

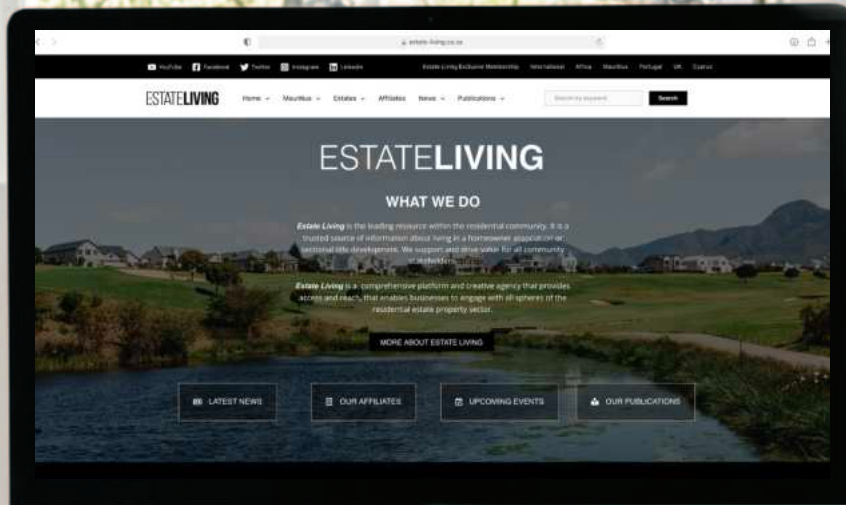
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From the CEO

'Victory belongs to the most persevering'



That is the quote written on either side of the main stadium, Philippe Chatrier, at Roland-Garros tennis precinct in Paris, France. It is also a very relevant motto for most things in life. I would like to add 'consistency' to this motto, since nobody has ever achieved any real success without being consistent in doing the right things over and over.

At Kingswood our vision is to be:

THE PREFERRED SECURE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY RESIDENTIAL GOLF ESTATE ON THE GARDEN ROUTE.

The HOA have, as our main objective, to achieve that vision for the homeowners of Kingswood. This can only be done by setting challenging goals aimed at the maintenance and improvement of the estate as a whole. Your estate staff, and trustees, work tirelessly towards achieving excellence through consistent hard work and improvement.

We saw another AGM come and go, with all the relevant formalities observed. We appointed our 2024/25 board of trustees consisting of Jonathan Witts-Hewinson, Tony Jacobsen and Fielies Nieuwoudt, and we welcome our newest member, Pietman van Heerden, to the fold – more about Pietman later in this edition.

We reappointed Moore as our auditors and they also oversaw the quorum and voting formalities.

As the estate grows in size, the number of homeowners attending in person and by proxy increases every year, and 2024 saw the highest attendance of all time, having 249 persons represented at the AGM. Well done, Kingswood!

The cold weather has not dampened the generous nature of our homeowners, and we thank everybody who made a contribution to the Mandela Day drive in support of the ODIN (Oudtshoorn Dogs In Need) food and blanket drive.

We were fortunate enough to be able to deliver a whole bakkie-load full of goodies to the management staff at ODIN. Please first consider adopting a pet from this most deserving institution before buying one from a breeder.

Work relating to the 2024 security upgrades is well under way now, and we expect to reach completion by the end of September. More surveillance cameras are being installed at strategic positions around the perimeter of the estate.

These cameras are monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to ensure that any suspect activity in close proximity to our fences is dealt with concisely and effectively. Our on-site control room also monitors all activity at our gates, as well as electric fence zone alarms, to ensure the highest level of security at Kingswood, forming part of the realisation of our vision.

Work at the new community centre/clubhouse facility is well under way and the primary contractor, Semper Prima, is pulling out all the stops to ensure that the building and related infrastructure are completed on time. The board subcommittee responsible for this project (Jonathan, Tony and myself) is working tirelessly to ensure that the needs and interests of the homeowners are carefully observed along every step of the way, one carefully considered decision at a time.

Our golf course is starting to show the impact of the winter onslaught but, all things considered, is still in an impeccable condition. Thank you to our dedicated greenkeeping staff for their hard work from very early in the morning during the icy cold winter days; they appreciate nothing more than a quick acknowledgement and praise from homeowners.

Our winter projects are progressing well and we will complete all planned activities well before the spring.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *The BUZZard*.

Kingswood greetings,

Willem Jacobs.





SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mandela Day

KGE residents contribute towards successful Mandela Day drive

To honour Nelson Mandela's legacy during July – or 'Madiba Month' as it's generally referred to in Mzansi – Kingswood residents donated food, blankets and toys to an outreach outfit that cares for animals in all corners of the district.



CEO Willem Jacobs and Communications Manager Jolene Smit took up the task to hand-deliver a heap of goodies gifted by Kingswood residents to ODIN (Oudtshoorn Dogs in Need) last month. This generous gesture was enabled by the fact that KGE locals responded en masse when a call went out for donations on the eve of Madiba Month.

ODIN is a pro-life organisation that focuses on outreach programmes for animals in need, and its work covers towns throughout the Karoo and Eden District. With its kennels based at the municipal pounds in Oudtshoorn and Blanco in George, the team sets out to educate, medicate, rescue and rehome.

First do no harm

The teams at ODIN, branded as an ‘anti-kill shelter’, dedicate their time and effort to finding loving homes for all the animals they rescue. They believe that every animal has the right to be loved and looked after. Says Jolene: ‘Just by spending a little bit of time there, you can see the love all staff members have for these animals.’

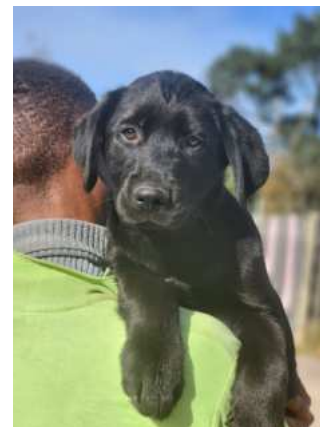
But, as is invariably the case in this industry, ODIN needs help looking for foster homes, and finding forever homes for all the deserving animals in its care. And if you’re not in a position to provide a home, go and spend some time there walking and playing

with the animals. ‘Showing them some love makes a huge difference in their lives,’ she says.

Getting roped in and dragged out!

Reliable sources report that CEO Willem had to literally pull Jolene back to the car by the earlobe to stop her from loading up dozens of adorable pups and kittens and cats and dogs: all she wanted to do was take all of those beautiful animals home with her!

‘Let’s not wait for Mandela Day to do something nice for these shelters,’ says Jolene, adding that food or goodies can be dropped off at the ODIN shelters every day – and that every little contribution counts, big time. And don’t forget that they have many beautiful puppies and kittens looking for a forever home. Call them on 072 084 1374 to find out more.



MEET THE NEW TRUSTEE

Pietman van Heerden will always make a plan



Pietman and Ronelle van Heerden

The latest arrival among Kingswood's trustees (Jonathan Witts-Hewinson, Tony Jacobsen and Fielies Nieuwoudt) is former farmer Pietman van Heerden, who took the proverbial baton from outgoing trustee Edmund Franklin after the KGE Annual General Meeting on 24 June.

When homeowners voted for a new Kingswood Golf Estate trustee, Pietman van Heerden and his wife Ronelle were still crisscrossing Europe on a tour that comprised Switzerland, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. A sure highlight, says Pietman, was the André Rieu concert that concluded their itinerary.

'We started off in the Swiss slopes in piles of snow, and ended with the concert in Rieu's birthplace of Maastricht. It was a wonderful experience – as long as you didn't sit around and count your coins all the time. Seven Euros for a beer, and nearly the same for a Coke or coffee,' he chuckles.

