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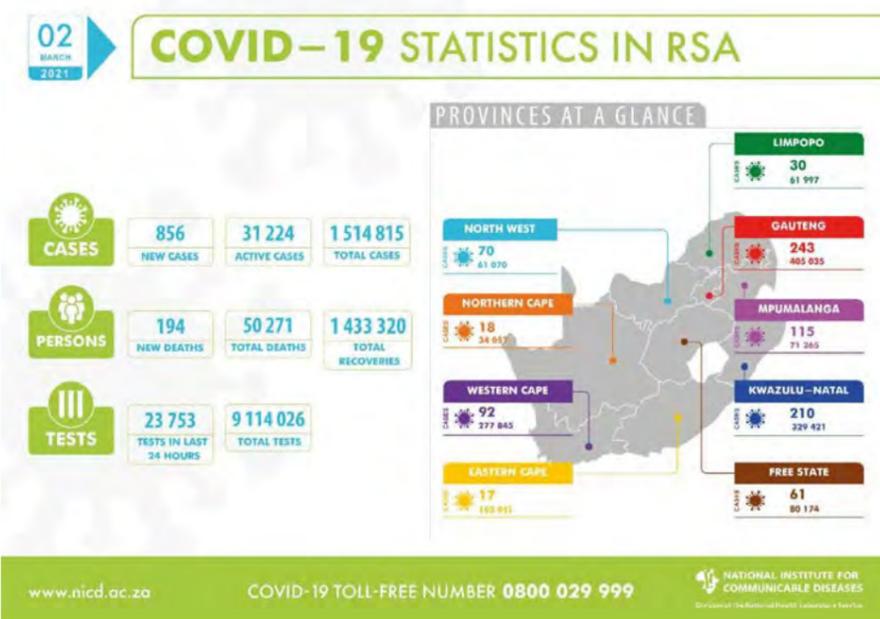
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Dear Vorna Valley Residents

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We would like to thank Hein for his valued commitment to the VVRA over the past 6 years and welcome back Carol as a committee member.

The VVRA LPR camera project has been in operation for the past year and has been identified as a valuable tool in the fight against crime within the Vorna valley area. The aim is to increase the number of camera's in the Vorna valley area at strategic points. The VVRA would appreciate any financial sponsorships towards the continuous operating costs of the cameras.

License plate recognition basically relates to the specific camera capturing a vehicles licence plate and analyse the plate using video analytical software to compare it to a database of number plates to identify if the specific vehicle has been flagged for any of the following reasons:

- Flagged by Law enforcement agencies as a vehicle of interest.
- Suspicious vehicles for various reasons.
- Vehicles positively flagged by SAPS as wanted for a specific crimes or for further investigations.

These are not overview cameras which monitor movement in the area and are not monitored by a person sitting behind a screen. The analytical software does the work of capturing the data that is required to send out an alert for the above mentioned vehicles.

RECENT SUCCESSES OF THE LPR SYSTEM

Several vehicles that have triggered the technology have been identified and with further investigations were identified as vehicles where their plates have been cloned or positively wanted by SAPS for further investigation or enquiries.

Hawkeye Security has responded to vehicles positively wanted by SAPS that triggered the LPR'S and together with ARN security escorted the vehicle to SAPS where the vehicle was seized and the driver detained.

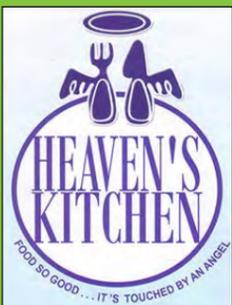
On several occasions multiple vehicles that were flagged as suspected drug dealers and buyers were identified and information shared with SAPS for further intervention

The camera's have also been utilised to identify vehicles used in recent crimes committed in the area as per the descriptions received from the victims.

Due to the extensive network of LPR cameras all over South Africa, our LPR cameras have also assisted with the identification of vehicles and criminals in other areas, where successful arrests were made for various crimes committed.

The VVRA thanks the current security companies on the LPR RESPONSE TEAMS for their commitment and dedication towards the project.

We would also like to thank all our contributors for their support, every cent helps to keep them up and running.



