



HOA

Dear Homeowner

DOGS ON LEASHES

We once again appeal to homeowners with dogs, to please ensure that their dogs are on a leash at all times when walked on the estate. We have recently received a number of complaints regarding this matter and it would be appreciated if all dog owners take note. According to the Director of Golf, should this matter persist, dogs will not be allowed on the golf course and owners may be liable for a penalty.

REMINDER: ACCESS TO HERMANUS RIVER FARM

Should anyone wish to access the Hermanus River Farm next door to walk dogs, visit the waterfall, etc., the owner of the farm requires a completed indemnity form, which was distributed under a separate email on Friday 18 August 2023. Should you require a copy of the form, please contact admin@arabellaestate.co.za.

SWIMMING POOL SABS STANDARDS

We would like to remind all homeowners who have swimming pools to ensure that they are compliant with SABS 0134:1977, and that the safety of private swimming pools, and the principles of any protective device have been taken into consideration: i.e.

- be a permanent fixture;
- effectively prevent children from gaining unauthorised access to the swimming pool or swimming area;
- be such as to permit the rapid entry of any adult or an experienced swimmer into the swimming area;
- allow users of the swimming pool to move about safely and comfortably.

ESTATE ROAD MAINTENANCE: ROAD SEALING

We wish to advise that, *weather permitting*, we will be carrying out road maintenance with the sealing of the roads starting from the afternoon on the 27 through to the 29th of September 2023

The following roads will be affected:

27th September

Cormorant Road from Plot 327 to Plot 126 /139 will be closed for 24 hours.

Cormorant Road from Plot 139 to Plot 147/315 only one half of the road will be closed.

Kingfisher Avenue, between Cormorant and Blue Crane Avenue half the road will be closed.

Please use the paved parking area in Cormorant and Hadedra Roads for alternative parking.

28 September

The other half of Cormorant and Kingfisher Avenue will be sealed.

The whole of Kingfisher Avenue from Flamingo Avenue to Sugarbird Road will be closed for 24 hours.

The alternative road to the Entrance of the Estate will be Flamingo Avenue/Cherrywood Street.

29 September cleaning and finishing of.

All vehicles are to be out of the area by 7h30 each day and homeowners are requested to inform their contractors and domestic workers.

For ease of reference please see the map below.

Your patience and understanding regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.



ENVIRONMENTAL

COORDINATED WATERBIRD COUNT (CWAC)

We live in an IBA - An IBA or Important Bird Area is an area identified using an international set of criteria as being globally important for the conservation of bird populations. The Cape Whale Coast IBA is 1 of 112 in SA and is ranked 8th in the country for its conservation importance for birdlife and as a nursery area for fish and extends from Stony Point in Betty's Bay eastward for about 35 km to the Klein River estuary supports more than 233 bird species, including 86 waterbird species. The Bot River/Kleinmond and Klein River (Hermanus) estuaries are important summer refuges for waterfowl and migrant species.

We do a quarterly CWAC (Co-ordinated water bird Count) at the Palmiet Mouth, Kleinmond Lagoon and the BotRiver Estuary – these counts then get forwarded to the Animal Demography Unit in CPT and BirdLife SA which uses the statistics to make important decisions about our Estuaries. These counts take place 4 times per year.

Local birders are part of a team from Tygerberg Bird Club who contribute their time to this citizen science project. They are supported by BirdLife Overberg, who also coordinates the rest of the Overstrand.

Bird counts around the Bot River/Kleinmond estuary started **29 years** ago. The data collected are invaluable for conservationists and BirdLife South Africa.

The Bot River/Kleinmond and Klein River estuaries have seen an overall decline in the number of birds counted since the 1980s. In recent counts, numbers were only 32% of the numbers recorded between 1979 and 1981. An 85% decline in migratory birds, especially migratory waders, has been recorded.

Bird Watching and Coordinated Waterbird Count on 5 September 2023

The objective of CWAC is to monitor South Africa's waterbird populations and the conditions of the wetlands which are important for waterbirds.

After the Bot Lagoon breach on the 1st of June, the team had a very good count on the 5th of August, with the lagoon now being tidal, it is the ideal feeding ground. Great numbers of Cape Cormorants, Great White Pelicans and others were encountered feeding on bait balls in the lagoon. Also seen were some migratory species that have arrived already.

