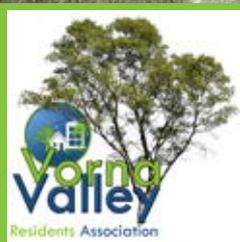




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# NEWSLETTER

Vorna Valley Residents Association

July  
2021



## COVID-19

### COVID-19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA



#### Vaccination sites near Vorna Valley:

Dischem - Midrand (Head Office) Cnr Le Roux Ave & Stag Rd, Glen Austin AH, Midrand

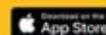
Midrand LA EMS - Midrand Fire Station. 19 First Rd, Halfway Gardens

Discovery -Gallagher Estate - Richards Dr, Halfway House



DOWNLOAD the COVID Alert SA app

The COVID Alert SA app can notify you if you have been exposed to another app user with coronavirus. Download it now to protect yourself and others



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# Joburg Water

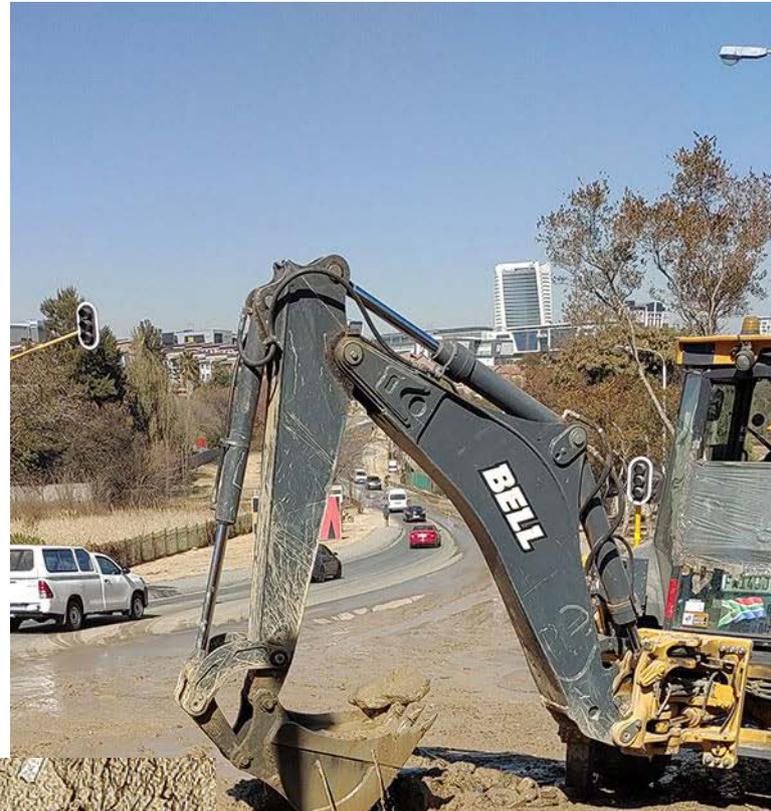


Vorna Valley has been inundated with major sewerage leaks and burst water pipes. The main water pipe corner Anton Hartman and Harry Galaun has been repaired several times previously and again in the past week.

JWater explained that this is the main pipe to Waterfall and that the contractor who put in the pipe allowed bends in this section. So the pressure of the water makes the pipes vibrate and this moves the pipe at the bends. The collar where the joins are then get a gap and hence the water leak.

Winter time has always seen an increase in burst water pipes and overflowing sewerage drains.

Unfortunately many residents still throw items into their toilets that should not go down the sewerage, hence the continuous sewerage overflows.



Vorna Valley Specialist

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# JMPD



Sadly the illegal advertising continues. Central Development even had the cheek to drill 4 holes in our LPR camera pole and pop rivet their illegal sign to it. Their excuse was that their "illegal" signs kept being taken down so they had to make a plan. Thank you Paul Veltman for drilling out the rivets and taking it down.

Why do we have to put up with illegal signs and illegal trailer ads.? JMPD hasn't been around taking down illegal signs for a very long time now. These repeat offenders should be fined.

If it doesn't have the council sticker on it, and it isn't a political poster, it is illegal.



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# City Power



Several areas in Vorna Valley were plagued by power outages. City Power was quick to respond.

