



Vorna Valley Residents Association working for you

VVRA Newsletter
November 2016

Let's stand together and work together.....

Dear Vorna Valley Residents

We have been through some tough times this past year with more infrastructure problems than we would have liked, but due to no upgrades being done to our infrastructure, and more and more new developments being approved, the residents are saddled up with all the issues such as: traffic jams, burst water pipes, power outages, potholes, blocked water ways and storm water drains, overflowing sewerage pipes, overgrown pavements, fallen trees etc. The VVRA together with surrounding suburbs in

Midrand are going to stand up against new developments being approved without infrastructure upgrades. We are tired of the mismanagement of our suburbs, corruption and underhanded deals. It is time council looked at what is good for our residents and not at what is good for their coffers.

The VVRA committee wish each and everyone a wonderful holiday season, drive safely, stay safe and come back refreshed for 2017

VVRA Committee

Marianne Nel - Chairperson
Carol Thornton - Secretary, S@S
Sue Klingenberg - Treasurer
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Fran Stone, Paul Mann - Social
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Santa in Vorna Valley - 3 December 2016



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



**VICTIM
EMPOWERMENT**
076 445 2451

The Victim Empowerment Centre, comprises of volunteer counsellors who assist victims with debriefing and trauma counselling. If you need counselling after a traumatic violent crime, please contact Nicola Arend on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!

**Please don't
forget to
RECYCLE!!**



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We would like to let all residents know that 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 support them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za
or phone Wolfgang
on 082 561 0063

Platinum Residential Photo Booth fun at the Santa Event



PLATINUM steven@platinum.co.za
 residential 083 233 8888



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JRA

JRA came to clean up the blocked bridges on le Roux, and even though they left the mess and debris behind, we are just happy that this has partially been attended to. Hopefully they will come remove the debris soon, and clean the rest of the water way.

Our roads are still full of potholes and sand and hopefully JRA will attend to this soon. We ask that residents report potholes and sand on roads to JRA.



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Operating mainly on referrals from Vorna Valley Animal Hospital since 2000. Protection training strictly subject to high level obedience and temperament control

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KLEEN BIN – SAVING WATER!

Kleen Bin's branded trailers are a familiar sight in many neighbourhoods on bin day. Operators provide an invaluable service – washing, sanitising and deodorising wheelie bins – all while keeping water usage to a minimum.

'SAVING WATER' is Kleen Bin's slogan, and water conservation is a priority for the company. According to Kleen Bin, the average household uses approximately 50 litres of water to clean a single 240-litre refuse bin, while franchisees use just one litre of water to clean and sanitise the same bin.

Getting your bin cleaned is hassle free. We come to your place and do the dirty work for you.

Our Bi-Weekly Clean is R72.00 Per Month.
 Our Weekly Clean is R112.00 Per Month.

Please contact Precious or Geraldene on 011 435-4777, alternatively on 074 434 8715.



Packaging all in one Centre

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And Much Much More!!



