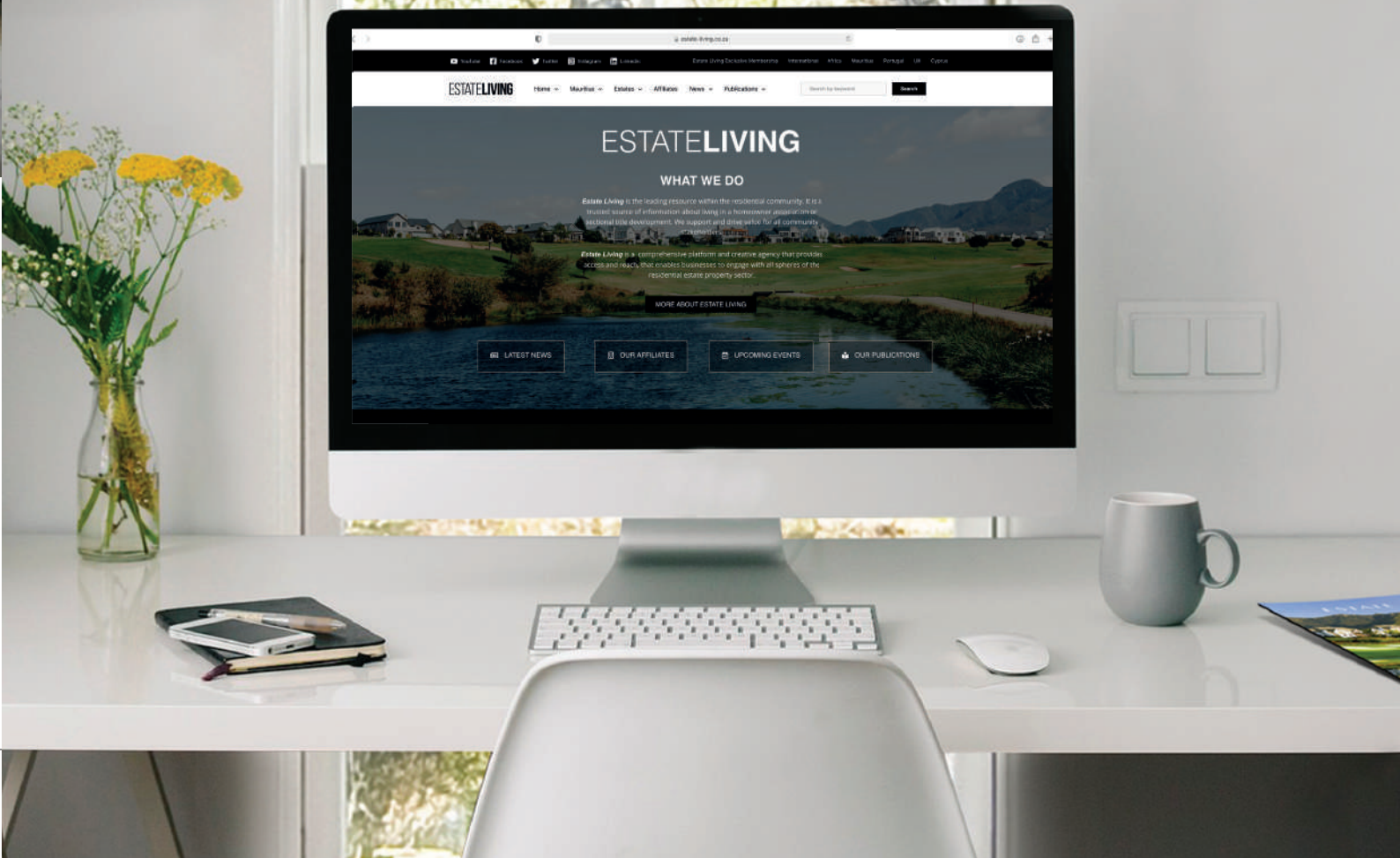


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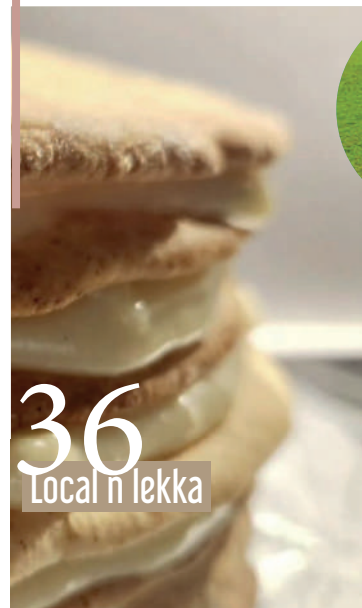
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From the CEO

As we find ourselves firmly settled into the second half of 2026, it is an appropriate time to reflect on where we are as a community and to look ahead to the opportunities that lie before us.



Dear homeowners and residents,

Welcome to the latest edition of *The BUZZard*.

The recent Annual General Meeting, held on 25 June 2026, marked an important milestone in the governance calendar of Kingswood Golf Estate. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all homeowners who attended the meeting, participated in the discussions, and exercised their voting rights. The continued engagement of our members is a vital component of a healthy and successful homeowners association, and it is encouraging to see residents taking an active interest in the future of our estate.

I would also like to congratulate our newly elected trustees, namely Janco du Toit, Marilyn Franklin, Gerrit ('Fielies') Nieuwoudt, Les Penfold and Ben Vermeulen. In addition, Pietman van Heerden continues to serve on the board and will remain an integral part of the leadership team guiding the affairs of the association. I look forward to working closely with the board as we continue to build on the solid foundations that have been established over the years.

At the same time, we extend our sincere gratitude to those trustees whose terms of office have come to an end, in particular Adrie Conradie and Jonathan Witts-Hewinson. Their contribution, commitment and stewardship have played an important role in the ongoing development and success of Kingswood, and we thank them for their service to our community.

The AGM also provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress made across the estate during the past year. While much of the focus often falls on visible improvements, there is an enormous amount of work that takes place behind the scenes to ensure that Kingswood continues to operate efficiently, remains financially sound, and delivers the lifestyle experience that residents have come to expect.

One of the highlights of the past year has undoubtedly been the continued success of our Community Centre and Clubhouse.

The facility has become a true focal point for community interaction and social engagement, bringing residents, golfers and visitors together in a manner that strengthens the unique sense of belonging that exists within Kingswood.

Across the estate, various infrastructure, landscaping and maintenance projects continue to receive attention as part of our commitment to preserving and enhancing the quality, safety and aesthetic appeal of our environment. In recent months, Kingswood, like many communities across the Garden Route, experienced the impact of severe weather conditions and exceptionally heavy rainfall.

While the estate weathered the storms remarkably well overall, certain areas of our road network, stormwater infrastructure and associated facilities sustained damage.

I am pleased to report that assessments were conducted immediately following the weather event, and repair and rehabilitation work is already underway.

Priority has been given to those areas affecting accessibility, safety and the day-to-day functioning of the estate.

While some of these repairs will take time to complete, please be assured that management and the board are committed to restoring all affected infrastructure as efficiently as possible and to implementing measures aimed at improving resilience against future weather-related events.



We would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding while these works are being undertaken. The positive cooperation shown by homeowners during this period has once again demonstrated the strong community spirit that exists within Kingswood.

Residents will also have noticed the introduction of our internal traffic-calming and access-control initiatives.

These measures are aimed at enhancing road safety and promoting responsible use of our road network, while ensuring that Kingswood remains a secure and enjoyable environment for all who live here.

Additional installations are planned over the coming months as part of this broader strategy, but read more about this elsewhere in this edition of *The BUZZard*.

What continues to impress me most, however, is the strength of our community.

Whether through participation in social events, support for estate initiatives, involvement in governance matters, or the simple acts of neighbourliness that occur every day, it is the people of Kingswood who truly make this estate special.





As we move forward, our focus remains firmly on responsible governance, sound financial management, continuous improvement, and delivering value to our homeowners.

While challenges inevitably arise from time to time, I remain confident that through collaboration, constructive engagement and a shared commitment to excellence, we will continue to strengthen and enhance all that Kingswood has to offer.

I would like to thank our homeowners, residents, staff, service providers and trustees for their ongoing support, dedication and contribution to the success of our estate.

Together, we are building not only an exceptional residential golf estate, but a thriving community that we can all be proud to call home.

I trust that you will enjoy this edition of *The BUZZard* and the many stories and updates contained within it.

Kingswood greetings,
Willem Jacobs
Chief Executive Officer
Kingswood Golf Estate

Meet the trustees

Following the recent Annual General Meeting, Kingswood Golf Estate has welcomed a newly elected board of trustees

A large, light-colored stone wall with the words "KINGSWOOD GOLF ESTATE" in raised, dark letters. To the left, a flagpole holds a flag with "KINGSWOOD" written vertically. The background shows a blue sky with clouds and some greenery.