'When coming back from such a trip, you realise just how much there is to appreciate in South Africa, not least of which is the space – whether it's in your community estate, the city or countryside, compared to Europeans living on top of each other.'

The Van Heerdens are well travelled, having toured the UK and United States, Canada and Southeast Asia, among other destinations. But one trip that stands out for different reasons is their 2021 excursion to Namibia, along with six fellow Kingswood residents, when a large percentage of the 50+ travellers contracted Covid.

'Only four people, including Ronelle and I, did not get sick. In fact, six of the tour party died – a really traumatic experience. We also had trouble returning to South Africa and were greatly assisted by Kingswood resident Dr Johan Neethling to get back in one piece.'

Excellent offer, exceptional investment

The pandemic also played a role in Pietman's investment decisions at KGE, resulting in his selling rather than renting out their first property bought on the estate in 2006. But let's start at the very beginning: the Northern Cape farm folks' Garden Route connection.

The family Van Heerden has been holidaying on The Island at Great Brak River for aeons, trekking from the family farm

in Victoria West to the Southern Cape coast during summer breaks. So when a buyer made Pietman an irresistible offer on the farm, the decision came easily: they upped and moved to George.

They have made their house in Phase 2 a home over the past decade, having acquired their second KGE property in 2013. 'When we bought in the early 2010s, Phase 4 was set to become a retirement village. It's no longer the case, of course. We are very healthy and happy here – and there will be a Mediclinic on our doorstep soon, in case anything needs fixing!'

Lasting sporting legacy

It doesn't look as if Pietman will require any medical attention any time soon: the barrel-chested former 'boer' plays golf three times a week – a slightly less violent sporting pursuit than his earlier days spent on the rugby field. Pietman played first team for Paarl Boys' High for the last two years of his high school career, even captaining the team in his matric year.

'In 1969 we broke a five-year drought when beating Paarl Gymnasium at interschools ... but then they beat us in 1970! In a weird coincidence, the exact scenario befell their son, Ron van Heerden, with wins and losses in the same order against arch rivals Paarl Gym when it was his turn to participate in the oldest and biggest interschools rugby derby on the planet.

Pietman signed up as a member at Kingswood, Oubaai and George Golf Club when moving to the Garden Route, and reminisces with glee about playing a certain league

competition in the mid-2010s, when his Kingswood team beat George for the first time ... ever!

The Van Heerdens' other son, Piet, inherited Dad's competitive golfing gene and played on provincial level for Boland. After several working stints overseas, all three of their brood are now settled in South Africa – Paarl, Beaufort West, and Somerset West respectively, so close enough for Ronelle and Pietman to see their fine array of grandkids growing up.

Springboks, rams and dams

Apart from praising the current state of Springbok rugby, Pietman is also full of ideas to optimise the herd of buck that calls Kingswood home. Having farmed sheep, seed and game, he's no stranger to the management of livestock and has his sights on introducing a duo of Damara rams.

He also has visions of a dam that would greatly enhance the estate, from providing a bottomless water source for the golf course to attracting additional birdlife and creating water-sports opportunities. It will be an eye-pleasing feature, sure to pique investor interest too.

'Water is at the core of everything, and we have so much of it running through the estate. All you really need is a breakwater – there's no reason to block the flow – and that will make for a beautiful dam with new habitats for all kinds of wildlife, while exempting us from water restrictions.' Respect for the natural environment is second nature, but Pietman is particularly aware of Kingswood's reputation as golf estate, and ready to promote that cause wholeheartedly in his role as trustee. 'I've been approached more than once to turn Kingswood into an eco-estate, but that won't happen on my watch.

'There are a lot of good things happening on the course at Kingswood, and everyone is excited about the new clubhouse. It's a special estate with its vast open spaces, mountain views and trails. Ronelle loves walking and I love golfing, so we're in the perfect spot. Some people on the board do the books, but I'm more of an outdoors guy and will build on existing features to make Kingswood even better.' Perhaps it's a case of bringing Karoo farming rules and values into play at KGE. Pietman is fully committed to the task of being a trustee for the next year. And when listening to what he envisages for Kingswood in his low-key but confident way, an age-old Afrikaans expression springs to mind: 'n boer maak 'n plan.



Pietman and Ronelle van Heerden and family

WHEN IT COMES TO SECURITY, WE'RE ON BUDGET AND AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The BUZZard chatted to Kingswood trustee and chair of the Security Committee, Fielies Nieuwoudt, who was happy to report on the timeous progress of all operations set to be completed during the third quarter of 2024.

'It's going really well, actually,' smiles Fielies as introduction to an update on the five-year plan currently in motion to ensure that security at Kingswood Golf Estate is checking all the boxes for a property of its vast size and standout reputation.

'As far as this year's programme goes, we have finished within the budget set and we're 100% on track with planned upgrades for 2024 – all facets of which will be completed before the end of the year.' He reminds that the second phase of this five-tired security project focused mostly on fortifying all fencing and streamlining the access control process.



Changing of the guard

'Among developments immediately in the pipeline is renewing the guarding contract, which will happen in the next few weeks,' says Fielies, explaining that the current contract has lapsed and that the next company selected for the essential service of guarding will be decided through a tender process.

'Four institutions have put in tenders – Fidelity, Bidvest, Thorburn and Phangela – and we are now sifting through all data to choose the top candidate. In fact, the contract expired at the end of July, but we moved up the renewal deadline by one month to ensure that we make the right decision.' Part of the preferred company's responsibilities will be to provide more guards at the control room, while plans are also afoot for a firefighting vehicle on the estate, and for guards to have access to paintball guns for a colourful addition to the array of tools that deter unwanted elements on the estate.



He says it is essential for the guarding process to be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that everyone involved, from management to the guard doing gate duty, is vigilant at all times. 'When signing the next five-year contract, we want them to be the best of the best.'

United front

While chatting to *The BUZZard* at the gatehouse over coffee, three able-looking men moseyed over to the table to greet Fielies. They were introduced as 'Neil from ZA Projects, Johan from JP Fencing, and Kobus of Scholtz Consulting'. The latter is the 2IC of Willem Scholtz, who updated readers on KGE security in the previous edition.

'All three of these companies have been working towards keeping us on track. So we have successfully gained our COC certificate for the perimeter fence as is legally required, and the team effort continues.'

Importantly, Fielies explains that parts of the exterior fence can produce a shock of 10,000 volts when touched, and that people with pacemakers should be careful to avoid these areas. There will be interior fences that are not active and rected specifically to prevent residents from reaching the high-voltage perimeter fence.

Standout performance

'It's important to mention Caron Manchest, who has been doing an amazing job with access control and ensuring the smooth running of processes such as facial recognition. We started off with a capacity of 4,000 and have now moved that ceiling up to 10,000 since new registrations are frequent, for instance when people get new phones. Caron takes no nonsense, and quickly mastered all the relevant

technology.'

Another less human member of the Kingswood security outfit is called 'Smurf' – but don't for a moment imagine a tiny blue creature with a funny white cap. The Smurf in question is a mobile solar-powered camera that can be placed at danger points, with a range of 150m on either side.

'Our Smurf is currently doing service at the estate's southwestern corner, and boasts its own control room and monitoring system. This is incredible tech with optic and thermal photography capabilities, and it's powered by batteries when it's overcast for long periods of time.'

Into the future

In a nutshell, projects for next year include:

- Digging trenches for fibre cables to connect safety equipment to the hub – 'an easy but expensive job,' says Fielies.
- With new guarding, the control room will be operational 24/7.
- When the gatehouse is repurposed, the control room may be moved to this building.

'For the new guarding contract the adjudication committee are using an independent security consultant,' explains Fielies, adding that Scholtz Consulting will take the lead in appointing the most suitable institution. 'Also, there is now a so-called "security manual", and this highly confidential document is in the care of the CEO.'