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- SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS

ANONYMOUS REPORTING NUMBER: 082 998 4303

We also encourage the community to report any suspicious persons or vehicles that they suspect to be involved in criminal activity such as (Drugs related, Stolen Vehicles and/or property) which will be followed up by us together with the relevant authorities



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IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

Your safety is our number one priority

- South Africa's unemployment rate rose to 32.5% in the fourth quarter of 2020 from 30.8% in the previous period. 7.2 million people are currently unemployed in SA. These statistics are likely to transform the current crime crisis into a crime catastrophe.
- We urge you to remain vigilant, know your surroundings and do not let your guard down.

SAFE 'AT HOME' CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Secure your perimeter - The more layers you add to your security, the greater the protection.
- Make sure that your home exterior is well lit.
- Make sure that all doors and entry points (including the garage door) are locked at all times even when you are home.
- Test your alarm regularly - **086 111 4021**

SAFE 'TRAVELLING' CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Get into the habit of always letting someone know where you are going and when you plan on returning.
- Put your phone **DOWN** when driving - remain vigilant.
- Lock your car doors and keep valuables hidden.
- Have an exit plan at the robots.
- Leave a car space between your car and the one in front of you.
- Your car and cell phone is replaceable - **you are not.**
- Always be aware of your surroundings - identify if you are being followed home.
- If you make use of a taxi service:
 - ✓ Share your trip with a loved one.
 - ✓ Save the drivers details, take a screenshot and share.
 - ✓ Ensure your location is on.
 - ✓ Have pepper spray handy.

SAFE 'NIGHT OUT' PREVENTION TIPS:

- Safety in numbers - Always stay within a group when possible.
- Drink in moderation & watch your drink. Always stay in control when drinking alcohol. Know your limits and never push them.
- Keep valuables hidden. Don't advertise your mobile phone to people on the street - keep them hidden. People will often have valuables stolen on a night out and if you're drunk, you are an easier target.

SAFE 'SHOPPING' CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Trust your instincts. Your body will tell you when someone or something is suspicious. If you have an intuitive feeling something is wrong, do not second-guess yourself. React immediately and take action to reduce your risk.
- Carry only what you need. Extra cash, credit cards, jewelry and other items should be left at home.
- Don't be overburdened with packages. Carrying several shopping bags makes you look vulnerable.
- Be prepared. Have your keys in hand when walking to your vehicle. The keys can be used as a defensive weapon and you will not waste time trying to find them when standing outside your vehicle. Carry a whistle or personal alarm. These devices will alert those around you something is wrong.

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WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD VALUE TO YOUR HOME & AREA?

PAVEMENT

Keep your pavement and your surroundings Neat and Tidy. Cut the grass regularly and pick up the litter as our City of Johannesburg is not doing that. A clean and tidy pavement increases the value of your home and surrounding areas.

PAINT OUTER WALLS

Give your wall or palisade a coat of paint. It certainly also spruces up the area.

Don't dump your rubbish bags anywhere except in your own bin!

These are simple ideas to help you lock in your value and make your area attractive.



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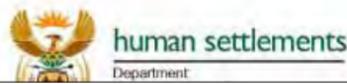
CSOS Community Schemes Ombud Service



The Community Schemes Ombud Service (CSOS) is the regulatory authority for all community schemes in South Africa. It came into operation on 7 October 2016 with a mandate to:

- ✓ Regulate the conduct of parties in community schemes; to regulate, control and quality assure all scheme governance
- ✓ Provide a dispute resolution service
- ✓ Provide stakeholder training, consumer education and awareness for property owners, occupiers and other stakeholders
- ✓ Ensure that the organisation is managed in an efficient and sustainable manner.

The CSOS is a schedule 3A public entity, an entity of the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation.