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KINGSWOOD HOA

Trustees play an important role in the success of any homeowners association. They are entrusted with making informed decisions, providing strategic oversight, protecting the long-term value of the estate, and ensuring that Kingswood continues to be a secure, well-managed, and thriving place to call home. While many residents see the outcomes of their work, they may not always have the opportunity to get to know the people behind these important responsibilities.

To introduce your new trustees, Estate Living invited each of them to share a little more about themselves, what inspired them to stand for election, the experience

and skills they bring to the role, their vision for the future of Kingswood, and the commitment they have made to serving the community.

We hope these conversations provide residents with a greater understanding of both the responsibilities of a trustee and the individuals who have volunteered their time and expertise to serve the estate. Strong communities are built on collaboration, open communication, and shared purpose, and we encourage homeowners to engage with their trustees as partners in continuing to make Kingswood Golf Estate one of South Africa's most exceptional places to live.

Meet your trustee: Janco du Toit**Janco and Amoré du Toit**

EL: What inspired you to take on the role of trustee, and what positive changes or contributions do you hope to bring to our homeowners association?

JDT: With a new era dawning following the exit of the developer, I felt that this was the ideal time to become involved in the new structures of the HOA and to play a part in shaping the way forward for Kingswood.

Kingswood is already a special place to live, and I would like to contribute towards ensuring that it remains an extraordinary and fulfilling living environment for all residents. I believe this requires a balance between sound financial and governance principles, and the community-based objectives and expectations of residents.

As a resident of Phase 4, I also felt it was important for our section of the estate to have representation on the board of trustees, while at the same time contributing constructively to the success of the broader estate and the wellbeing of all residents.

EL: Could you tell us a little about yourself, including your background, your family, and how long you have been part of our community?

JDT: I grew up and went to school in the small community of Lichtenburg in the North West. After school, I completed my accounting studies in Pretoria and started my career with PwC in Johannesburg. I qualified as a chartered accountant in 2003.

I met my lovely wife, Amoré, in Pretoria while I was doing my articles at PwC, and we got married in 2002. I am grateful to say that we have been happily married for 24 years. Together, we are the proud parents of two wonderful daughters, Ané, aged 17, and Nhea, aged 13.

During our married life, we have lived in Gauteng, London and Port Elizabeth. We made the move to George in December 2022, when Ané started high school. It has been a wonderful move for our family, and we felt at home in the Kingswood community from the moment we arrived.

Outside of work, I enjoy a variety of interests, including golf, staying active, outdoor activities, sport, and quality time with friends and family.

EL: What do you see as the key roles and responsibilities of an HOA trustee, and how do you plan to fulfil them?

**Janco du Toit and family**

JDT: The trustees collectively act as the board, and their role is primarily one of governance, leadership, direction and oversight, rather than day-to-day operational management.

Kingswood has a strong management and operational team appointed by the board. My aim is to apply my experience to ensure that the execution by this team remains aligned with good governance, sound financial principles and the broader goals of the HOA. These goals include maintaining a safe, well-managed and vibrant community where the concerns, ideas and suggestions of residents are properly considered and aligned with the mandate and capabilities of the HOA.

That said, I strongly believe that no HOA can succeed without the active support of and collaboration with its community. It is up to each resident to be neighbourly, constructive and involved, even in small ways. By working together, we can strengthen relationships, build a positive community spirit and continue improving Kingswood as a place we are all proud to call home.

EL: What skills, experience, or personal qualities do you believe will help you serve the community effectively in this role?

JDT: I like to believe that I am a fair and balanced person, with the ability to step back from emotions, analyse the facts objectively, and deal with matters in a way that serves the interests of the ultimate beneficiaries – in this case, first and foremost, the residents.

Through my career and professional experience, I have developed strong expertise in governance, financial management, team collaboration and sound decision-making. I believe these are areas where I can make a meaningful contribution.

On the social and community side, I am approachable and open to engaging with residents. As both a resident and a family man, I have a strong community-focused agenda and a genuine interest in helping Kingswood remain a safe, welcoming and well-managed estate.

EL: What message would you like to share with homeowners about your commitment to the community, and how can residents work with you to make our neighbourhood an even better place to live?

JDT: In my view, an HOA cannot be run purely as a business, but it also cannot be run solely on social or community-based objectives. A fine balance must be achieved between community needs, accountability, financial integrity and the long-term protection of the estate and its residents.

Residents contribute through their levies, and it is important that those contributions are managed responsibly, transparently and in the best interests of the broader community.

Communities are complex and consist of people with different personalities, views and experiences. My commitment is to do my best to understand the needs and will of the community, and to help align those needs with the vision, mandate and capabilities of the HOA.

I would encourage residents to engage constructively, raise concerns in a respectful manner, contribute ideas, and participate positively in the life of the estate. If we approach matters with goodwill and a shared commitment to Kingswood, we can make our neighbourhood an even better place to live.

Meet your trustee: Gerrit Nieuwoudt aka Fielies



Gerrit and Lidwinia Nieuwoudt

I am honoured to have been re-elected as a trustee of the Kingswood Golf Estate Homeowners Association and welcome this opportunity to introduce myself.

We are fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful and pristine golf estates in the country. While none of us

can change the outcome of world events such as the conflict in Ukraine or the war in the Middle East, I firmly believe that if we apply our minds, skills, expertise and time to the matters within our control, Kingswood will continue to flourish and reach new heights.

My previous experience includes 11 years as a town councillor and 12 years as director of the Heritage Estate where we used to live.

I am committed to bringing this experience into the service of the Kingswood Estate and community. I thank the homeowners for their continued trust in me and my fellow trustees – we promise to dedicate our collective time and efforts to support the CEO and staff in making Kingswood the preferred family golf estate on the Garden Route.

I see the core responsibilities of the board of trustees as including financial oversight, general rules, maintenance, golf club and golf operations, legal compliance, and homeowner communication. I do not believe trustees should interfere in the day-to-day management, as our very competent CEO and staff have proven highly effective, and thus rather deserve the board's oversight, guidance and support.

On a personal note: my wife, Lidwinia, is a mathematics specialist who tutors from our home and is a co-author of the government-approved *Mind Action Series Mathematics* textbooks. We have two sons: our eldest, Philip, teaches English at St John's International School in Brussels, Belgium, while our youngest, Bernard, is a chartered financial analyst working at Mastercard in Johannesburg.

I am personally involved in Kingswood's security upgrades, which have in the last few years been a significant undertaking in both cost and expertise. We are well on our way to having the entire perimeter fence fitted with cameras, fibre, and electricity, and I look forward to seeing this important project through to completion in the near future.

Living in a gated estate brings its own responsibilities, and some compromises are necessary for us to coexist peacefully. My wish for Kingswood is simple: that we continue working together as a close-knit community – supporting and looking out for one another, today and in the years ahead.

Meet your trustee: Marilyn Franklin



Marilyn Franklin and family

I am honoured and grateful to have been elected as a trustee of our homeowners association. Having already had the privilege of serving as the Ladies' Captain, I've come to appreciate what makes our estate such a special place to live, play and build friendships. I look forward to serving the community in this new role.

What inspired me to become a trustee?

I believe that a great community is built by people who are willing to contribute their time and energy for the benefit of others. Being actively involved in our estate has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, and becoming a trustee felt like a natural next step. I hope to bring a positive, approachable and collaborative perspective to the board, helping to ensure that our estate continues to be a place we are all proud to call home. I'm a social person, I like to be involved, and I enjoy being part of a community.



A little about me

My husband Edmund and I moved to Kingswood from Cape Town in 2022. We both enjoy golf and cycling, which allows us to enjoy the outdoors and the beautiful environment we are fortunate to live in. We have two children – our daughter, Catherine, is married to Doogi and they live on Jeju Island in South Korea.

Catherine manages the academic program for five schools in Seoul, and Doogi owns and runs a European brunch-style restaurant. Our son, James, is a business consultant with Accenture in London, working in the financial services industry.

I consider myself a people person and value the relationships that make our community unique.

I have a keen interest in understanding every aspect of how our estate operates, whether it's learning more about the work of our greenskeepers, appreciating the dedication of our maintenance teams, or understanding the important role our office staff play behind the scenes.

I believe every person contributes to the success of our estate and deserves recognition and respect.

The role of a trustee

To me, being a trustee is about listening, representing homeowners fairly, and making balanced decisions that are in the best interests of the entire community. It requires transparency, integrity and a willingness to work as part of a team. I am committed to being accessible, keeping an open mind, and taking the time to understand different viewpoints before making decisions.

What I bring to the role

I believe my greatest strengths are my ability to connect with people, communicate openly, and work collaboratively. I enjoy learning, asking questions and understanding how things work, which I believe helps in making informed decisions.

I try to be approachable, am absolutely committed and very enthusiastic about serving our community.

I am looking forward to meeting even more residents and hearing your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Our estate is successful because of the people who live and work here, and I believe we all have a role to play in maintaining and improving it.

