

NEWS FROM THE JHA BOARD, MARCH 2020

Dear Homeowners,

This is a rather brief newsletter to update you about recent events and developments at Jakkalsfontein.

Board members

It is with great sadness that I must announce the resignation of two Board members, Ant van Malsen and Thérèse Hulme. Ant has worked ceaselessly behind the scenes to formalise this place as a recognised nature reserve and making it the place we love. As long-standing chair of the Board, he guided Jakkalsfontein through many difficult situations. In the time she was on the Board, Thérèse re-invigorated the conservation portfolio. Her efforts can be seen in the re-emphasis on Jakkalsfontein as a nature reserve, splendidly illustrated in the 25-year review by CNdV Africa. I know I speak on behalf of all homeowners when I thank them for what they have done at Jakkalsfontein, and the friends they have been to many of us. We wish them well and hope that we will see them often as honoured visitors to this little haven on the West Coast.

Electricity supply and storage

I won't say anything more about this, as you have been informed about what is happening on this front. An update will be given after the next Board meeting at the end of March. Allow me to use this opportunity to thank Koos Vosloo for the wonderful work he has done in this regard – without his expert knowledge and guidance the Board would have found it very difficult to engage with this issue.

The 25-year report by CNdV Africa

The Board accepted in principle the report: "Jakkalsfontein Private Nature Reserve 25 Year Review" by CNdV Africa, and in particular as it relates to the Reserve's status as a coastal conservation nature reserve, guided by the "design with nature" ethos. Opportunities will be provided for homeowners to engage with all aspects of the Report.

The Board could not have done without Paul Judd's expertise in this exercise. He led the process through many iterations of the report, paying meticulous attention to technical details.

Work done during the builders' holiday

Quite a few requests were received during the builders' holiday to perform minor maintenance works and deliveries at homes. Strictly speaking, the JHA Rules do not allow for this, but as a gesture of goodwill, most of these requests were allowed to proceed. The situation was monitored as closely as possible to avoid friction with other homeowners. Nevertheless, we ask that homeowners try to avoid situations like these.

Driving on Jakkalsfontein's roads

It is tempting to allow young children to drive vehicles (cars, go-karts) on the Reserve's relatively quiet roads. This issue has been addressed by previous Boards, but it needs repeating: we cannot allow behaviour that is illegal outside Jakkalsfontein on our roads. There is an obvious safety concern related to children using go-carts, mopeds, etc. on the Reserve's roads, due to the limited visibility and the potential for disastrous accidents with vehicles.

Deliveries to homes

Homeowners are reminded that access control measures prohibit contractor deliveries between 16h00 to 07h30. In recent times we were asked to allow firewood to be delivered to houses by external firewood suppliers, sometimes after 16.00, and sometimes during the gate's daytime operation. As a general rule, homeowners and long-term tenants must inform the admin office beforehand of expected deliveries or planned work by contractors.

The following guidelines are followed to allow for some flexibility while taking security considerations in mind:

- No contractor deliveries will be allowed between 16h00 to 07h30.
- For deliveries from 07h30 to 16.00, notice must be given to the admin office at least two working days before the delivery takes place. If the delivery is by an external firewood supplier, and the owner is at home, a ranger will accompany the delivery. This will attract a charge to the homeowner. If delivery is scheduled to take place when the owner is not at home, the load of wood will be transferred to Jakkalsfontein's trailer at the gate. Our staff will deliver the wood according to homeowners' instructions and this service will attract a charge as well.

Homeowners over the years have expressed the greatest concern over security on the Reserve, and these guidelines are aimed at enhancing it.

Security

Steyn gave an extensive explanation of the security incident we experienced on the night of 20 February. Please read this message (dated 26 February) carefully and if you have not seen it, ask Meryl to re-send it to you.

On 4 March an attempt was made to steal electricity cables near Blombosch at Yzerfontein. One of our staff members was able to assist the Neighbourhood Watch to find the equipment the culprits left behind. Unfortunately the culprits were not spotted.

Johann Louw

Chair: Board of the JHA