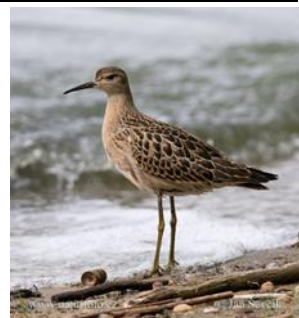
A total of 6 381 water birds were counted, representing 50 different water bird species. (Grey = Migratory species)



Name	Totals
Avocet, Pied	218
Cormorant, Cape	1791
Cormorant, Reed	277
Cormorant, White-breasted	720
Flamingo, Greater	952
Flamingo, Lesser	10
Grebe, Black-necked	43
Gull, Hartlaub's	354
Gull, Kelp	773
Kingfisher, Pied	37
Osprey, Western	1
Pelican, Great White	119
Ruff	1
Sandpiper, Curlew	2
Spoonbill, African	61
Whimbrel, Eurasian	25



Western Osprey



Ruff

SNAKE SEASON AROUND THE CORNER

Due to the warmer months ahead, the snakes are starting to come out of hiding to soak up the sun. Should anyone want a snake relocated, please contact the control room on 028 050 2477 or 028 284 9966 and they will attend to it. For ease of reference, please find some but not all of the most common snakes on the estate. Don't be scared be prepared.



Cape Cobra

Slender. Broadhead. Smooth, dull scales, juvenile dirty yellow, speckled dark brown, has a broad black band on the throat. Adult colour varied: usually yellow-brown heavily flecked with dark brown, but maybe plain yellow (Kalahari) or dark mahogany (Namaqualand). Hunts by day. Rears and spreads broad hood bites readily but does not spit. **Venomous**



Puff Adder

Large, thick-bodied. Sluggish. Broadhead covered in small scales. The tail is very short. Body scales are rough. Body yellow-brown to light brown with numerous dark, pale-edged chevrons. Belly pale with scattered blotches. Active at dusk. May give deep warning hiss. Bites readily. **Venomous.**



Mole Snake

Large, stout heavy snake with a small pointed head. This snake is extremely fond of Mole Rats hence the name and is probably one of the reasons it has a head shaped for digging. The Mole snake comes in a variety of colours depending on the region it is from. **Not Venomous.**

Should you require a copy of the snake booklet that was put together by the Engagement Committee earlier this year, please advise Michelle at admin@arabellaestate.co.za

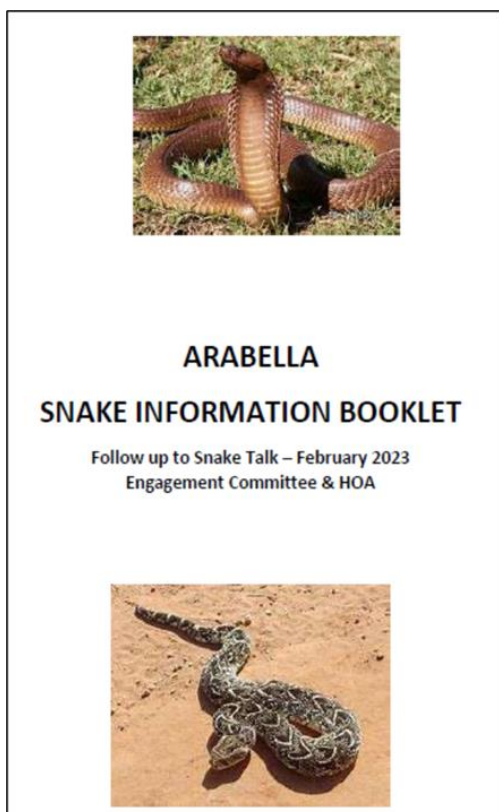


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EVENTS REMINDER

Dear Neighbours,

The following events are planned, and we would like to invite all our residents to join us:

Tuesday	19 September 2023	14h30	Ladies Tea
Friday	13 October 2023	17h00	Meet & Greet
Tuesday	17 October 2023	14h30	Ladies Tea
Friday	27 October 2023	18h00	Topic of Interest: Maryke and Robert Middelman, pictures of and stories about their classic cars, beer-tasting
Friday	10 November 2023	18h00	Meet the Swallows: Spring Social Cocktail Party
Thursday	16 November 2023	18h00	Topic of Interest: Leanne Dryburgh: News about wild Horses and Wild Walking Tours, wine tasting
Tuesday	21 November 2023	14h30	Ladies Tea
Wednesday	06 December 2023	12h00	Ladies Christmas Lunch
Friday	08 December 2023	18h00	Join the AGM
Saturday	23 December 2023	15h00	White Night picnic with live music
Monday	01 January 2024	17h00	Champagne reception at the Village Square
Friday	12 January 2024	17h00	Meet & Greet
Tuesday	16 January 2024	14h30	Ladies Tea
Friday	26 January 2024	18h00	Topic of Interest: Kogelberg Biosphere, information about animal rescue, wine tasting

Please save the date. We will confirm the venue, send a WhatsApp note and remind you in CONNECT at a later stage.

Let's CONNECT ...
Engagement Committee

Dear Homeowners

Hollow Tine Dates

Please be advised that hollow tinning will take place from the 18th of September to the 21st of September 2023.

Regards
Mike Munro