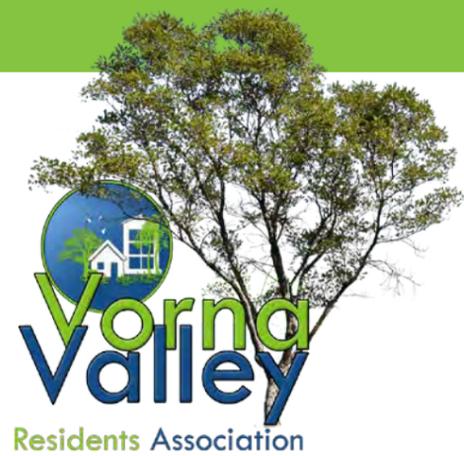


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Newsletter



January 2021

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- Varushka Singh - Liaison

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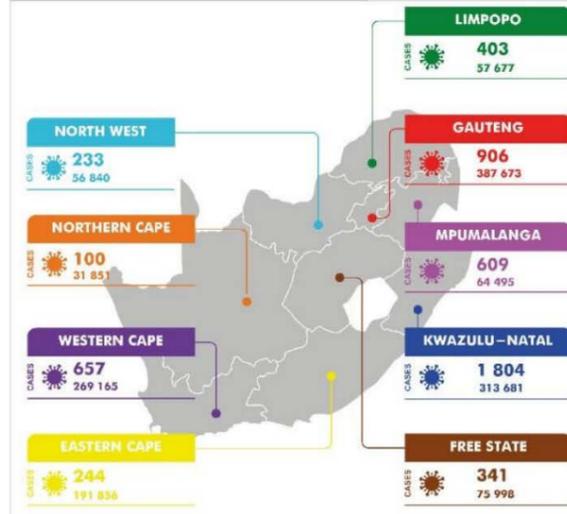
Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues groups and Alert groups.



COVID-19 STATISTICS IN RSA



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Dear Vorna Valley Residents

As we step into 2021, after surviving 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic, lock downs, load shedding, and many trials to test us, we have to keep a positive mind set to make sure we survive 2021.

We can no longer sit back and watch as our suburb slowly continues to be neglected due to possible bad management, corruption, and willfull neglect. We need to keep council and councilors accountable for making sure that our money is spent properly in the necessary areas of neglect.

We urge residents to continue reporting problems and issues to council. All the contact details are in the newsletter below. Time of just complaining and not reporting are over. If you see something, report it to council and let the VVRA know so that we can escalate and follow up.

One person makes a small difference, so imagine what many residents can do if they all stand together.

Having had COVID-19, I can tell you, life changes and things change as to how you look at your life style. Many still think COVID-19 is a conspiracy theory, many still think they have the answer to the cure, many still disregard wearing masks, sanitising constantly, and keeping a safe distance away from crowds. There is no such thing as "I wont get it" In the long run, if you read what WHO is saying and all the information they pass on to us, we will all get it at some stage of our lives, and we need to be prepared.

We therefore ask that if you share information, to please verify it first before posting it. Nothing more dangerous than false information.

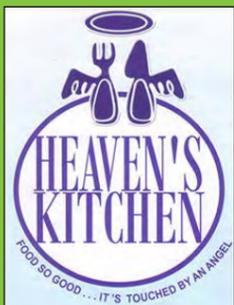
#WearAMask and protect your loved ones from COVID-19.

But to break the chains of transmission, we must also:

- Keep physical distance
- Keep our hands clean
- Keep away from big crowds
- Keep covering your mouth and nose when coughing
- Keep windows open as much as possible

<https://www.facebook.com/WHO/>

Stay Safe and be aware of your surroundings.



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 ACCESS CONTROL (GATE MOTORS, ELECTRIC FENCING, INTERCOM SYSTEMS, ETC)
 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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TRSS SECURITY CHECKLIST

- Burglar Bars: Ensure you have sturdy burglar bars on all your windows
- Safety Gates: Have safety gates at all entrances and install slam locks
- Always keep your front door locked
- Garage doors leading directly into the home should be kept locked at all times, even when you are in the house or back yard
- Chain locks are NOT recommended as security for doors. Instead, invest in a peephole which allows you to look out but does not allow the person to see inside
- Limit the size of accessible window openings. If they are used for ventilation at night - install a securable, window stop
- Be sure second story windows are closed and locked when you are not home. Patio furniture has been used as a stepladder to gain access to upper levels of the home
- Trim hedges below the window level to eliminate hiding spots for criminals
- Check that your electric fence is working - this is your first barrier of security. Check the voltage, free of foliage and is connected to your Armed Response company
- Make sure your outside lights are in good working order
- Lock your vehicles at all times, even when in the garage, so access cannot be gained by intruders. Physically ensure that the vehicle is locked by checking the handle to avoid remote jamming
- Keep your vehicle keys out of sight and in a location where no one would look for them
- When new items like TV's, stereos or computers are purchased, be sure to fold the cardboard box inside out before placing in the recycling. This means your new purchase won't be advertised to anyone on the street
- Know your neighbours
- Keep your cell phones out of sight when in public at all times especially when seated at a restaurant
- Ensure all valuables are placed in the boot of your vehicle before leaving home / work
- Be vigilant when driving home from the shops to ensure no one is following you
- When arriving home, look around to check if it is safe to open your electric gate
- Wait for your electric gate to close before driving off when arriving and leaving home
- Test your alarm system once a month - Call 086 111 4021 beforehand.
- Know where all your panic buttons are. Ensure they are working

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Property News



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Some of the banks are now offering a full home loan (100%) and including costs (transfer and bond registration costs) i.e. 105% or 110% bonds; there are limitations and generally this is for First Time Home Buyers.

