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NEWSLETTER

Vorna Valley Residents Association

June
2021



COVID-19

COVID-19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

13 848 194 TESTS CONDUCTED
2 179 297 POSITIVE CASES
1 904 107 RECOVERIES
64 138 DEATHS
21 610 NEW CASES

Active Cases
211 052

SATURDAY
10
July 2021

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Unallocated
Confirmed Cases: 00

Daily Deaths
265

Recovery Rate
87,4%

Vaccines Administered
4 225 021

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



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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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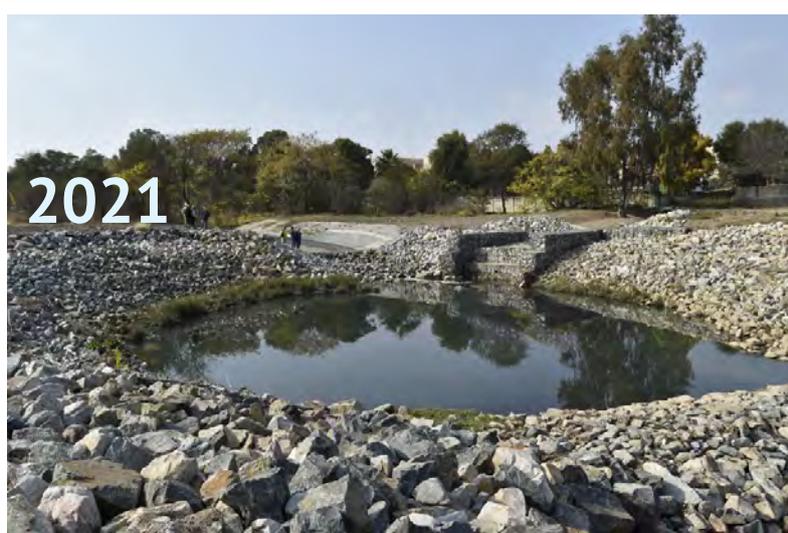
People. Passion. Property

Vorna Valley Vlei Rehab.

A few residents joined us on a walk in the Vlei (wetland) to see what rehabilitation has been done so far. What should have been done in one year, is now rolling over into the 3rd year, due to COVID-19, Contractor issues and heavy rains that washed away some of the work already done.

As the chairperson of the VVRA, I'm quite disappointed in the work done so far. The monies that was allocated for the Vlei rehabilitation, turned into controlling the water to save houses along the banks from flooding, instead of rehabilitating the Vlei (wetland).

It has always been a rule that one can not build inside the 100 year flood line, yet council, years ago, approved many buildings and houses built, in some cases within the 10 meter flood line.



Vorna Valley Specialist

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So sadly our Vlei is turning into a massive concrete and rock wetland and the environment has been badly damaged and will take years to recover.

We just feel that the contractors actually have no idea what they are doing and JRA is not correcting the mistakes.

Residents and the VVRA asked on many occasions to be allowed to take a walk in the Vlei to see what the contractors were doing, yet only after 2 years, did we get the opportunity to go in. Where they hiding something?? Do we have a competent CLO?? Does the councillor know what should really have been done???

We have still not received the plans from either the councillor, the CLO or JRA promise after promise to send them to us



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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.

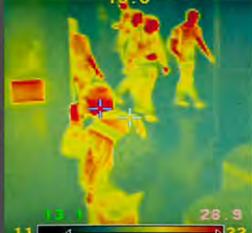
Equipment being issued :

- 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.
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- Dogs left in gardens, kennels and front driveways
- Snatching dogs while being walked



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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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Indigenous Trees

Heteropyxis natalensis Harvey

Common names: Lavender Tree,
Laventelboom (A), iNkunzi (Z)SA

Tree No: 455

DESCRIPTION

A well-shaped, neat semi-deciduous tree bearing glossy dark green foliage that gives a wonderful seasonal display, turning to red in autumn. Small cream flowers are followed by tiny dark-brown capsules. The bark is grey and matures to creamy-tan with a contorted and flaky appearance.

NATURAL HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION

Stony hillsides and the margins of evergreen forest.

WILDLIFE & ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS

Heteropyxis natalensis attracts birds, butterflies, bees and beetles during the day and moths in the night.

The flowers attract the net wing beetle and you'll see masses of them on your trees in February/March. Do not despair as they are harmless.

From: <https://www.plantbook.co.za/heteropyxis-natalensis/>



Apodytes dimidiata is the ideal tree for the home garden as it does not have messy fruits and is safe to plant near the house, not disturbing the foundations or paved areas.

Description

This is a small bushy tree 4 to 5 m tall, but reaching a height of 20 m when growing in a forest. It has evergreen, glossy, bright green leaves that have a paler green, dull underside. The bark is pale grey and smooth.

Apodytes dimidiata forms small, white, fragrant blooms in loose bunches, that are borne in summer, and are frequently produced in striking profusion. The fruit is berry-like, black and flattened, with a persistent, finger like style in the notch and a scarlet, fleshy, lateral appendage that gives the fruit a kidney shape. Fruits are borne in mid to late summer.

From: <http://pza.sanbi.org/apodytes-dimidiata-subspdimidiata>

Apodytes dimidiata E.Mey. ex Arn. subsp.
dimidiata

Family: Icacinaceae

Common names: white pear, bird's eye
(Eng.); witpeer (Afr.); umdakane (Xhosa);
umdagane (Zulu); umdzagame (Swati)
sephopha-madi, kgalagangwê (N. Sotho),
tshipopha-madi (Venda)

SA Tree No: 422



This long-winged raptor is predominantly grey or white with black shoulder patches, wing tips and eye stripe. The long falcon-like wings extend beyond the tail when the bird is perched. In flight, the short and square tail is visible and it is not forked as in the typical kites of the genus *Milvus*. When perched, often on roadside wires, it often adjusts its wings and jerks its tail up and down as if to balance itself. The sexes are alike in plumage.[9] Their large forward-facing eyes placed under a bony shelf that shades them is distinctive; their velvety plumage and zygodactyl feet are characters shared with owls and the genus has been considered as a basal group within the Accipitridae. They are thought to have been adapted for living in savanna habitats where seasonal rodent population peaks occur.

From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-winged_kite

Indigenous Birds

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus

also known as the black-shouldered kite (not to be confused with the closely related Australian species with the same name)

One we spotted while on our walk in the Vlei



A courting pair (*E. c. vociferus*) with a rodent



Helmeted guineafowl
Numida meleagris



The helmeted guineafowl is a large 53 to 58 centimetres (21 to 23 in) bird with a round body and small head. They weigh about 1.3 kilograms (2.9 lb). The body plumage is gray-black spangled with white. Like other guineafowl, this species has an unfeathered head. In this species it is decorated with a dull yellow or reddish bony knob, and bare skin with red, blue or black hues. The wings are short and rounded, and the tail is likewise short. Various sub-species are proposed, differences in appearance being mostly a large variation in shape, size and colour of the casque and facial wattles.

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

A "keet" is the term used to call a young guinea



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			
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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			
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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	
Download claim form from: www.jra.org.za/customer-service	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	
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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	
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