I look forward to contributing positively to the future of our lovely estate.

Meet your trustee: Les Penfold



Benita, Les Penfold and daughter

EL: What inspired you to take on the role of trustee, and what positive changes or contributions do you hope to bring to our homeowners association?

LP: We have only been living on the estate for six months, but in this short time we have fallen in love with the lifestyle it brings. From what we have seen and experienced, the estate is very well run, so at first I will need to understand the full operations sitting behind each of the portfolios making up the complete estate administration.

EL: Could you tell us a little about yourself, including your family?

LP: I retired six years ago from a corporate career in banking, structured finance and governance. I am married to Benita and we have a 24-year-old special needs daughter.

I am an avid wildlife photographer, love spending time in the bush, and enjoy travelling with Benita. And, of course, I enjoy my golf.



EL: What do you see as the key roles and responsibilities of an HOA trustee, and how do you plan to fulfil them?

LP: A trustee has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the estate and all homeowners, hence the key roles and responsibilities include governance and oversight, financial stewardship, strategic planning, risk and compliance, maintenance and asset protection, appointment and supervision of management, dispute resolution, rule enforcement and, importantly, community representation.

As one of the estate's custodians of governance, finances and community wellbeing, I will ensure that all of the key roles and responsibilities are adequately shared among trustees according to individual skill sets and experience.

EL: What skills, experience, or personal qualities do you believe will help you serve the community effectively in this role?

LP: My background and experience in finance, attention to detail and being a stickler for correct governance, together with my experience as having served as a director of the HOA of a private game reserve, will definitely serve me well in this role as trustee.

EL: What message would you like to share with homeowners about your commitment to the community, and how can residents work with you to make our neighbourhood an even better place to live?

LP: We have all made a long-term investment in the estate, and I always work hard to grow my assets to ensure a good return on my investments, which, in this case, will benefit all homeowners.

Meet your trustee: Pietman van Heerden



For Pietman van Heerden, serving as a trustee at Kingswood Estate is about giving back to the community he has proudly called home for the past 13 years. His motivation is simple, yet deeply meaningful – to preserve the exceptional lifestyle that residents enjoy while continually looking for opportunities to enhance it.

'As a resident, I only want the best for Kingswood,' says Pietman. 'My inspiration comes from maintaining our standards and improving wherever we can.'

Pietman brings with him a lifetime of leadership, practical experience and a strong sense of community. After a distinguished 42-year career in farming, he and his wife, Ronelle, to whom he has been happily married for 51 years, chose Kingswood as the place to enjoy the next chapter of their lives. Together they have three children, all of whom cherish spending time with their family at the estate. Over the years, Pietman has served

on a number of committees and has been actively involved in golf – experiences that have strengthened his appreciation for effective governance, collaboration and maintaining high standards.

His background in agriculture, together with extensive involvement in wildlife and game farming, has also given him a deep understanding of environmental stewardship, long-term planning and responsible decision-making.

Pietman believes that one of the most important responsibilities of an HOA trustee is to uphold the estate's rules with integrity, ensuring that they are applied fairly and consistently for the benefit of every homeowner. By doing so, he believes Kingswood will continue to protect the quality of life and investment that residents value so highly.

Looking ahead, Pietman's vision is centred on unity and shared responsibility.

'I would love to see us working together as a community to make Kingswood even greater,' he says.

With his wealth of experience, commitment to service and genuine passion for Kingswood, Pietman looks forward to working alongside his fellow trustees and residents to preserve the estate's unique character while helping to shape an even brighter future for the community.

Meet your trustee: Ben Vermeulen



Ben Vermeulen and family

'Strong communities are built on collaboration, open communication and a shared commitment to continuous improvement – principles that new Kingswood Golf Estate trustee Ben Vermeulen believes are essential to creating an exceptional lifestyle for every resident.

Bringing a strong financial background to the board of trustees, Ben is looking forward to contributing his expertise while helping strengthen the relationship between residents, management and the estate's world-class facilities.

'I see the role of the trustees as supporting management in the execution of their duties while ensuring that the needs and concerns of residents are effectively communicated,' says Ben.

With experience in finance, Ben believes he can make a meaningful contribution to the estate's governance and decision-making processes. He is particularly passionate about improving communication between the trustees and Kingswood's golf operations, ensuring that the needs and expectations of golf club members are well represented.

'As someone with a financial background, I hope to add value through sound decision-making and responsible governance,' he explains. 'I would also like to strengthen communication between golf operations and the

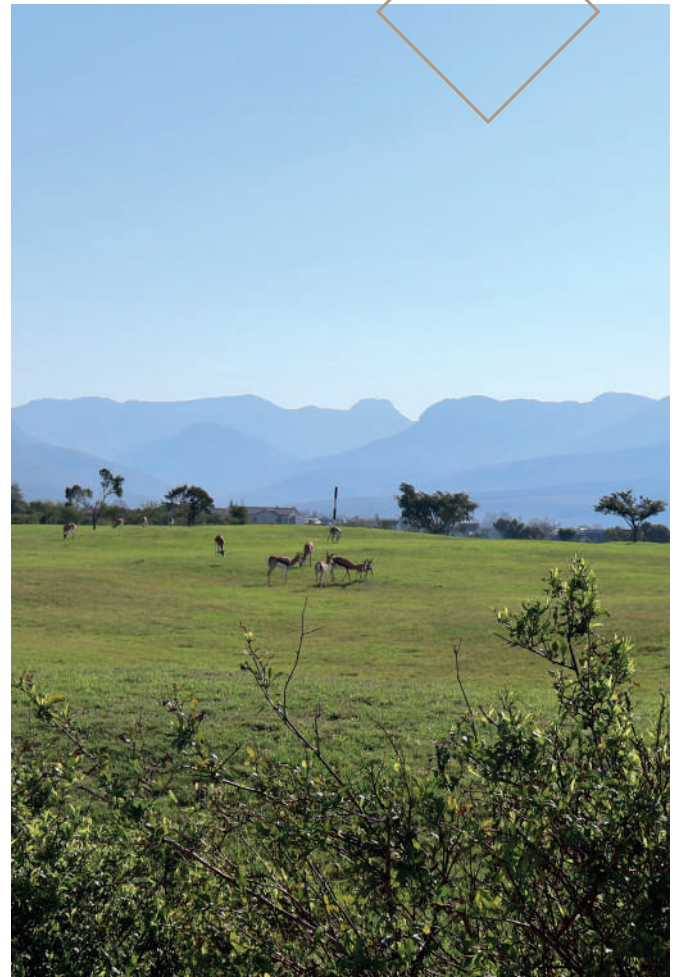


trustees, particularly on matters affecting our golf members.'

For Ben, one of Kingswood Estate's greatest strengths is the exceptional lifestyle it offers. From its world-class golf course to its beautiful natural surroundings and vibrant community spirit, he believes these amenities are central to residents' enjoyment and wellbeing.

'I believe that happiness for residents lies in making the most of the incredible facilities our estate offers,' he says.

Ben encourages homeowners to play an active role in the community by engaging openly with both the



trustees and the management team.

'If residents have concerns, ideas or suggestions, I encourage them to share these with the trustees and management.

By working together and communicating openly, we can continue to improve where needed and ensure that Kingswood remains one of South Africa's premier lifestyle estates.'

With a collaborative approach, practical financial insight and a commitment to listening to residents, Ben Vermeulen looks forward to helping preserve and enhance the exceptional lifestyle that makes Kingswood Estate such a remarkable place to call home.



SECURITY UPDATE

with Fielies Nieuwoudt

When we speak to Kingswood security-team chairman Fielies Nieuwoudt, he invariably lauds the tireless efforts of his subcommittee to further the KGE safety cause. 'The combined contributions of members – Dr Pieter Viljoen, Willem Jacobs, Piet van Heerden, Mornay Stoop, representatives of Scholz Consult, and Caron Manchest as secretary – are invaluable.'

In previous editions of *The BUZZard*, Fielies introduced an advanced camera system to manage the movement of golfers and clubhouse guests, incorporating an LED display that identifies these drivers and alerts them when they are going in the wrong direction.

The installation of this trailblazing technology is being rolled out according to plan. For residents not yet in the know, Gallagher is a digital access system available in an app format that allows residents to use their smartphone as a secure, contactless key to enter properties or buildings.

It has been an integral part of KGE's access control system – and for this system to operate most effectively, 'the My Estate Life (MEL) app, which is used by residents, and Gallagher must "talk" to each other,' he says.

MEL and Gallagher must be seamless to be most effective. He urges residents to download and master these apps.

Managing the movement of golf and clubhouse guests

'One of the LED display screens has already been installed – the one at the construction gate.

When captured by the cameras in an unauthorised area of the estate, the LED screen will display that driving there is unauthorised.

'The guest is requested to turn around – all while being checked by guards manning the control room 24/7. If the guest is really lost, or doesn't follow the instructions, security will be sent to escort them,' Fielies explains.

