, also effective from the 01 May 2024 the SMS feature for codes on the MEL Life app will be removed. Currently the code is generated, and an automated text message is sent to the recipient's mobile.

You will be able to share the code through the app via one of the following options, SMS, WhatsApp or Email.

In accordance with a revised access process, residents will no longer be able to generate codes directly for contractors; as an alternative, they are required to correspond via email with the HOA and Security will generate the codes accordingly.

Heavy Rainfall

Following the heavy rains in January, various areas, particularly in Red Duiker Crescent and Mongoose Place (*as shown in the image below*), suffered damage. Subsequent to a claim being filed and an insurance assessment we are pleased to announce that repairs have been successfully completed.

Additionally, in anticipation of future potentially heavy rainfall, we have further initiated discussions with Bosch to conduct an audit. This proactive step aims to assess the Estates infrastructure's resilience and readiness for such weather events.



Security Upgrade

As we approach the final stages of the Security Upgrade, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to residents for their patience and understanding throughout this period of transition.

The upgrade is advancing smoothly, and we anticipate reaching practical completion by the end of April.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the Security Upgrade project and any further developments.



COMING SOON.....

As part of our ongoing Security Upgrade, we will be transitioning from Biometrics to Facial Recognition. Currently, we are in the testing and commissioning phases of this new system, during which comprehensive assessments are being undertaken to guarantee its efficacy. It is anticipated that by the end of April, we will commence with this transition.

THD Land

The acquisition of THD Land is steadily progressing, with IDC (Industrial Development Corporation) being a major funder, and also playing a crucial role in approving asset release using a 'without value' methodology. Currently, there are nine such assets that have already received verbal approval. We anticipate the formal sign-off from the IDC by the end of this month.

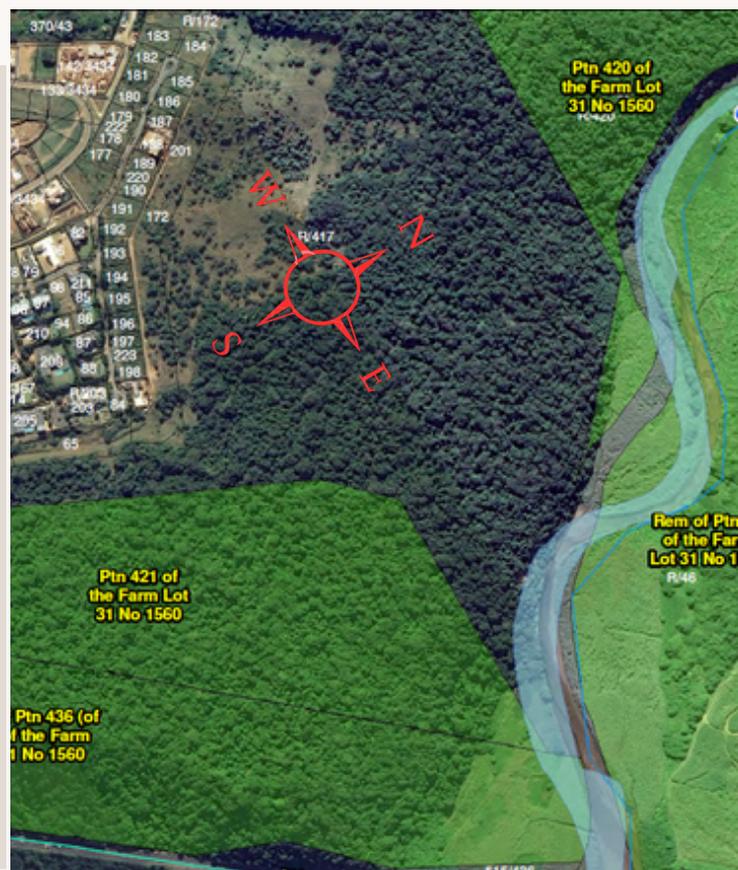
Parking for Functions

Concerns have been raised relating to parking arrangements for functions, particularly in light of the ongoing construction activity on the vacant plots within the Estate. Due to these construction activities, there may be limitations on parking availability in the area.

We recommend that residents hosting functions consider exploring alternative options for their guests, such as ride-sharing services like Uber or carpool arrangements.

Intruder

Following inquiries from residents and our report on a thwarted intruder two weeks ago, we wish to clarify, using the *image below which indicates the Eastern boundary*. We also want to assure residents that there's no cause for concern; our security team detected the intruder via thermal cameras before any attempt to gain access was made.

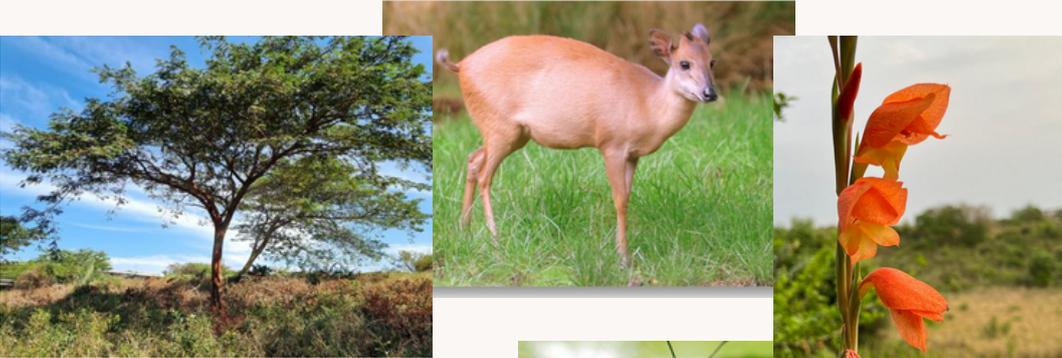


HAWAAN FOREST CONSERVATION TRUST

Tribute to the Conservation Trust Staff FOR OVER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

At the core of the Conservation Trust, Victor and Innocent stand as exemplary figures of dedication and perseverance. Since the inception of our estate's development, their unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in maintaining the Conservation Trust Land.

The image from 2008 serves as a reminder of the positive impact of Victor and Innocent's efforts during the estate's early years. It is their passion, their unwavering commitment, which breathes life into our vision of preserving and protecting our natural heritage. Their tireless work ethic and profound love for nature inspire us all to continue striving towards our shared goal of environmental stewardship and conservation for generations to come.



"Every fauna and flora in the forest is a masterpiece of nature. Conserving forests isn't just about protecting the environment; it's about safeguarding our heritage for generations to come."



PHOTO BY ALAN CROWDER

TRUMPETER HORNBILL

The trumpeter hornbill reigns supreme with its striking black and white plumage and distinctive trumpet-like call. These magnificent birds are not only a visual delight but also enchant with their melodious vocalizations, echoing through the canopy. Their large, curved bills are essential tools for foraging and courtship displays, showcasing their remarkable adaptability. However, habitat loss poses a significant threat to their survival, highlighting the importance of conservation efforts. By preserving the habitats of the trumpeter hornbill, we safeguard not only a species but also the rich biodiversity of Africa's forests. Truly remarkable sight in Hawaan Forest Estate. The presence of the trumpeter hornbill in the Hawaan Forest Estate serves as a poignant reminder of the delicate balance between human development and the preservation of biodiversity. We encourage residents to sign up for an account on [iNaturalist](#) and start uploading your photos. Every observation shows the beauty and diversity of nature that is right at your doorstep.



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