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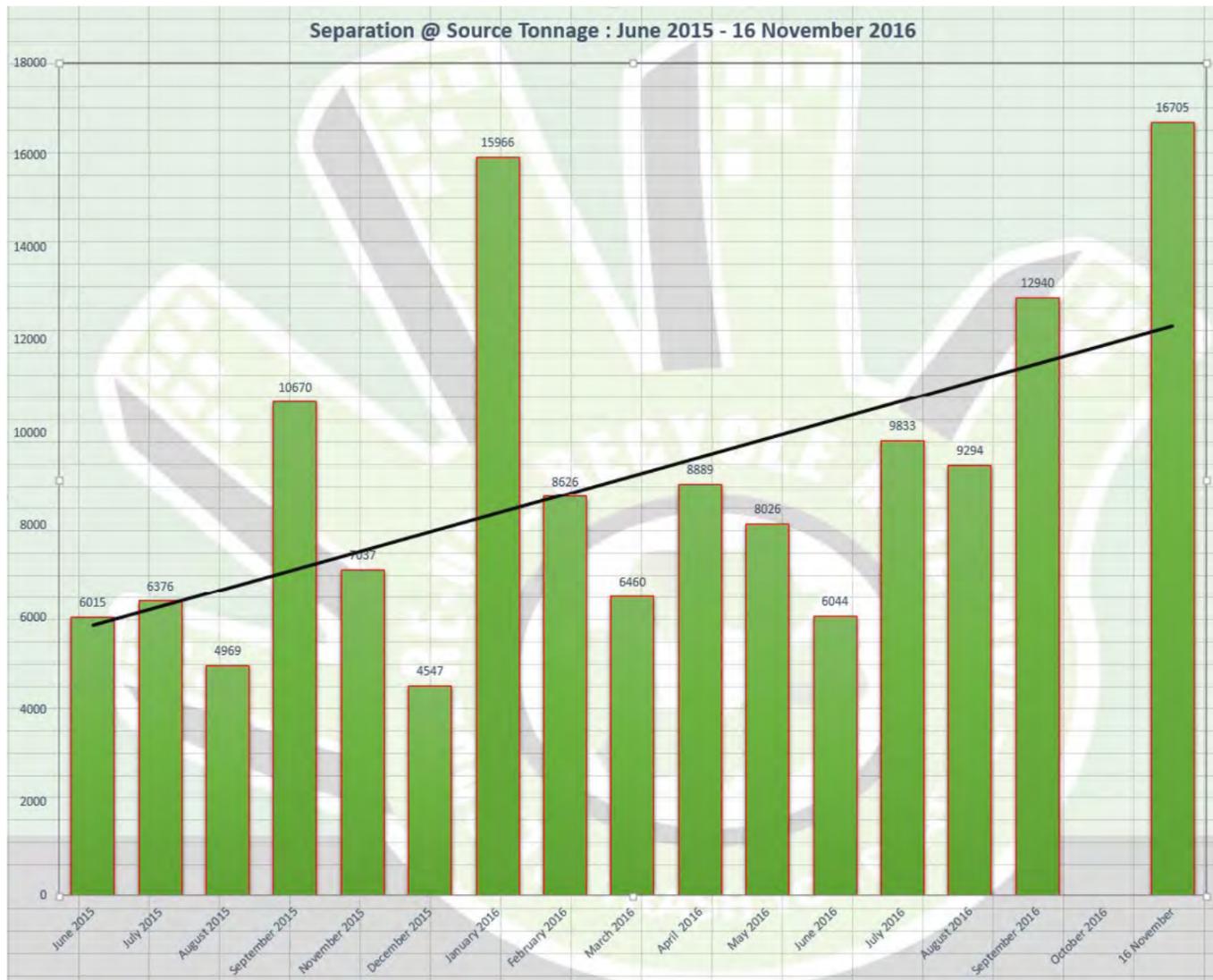
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Separation @ Source (S@S) recycling

If every resident that partakes in this project, brings a new resident onboard, we could double the tonnage, so we kindly request that each and everyone make an effort to bring other non recycling residents onboard.

Please send details to secretary@vvra.co.za to join this project.



For our little residents.... A bit of info on our bird street names....Swallow

The **greater striped swallow** is 18–20 cm long. It has dark blue upperparts with a pale orange rump and a chestnut crown, nape and sides of the head. The underparts and underwing coverts are creamy white with dark streaking, and the upper wings and underwing flight feathers are blackish-brown. The blackish tail has very long outer feathers; these are slightly longer in the male than the female. Juveniles are duller and browner, with less contrast and shorter outer tail feathers. The flight is slow and buoyant, and the call is a twittering chissick.



This species can be distinguished from the smaller lesser striped swallow, *Hirundo abyssinica*, in that the latter species has heavier and darker underparts striping, a deeper red rump, and rufous rather than buffy ear coverts. Lesser also prefers less open habitats.

