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Protea nerifolia

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Indeed a *Life in Abundance*

Welcome to the September edition of the Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village newsletter! Spring has arrived, bringing with it new growth, exciting projects, and the perfect reminder of why Outeniquasbosch is such a special place to call home.

We're delighted to share that the beautiful new **Oupoot Street Water Feature**, fondly named **The Boschstroom**, has been completed. This tranquil space is more than just a visual delight — it's a thriving ecological hub supporting birds, frogs, and pollinators, while helping to manage stormwater naturally. To make the most of these scenic spots, two brand-new **benches** have been installed. Whether overlooking the Phase 11 dam or the Oupoot Street dam, they offer perfect places to pause, reflect, and enjoy the serenity of nature.

For those looking to spend more time outdoors, our brand-new **picnic** area near the river entrance is now open! Nestled among indigenous vegetation with the gentle sounds of the river nearby, it's the perfect place for family outings, peaceful lunches, or simply soaking up the beauty of OB.



Living close to nature means sharing our home with wildlife — including snakes. This year, residents have noticed more snake activity, especially puff adders, due to ideal conditions after a wet 2024. While this can be unsettling, remember that snakes are essential for controlling rodent populations. With calm and informed responses, we can ensure safety for everyone while protecting these vital creatures.

This issue also dives into **the deep history beneath our feet**, exploring the **petrified wood** discovered on our hillsides — ancient remnants of forests that thrived over six million years ago. It's a humbling reminder that while our estate is growing and modernizing, it sits atop a landscape shaped by countless ages of natural change.

Meanwhile, King's College students recently had the incredible opportunity to witness a live **zebra health check**, learning about wildlife care and conservation in action. Speaking of the school, the installation of **artificial grass** around the junior jungle gym has been a great success, improving safety and durability for our young adventurers.

We also take a closer look at one of our most fascinating residents — **the Cape Porcupine (*Hystrix africaeaustralis*)**. These nocturnal creatures may leave a trail of quills, but spotting them is a rare and exciting experience.

As our community continues to grow, we are proud to share that the **2024 Environmental Audit** confirmed that OB meets all environmental standards — a testament to our shared commitment to protecting this incredible landscape. Plus, exciting news for residents in Phases 9, 12, 13, and 14: **Connect4U Fibre** is now available, bringing faster internet and even DSTV without a satellite dish!

From natural wonders to modern comforts, **Outeniquasbosch** is truly a place where life in abundance thrives. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey as we continue to grow together — in harmony with nature and each other.



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Inderdaad 'n *Lewe in Dorrloed*

Welkom by die September-uitgawe van die Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village-nuusbrief!

Die lente het aangebreek en bring nuwe groei, opwindende projekte en die perfekte herinnering aan waarom OB so 'n spesiale plek is om jou tuiste te noem.

Ons is verheug om te deel dat die pragtige nuwe **Oupootstraat Waterfunksie**, liefdevol **Die Boschstroom** genoem, voltooi is. Hierdie rustige ruimte is meer as net 'n visuele fees – dit is 'n florerende ekologiese spilpunt wat voëls, paddas en bestuiwers ondersteun, terwyl dit help om stormwater op 'n natuurlike manier te bestuur. Om hierdie pragtige plekke ten volle te benut, is **twee splinternuwe bankies** geïnstalleer. Of jy nou oor die Fase 11-dam of die Oupootstraat-dam uitkyk, dit bied die ideale plek om te pauseer, te besin en die stilte van die natuur te waardeer.



Vir diegene wat meer tyd buite wil spandeer, is ons **nuwe piekniekarea** naby die rivier-ingang nou oop! Dit is geleë tussen inheemse plantegroei, met die sagte klanke van die rivier in die agtergrond – die perfekte plek vir gesinsuitstappies, rustige middagetes, of net om die skoonheid van OB op te suig.

Om naby aan die natuur te woon, beteken dat ons ons tuistes met wildlewe deel – **insluitend slange**. Hierdie jaar is daar meer slangaktiwiteit opgemerk, veral **pofadders**, weens gunstige toestande na 'n nat 2024. Alhoewel dit ontstellend kan wees, onthou dat slange 'n belangrike rol speel in die beheer van kwaagdierepopulasies. Met kalm en ingeligte reaksies kan ons almal veilig hou, terwyl ons hierdie noodsaaklike wesens beskerm.

Hierdie uitgawe delf ook in die **diep geskiedenis onder ons voete**, met 'n blik op die versteende hout wat op ons heuwels ontdek is – antieke oorblyfsels van woude wat meer as **ses miljoen jaar gelede** gefloreer het. Dit dien as 'n nederige herinnering dat, terwyl ons landgoed groei en moderniseer, dit gebou is op 'n landskap wat deur eeue se natuurlike verandering gevorm is.

Intussen het **King's College-leerders** onlangs die ongelooflike geleentheid gehad om 'n **lewende sebra-gesondheidskontrole** te aanskou, waar hulle eerstehands geleer het oor wildsorg en bewaring. Wat die skool self betref, was die installasie van kunsgras rondom die junior klimraam 'n groot sukses, wat veiligheid en duursaamheid vir ons jong avonturiers verbeter het.