Obviously there is a strict criteria to 100% and higher percentage bonds and the bank has to find value in the property for the purchase price that one paid. There are also restrictions on this offer i.e. none of the banks will include costs on vacant land or on building bonds.

There is also a maximum purchase price, the highest being R 1 799 999,00 (Standard Bank) and a minimum bond amount. There is also a minimum and maximum Income allowed for the 'costs inclusive' bonds.

These are some actions by the banks to encourage home ownership and make it easier for buyers to get into the property market instead of renting.

Indigenous Trees

Dais cotinifolia

**POMPON TREE
(E) KANNABAS,
BASBOOM (A)
INTOZANE (X)
INTOZANE-
EMNYAMA (Z)**

**NATIVE TO
SOUTHERN
AFRICA**

TREE NO.: 521



A small tree which forms a rounded crown of mildly glossy blue-green foliage. The grey-brown bark is often streaked. Masses of fragrant, pinkish-mauve flowers forming a pompon-like cluster grace this tree in the flowering season. ECOLOGICAL

BENEFITS:

The flowers attract butterflies and many other insects

MAINTENANCE:

Low maintenance. For best flowering results, feed with slow release 3:1:5 at 6 week intervals throughout the growing season.

WATER REQUIREMENTS:

Water moderately in summer.

From: <http://www.plantbook.co.za/dais-cotinifolia/>

Vachellia karroo

**Common names
in various
languages
include Acacia,
Common acacia,
Karoo thorn,
Doringboom,
Soetdoring, Cape
gum, Cassie,
Piquants blancs,
Cassie piquants
blancs, Cockspur
thorn, Deo-
babool, Doorn
boom, Kaludai,
Kikar, Mormati,
Pahari Kikar,
uMga and Udai
vel.**

RSA Tree No. 172



It is a shrub or small to medium-sized tree which grows to height of 12m. Vachellia karroo has a rounded crown, branching fairly low down on the trunk. It is variable in shape and size, reaching a maximum of about 12m where there is good water. The bark is red on young branches, darkening and becoming rough with age. Sometimes an attractive reddish colour can be seen in the deep bark fissures. The leaves are finely textured and dark green. The abundant yellow flowers appear in early summer, or after good rains. The seed pods are narrow, flat and crescent shaped. They are green when young becoming brown and dry. The pods split open allowing the seeds to fall to the ground. The thorns are paired, greyish to white and are long and straight.

Vachellia karroo has a life span of 30–40 years and is an adaptable pioneer, able to establishing itself without shade, shelter or protection from grass fires. Once over a year old, seedlings can resprout after fire. Several fungi are associated with this tree and the crown of mature trees may be parasitized by various mistletoes, leading to the tree's decline. This tree has a long taproot which enables it to use water and nutrients from deep underground, this and its ability to fix nitrogen, lead to grasses and other plants thriving in its shade.

From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vachellia_karroo

**Bolusanthus
speciosus**

**FABACEAE (PEA
SUBFAMILY -
POD-BEARING
FAMILY)**

**TREE
WISTERIA (E)
VANWYKSHOUT
(A) UMHOLO (Z)**

TREE NO.: 222



An attractive deciduous tree which is stunning in spring when it is densely covered in drooping sprays of mauve, sweetpea-like flowers. It has a rounded crown of weeping foliage. The leaves are alternate, compound and glossy green. The bark is rough, dark brown and longitudinally fissured. The fruit is a flat, narrow pod that is borne in hanging clusters.



ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS: Attracts birds and butterflies.

NATURAL HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION: Bush veld and wooded grassland.

MAINTENANCE: Low maintenance.

Protect young trees from frost.

WATER REQUIREMENTS: Water moderately when young.

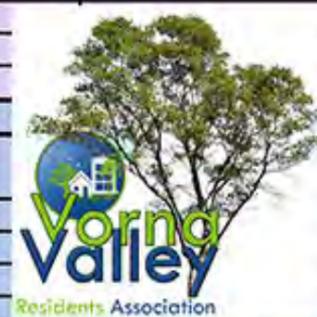
GARDEN THEMES: Bushveld, country, woodland

LANDSCAPING USES: This tree makes a lovely focal point in a home garden. It is well suited as a street tree, for office complexes and schools.

From: <http://www.plantbook.co.za/bolusanthus-speciosus/>

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
SMS 076-333-5052	Sewer	24 Hours
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
6 Dale Road, corner Glen Austin Road, Midrand		
Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250	Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing	7 days
	Traffic Signals All Out	24 Hours
	Traffic Signal Flashing	24 Hours
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	
Bulky Waste Service 087-357-1378	e.g. old mattresses, old furniture, fridges etc	free-once a month
Garden Site: Falcon Street, Rabie Ridge	Paper, Glass, Used car oil, Scrap metal, EWaste, Tins & Cardboard	
Garden Site: Cedar Road, Kyalami	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
Garden site: Dale Road, Glen Austin	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
City Parks		
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
Fire Department and Ambulance		
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		
011 375 5918 / 5911 / 011 758 9620	Traffic Violations	Dependent on incident and resources available
JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342	Noise	
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	Vagrants	



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