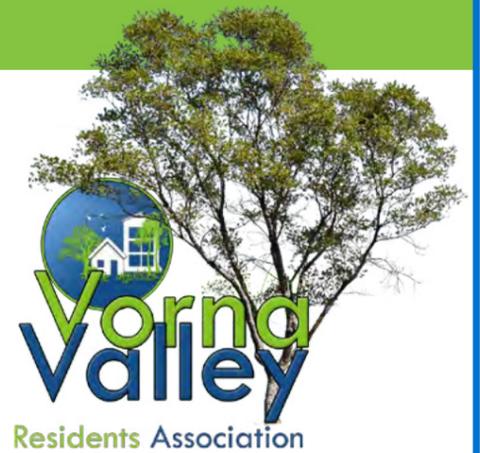


Working for you

# Vorna Valley Residents Association

# Newsletter



May 2018

## VVRA Committee

- Marianne Nel - Chairperson
- Carol Thornton - Secretary, S@S
- Hein de Kock - Treasurer, Infrastructure
- Paul Mann - Social
- Carol Barnes - Greens
- Paul Veltman - SCF/Security

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



### Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Being a victim of crime is unexpected, frightening and overwhelming. Often there is no sign of physical injury, but the traumatic event has a serious impact on the victim and their quality of life. It is common for people who have experienced traumatic situations to have very strong emotional reactions. Understanding normal responses to these abnormal events can help you cope with your feelings, thoughts and behaviours, and help you recover.

#### What Happens to People After a Traumatic Event?

As the initial shock subsides, reactions vary from one person to another. These, however, are normal responses to a traumatic event:

**Feelings become intense and are sometimes unpredictable** (irritable, moody, anxious, nervous, depressed, angry, and revengeful.)

**Thoughts and behaviour patterns are affected by the trauma** (unexpected vivid memories of the event, difficulty concentrating or making decisions, easily confused, sleeping and eating patterns disrupted)

**Relationships may become strained** (More conflict with family or co-workers, or withdrawal and isolation)

**Physical symptoms may accompany the extreme stress** (headaches, trembling, nausea, dry mouth, upset stomach)

The Victim Empowerment Centre, comprises of volunteer counsellors who assist victims with debriefing and trauma counselling. It offers both emotional and practical support to people who have experienced serious and or violent crime. If you need counselling after a traumatic violent crime, please contact the VEC (Sue Klingenberg) on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and at no charge!

We would love to be able to extend the Centres operating hours in order to assist more people. In order to do this we need to get more counsellors involved with the centre. If you would be interested in joining our amazing team, please contact Sue on 076 445 2451. Training will be provided.

Thank you to **Jacky Dawson** who sponsored a filing and stationary cabinet and **Dave Martin** for collecting them and taking them to the Victim Empowerment office.

Thank you to **Nigel Govender of Breathe Easy Cleaning Solutions** for sponsoring the cleaning of the Victim Empowerment Centre's furniture and carpet.

He will also be donating monthly consumables like paper towel dispensers, air fresheners and hand sanitizers.



**VICTIM EMPOWERMENT**  
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**Contact details for Sector 2:**  
**Sector Commander - Sergeant Nkatingi**  
**082 888 7731 (Office Hours)**  
**Sector 2 Vehicle**  
**071 675 6110 (24/7)**  
**Areas: Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park, Carlswald, Halfway Gardens, Kyalami Hills.**



We would like to let residents know that the **The Courier Restaurant** at the Swiss Country Club on Moerdyk Street is not just for members. Anyone can go there for a good meal. They support the VVRA and it would be wonderful if residents supported them.  
Email: courier@hot.co.za  
Cell: 082 561 0063 (Wolfgang)





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Sadly, informal recyclers decided the wetland was a good place to dump all their rubbish. Together with Phambili Services, Pikitup, the VVRA cleaner, and JMPD, we got down to the nitty gritty of removing it. Jeffrey Mahlangu of Pikitup came in full force, but due to the fact that the rubbish was down on the embankment, the trucks and machine left to go help elsewhere, and JMPD left to open a case to have these vagrants removed, but never came back.

**FROM Phambili Services:**

"On the Wednesday 30th of May 2018, members from the Vorna Valley Residents' Association, along with Pikitup and Phambili Services set-out to clean up a portion of the Vorna Valley wetland area where illegal dumping has taken place. Andre Brown of the Vorna Valley Spar kindly donated refreshments and snacks for all of those who took part in the clean-up.

Together the clean-up crew collected a whopping 1.13 Tonnes of waste from the illegal dumping site. But unfortunately, it was reported the next day that individuals had once again dumped in that area and it had returned to disarray.