These issues, as well as the completion of a security service level agreement to maintain the perimeter fence, were under discussion during a strategic planning meeting on 24 July and will be the subject of a future security update.



Build @ KINGSWOOD



Caron Manchest: access control

In the December 2023 edition of *The BUZZard*, we introduced readers to Kingswood's new Security Coordinator, due to take up this permanent HOA position in January 2024. Below, Caron Manchest shares an update of her past seven months in the lion's den ... also known as the access control hub located adjacent to the KGE gatehouse.

For the past seven months, Caron Manchest has been in charge of all access control at Kingswood's service gate; an immediate priority was the registration of residents on the new security system, as well as capturing data on contractors, gardeners, cleaning staff and other service providers.



Caron has been instrumental in helping both residents and the thousands of others entering the estate daily to understand the access control process, as well as being on hand to walk homeowners and contractors through their responsibilities in this regard.

Safety in numbers

On the subject of stats on estate traffic so far this year, Caron has some interesting numbers to share: 'Currently, I still register between 25 and 35 people daily who come to work on the estate. There are now more than 6,900 people who are registered as contractors or service providers.'

'Every weekday morning, around 1,200 workers already registered come through the turnstiles and are recorded by the facial recognition process at the gates before going on to perform some or other task on the estate.' These



workers, she explains, would arrive by taxi or company transport and walk through the turnstiles on foot.

When considering the visitors who enter with vehicles, be they contractors, deliveries, service providers or just guests visiting residents, the daily amount stands at around 925. And Caron says she sees between five and eight people per day who have changed or upgraded their phones. She then uploads new credentials so that the required app can be registered on the new phone.

Getting wise to the process

'I would guess that 99,9% of people who live permanently on the estate have the Gallagher app on their mobile phones and can use it effectively. Kingswood residents are lovely people and I really enjoy helping them, and seeing how much they appreciate it when I lend a hand.

'Sometimes it gets quiet, but then someone would walk in here – whether it's a contractor or a resident – and break the silence with a quick chat while I sort them out. So the past seven months of being permanently employed have been nothing but a joy for me.

'Especially the older people – or shall I say those who are wiser, with the most life experience – are simply a pleasure to help,' she smiles. 'They are always friendly and a great asset to our lovely estate. I've had a handful of difficult customers among both residents and contractors, but I am grateful to them for adding colour to my day ... even if that colour is red!' Caron says she's confident that the vast majority of residents now know perfectly well how the Gallagher app works. 'It is going much better than at the very beginning. We still have hiccups every now and then, but we're working on streamlining those on a daily basis.'

Going through the motions: here's how

Caron reminds about the process for those new owners or tenants not yet in the know. 'After we have received the rental agreement or correspondence from the lawyers to confirm that a property has been transferred, we send a link via email to new residents. This is the Access Control Form, which they can then fill in electronically.

'When I receive their completed form, it gives me the necessary information in order to register them on the Gallagher app. I then send them the credential email that indicates the steps on how to download Gallagher, and this enables them to register. We also send an email with all the other information they may need, such as steps to download the My Estate Life app, which is then used to give access to visitors.' Finally, she says, residents are informed that they have to register their housekeepers and gardeners with the HOA.

'I do the facial scanning of all staff to ensure that they can walk through the turnstiles on arrival and only need to submit to a quick facial recognition process. Name cards are also made for them, featuring their photo and the name and address of their employer. Every domestic worker and gardener must have such a name card before entering the estate on foot.'

The name card comes at a cost of R50 and is produced by Masadi le Roux at the HOA offices; after completion, it is sent to the relevant gates. Caron says that for these staff members to register, they should arrive at her office with a South African ID document, while non-SA citizens should bring along a passport and valid work permit.

'But when it comes to residents, they have the choice of downloading and registering the Gallagher app themselves after I'd sent the credential email, or they can visit me – it's their choice.' Judging from the rave reviews about Caron's excellent rapport with contractors, staff, management and residents alike, it seems a face-to-face at her office will be first prize, every time.

GOLF

On large patch and small falls

A word from the greenkeeper

Ivan van Heerden explains the challenges of caring for the Kingswood golf course during winter, and shares news on some of his team's recently completed projects.

The weather is a primary concern for anyone tasked with the management and maintenance of a golf course, and knowing its vagaries is essential when it comes to planning when to plant and where to drain. After so many years since his move from the more predictable climes of Gauteng, Ivan van Heerden is now completely au fait with the Southern Cape meteorological scene.

'Mostly my team do all work required on the course, but in some cases we have to call in experts in a specific field. As we speak, Pete Barnardo from PNB Civils is working on the drainage to the left of the 16th hole, putting in a flow drain with a total distance of 265 metres. We hope this will help remedy the wet patch we've been seeing next to the 16th.'





Diving in before desilting

Sludge that accumulates in ponds and dams on golf courses can create problems if left unchecked. This sediment or 'silt' is a naturally occurring material that can be washed into a reservoir from surrounding areas by rain and runoff. The process of desilting greatly improves the ability of aquatic plants to filter out impurities, thereby improving water quality.

Ivan says Kingswood is no different from other estates when it comes to this occurrence, and that solutions are being investigated. But as is invariably the case with operations on and off the course, budgetary considerations come first.

'Dynamic Diving came to give a quote to suck sludge out of our ponds. Unfortunately, they first have to do an assessment to see exactly how much silt is involved, and these costs have to be settled before it is even decided whether you are going to desilt or not,' he says, adding that the jury is still out on whether and when this process will take place.

Good green, bad patch

According to Ivan, it's heartening that the course boasts a healthy sheen of green for this time of year. 'Up to the end of July, we've missed out on all the rain that normally follows heavy falls in the Cape, which is not a bad thing for the course. But comparatively, we are dry this year without any significant rainfall figures during the winter so far. In total, we have received 406mm this rainy season [this figure pertains to the week ending July 26]. That's approximately 400mm less than last year – in other words, about half of what was recorded by this time last year.

'Hopefully we will get some rain during August and September so that the course can receive a good drenching and we don't have to rely on other sources to keep it saturated. The wetter the course, the longer before we have to start watering it again.'

Ivan explains that the discoloured areas some residents and visiting golfers may have noticed on the fairways are caused by a turf disease called large patch, and it is spread by both dead and living plant matter. 'When treated, it will die, but continues spreading even when dead, so we have to stay on it by spraying very regularly.

'Kikuyu usually gets it if it doesn't go dormant, so the common name for what we see at Kingswood is Kikuyu patch, and it is part of the large patch scourge. Fortunately, with continued spraying and maintenance, it generally disappears again by the onset of summer.'

Ongoing affairs

Just because it's winter and freezing out there doesn't mean that Ivan's team is afforded a rest when it comes to the general maintenance required to keep the course looking like a million bucks. Among these tasks count filling up holes made by golf carts. 'And between the tee boxes and fairways, we are slowly but surely starting to top-dress for heat and to promote better growth.'

When it comes to new plantings, 11 wild fig (*Ficus natalensis*) trees now make for a pretty feature to the left of the first tee. Observant players would also have noticed five new trees behind the second green. 'We took out that garden as part of our plan to make the area resemble the rest of the natural areas on the golf course, instead of just a garden. Another plus is that it will provide a slightly better screen between the second green and third tee boxes. Best





Course work on course

To wrap it up, Ivan is confident that all projects are on track and 'looking good': by the time you read this, draining on the 16th would have been completed and all new trees settled in firmly, since the completion date of that operation was the end of July.

'So everything is progressing well, with ongoing fixing of holes and top-dressing of bare areas that take strain during wet spells. We will plant grass later in the year, because if you plant now, it simply won't take. We are waiting for soil temperatures to warm up and water to be drained before we can successfully remedy open patches.'