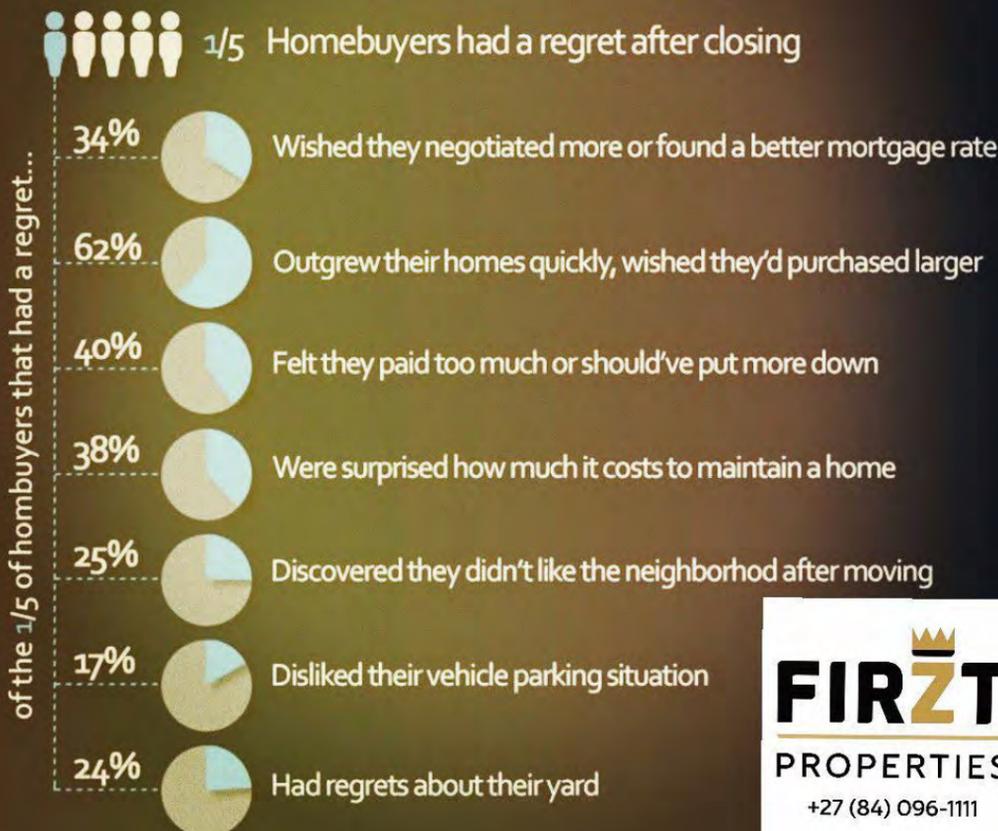
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The Most Common Regrets of First-Time Homebuyers



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Indigenous Trees

Grewia occidentalis L.
Family: Malvaceae

Common names:
Cross-berry
(English)

Kruisbessie
(Afrikaans)

Mulembu (Venda)

Mokukutu
(Tswana)

Iklolo (Zulu)



Grewia occidentalis is a very hardy, fast growing, evergreen shrub with attractive, rough, glossy, quite dark green leaves and trailing stems.

It bears gorgeous star-like pink flowers with a cluster of prominent, bright yellow stamens from October to January

It also bears distinctive, edible fruits that are clustered together in a square or cross shape. This plant attracts birds and butterflies to the garden making it a must for a natural wildlife garden.

It grows well in both sun and shade and makes an excellent garden subject. Prune to keep in shape or use the trailing branches to train the plant up a wall or trellis. Good addition to a bush clump.

It has many medicinal and magical uses.

Size 2 to 6m

From: <https://www.randomharvest.co.za/en-us/South-African-Indigenous-Plants/Show-Plant/PlantId/162&Plant=Grewia-occidentalis>



Erythrina lysistemon
Family: Fabaceae

Common names:
common coral tree, lucky bean tree (E), gewone koraalboom, kanniedood (A), umsintsi (X), muvhale (V), mophete (Tsw), mokhungwane (Sotho), umsinsi (Z) Fabaceae/ Leguminosae (Pea & bean family)SA

Tree No: 245



This is a stocky, thickset tree that often branches low down and usually grows up to 10 m in height, occasionally reaching 12 m. The bark is smooth and dark gray to gray-brown and is not thickly corky. Short, hooked prickles are sparsely and randomly scattered on the trunk and branches.



The leaves are trifoliolate (compound leaves with 3 leaflets), and each leaflet is large, usually up to 17 x 18 cm. The petiole, rachis and the midrib have hooked prickles on them. The common coral tree blooms in early spring (from August to September) and it produces its flowers before its new



leaves or just as the leaves begin to show.