'We're currently in trouble-shooting mode and should be completed by the time you receive this issue of *The BUZZard*,' he says, adding that residents are kept abreast of security updates and progress throughout the year via internal Kingswood correspondence.

CCTV and thermal cameras listed in the latest security report include 123 different optical devices:

Gate House 1 – 18 CCTV

Gate House 2 – 12 CCTV

Gate House 3 – 10 CCTV

Gate House 4 – 18 CCTV

Contractor's Gate – 9 CCTV

Perimeter thermal cameras – 56

Driving these cameras and supporting equipment is an array of power supplies:

Thermal inverters (gates and control room) – 6

Inverters (fence) – 4

Lithium batteries (fence) – 5

Fielies says that, since Wi-Fi is not ultimately trustworthy, the process of laying permanent fibre is integral and ongoing.

'When considering our current perimeter fence coverage with permanent fibre, we have now completed 3,220m with a further 5,787m yet to be done.'



The roaming camera with solar panel (Smurf)

The digging of trenches to lay the fibre is an arduous and time-consuming job, described by Fielies as 'donkey work' – but it needs to be done. 'We've had sterling service by Cape Town-based ZA Products, so the entire distance between Gate 1 and Gate 4 now boasts fibre.'

Stats put the task into perspective

Facts and figures included in the May security report list vehicle and human traffic volumes experienced:

Residents and golf members monthly access: 47,467
General visitors access: monthly average: 21,121

Visitors to KWCCC/restaurant/Pro Shop monthly average: 2,500

Deliveries daily total estimate: 59; monthly average: 1,770

Facial readers walk-ins at turnstiles, daily total estimate: 955; the monthly average is 28,676.

Build @ Kingswood Update

Finally, Fielies says that tallying construction sites falls under the jurisdiction of his security subcommittee:



The Integrated LPR Traffic Verification and Access Control System that is currently being installed



'It's part of our mandate that we need to protect all properties and building sites.'

Stands including KW Court + Village + KW Cross and Hotel – 858

Completed Stands – 662

Gatehouse – 1

Community Centre/Clubhouse – 1

Smurf contributes to the Four Ds

Part of the KGE security 'army' is Smurf: a mobile, solar-powered surveillance and CCTV unit designed specifically for securing farms and properties across South Africa. It requires no fixed electrical or internet infrastructure, and, says Fielies, it's pulling its weight.

'Smurf can detect traffic outside the perimeter up to 50 metres away and so helps us attain the Four Ds:

Detect, Delay, Deter, Detain – a foundational framework used in physical security and asset protection to create a layered defence system.

'By implementing strategies across all four stages, you maximise the chance of interrupting an adversary before they can successfully complete their objective. So far, this approach has kept us safe, with no security-breach incidents to report.'

Gatehouse repurposed

It was considered before to move the security hub, currently housed in a container at the construction gate, into the gatehouse. But it is more practical to relocate the control room to the maintenance building on the same erf, leaving the gatehouse open for an exciting new plan.

'Except for the space where the Pro Shop used to be, the entire ground floor is used as administrative offices.



We were approached by the owner of Pure Movement to use the first floor for her facility, which is sure to be of great benefit to many residents.'

Fielies explains that one of the new offerings is a 'boutique gym' which caters for those in recovery after operations or injuries, with specially designed sessions including Pilates, Yoga and other remedial exercise routines. And if you're worried about the staircase deterring clients, fret no more: 'A lift is in the process of being installed to ensure easy access for everyone in need of the services this facility will offer.'



Report suspicious behaviour to the control room on 087 537 9733 (landline) or WhatsApp 083 522 0731; call Gate 1 on 044 874 6877, Gate 2 on 044 874 4797, and Gate 3 on 044 874 4597

Kingswood's landscapes receive national recognition at SALI Awards

Kingswood Golf Estate's landscaping team has celebrated a significant achievement after its landscaping partner, Turfworx, was awarded Bronze in the Landscape & Turf Maintenance category at the prestigious South African Landscapers Institute (SALI) Awards, held on 4 June. The accolade is particularly noteworthy as it marks the first time Turfworx entered its work at Kingswood Golf Estate into the national competition.

Widely regarded as the benchmark for excellence in South Africa's landscaping industry, the annual SALI Awards recognise companies that consistently demonstrate outstanding craftsmanship, innovation, environmental responsibility and long-term landscape management. The awards celebrate projects that not only enhance the beauty of a space but also reflect technical excellence, sustainability and a commitment to maintaining landscapes to the highest professional standards.

The Landscape and Turf Maintenance category is one of the industry's most demanding. Judges assess far more than visual appeal, evaluating the ongoing quality of landscape management, turf health, horticultural practices, irrigation efficiency, environmental stewardship, attention to detail, consistency throughout the year, and the overall presentation of the property. Successful entrants demonstrate that their landscapes are not simply designed well but are expertly maintained over time, ensuring that they continue to

thrive while enhancing the value and enjoyment of the communities they serve.

Receiving recognition in this category is a testament to the dedication and expertise of the Turfworx team, whose work contributes significantly to Kingswood Golf Estate's reputation as one of the Garden Route's premier residential golf communities.

Hannes van Niekerk, Turfworx's site manager at Kingswood, says the award reflects the passion and commitment of everyone involved.

'I am incredibly proud of our team. This award is recognition of the hard work, dedication and attention to detail that goes into maintaining Kingswood every day. We have a number of exciting landscape projects planned for the estate, and our goal is to continually enhance the natural beauty of the community while creating an environment that residents are proud to call home.'

Beautifully maintained landscapes play an important role in estate living, contributing not only to the visual appeal of a community but also to biodiversity, environmental sustainability, property values, and residents' overall wellbeing. National recognition from SALI reinforces Kingswood Golf Estate's ongoing commitment to creating exceptional outdoor spaces that enrich everyday life while setting a benchmark for landscape excellence.

SALI AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2026 BRONZE AWARD



This award is presented to

Turfworx cc

for

Kingswood Golf Estate

in the category

Landscape and Turf Maintenance



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DR JONATHAN FOLEY
NATIONAL JUDGE



GOLF COURSE update

'Storm' still fresh in memories, but how did it impact KGE's fairways and dams?

The BUZZard had a quick Q&A session with Kingswood greenkeeper Ivan van Heerden on the state of the golf course after recent extreme weather lashed George and many other parts of the Western Cape.

The Garden Route experienced multiple devastating storms that uprooted trees and caused widespread flooding, the most severe of these weather systems hitting the region on 5 and 6 May, followed by another destructive wind and rainstorm on 11 May. A subsequent major storm system hit during the first week of June.

These catastrophic weather events caused widespread mayhem across the district, including George, Knysna, Plett and Mossel Bay. *The BUZZard* caught up with Ivan van Heerden on 17 June (i.e. rainfall stats provided up to mid-June) to find out more about the impact on the Kingswood course.



BUZZard: How much rain was measured during the worst days?

Ivan: I recorded 416mm during May and June: 226mm in May and 190mm after the last rainfall in June. The course was extremely wet. Conditions are better now, but there were a few days when the use of golf carts was not allowed, and even some when games had to be cancelled.

The dams are full, so we are no longer trying to conserve water – excess water is flowing into the river. Larger or additional dams would have helped, as we didn't have the capacity to store any extra water. As we speak, all the dams are overflowing.

BUZZard: Were dozens of trees uprooted at Kingswood, as was the case at neighbouring George Golf Club and throughout the town?

Ivan: We lost 25 trees on the course. We are trying to save some of them, but we'll only know after winter whether they will survive. Both the course and estate were affected. The main challenge was the clean-up operation.

Most of the fallen trees, branches and debris have now been removed – we had several trucks assisting with



Extensive remedial work was carried out where a bunker wall had collapsed during the storms.



this task. There has also been some settlement around the dams, where we had to deal with a few issues after the most recent rain.

BUZZard: Were burst pipes a problem, as reported in previous cases of heavy rain?

Ivan: Not really. We used a great deal of irrigation over the past few months, but the system has not been working hard recently because of the dry months [2025 was the driest year since Ivan took over the greenkeeping reins] that led up to the recent rain.

BUZZard: Was there an upside, or did the downpours only bring destruction?

Ivan: Rain is always welcome. A farmer might say: 'It's okay, you can stop now for a while.' But I'll take as much rain as I can get. It's not ideal for golf operations, because you lose revenue when the course is too wet.

The upside is that now, after stressing about water for 11 months, we can breathe again. But we'll definitely need more rain during spring and summer so our dams' irrigation capacity will outlast the warmer, drier months.

For now, the course is beautifully green and I would rather deal with clean-up work than the stress of water shortages. I believe the whole town of George is happy about this as well.



The downpours cut dongas into the earth surrounding a bunker face.



GOLF @KINGSWOOD

Membership on the rise as Kingswood Golf Club team continue their quest to create lasting memories

The HOGA Cup was hosted by Kingswood with great aplomb, on and off the course.