Here's wishing Ivan and his team all the rain they require – but not too wet – and enough mild spells during the rest of winter – but not too hot or dry – to continue with their never-ending quest of keeping Kingswood's course pristine

 Esther de Villiers



of all, it will make for a better view of the new clubhouse if you look down towards the second.'

Finally, he says the bunkers have now all been painted a darker colour, which prevents them from getting dirty as quickly and makes them blend in better than a lighter colour does.



TURF DISEASE IS REAL: Large patch (*Rhizoctonia solani*) appears as rings or patches of blighted turf grass that measure from 12cm to 3m or more in diameter. Susceptible grasses include Kikuyu, seashore paspalum, zoysia grass and occasionally Bermuda grass. Patches are brown to yellow in appearance, with a possible 'orange firing' at the periphery. Small reddish-brown coloured leaf spots occur on leaf sheaths, stems, and stolons. After the leaves die in the blighted area, new leaves can emerge from the surviving crowns. If the turf grass is still green, the disease is most apparent down in the canopy, especially around the leaf sheaths, as discoloured or blackened lesions. When pulled lightly, these leaves detach easily and are sometimes green above the damaged sheath. (www.syngentaturf.co.za)



GOLF @ KINGSWOOD

Action on the course – and in pursuit of fab Friday night food

Readers and residents and golfers receiving the weekly newsletter from Kingswood Golf Operations would be au fait with competitions past and events to diarise for future references. Remember to keep your eye on the KGO calendar, mark your preferred golfing date and then book your spot in time.

The Friday night dinner specials hosted at the gatehouse restaurant remain a firm favourite among Kingswood residents and members – and a quick look at some of the past months’ menus and live entertainment will explain why this start-of-the-weekend institution is so well loved.

Get a load of these past – and future – hits and highlights:

- Classic Chicago-style hot dog: this flame-grilled American-style ‘dog’ was topped with yellow mustard, green relish, chopped onions, tomato and a dill pickle, and served with a side of hand-cut triple-fried chips, at only R80.



Mathew Bramford

- Beer Battered Fish & Chips returns to the Friday night menu time and again, as do the Ribs & Chips – flavours that can be savoured for between R110 and R140.

- A particularly attractive offering this past autumn was the Guacamole & Bacon Burger with crispy chips for a round R100, and live music by Pete – who, along with musos Davey Mac and Alan & Shelley, add a special festive note to Friday nights at Kingswood. Booking on 0861 727 170 is essential.

Take note: The King of Clubs competition is still running and since no one has won the pot since the last big bang, the total was standing at a whopping R139,879 at the time of writing.

Winter specials

Is there a better way to warm up than to get walking and swinging on the course? The team at KGO thinks not, so make the most of these special offerings:

- Kingswood Winter Special: South Africa-affiliated players R550pp (including green fees and cart seat).
- Kingswood Locals Winter Special: Southern Cape-affiliated players R460pp (including green fees and cart seat).

Both of these are played over 18 holes, and the special



offer is valid until 31 August. There is also a Kingswood 9-Hole Winter Special, for which all visiting players will be able to play for only R280pp, with green fees and cart seat included.

Congrats all round

Felicitations are now due to the following winners, starting with the English Bulldogs for their victory in the most recent Battle Royal. Next up is the special recognition deserved by Riaan Kotze for his impressive victory in the Kingswood Junior Open/Strokeplay 2024, where he triumphed in a playoff against Dewan de Bruin.

When it comes to youngsters performing across borders, leading amateur player Mathew Bramford deserves kudos for his performance at the Zimbabwe Open, played as part of the Sunshine Tour.

On the subject of standout events closer to home, Kingswood men's golf captain Ymke Schutte said: 'We had a pleasant and most successful Kingswood Kings Pairs competition in July, and winners in this as well as the Kingswood Senior Open Championships deserve a mention.'



Kingswood Kings Pairs

1st – 60 points: Jaco le Roux and Kobus Snyman

2nd – 59 points: Jayde Tannous and Nathan Tannous

3rd – 58 points: Braam Swanepoel and Hennie Horak

Nearest to the pin for 10+ handicap on hole 2: Corne van der Westhuizen

Nearest to the pin for 9 and under handicap on hole 6: Mark Radermacher

Nearest to the pin for all on hole 6: Cliffie Howes

Longest drive for all on hole 7: Jacques Kallis (yes, that's *the* Jacques Kallis!)

Longest drive for all on hole 7: Cobus Snyman



Senior Open Champions

Congratulations go to the following players on their achievements at the 2024 Kingswood Open, and no less so for braving the cold and windy weather conditions ...

A Division:

Tied 1st – Pieter Ferreira and Doug Griffin (+1)

3rd – Ivan Williams (+2)

Stableford Division:

1st – Deon de Villiers (37P)

2nd – Henk Geldenhuis (36P)

3rd – Justin Thomas (35P)

4th – Heinrich Neethling (35P)

5th – Kelvin Muller (35P)





Coming attractions

'Our next big days are the Standard Bank Kingswood Club Championship on 26 and 27 October and the Standard Bank Kingswood Member Guest day on 16 November,' says Ymke, urging members to diarise these dates and sign up soonest.

Ladies' golf captain Michelle Witts-Hewinson says apart from the Ladies' Corner games played on Saturdays, she's most excited about the Kingswood Ladies' Cup, scheduled for Thursday 15 August.

Played over 36 holes, the morning's round has a shotgun start at 08:00 (format: Better Ball, 85% handicap), while the afternoon's 18 holes will have a shotgun start at 13:00.

The second session's format is Greensomes, with a calculated handicap according to the rules of golf.

Your R390 entry fee includes green and competition fees as well as a scrumptious lunch, and carts will be available at an additional R200 per cart seat. Register now by calling 0861 727 170, or email bookings@kingswoodgolf.co.za to enter.

Get involved

If you're more of a desk jockey than a hero of the course, there are other ways for you to get involved in the action at KGE. One of these is to vote for Kingswood as the Best Club in SA (<https://www.dalehayesgolf.com/pages/nominate-your-club>)!

The competition is heating up in Dale Hayes' search for the top club in South Africa – and every vote counts. You can also sign up electronically to get involved in any chosen event and the KGO crew will be in touch with you. Email marketing@kingswoodgolf.co.za if you're not on the recipient list.



LOCAL N Iekka

Family is at the heart of this velvet-smooth interior enterprise



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FEATURED RESIDENT



Running a successful business while being kept on your toes by three primary school-aged children is no mean feat, but this is what's accomplished daily by Tamryn and Brendan Maguire of Velvet Home & Living.

The number 13 seems all but unlucky for the industrious Maguire duo: They made George their home 13 years ago and, immediately on arrival, proceeded to build a house at Kingswood. Brendan and Tamryn have also been working together in harmony since 2013 – a notion that would make many married couples break out in a cold sweat.



But when entering the Velvet Home & Living showroom at 78 Hope Street, the senses are soothed within seconds: the vast space is adorned with furniture and interior accessories so pleasing to the eye that it's hard to focus on any single item or particular arrangement – lighting has been expertly designed to optimally display hundreds of pieces; also, it smells really good.

This sense of harmony is not only supplied by the surrounding eye candy, but also by the gentle welcome of staff and proprietors alike. Chatting to the Maguires, even upon first meet, feels like connecting with friends. Small wonder their clients come back for more of the same knowledgeable service, time and again.

A history of hard graft

Before making the move to George from Joburg, Tamryn worked as an attorney in the corporate sphere while Brendan owned a courier business. But the Maguires had a plan to swap the Big Smoke for cleaner living closer to the coast – and to start a family.

‘When PostNet in York Street came up for sale, it created the perfect opportunity to move to George,’ says Brendan, adding that Tamryn’s brother Craig Field joined them on this new business and lifestyle adventure, also settling at Kingswood from the word go.