We have had an increase in pre paid power issues, sometimes leaving a resident without power as they couldn't apply a top up due to a faulty pre paid meter.

Several residents reported open or broken power boxes, and though City Power was quick to resolve the issue, many boxes are still so broken, they just can not be closed anymore.

Sometimes a switch in one of these open boxes trips (or is may even have been switched off by someone malicious) This at least allows for the problem to be resolved immediately, else they may have to wait for hours while the key to open the box is being sought.



# Discovery and Dialdirect to help with Joburg pothole backlog

Staff Writer 30 April 2021



From: <https://businesstech.co.za/news/government/487179/discovery-and-dialdirect-to-help-with-joburg-pothole-backlog/>

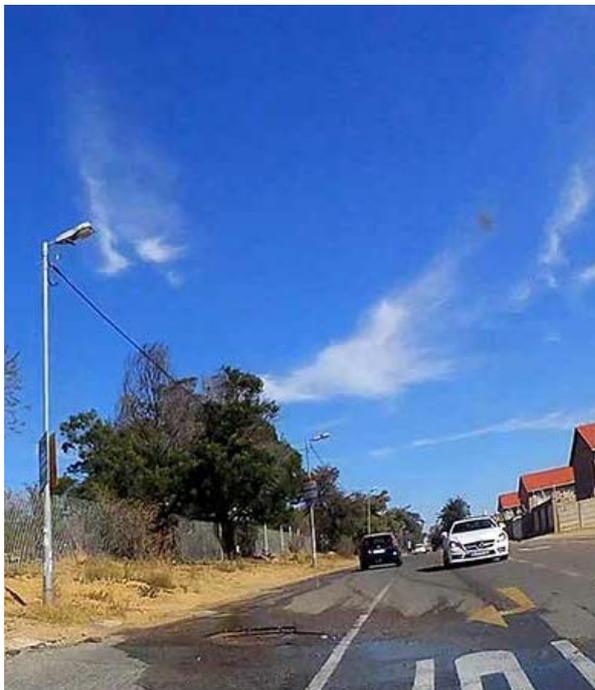
## JRA



Sadly JRA is nowhere to be found in Vorna Valley. Potholes aren't being fixed anymore. We are told that they are busy with the back log. One wonders what happened to the "Pothole Patrol" from Discovery and Dial Direct.

Unfortunately due to JWater having to dig up on the corner of Anton Hartman and Harry Galaun, JRA have not been able to fix these traffic lights. Hopefully JWater will resolve this issue permanently so that the traffic lights can be fixed.

Residents are urged to report pothole and street lights that are not working.





## S.W.A.T Special Operations Team

Our existing proactive department will be undergoing even more intense training with regards to handling stressful situations, house penetration techniques and hostage situations.

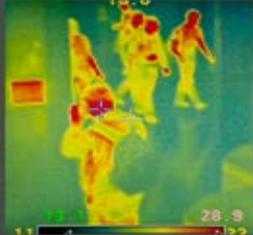
Equipment being issued :

- 4x4 Vehicles – equipped for our rugged SA terrain.
- Rescue and fire equipment.
- State-of-the-art drone with thermal imaging camera regulated through the CAA.
- Handheld Monocular thermal imaging cameras.
- Firearms - Hand guns and Carbine semi-automatic rifles.
- Full combat gear - Jacket, uniform, vest, elbow and knee pads, mask, helmet and boots.
- Secured radio frequency with ear pieces for special operations.



**HANDHELD MONOCULAR**

Thermal vision allowing our SWAT team to see the heat traces of criminals up to 200m.



**THERMAL DRONE IMAGE**

FLIR cameras installed to detect thermal imaging of criminals from 100m in the air and liaise with our teams on the ground.



**DRONE CAPABILITIES**

Drones operate with great precision, and can outperform the human hand. Drones can fly in small, confined areas to larger voids and rivers with thick bush.



# BEWARE

## MASSIVE INCREASE IN DOG THEFTS

**MAKE SURE YOUR DOG IS SAFE AND PROPERLY PROTECTED WHEN YOU ARE NOT HOME**

**Thieves target the following areas:**

- Dogs left in cars
- Dogs left outside shops
- Dogs left in gardens, kennels and front driveways
- Snatching dogs while being walked



**DOGS ARE USED FOR RESALE, RANSOM, BREEDING AND BAITING**

Never leave your dogs alone outside. Don't let young children walk your dogs. Microchip your dog and keep the contact details up to date.