Kingswood Golf Director Dean le Vieux was introduced to readers in the December 2025 edition, after taking up his post on 1 September last year, coinciding with the Spring Day launch of Kingswood's Clubhouse and Community Centre.

In this capacity, Dean is supported by Assistant Golf Director Tim Steynberg. But since our last report, two members of the Kingswood Golf Club (KGC) team – Golf Coordinator Catherine Gericke and her ZIC, Corlene du Plooy – vacated their posts for respective personal reasons.

Kayleigh King has now been appointed as Golf Coordinator and Carla Felix-Pheiffer is our new Golf Receptionist. We are excited to have them on board.

Making it easy

Members' response to ScoreCapture, along with other systems integrated to make a round at Kingswood as user-

friendly as possible, has been overwhelmingly positive.

'Golfers agree that our new systems are working, and they are adjusting fast,' says Dean, reminding that, in the past, it was required to manually fill in your scorecard.

'The tech now available allows players to input scores and other information using their cell phones. Apart from inserting your score, it makes it a lot easier to add up points – and having live leaderboards adds to the excitement and 'gees' when keeping an eye on your buddies.'

Kingswood leaves lasting HOGA memories

The HOGA (Home of Golf Africa) Cup was well attended when it was Kingswood's turn to host this exciting event on 10 April. A collaboration between regional tourism bureaux, local and district municipalities, HOGA showcases the Route's best courses.

The competition continued at various local golfing destinations over the course of eight months. 'The HOGA Cup was well received at Kingswood – and planned to take place on an annual basis, it's sure to return to our course,' says Dean.



The HOGA Cup players in action



'Some of our members finished on the podium and carried on to participate in several of the other HOGA competitions.' The photos on these pages tell parts of the story.

On making the Top 50

What would it take to get KGC onto the country's Top-50 list? When touching on this subject in the previous edition, Dean lauded the efforts of Ivan van Heerden and his greenkeeping team to improve conditions and playability on the course.



The victorious Ryder Cup Red Team



Ryder Cup team in action

'This is a move in the right direction, considering that we aim to get the club into the country's Top 50 tally,' he said. When the latest ratings were released earlier this year, KGC had moved up four spaces.

'I'd like to point out that the most recent rating process kicked off early last year – months before the launch of the Kingswood Clubhouse and Community Centre, which has of course added significantly to our offerings.

'Reaching the Top 50 is still hot on our list of priorities. It's all about the experience that members and visiting golfers have at Kingswood, and our main focus is on ensuring that the experience is a memorable one.

'It's going to take continuous efforts, but with lots of hard work behind the scenes and on the course, I believe we'll get Kingswood Golf Club into a good position in the foreseeable future.'

From the community liaison desk

Marketing and communications manager Beatrice Esterhuysen shared info on one of KGC members' favourite clashes on the course: The Kingswood Ryder Cup was initiated in 2023 by a group of golf members who regularly play in the Wednesday and



The Ryder Cup Blue Team



The Ryder Cup Red Team



Enjoying a post event celebration at the Clubhouse

Friday morning groups.

The competition is contested between estate members living north of Plattner Boulevard (the Red Team) and those living to the south (the Blue Team), and is only open to players who participate in these groups.

Regular players who are not Kingswood residents are also eligible and are allocated to either team by means of a random draw conducted by the respective captains.

The event follows the traditional Ryder Cup format, featuring match play with Betterball on day one, Foursomes on day two, and Singles on day three, culminating in a formal trophy presentation.

It differs from the official Ryder Cup only in that it is not played over three consecutive days.

Typically, each team has between 16 and 18 players available across the three match days.

Team selections are made by the captains ahead of a highly anticipated public draw, which determines the matchups.

Due to the number of participants, not all players can be selected for every round, which can lead to some disappointment.

However, it remains policy that every available player participates in at least one day of the competition.

Competition between the teams is fierce, with valuable bragging rights at stake, yet the event is equally defined by its camaraderie, light-hearted banter, and strong sense of fun.

The Red Team narrowly triumphed in both the 2023 and 2024 events. In 2025, the competition ended in a thrilling tie, with the outcome decided on the very last hole of the final match.

This year, the Red Team secured a more decisive victory, winning 16.5 to 11.5, although the contest was far closer than the final score suggests.

May this outstanding event continue to thrive as a highlight of the Kingswood golfing calendar, with the next Ryder Cup scheduled for April 2027.

More members, minor increase

Dean and his team are chuffed with the steady growth in membership numbers: 'We are now sitting at 615, which is more than anticipated within year one's timeframe. Commensurate with this consistent increase in membership is the positive response to our compulsory annual rates increase.

'When the new rates were released, they were well received all round. Our calculation and subsequent decision not to enforce a massive increase was made to please members – and it's working!'

On the subject of the Clubhouse, Dean lauds the efforts made by its restaurateurs, pro shop personnel and all staff catering for the golfing fraternity. 'We want to deliver on the expectation of every golfer that uses this facility. What members want is key.

'Marketing on several platforms encourages residents, members and golfers to make full use of the clubhouse. Part of this drive is the hosting of live music on a monthly or fortnightly basis.'

Dean invites members to swing past the Kingswood Golf Club office to discuss suggestions or contributions that may help the KGC crew to attain their goals.



POPIA CODE SIGNALS A NEW ERA FOR access control compliance

Why every community scheme needs a Code of Conduct on the processing of personal Information at gated accesses

South Africa's access control practices are entering an important new phase following the publication of the draft Code of Conduct on the Processing of Personal Information at Gated Accesses by the Information Regulator.

While the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) has been in force since 2021, the proposed Code provides practical guidance on how the legislation should be applied at controlled access points where personal information is collected every day.

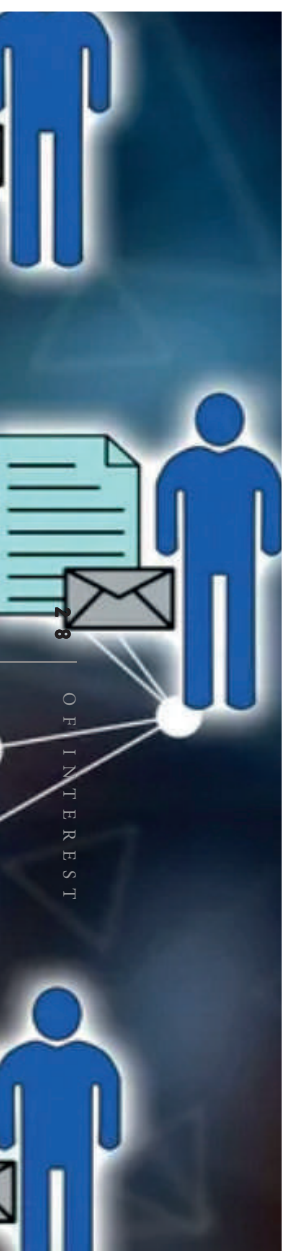
Residential estates, sectional title schemes, office parks, shopping centres, schools, hospitals, government facilities and industrial precincts are among the environments expected to be affected.

Rather than introducing new legislation, the

draft Code establishes a clearer compliance framework for organisations responsible for managing access control. For many community schemes and property owners that have already implemented POPIA policies and appointed information officers, the Code represents the next step in strengthening governance and operational practices.

Building on existing POPIA compliance

Over the past few years, many homeowners associations, bodies corporate, property managers and commercial property owners have invested considerable time and resources in implementing POPIA. Information officers have been appointed, privacy policies developed, consent processes introduced, and internal governance structures established.





The draft Code does not replace these measures. Instead, it focuses specifically on one area that has often received less attention – the collection and processing of personal information at entrances and exits.

Security personnel, reception staff, access control operators and contractors routinely process visitor information, identity documents, vehicle registrations, CCTV footage and, in many cases, biometric data. The draft Code provides more detailed guidance on how these activities should be managed in accordance with POPIA's existing principles of lawfulness, necessity, proportionality and accountability.

A significant operational sector

South Africa's private security industry is one of the largest globally. According to the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA), there are more than 580,000 registered security officers and approximately 11,000 registered security businesses.

These professionals provide access control services across thousands of locations, including:

- between 7,000 and 8,500 residential estates (Estate Living industry mapping);
- approximately 70,000 sectional title schemes (Community Schemes Ombud Service);

- around 2,000 shopping centres (South African Council of Shopping Centres);
- more than 26,000 public and independent schools;
- hundreds of hospitals and healthcare facilities; and
- thousands of office parks, industrial facilities and government buildings.

Many of these sites also rely on sophisticated access technologies including CCTV, licence plate recognition, and biometric systems.

What the draft Code changes

The draft Code reinforces that organisations should only collect information that is necessary for granting access.

Where higher-risk technologies such as facial recognition or fingerprint systems are used, organisations may be required to demonstrate why these systems are necessary through a Personal Information Impact Assessment (PIIA).