Tamryn explains that Velvet Home & Living had been firmly established in the Southern Cape from way before their arrival, and that her father, Glenn (a chartered accountant by trade), had bought into the business as a shareholder in 2017.

‘Original owners Frank and Sue Bartman had been retailing furniture and decor in the area since 1996, so it’s a Garden Route-based business through and through,’ she says. But their intricate involvement with Velvet was still a few years into the future.

When Brendan bought the Trellidor franchise for George, Mossel Bay and Knysna, Tamryn helped him run that business while being a first-time mom; it was also their first stint of working together as a couple. They had two more kids at 2.5-year intervals, and mothering was the order of Tamryn’s day.



But by 2018, she could throw herself into a fresh business venture, and the Velvet era took flight. When Brendan sold Trelidor in 2022, he joined the company on a full-time basis; what they didn't know about interior decor at the outset was quickly learnt by immersing themselves in the industry.

'We have excellent suppliers with whom we've built great relationships over the years. Frank is still involved on the buying side, and together our team tries to ensure that clients get the best service and products available in the country,' says Tamryn.

Indeed, they serve customers in all corners of the country; all pieces are imported and then displayed at the George HQ or their smaller showroom on Knysna's Waterfront Drive. One can also browse and shop their full range online. They have a warehouse at Steinhoff Business Park, and a trio of transport vehicles to deliver purchased pieces to buyers post-haste.

'We have stock of every item showcased on our showroom floor, so there are no waiting periods – what you buy today can feature in your home tomorrow,' beams Brendan, clearly proud of the unique selling points that set Velvet Home & Living apart from big-name corporate industry counterparts.

Busy days, dog walks and bucket lists

The Maguire brood – Connor, 12, Nasia, 9, and Kai, 7 – complete the family picture. Oh, and let's not forget Oscar the golden retriever and Kohbi the yorkie, who are as much a part of this happy Kingswood family.

'The kids take on so much these days; even our youngest now has a busy schedule! Between school work and extras like gymnastics, soccer, rugby, dancing, cricket and choir, weeks can fly by in a blur,' says Tamryn. But no matter what the weather, the dogs are walked daily on the beautiful estate.

'We love spending time together as a family, either in or around Kingswood, visiting family in the Cape, or for a quick getaway to spend time with Tamryn's folks in Plett. The town has grown so much since we first moved here, and apart from the many eateries and entertainment options, we also love spending time in nature.' In fact, so serious were they about not missing out on the hundreds of great outdoor attractions along the Route that pen was put to paper. 'At the beginning of the year we started drawing up a bucket list. We are slowly working our way through the list, and still amazed at how many incredible places there are to discover in this beautiful area that we are so blessed to call home.'



Back to business

Travels further afield are also part of the Maguires' recent past and future: Tamryn recently had the pleasure of cruising the Med with her mother to celebrate Mom's 70th birthday. This trip had been a dream of theirs to do together for a number of years, and memories to treasure for ever were made.

Now Brendan is gearing up for a trek to China during the first fortnight of September. 'I'm extremely excited to attend the World Furniture Expo in Shanghai from 10 to 13 September. The exposure to international trends and product ranges will be sure to segue into our business and enhance our offerings to the local market,' says Brendan.

When you're browsing through Velvet Home & Living, its eclectic array of furniture and decor has a definite global feel: whether the style is industrial, modern or farmhouse, corporate or comfy home, the blend is harmonious and the common theme is timeless.

Often, when new arrivals from up north settle in George with their eye on buying and furnishing a new property, their default position is to consult the big-name vendors with branches across the land. A little bit of homework will enlighten those in the market for unique decor that this local enterprise not only compares favourably in price, but also provides unparalleled client service.

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 Esther de Villiers



INNOVATION

TO PROTECT RIVERS AND USERS FROM UPSTREAM POLLUTION

In 2015, two South African scientists – M.W. Matthews and S. Bernard – published a peer-reviewed paper in the *South African Journal of Science* showing that over two-thirds of our large dams are eutrophic. They used satellite images to quantify the presence of blue-green algae, which is a manifestation of nutrient presence.

Eutrophication is the enrichment of our water bodies by sewage (and other) return flows. This is now our national reality. Hartbeespoort Dam is where it all started, but no dams are exempt. More importantly, even with our best available science, engineering, and technology, we have been unable to reverse the process of eutrophication once it begins. This means that our best response to this new reality is an adaptive one, at least to protect what we can for as long as possible.

An accurate diagnosis of the problem is needed before we can apply an appropriate solution. We can divide water pollution into three broad categories, each with different manifestations and therefore different solutions.

The first category is plastic pollution.

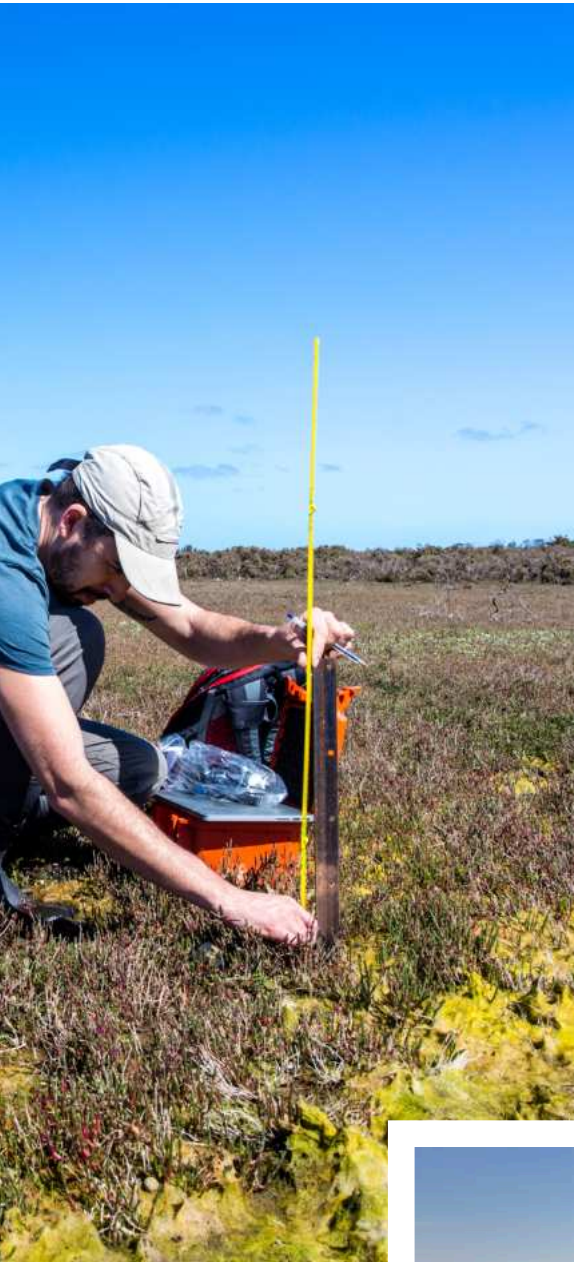
All modern products come with packaging, and all of this creates masses of landfill. Most packaging is plastic, and in South Africa a lot of this ends up in rivers. We have some pioneering individuals who have been blazing the trail with innovative solutions.

Leading among these initiatives is The Litterboom Project (<https://www.thelitterboomproject.com>), which uses a floating boom spanned across a flowing river to intercept plastics. They are operational across 10 rivers in South Africa with a source-to-sea focus. Their core philosophy is that prevention of plastic pollution in the oceans starts by intercepting it in our rivers.

A thriving recycling economy has grown around each intervention. The Hennops Revival (<https://hennopsrevival.co.za>) is an example of a highly successful inland initiative that embraces cultural activities designed to change human behaviour.