From: <http://pza.sanbi.org/erythrina-lysistemon> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erythrina_lysistemon

Mundulea sericea

PAPILIONOIDEAE
- LEGUMINOSAE
(PEA SUBFAMILY
- POD-BEARING
FAMILY)

CORK BUSH (E)
KURKBOS (A)
UMHLALANTETHE (Z)

TREE NO.: 226

An attractive shrub or small tree which has a light grey, corky bark. The flower stalks are covered with silky hairs. The compound leaves are pale green. It bears clusters of mauve, pea-shaped flowers. The fruit is a small light green pod which is covered with golden-brown velvety hairs. It becomes grey with age, the splits on the tree in a twisted shape to release the seeds.

ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS:

The cork bush provides a home to a host of insects and you may on occasion spot tiny spiders feasting on insects which live on it to keep their population under control.

MAINTENANCE:

Low maintenance. Allow it to form a natural shape.

WATER REQUIREMENTS:

Water moderately.



From: <http://www.plantbook.co.za/mundulea-sericea/>

Birds found in Vorna Valley



A large, grayish, naked-faced hawk with broad wings. The small, bare, yellow (sometimes flushed red) face, white-banded black tail, and underwing pattern distinguish it. The immature is blotchy brown with yellow-green facial skin and barred flight feathers.

Harrier-hawks are specialists, foraging on eggs and nestlings, and they have double-jointed knees which allow them to access nest holes and other confined spaces. They are often seen clumsily clambering around on cliffs and trees when foraging. Although similar to chanting-goshawks, African Harrier-Hawk's long but small angular head, broad wings, and tail pattern are diagnostic.

It mainly eats birds and their eggs, reptiles and small mammals, using a wide variety of foraging techniques. It specialises in using its long legs to extract food from crevices and cavities, such as in the tree canopy or the ground, often stealing eggs and chicks from weaver nests, or the more easily accessible nests of other birds (without entrance tunnels). It also hunts by soaring high in the sky and rapidly descending once it has spotted prey, sometimes scavenging for roadkills and raiding nests in suburban gardens. The following food items have been recorded in its diet:

African Harrier-Hawk

Polyboroides typus

They have been spotted in Vorna Valley and surrounding areas recently.

Click on the link below to hear the bird call.

From: https://ebird.org/species/afhhaw1?siteLanguage=en_ZA



Pretty robin-chat with a short white eyebrow and a rufous chest. This is the only robin-chat with a gray belly. The outer tail feathers are orange, which can be conspicuous in flight. Found in many different habitats, including fynbos, scrub, heath, gardens, forest edge, and thicket.

More fond of open habitats than other robin-chats. Away from South Africa, only found in the mountains. Song is a typical thrush-like series of inquisitive, cheerful notes.

The Cape Robin-Chat feeds on ground level, mostly in and under bushes, but will from time-to-time gather bark and foliage in tall trees. It is an insectivore, but also feeds on other invertebrates including spiders, centipedes and earthworms. It may add tiny frogs and reptiles to its diet. Some species of the robin-chats, especially the Chorister and Red-Capped Robin-Chats, eat berries as well.

Cape Robin-Chats are monogamous, having one partner for life unless the other partner

dies, in which event the remaining party will seek out new mate. Cape Robin-Chats mate and maintain a territory for life. Both the male and female takes on the task of feeding the young, however it rests with the female to undergo the incubation process. Cape Robin-Chats are long lived, with the oldest having been recorded to have lived up to 17 years.

We see many Cape Robin-Chats in Vorna Valley. Click on the link below to hear the bird call.

From: <https://ebird.org/species/carcha1/>

Cape Robin-Chat

Cossypha caffra



A chunky, pale-billed, crested, fiery-colored barbet. Pairs are resident in wooded grasslands, savanna, broadleaved woodlands, and gardens, where they forage for fruit and insects, moving slowly through the lower strata of trees or hopping on the ground.