The Code also places greater emphasis on documenting how personal information is collected, stored, retained and deleted, while ensuring that visitors receive appropriate privacy notices explaining how their information will be used.



Importantly, the responsibility for compliance rests with the organisation responsible for the access point – not with individual security officers.

Trustees, homeowners associations, bodies corporate, landlords, property owners, managing agents and public bodies will remain responsible for ensuring that appropriate governance structures, policies and oversight are in place.

The role of security service providers

The draft Code is also expected to influence contractual relationships between property owners and security companies.

Many existing service level agreements may need updating to clearly define responsibilities relating to:

- POPIA-compliant handling of personal information;
- staff training requirements;
- data retention and deletion procedures;
- incident and breach reporting;
- processing instructions; and
- allocation of legal responsibilities between client and service provider.

This does not necessarily shift liability entirely to security companies, but it does require clearer contractual accountability between all parties involved.

Training will become increasingly important

One of the practical gaps highlighted by the draft Code is the need for more consistent POPIA awareness among frontline personnel who process visitor information every day.

While many organisations have already provided POPIA awareness training to management teams, additional operational training for security officers, reception staff and access control personnel is likely to become an important part of future compliance programmes.

Training will need to cover topics such as:

- collecting only necessary information;
- appropriate use of CCTV and biometric systems;
- visitor privacy notices;
- record retention and deletion;
- responding to information requests; and
- reporting potential data breaches.

Who will bear the cost?

As with any regulatory change, implementation will carry financial implications.

The responsibility for funding compliance is likely to rest primarily with the responsible party under POPIA – typically the homeowners association, body corporate, landlord, property owner, managing agent or

organisation operating the access point.

However, security companies may also incur costs where contracts require additional staff training, updated operating procedures or revised technology platforms.

Depending on the existing level of compliance, organisations may need to budget for:

- additional POPIA training;
- policy and governance updates;
- legal review of contracts;
- privacy signage and notices;
- system configuration changes; and
- biometric or CCTV assessments where required.

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POPIA training for frontline staff: R350 – R1,200 per person

Compliance framework development: R20,000 – R150,000

Access-control system upgrades: R50,000 – R500,000-plus

Biometric replacements: R80,000 – R1.2 million

CCTV compliance upgrades: R15,000 – R200,000

A transitional opportunity

The Information Regulator is expected to provide a transitional implementation period once the Code is finalised, allowing organisations time to review procedures, update documentation and implement any necessary operational changes.

While the final implementation timeline has not yet been confirmed, the current draft provides an opportunity for organisations to assess their existing access control practices before the Code comes into force.

Practical steps to consider

Community schemes, property owners and organisations responsible for controlled access should consider:

- reviewing current access control procedures;
- auditing the personal information collected at entrances;
- assessing the use of CCTV and biometric systems;
- reviewing contracts with security service providers;
- ensuring that information officers are involved in access control governance;
- planning additional staff training where required;
- reviewing data retention and deletion procedures; and
- updating privacy notices displayed at access points.

Looking ahead

The draft Code represents an evolution of POPIA rather than a new legal obligation. It provides greater clarity on an area where large volumes of personal information are processed daily and where governance expectations are becoming more defined.

For organisations that have already embraced POPIA compliance, the focus now shifts from policy development to operational implementation at the gate. For others, the draft Code serves as a timely reminder that effective privacy governance extends beyond the boardroom and into every point where personal information is collected.

As the consultation process continues, estates, community schemes, commercial property owners and security providers have an opportunity to prepare, review existing practices, and ensure that they are well positioned when the final Code is published.

A close-up photograph of a Long-crested Eagle perched on a branch. The eagle has dark brown plumage, a prominent crest of feathers on its head, and bright yellow eyes. It is looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting with green and brown tones. The eagle's feet are visible, gripping the branch.

KINGSWOOD'S WILDLIFE

André Coetzee photo of a Long-crested Eagle in his garden.

Babies abound as springbok rams
re-enter the Kingswood herd

In the final edition of 2024, *The BUZZard* chatted to Pietman van Heerden about dynamics of the resident springbok, and learnt that it's a 'bachelor herd' – a term usually referring to a group of juvenile male animals that are still sexually immature, or harem-forming buck that have been thrown out of their parent groups but have not yet formed a new family group.

Pietman has forever been involved with the monitoring of wildlife at Kingswood, but since the retirement of Dan de Wet in January this year, he also serves as chairman of the KGE subcommittee on wildlife management. *The BUZZard* caught up with Pietman, freshly returned from a trek upcountry, to check on the state of the estate's fauna.

Managing the rams

During an interview last year, Dan explained that vet Christiaan Blignault had suggested 'we wait until the middle of next year to allow the herd to settle.' Well, that's roundabout now, and Pietman is taking action to ensure the health of the herd and its newest arrivals.

'I've taken out 12 rams and brought in two from Oudtshoorn – neither of which survived because of lung trouble and other ailments. So our herd was without big rams for a while, but we're now bringing in rams from Mossel Bay, and then we should see new lambs on a weekly basis.'



A calf with the twins and Ewe



Kingswood's twins

Double delight at Kingswood

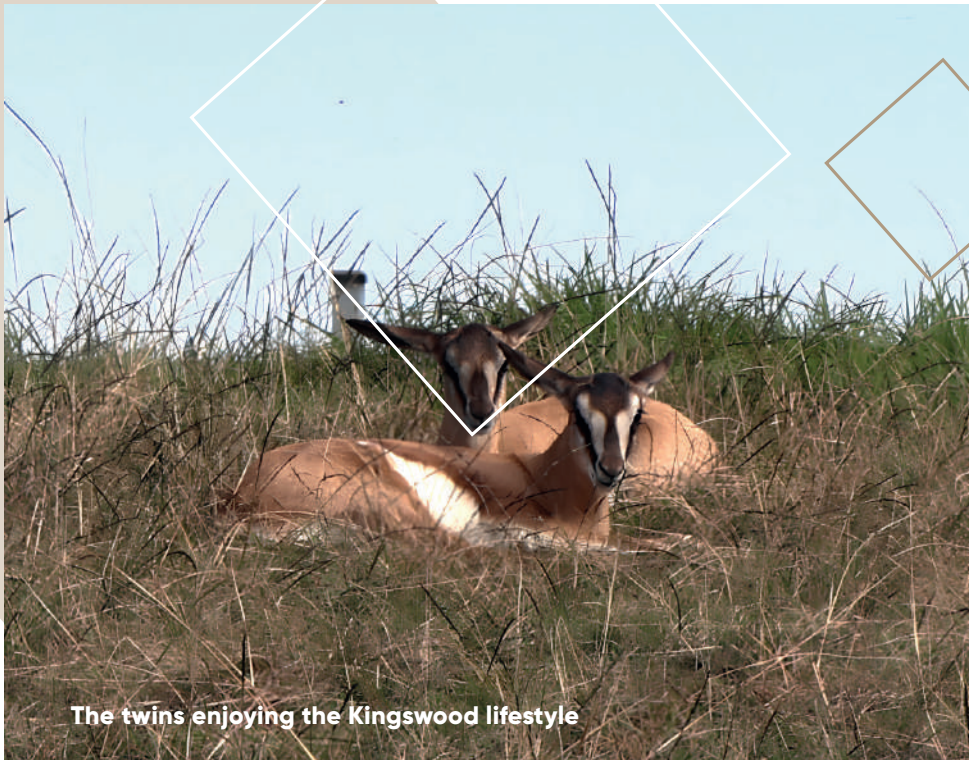
Nature has given us something special to celebrate at Kingswood with the arrival of a beautiful pair of twin springbok lambs, born at the beginning of June.

The twins have been delighting residents and visitors alike as they explore their surroundings under the watchful eye of their mother.

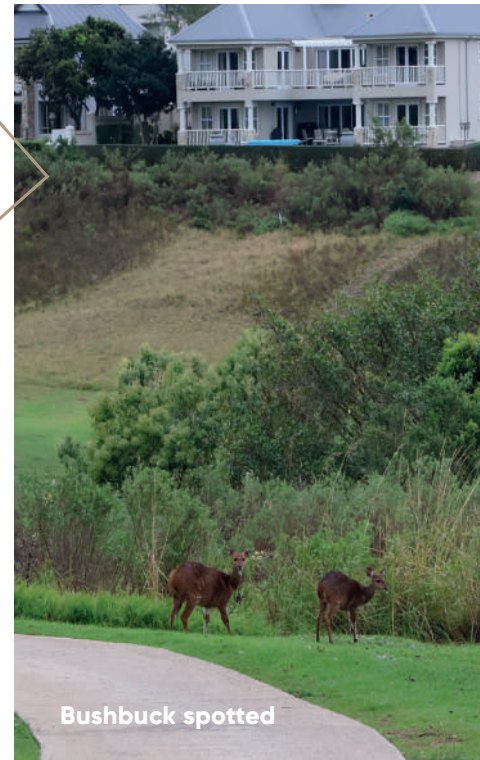
Twin births in springbok are relatively uncommon, making their arrival an exciting addition to our wildlife family. Kingswood HOA trustee Pietman van Heerden says, 'I've spoken to quite a few game farmers, and they all agree it is a rare thing to see the birth of springbok twins. In fact, most of the farmers I have spoken to have never seen twin births.' Van Heerden is keeping a close eye on them, and he says that the mother is taking good care of them and that they are looking healthy.