This situation raises the question of whether law enforcement will step up to assist residents with this challenge or continue to ignore their plea. It also brings up the necessity of responsible waste disposal and environmental consideration and awareness. Requests were made for the JMPD and the DA Councillors in the area to assist with removing the debris as well as the people responsible for it - yet no help was given in this regard. Not only is this problem an eyesore but it also creates a threat to flora and fauna within the wetland area interfering with the natural balance within the ecosystem.

Phambili Services is a waste management service which offers an array of waste disposal facilities including a FREE recycling service to Midrand residents. We urge all residents to get involved and start recycling to positively contribute to environmental change. Recyclables are collected weekly in the Midrand area to get involved please contact Phambili Services email on Recycling@phambiliservices.com or call them on 0861 767 666."

We would like each and every resident living in a complex or in a free standing house to have a good look at where your rubbish, that is meant for Pikitup to collect, ends up. There are many such areas that get misused by these informal recyclers all over Midrand, hence we URGE ALL residents to please, please start recycling at home or get your complexes involved. We just can not afford to loose our wetland or have areas turned into dump sites where rats run around and where diseases will break out. You owe it to our next generation to start taking care of our city NOW!



**WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?**

**PLATINUM**  
RESIDENTIAL

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*"To waste and destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them.*

Theodore Roosevelt

Phambili's people and the VVRA cleaner work relentlessly to remove this rubbish to save our wetland and river. A BIG thank you goes to Andre Brown of the Vorna Valley SPAR for sponsoring pies and coke for everyone working here.



4 Hours later and 1.13 tons of rubbish was removed and taken away by Phambili Services to recycle.



**PAM GOLDING**  
PROPERTIES

Wishing you a  
*Happy Father's Day*

I am your Vorna Valley Area Specialist:  
**Mpunga Serge 084 686 5498**

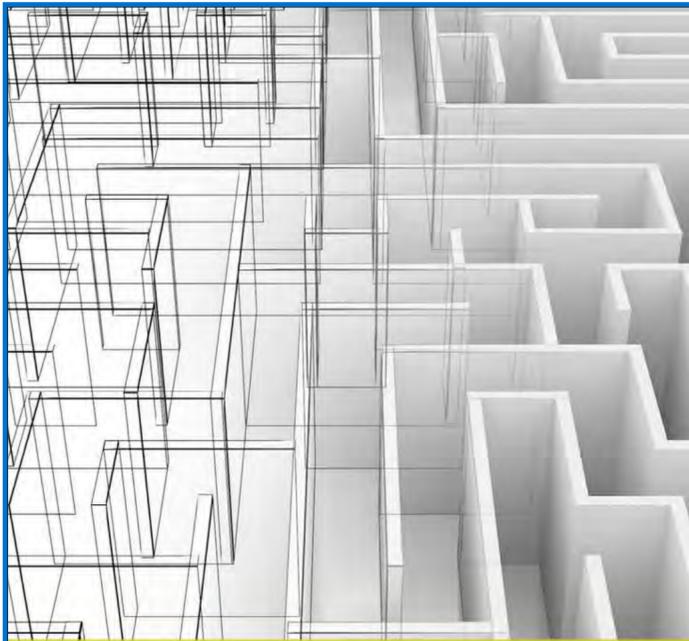
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# CAREER KIDS

CONNECT 4 PURPOSE

## Tertiary Readiness Programme

IS THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHILD ON YOUR MIND?  
WILL THEY FINISH THEIR TERTIARY EDUCATION AND GET GOOD JOBS?

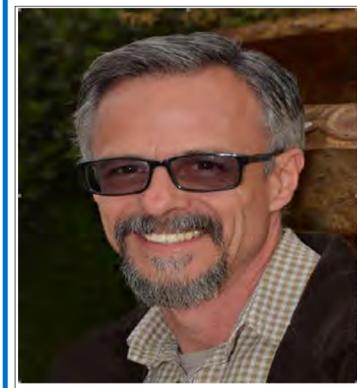
This 1-day programme for kids in Gr11 and Gr12 is created by consultant and career coach, Verushka Bhagaloo Rajagopaul, Managing Director at Connect 4 Purpose.

She has helped many people improve their employability, and increased the productivity of businesses and their people.

After this programme, your child will know how to study in an unstructured environment to apply their knowledge effectively, build effective relationships and manage their tertiary life to be a success.

There are only 20 spots available.