They nest in a hole in a tree or a log in a suburban garden. They are monogamous and territorial during breeding. Territory size varies according to their habitat. One to five eggs are laid at daily intervals between September to December. Incubation lasts between 13 and 17 days, beginning with the second or third egg and mainly by the female. The young hatch naked and blind. They are fed insects by both parents. Faecal material is removed regularly. They fledge after about 31 days. Up to five broods have been recorded in a breeding season.

The call is an incessant, unmusical, dry, insect-like trill that rises towards the end.

Crested Barbet
Afrikaans name: Kuifkop Houtkapper

Trachyphonus vaillantii

Found all over Vorna Valley. Click on the link below to hear the bird call.

From: <https://ebird.org/species/crebar1>

Where to log calls

WHERE TO LOG SERVICES DELIVERY CALLS

All road and storm related emergencies standby team 060 960 0764 (Midrand, Ivory Park, Diepsloot, Fourways, Woodmead)		Region A COVID-19 testing site: Market/Moritz, Halfway House, 011 805 3112
Level 1 water restrictions will be enforced by fines to consumers who contravened the Water Services By-law and consumers are urged to report non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650		For billing assistance kindly contact: 011 358 3614\011 358 3562
Johannesburg Water		
011-375-5555 or 011-688-1400	Water Burst	48 Hours
customer@jwater.co.za	No Water	1 day
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24 hour hotline: 0860 562 874	Meter Leak	7 Working days
www.johannesburgwater.co.za	Fire Hydrant Leak	2 days
Midrand Depot 621 6th Road Erand: 011-205-9500	Bees in meter box	3 days
City Power		
011-375-5555	No Power to area/property	4 Hours
086-056-2874	Illegal Connection	24 Hours
http://citypower.mobi	Dangerous Situation	Immediate
https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html	Street Light not working	2 working days
Report illegal connection 080 000 2587	Meter Conversions	5 working days
anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Faulty Meter	7 working days
Cable Theft and illegal activities: 011 490 7553 or 0800 002 587		
Metering Queries Telephone :011 490 7484		
SMS Line :44074		
wmcqueries@citypower.co.za		
Pre-paid Queries: Telephone: 011 490 7484		
estimations@citypower.co.za		
Johannesburg Road Agency		
Joburg connect: 086-056-2874	Potholes	3 working days
011-298-5000	Manhole Cover missing	3 days
hotline@jra.org.za	Blocked kerb inlet	3 days
https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/	Road trenches	3 days
Depot: 011 256 8550	Road Collapse/Dangerous Situation	Immediate to make road safe
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Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250	Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing	7 days
	Traffic Signals All Out	24 Hours
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Pikitup		
Joburg connect 086-056-2874 or 011 375 5555	New/additional bin request	7 days
Call Centre: 010 055 5990	Animal Carcass removal	24 hours
info@pikitup.co.za	Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site	7 days
joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Street cleaning, Lane flushing, Area cleaning	
http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/	Bulk Waste collections	
Illegal dumping: 080 087 3342 or info@pikitup.co.za	Full details and Reg no. of vehicle	Photo if possible
Midrand Depot: 82 Lechwe Street, Corporate Park: 087-357-1378	Illegal Dumping	
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Garden site: Dale Road, Glen Austin	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
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Joburg connect 086-056-2874 or 011 375 5555	Grass cutting in open spaces	Up to 30 days
City Parks and Zoo Switchboard: 011-712-6600	Grass cutting of parks	Dependent on status of park
10177	Grass cutting in cemeteries	7 days
jcp@jhbcityparks.com or joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Fallen Tree/branches	24 hours
Fallen Trees: 011 375 5555	Pruning of Tree	30 days
To claim damage: 3 quotes, copy of ID, and photos of evidence of damage		
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Midrand Fire Department and Ambulance 011-375-5911 10177		
South African Police Service		
Midrand Police Station: 011-347-1600	c/o Smuts Drive & Oracle Street Halfway Gardens	
Sector 2 SAPS: 071-675-6110		
Relief Commanders: 071-675-6114		
Police Emergency - 10111		
gps.midrand.sc@saps.gov.za		
Crime Stop Tip-Off 08600 10111		
Hawks Anti-Corruption Desk: 012 846 4590		
CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za		
Johannesburg Metro Police Department		
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