When considering an interception boom, say on a stream that impacts a residential estate, it is important to understand that the engineering design of these things is complex. It is not simply a case of spanning a floating boom across a stream, because things become dangerous when masses of floating debris block the flow during a flood event. For this reason, it is best to link up with a registered NPO such as The Litterboom Project or Hennops





Revival, as they have lots of experience, and can mitigate the risk of the unintended consequences of an inadequately designed intervention.

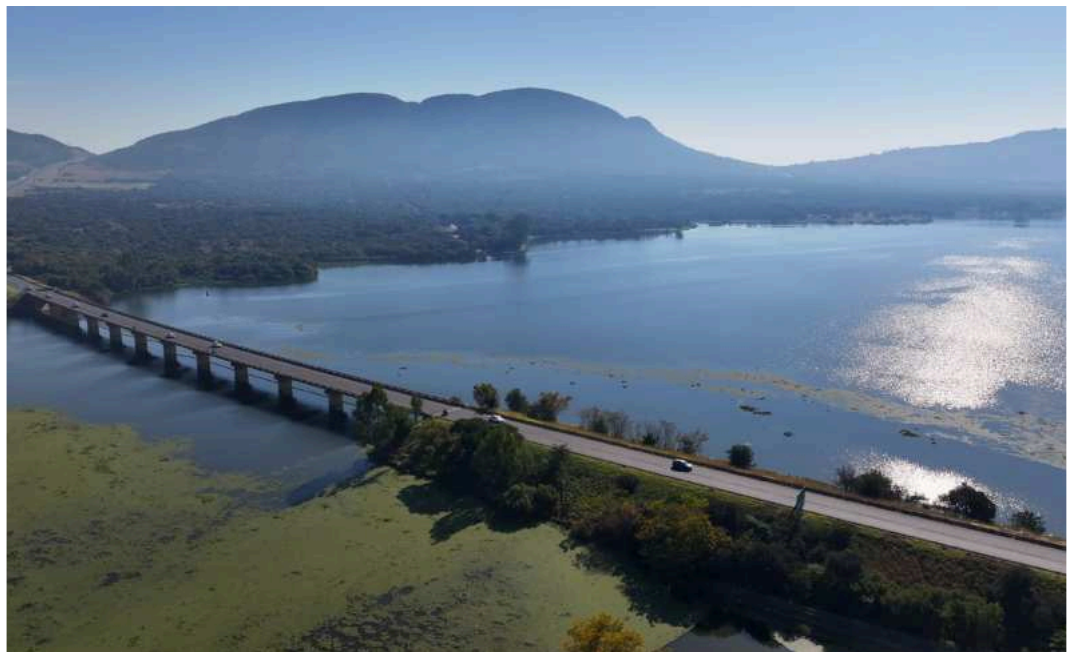
The second category is chemical pollution.

Given that water is a universal solvent, almost every element present on the periodic table can be mobilised in one way or another.

Exotic elements like heavy metals are increasingly finding their way into our rivers. In 2002, three of our top scientists – Drs Henk Coetzee, Peter Wade and Frank Winde – published peer-reviewed research on the role of wetlands in sequestering uranium flows originating in the tailings dams of the Witwatersrand Goldfields.

Pioneering work conducted in West Bengal resulted in the creation of the East Kolkata Wetlands (East Kolkata Wetlands – Wikipedia). This man-made intervention was the result of an observation made by an engineer working for the West Bengal Water and Sanitation Department, who initiated a study into the sewage flow out of the city of Kolkata.

This engineered wetland became so successful in processing raw sewage that it was designated a RAMSAR Wetland in 2002. Following this success, a South African patented technology known as a Vertical Up Flow Modular Engineered Wetland System (VUF-MEWS) is a central element that has been adopted by the Unstoppable Movement for Community Restitution. The VUF-MEWS technology goes under the registered brand name of Wetland-in-a-Box™ (Wiab) (<https://wiab.co.za>) and has been nominated for the 2023 Ecologic Award hosted by Enviropedia. This is being offered as an alternative technology for the treatment of sewage and other effluent affecting South African rivers.





When considering this type of approach, it is best to engage with a professional familiar with the complexity in design and management of such systems.

An engineered wetland can become a central part of the estate landscape. As with the previous category, it is important to understand the limitations of the technology, as well as any embedded risk that might arise.

The third category is pathogenic pollution.

Pathogens are bacteria, fungi or viruses that can cause disease.

Given the known dysfunction of our

sewage systems in South Africa, manifesting as our eutrophication problem, we will increasingly be confronted by unusual and exotic diseases.

We already see some evidence of this in the form of elevated coliform contamination in almost all rivers.

In South Africa we are increasingly familiar with *Escherichia coli* (known as E. coli for short). This is a gram-negative coliform bacterium that thrives in anaerobic conditions and is always associated with untreated sewage. We could potentially see a wider range of pathogens being reported as our waste management systems fail. For this reason, upstream mitigation might



Given all that we know about South Africa at present, it is prudent to consider long-term strategies because our environmental problems are likely to get worse before they ever get better again.

Adaptation is an appropriate response where mitigation is not possible. The two families of solutions that have been presented here – floating booms and constructed wetlands – will increasingly become mainstream.

The body of knowledge growing within the institutions implementing these solutions is valuable, so your best approach would be to work through recognised entities that understand the limitations and risks.

Ingenuity happens on the cusp of chaos, and South Africa is an innovation incubator given the range of challenges we collectively face.

These problems are here to stay, so how we adapt to maintain the lifestyle we choose will increasingly become a differentiator in all residential estates.

 Dr Anthony Turton



be considered.

The most appropriate solution is sterilisation in the form of chlorine, ozone or ultraviolet light.

These are all complex treatments, requiring sophisticated engineering mostly beyond the capability of a residential estate. If on-site backup storage is used as a mitigation measure against water service delivery failure, then UV is probably the most appropriate and safest response.

This subject has been up with in a separate article (available to read at <https://www.estate-living.co.za/news/the-road-to-water-self-reliance/>).

However, it must be noted that peer-reviewed reports indicate that properly designed engineered wetland systems also reduce the pathogenic load. This is an added benefit from passive treatment systems of this nature (for an interesting project review read <https://www.estate-living.co.za/news/pecanwood-leads-the-way-in-mitigating-risk-from-eutrophic-waters/>).

When considering any intervention to mitigate upstream pollution, it is important that an accurate diagnosis be made of the problem you wish to solve.

A misdiagnosed problem can easily result in an inappropriate solution, which will always be a costly and disappointing mistake.

CAN ESTATE MANAGERS OR THE HOA ISSUE SPEEDING FINES TO RESIDENTS??

Authority and implications of speeding fines on residential estates.

Estate managers and homeowners associations have the mandate to provide tranquil, safe living environments on residential estates.

Maintaining safety within communities is paramount and one aspect that often deserves special attention and, at times, causes some controversy is the management of speeding on the estate's premises. Estates have had to invest in the latest tech and equipment to monitor speeding transgressors, but are estate managers getting the balance right and are the rules that they make for people to abide by fair?

Wilco du Toit (associate attorney at Barnard Incorporated, who specialises in property and contractual disputes, offers his legal opinion on how estate managers and HOAs can best enforce speeding fines and rules.

The need for speeding rules

Speeding within residential estates poses a risk to pedestrians, cyclists, game, pets and other drivers

passing through or living on the residential estate. It's crucial to enforce rules that prioritise safety and minimise accidents. Municipal traffic laws apply to public roads, while residential roads fall under the jurisdiction of estate management. This is why estates are forced to create their own rules for speeding offences and these are often found in the memorandum of incorporation (MOI) or conduct rules that people owning or renting a home on the estate must abide by.

Fair rules for all

HOAs and estate managers can impose fines and penalties not only on residents but on any of their visitors too. 'The Supreme Court of Appeal has made this quite clear in their latest judgement in August of last year. They can make their own rules as long as these are within the public policy and not against the good morals of the country's laws,' explains Du Toit.