It breeds in southern Africa, mainly in South Africa, Namibia and southern Zimbabwe. It is migratory wintering further north in Angola, Tanzania and southern Zaire.

The greater striped swallow is common, unafraid of humans, and has benefited from the availability of nest sites around habitation. It feeds mainly on flying insects, but has been known to eat small fruits. It is a bird of dry open country, such as grassland, and has a preference for hills and mountains. It avoids



more wooded areas, but is often found around human habitation.

The greater striped swallow builds a bowl-shaped mud nest with a tubular entrance on the underside of a suitable structure. The nest has a soft lining, and is often reused in later years. The nest may be built in a cave or under a rock overhang or fallen tree. This species has benefited from its willingness to use buildings, bridges, culverts and similar man-made structures. Given the choice, it will select a high nest site.

The eggs are glossy white with a few brown spots; three eggs is a typical clutch. Incubation is by the female alone for 17 to 20 days to hatching. Both parents then feed the chicks. Fledging takes another 23 to 30 days, but the young birds will return to the nest to roost for a few days after the first flight.

Helpful Contacts:



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10177



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www.citypower.co.za and click "Fault Reporting"



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011-712-6600
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0860 56 28 74
011-298-5001
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Invasive Plants in South Africa

Moth catcher

Common name: Moth catcher

Scientific name: *Araujia serifera* (Asclepiadaceae)

Alternative common names: Motvanger (Afrikaans)

A vigorous climber with milky sap growing to 5m or higher. Leaves are dark green and smooth above and pale green or whitish below with short, dense hairs. White, cream or pale pink flowers appear from November to April. Green, spongy fruits which turn brown and woody and split to release numerous blackish seeds. Poisonous, causing skin irritation.

Where does this species come from?

South America

What is its invasive status in South Africa?

Existing legislation: CARA 2002 - Category 1

NEMBA - Category 1b

How does it spread?

Dispersal of blackish seeds.

Why is it a problem?

Overtops and smothers other species and produces poisonous milky latex and seeds.

Does the plant have any uses?

Planted as an ornamental.

Plant me instead alternatives

Traveller's joy (*Clematis brachiata*), flowering ivy (*Senecio macroglossus*), starry wild jasmine (*Jasminum multipartitum*)



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in our
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page 8.

Donations and
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help keep Vorna
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Our Sponsors

Wendy Redl from Harcourts Residential Properties sponsored the garden and balls on Greig street and one day a week for a cleaner, and bottled water for the Vlei Clean up - 2015 and 2016.



Wendy Redl
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Here we are.
With you all the way.



Wolfgang Wollauz of The Courier at the Swiss Country Club accommodates the VVRA meetings and AGMs



Steven McLaren of Platinum Residential sponsors one day a week for a cleaner and Platinum sponsored the garden on Harry Galaun/Elizabeth Fry.



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STEVEN McLAREN

Eugene Vorster of Central Developments sponsors two days a week for a cleaner.




The Vorna Valley SPAR sponsored cooldrinks for our yearly Vlei Clean-up 2015 and 2016.



The Vorna Valley Shopping Centre sponsors one day a week for a cleaner to keep the shopping centre's pavement clean and tidy.

Vorna Valley Shopping Centre
Albertyn Road
Vorna Valley, Midrand
011 805 3346

TRSS sponsored security for our yearly Vlei Clean-up 2016.



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Heaven's Kitchen supplies our cleaners with lunch



Veggie Divine Foods sponsored the replacement gate to the Vorna Valley Vlei on le Roux Ave.



VeggieDivineFoods.com

Midway Mica sponsors locks for the Vorna Valley Vlei from time to time and the loan of their bolt cutter.



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Midway Mews Shopping Centre
Cnr. 7th & Harry Galaun

Mark McDonald of Firzt Realty sponsored gloves at the Vlei Clean Up 2015 and 2016



Paul Mann of AV Unlimited supplied the sound system for our 2015 and 2016 AGM.



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