Following the recent loss of our much-loved black springbok, Siya, nature has brought a beautiful reminder that life continues with the arrival of the twins.

If you're out walking or enjoying a round of golf, keep an eye out for these adorable newcomers. As always, we encourage everyone to admire them from a respectful distance, allowing them to thrive in our beautiful estate.



The twins enjoying the Kingswood lifestyle



Bushbuck spotted

New arrivals have indeed been rife, after two births in May, and the twins arriving during the first week of June. Now residents can enjoy the sight of several generations of the estate's famous free-roaming herd of springbok and its newest additions.

With foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) affecting farms across SA, it was necessary to ask whether Kingswood's animal keepers need worry about the spread of this highly contagious viral illness that exclusively infects cloven-hoofed domestic and wild mammals.

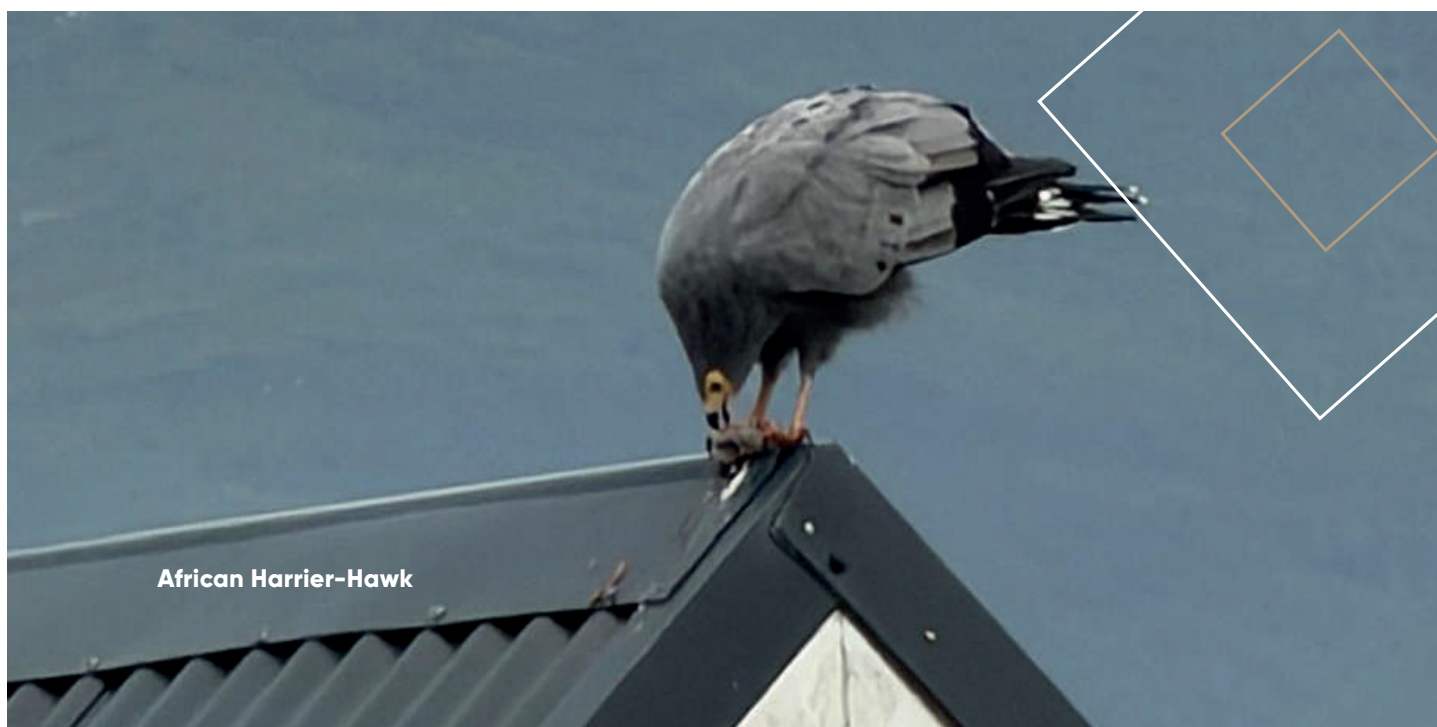
'No, we've not had to worry about FMD as it mostly targets cattle and other split-hooved animals – affected livestock also include sheep, and pigs,' explains Pietman.

He is happy to report that bushbuck are still being spotted on the estate. The prevalence of these buck at KGE was previously regarded as a result of the Mediclinic construction site cutting off parts of wildlife corridors along the estate's boundary. This may also be the case with other small game spotted within the perimeter fence.

'There may be fewer bushbuck on the estate right now. They mostly head our way from the direction of George, and often hang in the kloofs and mountain courses surrounding the town.'



Owl spotted in resident's garden



African Harrier-Hawk

Pietman says the recent storms didn't seem to have a significant impact on the estate's wildlife. 'And when it comes to water animals such as the clawless otter and water mongoose that live in our dams and rivers, they would have moved on to higher ground along the banks when threatened by flooding.'

When questioned on other small game such as porcupines being spotted by residents, Pietman says these spikey rodents are particularly active at the moment – to the great chagrin of many a gardener.

'Spotting porcupine is a privilege, but they have taken a serious liking to arum lilies (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*). So, for a cultivator of these pretty plants, it may not be much fun to witness porcupine feasting on your lilies.

'Especially if positioned outside the fence – they will not hesitate to topple the pots and chomp up your arums in a few big gulps!'

Bird life ... and death of nestlings

Pietman is excited about the presence of birds of prey at KGE, and has captured spectacular video footage of an African Harrier-Hawk, pictured on the roof of a Kingswood abode while devouring a baby bird removed from its parental nest just moments before.

'The jakkalsvoëls and kaalwangvalke are very active at the moment, the latter being famous for stealing babies from nests for a snack,' he says. 'Jakkalsvoël' translates to Jackal Buzzard in reference to its distinctive, loud, yelping call, which sounds remarkably like the cry of a Black-backed Jackal.

It's a large, stocky bird of prey with dark plumage, a prominent chestnut/rufous breast, and a striking white undertail. They are frequently spotted perched on rocky outcrops, roadside poles, and fences in mountainous or hilly grasslands, and are common in coastal and mountainous regions of the Western Cape.

'Kaalwangvalk' translates to African Harrier-Hawk – a medium-sized bird of prey easily identified by its pale grey plumage, distinctive bare patch of yellow or red skin on its face, and a broad black-and-white band on its tail.

They are highly specialised hunters equipped with double-jointed legs, allowing them to reach deep into tree cavities, rock crevices, and weaver nests to extract eggs, nestlings, small mammals, and reptiles.

Call 0861 72 71 70 if you would like to report unique wildlife sightings, or in case of animals in distress.

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Cakes fit for a queen –
'coz Nicolene just can't
do plain'

A Jewish custard tart ('Jodentert') consists of seven layers of giant cookies with a vanilla custard filling in-between.

The BUZZard chatted to resident 'cake artist' Nicolene Engelbrecht, starting the conversation with the question:

'How did your family end up in George?'

'My husband, Nick, is a PSG advisor and, apart from the Pretoria branch, he is also co-owner of PSG in George and Mossel Bay.

Like so many others, he commutes between here and Pretoria, where both of us were born and raised.

'We were school sweethearts who grew up in the western part of Pretoria; we moved to the eastern side of town and eventually found our home in Montana Park, where we also raised our children.

'Pretoria remains close to my heart because our family and friends are still there, as well as our eldest son, daughter-in-law, and two little grandsons aged one and three.'

On boys and clever Buddy

Eduan, youngest of the Engelbrecht brood, matriculated last year and is studying from home through Akademia in the Management field. While studying, he is also pursuing his passion for golf. Extremely enthusiastic about the sport, Eduan practises as often as possible.

'He has great perseverance and is an incredibly positive person. His Jack Russell, Buddy, is our four-legged child with an enormous personality: smart and well trained, albeit he barks a lot. I suppose that's just his protective instinct ...

With proud parents Nicolene and Nick are, from left, eldest Nico, his wife Nadia, and youngest son Eduan.



Four-legged family member, Buddy

'Our son Nico is a registered civil engineer and designed the recently constructed Eden Meander circle, as well as changes currently taking place in the parking area. It makes me feel close to them whenever I drive there – a very special feeling.'