While visitors are accountable for their actions, the onus regarding any fines falls on the resident who has invited the visitor onto their property. Fines can be added to the levy or issued separately. 'The underlying principle for the resident is that you're bound by the



rules of the estate. You accept the liability of your visitors just as you would have to with any visitors under the rules of a tenancy agreement. With the MOI, you agree to be bound by the actions of your visitors,' says Du Toit.

Estate rules can be more stringent to ensure safety and harmony, but it's important to ensure that they are fair too.

While it may be tempting to impose fines so hefty that they dissuade anyone from going over 30km an hour, it's not always practical to do so. Du Toit advises estate managers to outline a detailed fee schedule in the MOI, highlighting that this could be reviewed from time to time.

'It must adhere to the basic principles of the contract – but has to be reasonable. You can't, for example, charge R100,000. This is where transgressors could lodge a defence to say that the fine is unreasonable.

It's advisable for estates to have a clear outline in their MOI that is as objective as possible.' Du Toit highlights that the law could offer a degree of protection to transgressors under the Conventional Penalties Act. It covers penalties under contracts and this would include MOIs.

Under the terms of the Conventional Penalties Act, you could raise a defence that the penalty imposed was unreasonable and ask for a reduction.

However, the person who asks for a reduction or to have the fine set aside needs to prove that it was unreasonable and demonstrate the prejudice they could suffer if it weren't reduced. This, adds Du Toit, is often hard to prove, particularly as you would've had to agree to the MOI and the rules contained therein by living on the estate.

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THE SWISS CHEESE MODEL OF risk management

Do the holes line up?

Whatever your field, whether you are project managing a multibillion-rand development, overseeing the security on a small estate, getting the kids to school on time, or running a large hospital, you need to manage risk, minimise accidents, and ensure the smooth flow of a number of related tasks. We all have different ways of ensuring that this happens, but one brilliant model is as simple as a slice of cheese – or, more accurately, a lot of slices of cheese.

Of mice and cheese

As Robbie Burns so poetically puts it: 'The best-laid plans of mice (and humans) go oft awry'*, which could lead to disaster. And one of the best ways to ensure that they don't is through the use of cheese. But not just any old cheese – it's got to be a good Emmentaler, Maasdam or Jarlsberg. The reason that only these cheeses work is that they are what people in the USA refer to as Swiss cheese, and that's the cheese that James Reason used as his analogy for the Swiss cheese model, also called the cumulative act effect.

Swiss cheese

The original Swiss cheese is Emmentaler, crafted in the Valley of the Emme River (Emmental) in Switzerland, where it's been made for nearly 1,000 years. At first, the cheesemakers were distressed at the big holes that formed in the cheese while it was fermenting and maturing, thinking they were defects, but they came to be regarded as a positive feature of what is undoubtedly one of the more delicious cheeses around. (And that's saying a lot, because there are hundreds, if not thousands, of delicious cheeses.) This style of cheese is made in many parts of the world – in the Netherlands, it's called Maasdam; in Norway, Jarlsberg; and, in the USA, Swiss cheese, or just 'Swiss'. But we digress. Swiss cheese is characterised by its distinctive holes, which is why Reason used it for his analogy.

The Swiss cheese model

While analysing accidents and catastrophes, Reason – professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Manchester – realised that, for every big disaster, there were a number of small, cumulative causes – hazards – most of which were associated with human error. From

there it was no great leap to work out that, if one or more of those hazards could have been eliminated or mitigated, the risk would have been decreased, and the disaster might have been averted.

He then worked on the assumption that risk was managed by inserting a number of barriers to hazards – checkpoints that would prevent accidents or incidents leading to system failure. If we think of these barriers as cheese, a slice of Gouda would be a perfect barrier, but perfect barriers do not exist in nature or in business. Barriers have holes in them, just like Swiss cheese.

There's really nothing new about this model, it's just a brilliant way of explaining something that all good managers know intuitively, but sometimes have difficulty communicating to their staff, their board, their members and other stakeholders.

Think of – say – the security system of an estate. There is a perimeter fence. Perfect. No bad people can get through. Right?

Wrong!!

The perimeter fence is a good idea – more than a good idea – it's essential. But it is not foolproof. It's not Gouda, it's Jarlsberg or Emmentaler. Which is why almost every estate also has CCTV cameras, and security patrols, and alarmed beams, and a host of other security elements.

In Reason's Swiss cheese model, each of these elements can be thought of as a slice of yummy Emmentaler. It's good, but it's not perfect. (As a cheese, Emmentaler *is* perfect, and it's perfect as an analogy, but only because it so perfectly illustrates the imperfection of reality.)

So the fence is one slice of Swiss cheese, with holes. The CCTV cameras are another slice, the security patrols another slice, and on we go – each slice with its own particular pattern of holes.

Lining up the holes

So if, for example, I wanted to sneak into an estate to play golf at midnight, swim in the lake or pick roses – or possibly even for some more nefarious purpose – I would have to carefully line up all the holes. That's

what cunning insurgents of every description do in the movies. Think of how the hero would time the guard patrols, check for blind spots in the CCTV coverage, and/or scout out a spot where a convenient tree grows close to the high wall. These are all holes in the cheese, and what the aspiring intruder will do is line them up so that they can squeeze through each in turn.

And, of course, the job of estate management and estate security is to ensure that there are sufficient slices of cheese, with sufficiently varied a pattern of holes to make it impossible to line them up. Oh I do love a good analogy.

Swiss cheese model in the real world

While Reason's research was initially about the causes of accidents and catastrophes, it also indicated that human error contributed immensely to a range of system failures in many industries, including manufacturing, medicine, agriculture and finance.

Regardless of the field in which you work, this model can make your organisation more efficient, as well as safer. That's why we have bookkeepers, accountants, auditors *and* a finance committee. One talented person could manage the finances perfectly efficiently but no-one is perfect, and there would be no checks to ensure that there were no holes in the 'cheese' through which funds may leak.

This works at every scale. When last did you donate blood? You filled in a form, your records were checked on the system, you had your blood pressure and iron checked, and you were issued with a series of barcoded stickers that go on everything associated with you. And then, before the nurse sticks the needle into your arm, they ask you when your birthday is, and check it against the records. That's the last piece of cheese that prevents your lovely B+ blood from ending up in a sick A+ person.

And, the bigger and more complex the project, the more layers of cheese you need.

*translated into English

A NEW FEATURE IN THE KINGSWOOD BUZZARD

At Kingswood Golf Estate, we believe that a strong, connected community is the cornerstone of a vibrant and fulfilling neighbourhood experience. In line with this vision, we are thrilled to announce the introduction of a new feature in our quarterly newsletter, the *Kingswood BUZZard*. This addition aims to celebrate the stories and achievements of our residents, fostering a sense of unity and positive sentiment throughout our community.

The new community section will serve as a dedicated space to highlight the remarkable moments and noteworthy accomplishments of those living in Kingswood Golf Estate. Whether it's a resident achieving a personal milestone, a family celebrating a special occasion, or neighbours coming together for a community initiative, we want to shine a light on the events that make Kingswood a unique and inspiring place to live.

We are excited about the potential of this feature to bring our community closer together, enhancing our shared experiences and creating lasting bonds. The community page is all about you and your family, and we are eager to hear your stories and share them with the broader Kingswood audience. Your contributions will play a vital role in shaping this section, and we encourage all residents to participate.