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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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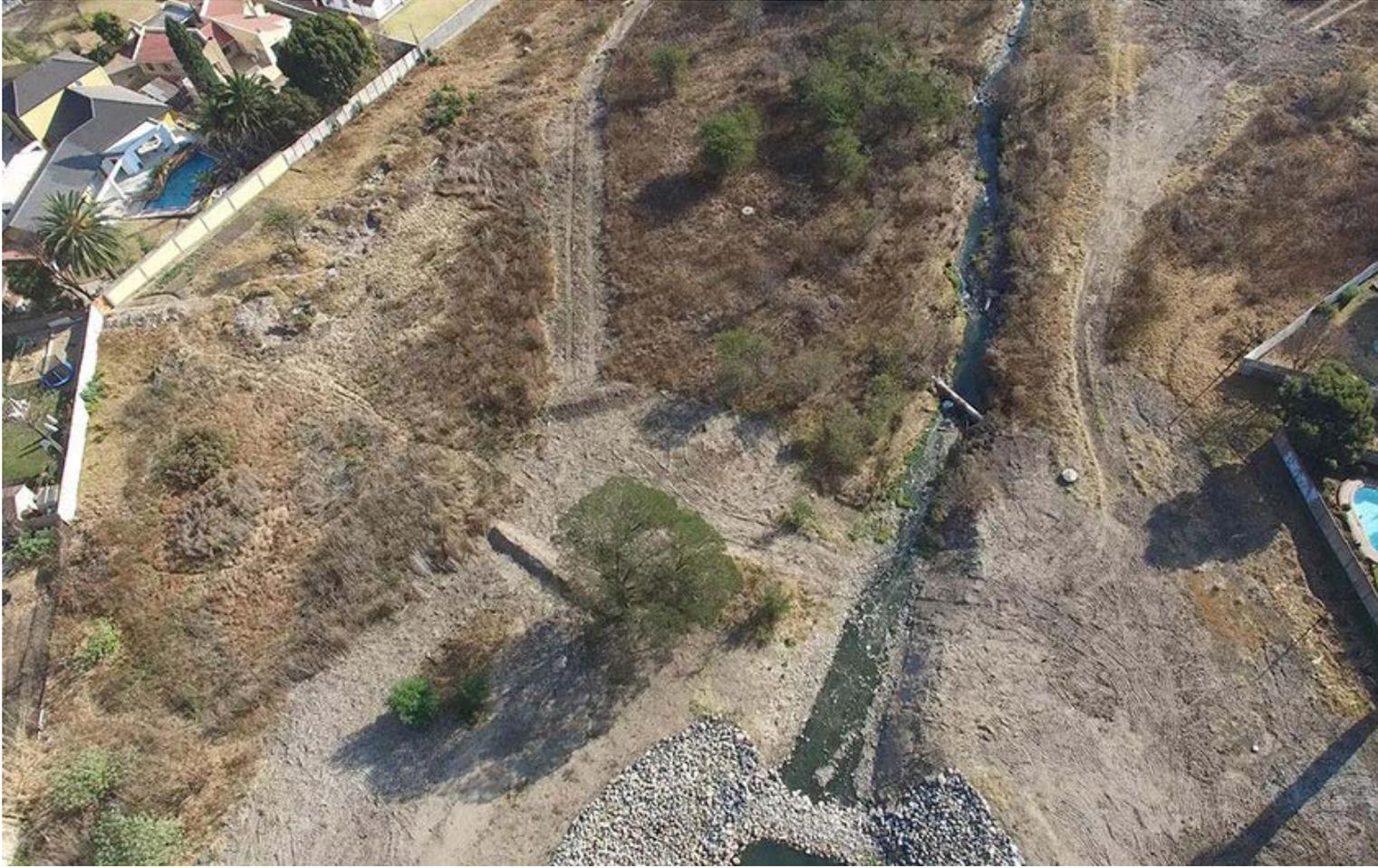
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