Camera and cake recipes always handy

Nicolene says her primary passions include the beauty of nature in all its intricate detail. 'I adore mountains, trees and clouds. My camera is always on the ready to capture the beauty that God allows us to see daily. I also enjoy painting and creating meaningful prophetic art, practising weekly to learn new techniques and develop my own unique style.'

'Then there is my great love for baking and decorating cakes. This is where I find true joy; I'm at my happiest when doing it. My love for baking comes from childhood, when my sister and I baked with my mother every second weekend. We took turns cracking the eggs – and deciding who got to lick the empty mixing bowl!'

'Our grandmother on my father's side was also an exceptional baker. You could always find her in the kitchen with the radio on, a good cup of *boerekoffie*, and something baking in the oven.'

'She supplied church bazaars with various baked goods, and was well known for her delicious koeksisters, Jodentert*, and ginger and pineapple flan tarts – something one rarely sees these days, because very few people know about them any more.'



The cake artist's most recently completed oil painting



Springbok-theme cake – just in time for test rugby.

'I have Ouma's files with all her handwritten recipes – very sentimental and precious to me. My father, who lives in Hartbeespoort, and I regularly try to perfect her Jodentert just the way she made it; we've already mastered her Jewish custard tarts.

'My mother is also still alive and lives with my sister in Secunda. My sis and I completed a comprehensive baking and decorating course, where a wonderful vanilla and chocolate cake recipe was shared with us.

'My red velvet cake is based on a recipe from a well-known South African chef. I got my carrot cake recipe from a friend's mother, who baked for home industries in her day. I tasted the carrot cake at her wedding and was speechless.

'Most of my cake tins are new, but my cupcake, bread, flan tart and Jewish custard tart pans all belonged to my grandmother. Sometimes old, well-used pans are more beautiful – as if they could tell many stories. They have character, just like a well-used personal recipe book with dashes of dough and a coffee ring here and there.'

Baking: yesteryear and now

Today's products and technology help to perfect a



Nicolene's Jewish custard tart for a very lucky 70-year-old.



Ginger flan: the baked crust is filled with sweet ginger (or pineapple), then topped with whipped cream before being packaged and tied with a festive bow.



A Jewish custard tart ('Jodentert')

beautifully decorated cake. Machines can now cut edible prints with great precision, creating a much neater finish, while personalised cake toppers can be laser-cut to perfection, Nicolene explains.

'Of course, a good mixer is essential to make baking a pleasure. Mine was a gift from my husband when I turned 40 – probably the best present he's ever given me, apart from my children.'

Kingswood = 'Community'

'The Kingswood community is made up of a wonderful group of people who support one another in their small businesses. People look out for each other – when you need a good supplier or simply some information, everyone is willing to help.'

Kingswood is also where Nicolene first introduced her cakes, soon after having moved to George. 'Starting with fellow residents, I managed to build up a new client base, and so my small business grew through sheer passion. But if someone asks for a "plain cake" ... well, I simply can't do it. It must be decorated and fit for a high tea table. I just love the theme cakes (click on www.

[instagram.com/e.nicolene/](https://www.instagram.com/e.nicolene/) and scroll down). I advertise on the Kingswood group and work mainly from home.'

She says the most beautiful nature pics are shared among fellow Kingswood photographers, 'with exceptional support and enthusiasm for our resident herd of springbok. I must just mention that our new clubhouse is a real luxury, perfectly positioned with the mountains right in front of you. How blessed we are to have this on our doorstep!

'One is encouraged and motivated to play golf on our beautiful course, and the safety of the estate creates opportunities for our children to enjoy themselves and experience a healthy outdoor lifestyle.'

Contact Nicolene on 082 561 7837 for further information

* A Jewish custard tart consists of seven layers of giant cookies with a vanilla custard filling in-between.



From Kingswood to the top in SA

ABIGAIL KOK ENCOURAGES MATRICS TO STAY THE COURSE

As matric learners enter the second half of the academic year and begin preparing for their final examinations, there is inspiration close to home.

Kingswood resident Abigail Kok was announced last year as the Top Matriculant of 2025 in South Africa.

When asked about her accomplishments, Abigail said: 'To be announced as the Top Matriculant of 2025 is something I still struggle to put into words.

'Firstly, I would not be where I am without the people. My parents' support, my brother's encouragement, my teachers' constant assistance (no matter the hour), and my friends' reminder never to take life too seriously were all integral parts of my journey. By the grace of God, I find myself where I am today.



'Matric was not without its challenges – balancing sport, culture, academics and leadership, getting to know myself in the process, and learning how to serve others as best as possible stretched me in unexpected and invaluable ways. Yet, even in the busiest moments, laughter, playing sport whenever I could and building amazing friendships carried me forward.'

'Looking back, matric was such a blessing. I pray that each of the matrics of 2026 will flourish too, each in their own way, to be even greater than those who came before them.'

With the final matric examinations only a few months away, many families are navigating the pressures and expectations that come with this important year.

Having experienced the journey at first hand, the parents of South Africa's National Top Matriculant, Albert and Susi Kok, say that 'it has been an honour to witness Abigail's journey.'

'There were many ups and definitely a few downs, but she remained kind, dedicated, humble, and she persevered.'

'Time management proved a bit challenging at times as she tried to juggle her sports, social commitments and academics, but our main message was: work hard, always have fun, and your best is good enough. The whole class of 2025 deserves recognition – they all did so well, and may their stories inspire us all to soar even higher.'

Abigail is currently studying Data Science at the University of Stellenbosch and says that she is loving her journey.

Her message to the matrics of 2026 is: 'Work hard and work consistently, but remember to also enjoy the year – it is, after all, your final year of childhood.'

Top study tips for matrics

- Start preparing now – don't wait for exams to get serious. Consistent revision now will reduce stress and boost confidence later.
- Practise past papers – they help you understand the exam format, improve time management, and



identify areas that need more attention.

- Take care of yourself – get enough sleep, eat well, and take breaks. A healthy mind and body are essential for academic success.

Remember: Small, consistent efforts every day can make a big difference when exam season arrives.



Touring at a run

Kingswood resident Manfred Peters recently completed his 500th parkrun at Noorwyk Midrand

Manfred and his wife Barbara were visiting their children, who live in the area, to celebrate their grandchild's 13th birthday.

Being a 'tourist parkrunner', the milestone birthday celebrating their first teenage grandchild happily coincided with this milestone parkrun for him.

For those who don't know, parkrun is a free, 5km community event that takes place every Saturday morning, where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. It takes place in 22 countries around the world, with 228 parkrun events currently around South Africa and more locations constantly being added. Bruce Fordyce is president for parkrun in South Africa.

Manfred says he was never big on running but was rather always chasing a ball – be it on the soccer, cricket or hockey field. Nowadays it is on the golf course where he is part of Kingswood's Wednesday morning social group, which he has been doing for eight years.

Even without a ball to chase, Manfred is passionate about parkrun, as he says, 'don't call me before 10:00 on a Saturday.'

He has put in 12 years of dedication to achieve his 500th parkrun.

His journey started in 2014 at Delta Park, Johannesburg. Coincidentally, this was also where the first parkrun event in the country launched in November 2011. He went with his daughter and 'got hooked'.

Manfred and his wife Barbara are avid tourists, and they use parkrun events and challenges to plan their travels. As he says, 'parkrun takes you places you wouldn't normally go.'

There is an app available that tracks a parkrunner's progress, statistics and challenges, like tourist events and letter and name challenges.

He has already completed 108 tourist events – 107 in South Africa and 1 in Italy – and has done all the letters of the alphabet bar Q and X.

Barbara steps in as photographer and, when required, as volunteer at events. He did a parkrun in Upington where the event was almost cancelled because they didn't have a timekeeper. Barbara stepped in to do the timekeeping, and Manfred volunteered as photographer on his run. He has also volunteered around 84 times during his parkrun journey.

Family affair

Manfred and Barbara have two daughters in Johannesburg and one in Hoedspruit. As mentioned, it was one of his daughters who got him hooked on parkrun. He proudly shares that their seven-year-old grandson, Devereux, recently completed the Hoedspruit parkrun in just over 42 minutes.

That said, Manfred insists that parkrun is not a competition – 'you are not there to win; nowadays I don't run any more, I only walk' – and he is very enthusiastic about people joining the parkrun. 'Even if you just walk, you are never last, as there is always a tail-walker to guide everyone home.' Living on Kingswood, with its numerous safe hiking trails, is ideal for keeping fit for parkrun.

More milestones

Competition or not, we are sure that Manfred will continue to add to his 500th parkrun achievement. He plans on going to East London next, and then also has eight more parkruns in the Cape Town area and West Coast on his itinerary.

He jokes that 'touring around parkrun is fun; we get to do the event and then explore the surrounds – and the wine farms.'

Amid all the events and touring, Manfred and Barbara still call Kingswood home, and we are very proud of this inspiring member of our community.



Heidelberg parkrun



parkrun volunteers



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