



NOTICE 41/20

18 September 2020

Dear Home Owners,

ESTATE SECURITY MANAGER

As discussed in the last quarterly information session, the need for an inhouse security manager has been identified during the Business Strategy process. We are pleased to advise that Riaan de Lange has been appointed by the HOA as the Estate security manager effective from 1 October 2020.

Riaan was initially appointed by iMvula as their security manager for the Estate since July 2019. During his time at Arabella, he has proven to have excellent managerial abilities and has been a real asset to the estate.

Riaan has many years of appropriate security and intelligence experience including dealing with foreign government officials on ministerial and prime minister level. Apart from the in-house training at the National Intelligence Service/South African Secret Service, he has obtained a number of Professional Qualifications such as Global Media, War and Technology, Terrorism and anti-Terrorism, Religion, Conflict and Peace and a Psychology Diploma. He is also PSIRA (Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority) registered.



We re-welcome Riaan to the Estate and as a member of the HOA team.

HOME OWNER QUARTERLY INFORMATION SESSION

Please be reminded that the next session is planned to slot in with the 2021 Budget process and will be combined with the HO Budget Session scheduled for 16 October 2020. This will be via Zoom at 14:00. Please advise michelle on acewood@mweb.co.za if you are going to attend the Zoom, for us to ensure all participants can be accommodated and details sent.

COVID-19 UPDATE : LEVEL 1 FROM 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced that South Africa will move to level one of the coronavirus lockdown from midnight on Sunday the 20th of September. This effectively means that level one will take effect from early Monday morning the 21st of September.

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Alert Level 1:



The **curfew time** will be from **midnight to 04:00am**



The **sale of alcohol** at retail outlets is now permitted from **Monday to Friday**, from **09h00 to 17h00**



Alcohol will be permitted for **on-site consumption** in licensed establishments with **strict adherence to the curfew**

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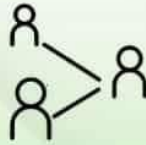


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Social, religious and other gatherings are permitted with the following conditions:



The number of people in any venue must **not exceed 50%** of its normal capacity



A maximum limit of **250 people** applies to **indoor gatherings**



A maximum limit of **500 people** applies to **outdoor gatherings**



A maximum of **100 people** may gather at **funerals**. Night vigils are not permitted



Masks must be worn at all times and **social distancing** must be maintained

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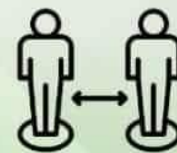
The following restrictions will remain in place to prevent the spread of the virus:



The number of people allowed in a retail store, restaurant, cinema or other public space remains **limited to 50% of its normal capacity** to prevent the spread of the virus



Gatherings may not exceed 50% of venue capacity, with a maximum limit of **250 indoors** and **500 outdoors**



Masks must be worn in public places and **social distancing** must be maintained



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Borders will be opened for international travel from 1 October, subject to the following conditions:



Travel may be **restricted to and from certain countries** that are deemed **high risk**



Only King Shaka International, OR Tambo International and Cape Town International airports will be **open for international flights**



A **limited number of border posts** will remain open at South Africa's **land borders**



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International travelers must meet the following requirements to ensure safety



On arrival, travellers will need to **present a negative COVID-19 test result** not older than 72 hours from time of departure



All **travellers will be screened on arrival** and those presenting with symptoms will be required to have a COVID test



Where necessary, travellers will need to **enter mandatory quarantine facilities** at their own cost



Travellers will be asked to **download the COVID Alert South Africa mobile app**



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Additional health measures to prevent a second wave



The **number of tests will be increased**, and the criteria for testing expanded



South Africa is participating in **vaccine trials** and investing in local capacity to produce and distribute vaccines



A **national antibody survey** will be conducted to **assess the true extent of infections** and determine how many people may have been previously infected



SOUTHERN DOUBLE COLLARED SUNBIRD

I rescued this juvenile Southern Double Collared Sunbird yesterday, it was very weak so I picked some Erica's out of the garden and tried feeding it. After a while it got the hang of it. About an hour later it flew off into a nearby honeysuckle bush and continued feeding. Happiness!

The Southern Double-collared Sunbird male, weighing in at a mere 8 grams. You can clearly see that the bird is in full breeding colour with its iridescent feathers, especially noticeable is the yellow pectoral tufts, which is very prominent during the breeding season and gets displayed to attract females. This Sunbird most probably flew into a something and was a bit stunned, just putting it somewhere safe to recuperate was perfect.

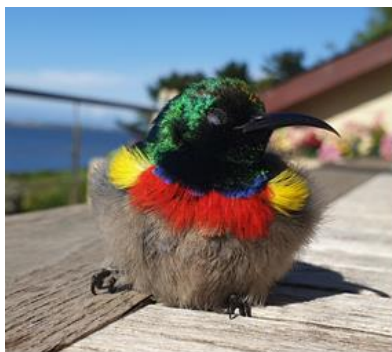


In the Western Cape, Cape Sugarbirds, Southern Doubled-collared sunbirds and Malachite sunbird all breed during the winter months when the Fynbos is flowering and food is abundant. Cape Bulbuls, Speckled Mouse birds and several other species utilise the fruit bearing bushes.

Please spare a thought when you prune your garden, although gardens normally get pruned in autumn, for our fynbos environment it is totally the wrong time of the year as the breeding birds need all the nectar and protection they can get to feed and breed successfully. Also do not remove any Renosterveld bushes during this time, as the Karoo Prinias, Cape Canaries and little White-eyes are all breeding in the thickets, depending on the weather from June to October. Best time to prune and remove dry debris from your garden is in high summer.

So next time you have a G&T on our patio and a bird party passes through foraging, remember to plant bird-friendly indigenous plants that provide nectar, berries, a safe nesting environment and prune at the correct time.

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This photo of a male Southern Double Collared Sunbird was sent in by Klara Buhler, one of our home owners who rescued it when it accidentally flew into her house earlier this week. She placed him on a Protea to recover from his "stress". When she returned a little later to check on him he had flown off.

SNAKES AND SPRING

Spring marks the beginning of snake season. Improved weather and increasing temperatures create a spike in snake activity. The first rains, and an increase in frogs, baby birds, lizards and other prey activity and abundance, will result in more snake encounters after the long, cold winter.

Snakes do not truly hibernate as it rarely gets cold enough, although those on the top of the Cape Fold Mountains probably keep a low profile, deep down in burrows or in rock crevices for most of the winter. This inactive period in snakes is referred to as a state of torpor. On a hot winters' day, snakes may leave their underground shelter to bask and the Rinkhals is particularly well known for doing this.

Snake encounters are common on the estate. As snakes become more active, the chances of encountering a snake rises. Cats may capture and tire out small snakes, but often bring their captures indoors while still alive. They are smart enough to avoid large snakes, while dogs usually go into attack mode the moment they see a snake and many dogs get bitten.

Should you encounter a snake, immediately retreat at least five paces and move away from the snake. Once you are five paces or more away from a snake you cannot get bitten. Never try to catch or kill snakes in the wild – that is unnecessary and dangerous.

Please remember we have trained security staff, so please report any occurrences to the Control room, for them to handle.

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CAPELLI HAIR SALON

Home Owner Special:

Herewith please details for a promotion for the hairdresser:

50% off on all Paul Mitchell hair colors (excluding platinum blond, half/full set of highlights.)

Special validity: 17th of September till 30th of September 2020.

Please contact Capelli Hair salon direct on 028 284 0000 to make a booking.

Terms and Conditions: Until stocks last. Operating times: Tuesdays – Saturdays 9 till 5.