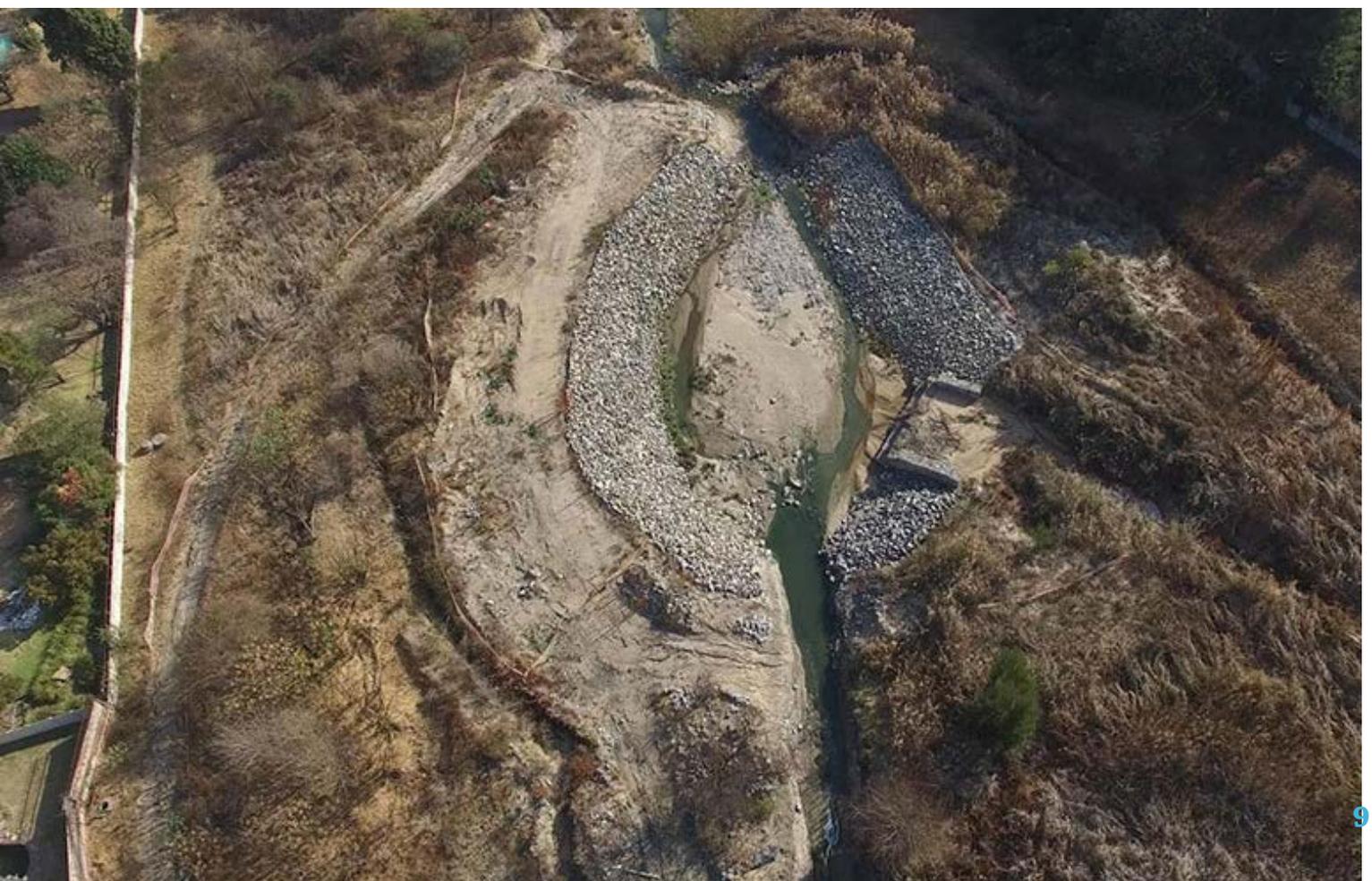
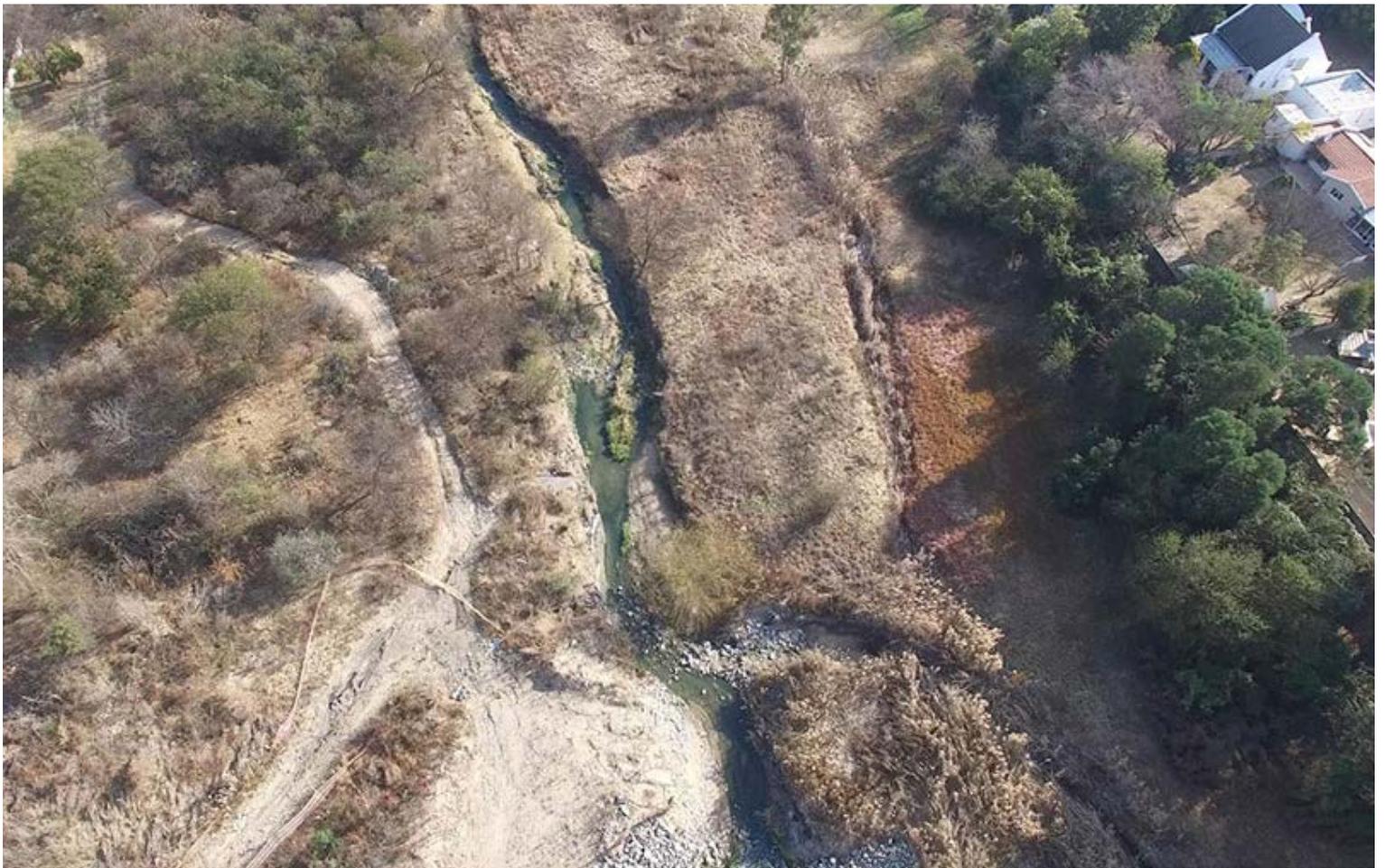
[tyrone@ncomp.org.za](mailto:tyrone@ncomp.org.za)