DATE: 26 JUNE 2018  
TIME: 9:30AM - 4PM  
LOCATION: WATERFALL VILLAGE ESTATE  
COST: R750 PER CHILD (INCLUDING LUNCH AND SNACKS)  
BOOK: EMAIL ME ON VERUSHKA@CONNECT4PURPOSE.COM



## SERGIO DE ANDRADE PHOTOGRAPHY

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Sergio is an outgoing, passionate person who is a freelance photographer with approximately 30 years of experience in all genres of photography.

Born in Mozambique and raised in Johannesburg/Pretoria, Sergio has always been attracted to a photographic lifestyle and made Midrand his home in 2002 with his wife Teresa, where he spends most of his available time giving properties the photographic edge they need to help promote and influence potential new clients.

Sergio also offers a 'Basic Photographic' course, either One-on-One or to a group of people who require refreshing their photographic knowledge or wanting to learn the basics of photography. These courses are priced affordably.

Sergio speaks English, Afrikaans and Portuguese fluently; therefore these courses are presented in any of these 3 languages, in and around Johannesburg/Pretoria as well as throughout South Africa and abroad.

Currently, Sergio is covering all genres of photography. At one stage, he was the chief photographer at a monthly magazine for 7 years. If you are an Architect, Developer, Interior Designer, Real Estate Agent/Agency, Hospitality Business, Wedding Planner, Crèche/ Primary/High School co-ordinator, pick up the phone and hear how he can help you achieve your goals. Sergio strives to be the best in the business and takes a lot of pride in his work, offering high quality photos in a record time and at a fraction of the price.

Capturing a true reflection and the ambience of each event is his number one priority. Along with always being on time, professionally dressed and most importantly treating all clients the same way you would.

Sergio photographs each event with the utmost care, detail and finesse, to come up with fresh new concepts and ideas, unique angles and compositions, guaranteeing a high quality product.

\* Customized packages: Basic Photographic courses and professional lighting and backdrops are available on request.

## WHERE TO LOG SERVICES DELIVERY CALLS

Vorna Valley Residents Association

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  
Report illegal dumping with an accurate address and where possible a photo on whatsapp to 082-779-1361  
Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250  
JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342

Johannesburg Water	Pikitup
011-375-5555 customer@jwater.co.za SMS 082-653-2143 Anonymous tip-offs 0800-00-25-87 sms charged at R1.50 anticorruption@tip-offs.com	0860 56 28 74 011-375-5555 info@pikitup.co.za www.pikitup.co.za joburgconnect@joburg.org.za
Water Burst: 48 Hours No Water: 1 day Sewer: 24 Hours Meter Leak: 7 Working days Fire Hydrant Leak: 2 days Bees in meter box: 3 days	New/additional bin request: 7 days Animal Carcass removal: 24 hours Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site: 7 days

City Power	City Parks
011-375-5555 0860 56 28 74 http://citypower.mobi www.citypower.co.za and click "Fault Reporting"	0860 56 28 74 011-712-6600 10177
No Power to area/property: 4 Hours Illegal Connection: 24 Hours Dangerous Situation: Immediate Street Light not working: 2 working days Meter Conversions: 5 working days Faulty Meter: 7 working days	Grass cutting in open spaces: Up to 30 days Grass cutting of parks: Dependent on status of park Grass cutting in cemeteries: 7 days Fallen Tree/branches: 24 hours Pruning of Tree: 30 days

Johannesburg Road Agency	South African Police Service
0860 56 28 74 011-298-5001 hotline@jra.org.za	011-347-1600 Sector 2 SAPS 071-675-6110 Sector 2 SAPS 071-675-6111 Police Emergency - 10111 Capt Chetty - 076 419 1049
Potholes: 3 working days Manhole Cover missing: 3 days Blocked kerb inlet: 3 days Road trenches: 3 days Road Collapse/Dangerous Situation: Immediate to make road safe Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing: 7 days Traffic Signals All Out: 24 Hours Traffic Signal Flashing: 24 Hours	

Fire Department and Ambulance	Johannesburg Metro Police Department
Midrand Fire Department and Ambulance 011-375-5911 10177	011 375 5918 / 5911
	Traffic Violations: Dependent on incident and resources available Noise Dumping Motor Vehicle Accident Vagrants

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**Half Page : R400/month (Now R200)**

**Full Page : R800/month (Now R400)**

**Please contact [info@vvra.co.za](mailto:info@vvra.co.za)**

**Small Ad : R50/month  
(Now R25)**

**Small Ad : R35/month  
(Now R17.50)**

**Quarter Page : R200/month.  
(Now R100)**

**Small Ad : R50/month  
(Now R25)**

**Small Ad : R85/month  
(Now R42.50)**