To ensure that the community page reflects the diverse and dynamic nature of our neighbourhood, we invite you to share your news, achievements, and special announcements. Whether it's a child's academic achievement, a sports victory, or a unique community event, we

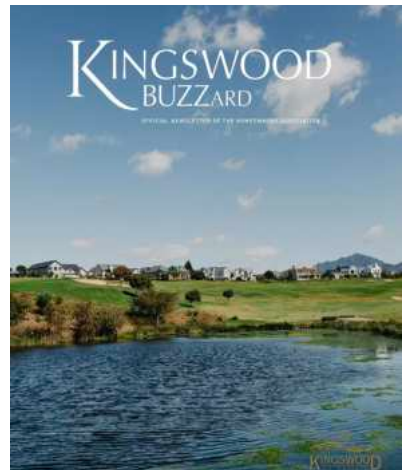
want to celebrate it with you. By sharing these moments, we can collectively build a stronger, more connected community.

Please send your announcements and stories to the HOA at hoa@kingswood.co.za. Our Estate Living editorial team will carefully curate the content to ensure that it resonates with the spirit of Kingswood and adds value to our readers.

We are committed to making the *Kingswood BUZZard* not just a newsletter, but a reflection of our vibrant community life. Your participation is crucial in making this initiative a success, and we are confident that, together, we can create a page that is both informative and heartwarming.

We look forward to receiving your contributions and celebrating the wonderful stories that define our community. Let's come together to build a positive community spirit and make the *Kingswood BUZZard* a true representation of the people who make Kingswood a special place to live.

Thank you for your support, and thank you to our first contributors.





Young angler's remarkable catch: a tale of triumph and release

It was a normal, sunny day in Kingswood, the kind that invites adventure and the thrill of discovery. Young Marcel and his father, Heinrich, decided to spend their afternoon fishing at the dam just below their house, near the sixth tee box. Armed with simple fishing gear and a piece of white bread as bait, the duo set out with modest expectations. Little did they know that this ordinary day was about to become extraordinary.

As the sun began its descent, casting a golden glow over the dam, Marcel felt a strong tug on his line. Excitement surged through him as he realised that he had hooked something substantial. Heinrich sprang into action, guiding his son as they worked together to reel in their catch.

What emerged from the water was nothing short of astonishing – a grass carp (the estate dams have both black bass and grass carp) weighing approximately 12 kilograms. The sheer size of the fish was impressive, especially considering that it had been caught with nothing more than a piece of bread.

The struggle to land the fish was intense. Both Marcel and Heinrich had to wade into the water, battling the carp's powerful resistance. The moment they finally brought the fish ashore, it was a scene of jubilation. Marcel's eyes sparkled with a mixture of disbelief and triumph. Heinrich, equally thrilled, couldn't help but share in his son's victorious spirit. It felt as if history had been made that afternoon.

Despite the excitement, and being proud of their remarkable catch, Marcel and Heinrich chose to release the massive carp back into the dam, ensuring that it could continue to thrive in its natural habitat. This act of conservation added a layer of nobility to their adventure, teaching Marcel a valuable lesson about respect for nature.

As they returned home, still basking in the glow of their achievement, Marcel and Heinrich knew that this was a day they would remember forever – a day when an ordinary fishing trip turned into an extraordinary tale of triumph, teamwork, and respect for the environment.



There's a new security expert on
KINGSWOOD GOLF ESTATE



Pieter van der Walt has been appointed as on-site security manager for Fidelity at KGE – and a quick look at his mission and vision is indicative of the seriousness with which he tackles this task. A nutshell description of the bespoke service Pieter offers is that of ‘security, risk and close protection professional’.

He summarises his raison d'être as follows: 'I protect my clients' lives, family and businesses and render a world-class private security service. Client satisfaction and exceeding their expectations is of paramount importance to me.'

Pieter's extensive training is complemented by years of experience in the security management industry – be it on a diamond-mining vessel at sea or on a golf estate: listed among his work assignments is a 10+year stint of working at Fancourt while attached to Thorburn Security Solutions.

'At the time, Fancourt CEO Georgie Davidson contacted then Thorburn MD Koos van Rooyen to congratulate me on high-level investigative work during a theft incident at the annual Dimension Data Golf Tournament,' he remembers.

As assistant security contract manager for Thorburn at Fancourt, Pieter recruited, trained, supervised, and administered a security team of 75 officers. He was also responsible for all security equipment such as cars, golf carts, radios, medical kits, firefighting gear, handheld cameras, paintball guns, patrol devices and uniforms.

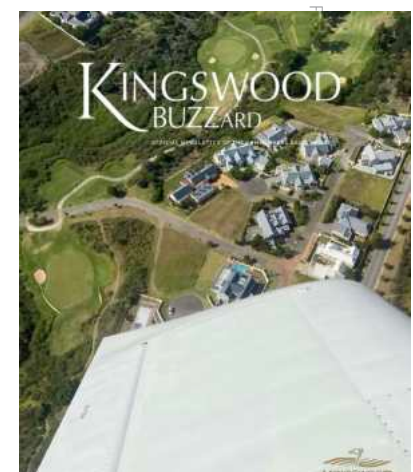
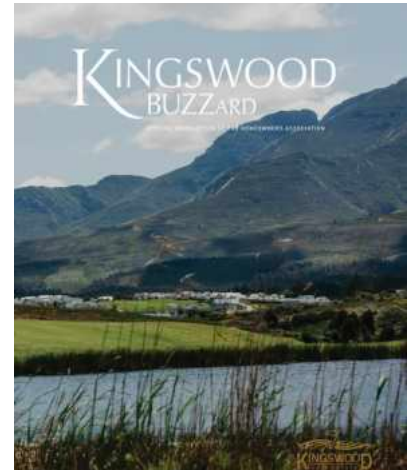
This 'boy from Grabouw' – the town where he completed his school career – is now a man with more certifications and accreditations than most can boast in his line of work. Among these count qualifications in security management, private investigation and bodyguarding.

Other fields of expertise include crime prevention strategies, transnational organised crime, CCTV interpretation of body language and human behaviour, accident/incident investigation, identification of hazards and risks, basic first aid and firefighting, and basic use of a handgun.

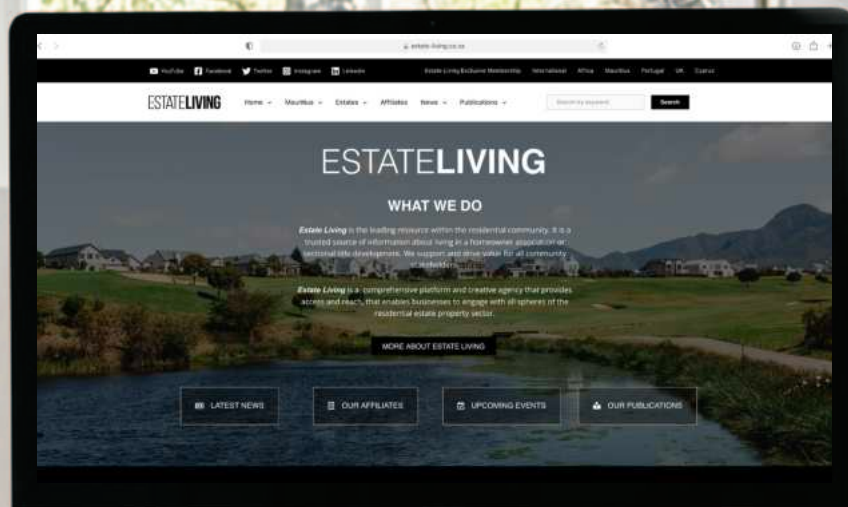
Pieter is fully committed to his new role at Kingswood – but that doesn't mean a man can't dream ... right? 'I'd love to join the Ukrainian Foreign Legion and travel to all the countries of the world! Locally, I hope to start a ministry to spiritually help people in George, as well as assisting members of our national and international community.'

On a more personal front, Pieter loves music, art, adventure, travelling, camping, hiking, reading, photography, meeting people of other nationalities and learning their languages. It's easy to believe him when he says: 'I am passionate about people and my profession.'

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