## Birds eye view of Vlei rehab



The video can be watched at: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3928275583968100>



# Indigenous Trees

***Dombeya tiliacea* (Endl.) Planch.**

**Family: Malvaceae** Common names: **forest wild pear, forest dombeya, little-dog-rose (Eng.); bosblompeer, bosdrolpeer (Afr.), ibunda (isiZulu), utyibo (isiXhosa)**

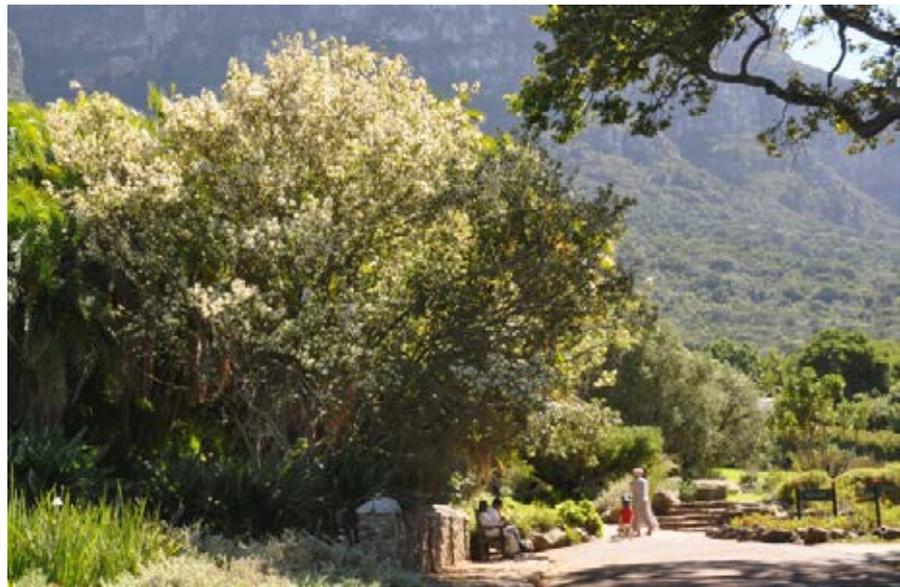
**SA Tree No: 472**

## DESCRIPTION

*Dombeya tiliacea* is a lovely shrub, sometimes scrambling, or a small deciduous tree, 3–4 m, up to 10 m tall, usually multi-stemmed. Bark is rough, dark grey. Branchlets slender, with pale lenticels and leaf scars. New growth is hairy. *Dombeya tiliacea* is easy to grow from cuttings and seed. Sow seed in spring or early summer. Take semi-hardwood cuttings in spring, when the sap starts to flow again after the winter resting period.

Grow it in fertile, well-drained soil in full sun, semi-shade or light shade. It performs best in a moderate to well-watered site and will survive a dry winter. It is able to withstand frost and can be grown on the Highveld.

From: <http://pza.sanbi.org/dombeya-tiliacea>



## DESCRIPTION

This is an evergreen tree or large shrub, often multi-stemmed, with a spreading crown and attractive glossy bright green foliage on arching and drooping branches. In the more exposed situations it is generally a stocky or shrubby tree that reaches a height of 2-5 m but in well watered, protected situations it can reach up to 12 m, and in forests, it can grow up to 20 m in height.

*Halleria lucida* is tough and easy to grow, and thrives under many different conditions. It is fast growing, and performs best in well-drained nutrient-rich loam with water provided all year round although it tolerates periods of drought. It is relatively hardy to frost (zone 9: minimum -7 °C/ 20 °F) but requires protection when young.

From : <http://pza.sanbi.org/halleria-lucida>

***Halleria lucida* L.**

**Family: Stilbaceae** Common names: **tree fuchsia, white olive (Eng.), notsung, witolienhout, witolyfhout (Afr.), umbinza (isiXhosa), indomela, umbinza (isiZulu), lebetsa (Sesotho), murevhe (Tshivenda)**

**SA Tree No: 670**



Occurs across sub-Saharan Africa, absent only from very arid areas. In southern Africa, it is common from Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Botswana to large areas of South Africa, all the way down to Cape Town. It generally prefers woodland and forest, such as *Brachystegia* (miombo) woodland, evergreen forest and suburban gardens. Both sexes participate in the construction of the nest, usually sharing the workload equally. It consists of a small cup of twigs and bark held together with spider web, decorated with lichen and often a "trail" of spider web and leaves dangling from its base.

Egg-laying season peaks from October-December.

It lays 1-4 eggs, which are incubated by both sexes for about 11-19 days. They change shifts every 20-60 minutes, although the female often does most of the incubating at night.

From: [http://www.biodiversityexplorer.info/birds/monarchidae/terpsiphone\\_viridis.htm](http://www.biodiversityexplorer.info/birds/monarchidae/terpsiphone_viridis.htm)

Bird Call: [https://ebird.org/species/afpfly1?siteLanguage=en\\_ZA](https://ebird.org/species/afpfly1?siteLanguage=en_ZA)



## Indigenous Birds

African paradise flycatcher (*Terpsiphone viridis*)

Paradysvlieëvanger [Afrikaans]; Ujejane, Unomaphelana [Xhosa]; iNzwece, uVe [Zulu]; Kapantsi-*ea*-meru [South Sotho]; Mmakgwadi [North Sotho]; Nglhazi [Tsonga]; Afrikaanse paradijsmonarch [Dutch]; Tchitrec d'Afrique [French]; Paradiesschnäpper [German]; Papa-moscas-do-paráiso [Portuguese]

Southern Red Bishop (*Euplectes orix*)  
Red Bishop (Eng.); rooivink (Afr.)



The Southern Red Bishop is 10–11 centimetres long and has a thick, conical bill. The breeding males are brightly coloured with red (occasionally orange) and black plumage. The forehead, face and throat are black and the rest of the head is red. The upperparts are red apart from the brown wings and tail. The upper breast and under tail coverts are red while the lower breast and belly are black. The non-breeding male and female have streaky brown plumage, paler below. The females are smaller than the males, the bill, legs and feet are pale pinkish. The eyes are dark brown. Southern Red Bishops have various twittering calls and a nasal contact call; the male has a buzzing song.

From: <https://www.sanbi.org/animal-of-the-week/southern-red-bishop/> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern\\_red\\_bishop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_red_bishop)

Bird Call: [https://ebird.org/species/redbis?siteLanguage=en\\_ZA](https://ebird.org/species/redbis?siteLanguage=en_ZA)



Male



Female



# Where to log issues

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
<a href="mailto:customer@jwater.co.za">customer@jwater.co.za</a>	No Water	1 day
SMS 076-333-5052	Sewer	24 Hours
24 hour hotline: 0860 562 874	Meter Leak	7 Working days
<a href="http://www.johannesburgwater.co.za">www.johannesburgwater.co.za</a>	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
<a href="http://citypower.mobi">http://citypower.mobi</a>	Dangerous Situation	Immediate
<a href="https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html">https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html</a>	Street Light not working	2 working days
Report illegal connection 080 000 2587	Meter Conversions	5 working days
<a href="mailto:anticorruption@tip-offs.com">anticorruption@tip-offs.com</a>	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		
<a href="mailto:wmcqueries@citypower.co.za">wmcqueries@citypower.co.za</a>		
Pre-paid Queries: Telephone: 011 490 7484		
<a href="mailto:estimations@citypower.co.za">estimations@citypower.co.za</a>		
Johannesburg Road Agency		
Joburg connect: 086-056-2874	Potholes	3 working days
011-298-5000	Manhole Cover missing	3 days
<a href="mailto:hotline@jra.org.za">hotline@jra.org.za</a>	Blocked kerb inlet	3 days
<a href="https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/">https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/</a>	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
Download claim form from: <a href="http://www.jra.org.za/customer-service">www.jra.org.za/customer-service</a>	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
<a href="mailto:info@pikitup.co.za">info@pikitup.co.za</a>	Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site	7 days
<a href="mailto:joburgconnect@joburg.org.za">joburgconnect@joburg.org.za</a>	Street cleaning, Lane flushing, Area cleaning	
<a href="http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/">http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/</a>	Bulk Waste collections	
Illegal dumping: 080 087 3342 or <a href="mailto:info@pikitup.co.za">info@pikitup.co.za</a>	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
<a href="mailto:jcp@jhbcityparks.com">jcp@jhbcityparks.com</a> or <a href="mailto:joburgconnect@joburg.org.za">joburgconnect@joburg.org.za</a>	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		
<a href="mailto:msebatjane@jhbcityparks.com">msebatjane@jhbcityparks.com</a> CC <a href="mailto:jndou@jhbcityparks.com">jndou@jhbcityparks.com</a>		
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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		
<a href="mailto:gps.midrand.sc@saps.gov.za">gps.midrand.sc@saps.gov.za</a>		
Crime Stop Tip-Off 08600 10111		
Hawks Anti-Corruption Desk: 012 846 4590		
<a href="mailto:CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za">CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za</a>		
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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