Ons neem ook 'n nader kyk na een van ons mees **fassinerende inwoners** — die **Kaapse Ystervark (Hystrix africaeaustralis)**. Hierdie nagdiere laat dalk 'n spoor van penne agter, maar om een raak te sien, is 'n seldsame en opwindende ervaring.

Soos ons gemeenskap aanhou groei, is ons trots om te deel dat die **2024 Omgewingsoudit** bevestig het dat OB aan al die omgewingsvereistes voldoen — 'n bewys van ons gesamentlike verbintenis om hierdie ongelooflike landskap te beskerm. En vir inwoners in Fases 9, 12, 13 en 14 is daar goeie nuus: **Connect4U Vezel** is nou beskikbaar, wat vinniger internet bring, en selfs **DSTV sonder 'n satellietkottel!**

Van natuurlike wonders tot moderne geriewe — **Outeniquasbosch** is regtig 'n plek waar lewe in oorvloed gedy. Dankie dat jy deel is van hierdie merkwaardige reis, terwyl ons saam groei — in harmonie met die natuur en met mekaar.



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A Tranquil Triumph: Oupoot Street Water Feature Comes to Life

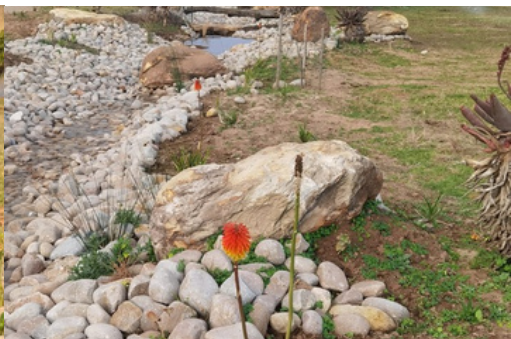
A new ripple of beauty has arrived at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village with the recent completion of the Oupoot Street Water Feature—The Boschstroom. A thoughtfully designed naturalistic space that celebrates water as a vital, life-giving force within the estate's landscape.

Nestled gracefully along Oupoot Street, this newly completed water feature is more than just a visual delight. It serves as a subtle yet important ecological node, supporting local birdlife, amphibians, and pollinators while helping to manage stormwater in a gentle, environmentally sensitive manner.

Framed by indigenous reeds, grasses, and water-loving plants selected for their harmony with the Garden Route's natural flora, the feature adds both charm and biodiversity to the area. Residents and wildlife alike are already beginning to enjoy its cooling presence, soft sounds, and the tranquil moments it offers amidst daily life.

The Landscaping Team at Outeniquasbosch takes pride in ensuring every new addition supports the broader ecological vision of the estate—restoring disturbed areas, conserving water, and enhancing the sense of peaceful wilderness that defines our shared home.

So next time you're walking down Oupoot Street, take a moment to pause at the water's edge—you might spot a sunbathing dragonfly, hear the soft splash of a Painted Reed frog, or simply enjoy the serenity of nature doing its quiet work.



What's New

In Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

Scenic Stops Now Open

We're excited to share that Outeniquasbosch has two brand-new benches for residents to enjoy — perfect for quiet moments and scenic views!

Thanks to the brilliant suggestion and contribution from Dévan and Twanet Venter, one of these benches now overlooks the Phase II dam. It's an ideal spot to pause, breathe, and soak in the tranquil waters and wildlife.



The second bench has found its home overlooking the Oupoot Street dam — a little more secluded, offering a peaceful breakaway for those seeking a quiet escape with nature.

Next time you're out and about, take a moment to enjoy these beautiful new resting spots. You might just find your new favourite thinking place!

What's New

In Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

New Picnic Area Now Open!

We're excited to share that Outeniquasbosch now has a brand-new picnic area – a peaceful, scenic spot designed especially for residents and their families to enjoy nature at its best.

Tucked away at the back of the estate, this tranquil haven is situated along the dirt road that turns left off the main river entrance gate. Follow the road, and you'll soon find yourself surrounded by indigenous vegetation, the gentle sound of the river, and the calm of the great outdoors.

This beautiful riverside area has been thoughtfully cleared and prepared to offer a space where residents can unwind, relax, and reconnect with the natural beauty that makes OB so special. It's perfect for quiet lunches, lazy afternoons with a book, or simply taking in the fresh air and the gentle movement of the water.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Theron and Mr. Pienaar for their hard work and dedication in creating this inviting space. Their efforts have helped transform the area into a spot the whole community can enjoy.







Slange in Outeniquasbosch

Vriende, nie Vyande nie



Verskeie inwoners het vanjaar opgemerk dat daar meer slange in die omgewing is as in vorige jare — veral pofadders. Hoewel dit vir sommige ongemaklik kan wees, is dit 'n natuurlike verskynsel wat in konteks gesien moet word. Ons woon in 'n eko-landgoed waar wild en natuur nie net geduld word nie, maar aktief beskerm en gekoester word.

2025 was 'n besonder goeie jaar vir slangaktiwiteit. Ná 'n nat 2024 het plantegroei opgebloeï, wat weer gesorg het vir 'n styging in klein prooidiergetalle soos muise, rotte en paddas. Hierdie oorvloed aan kos het ideale toestande geskep vir pofadders en ander slangspesies om te floreer. Daarbenewens het warmer temperature en 'n suksesvolle broeiseisoen beteken dat meer jong slange hul weg in die veld en soms naby ons huise gevind het.

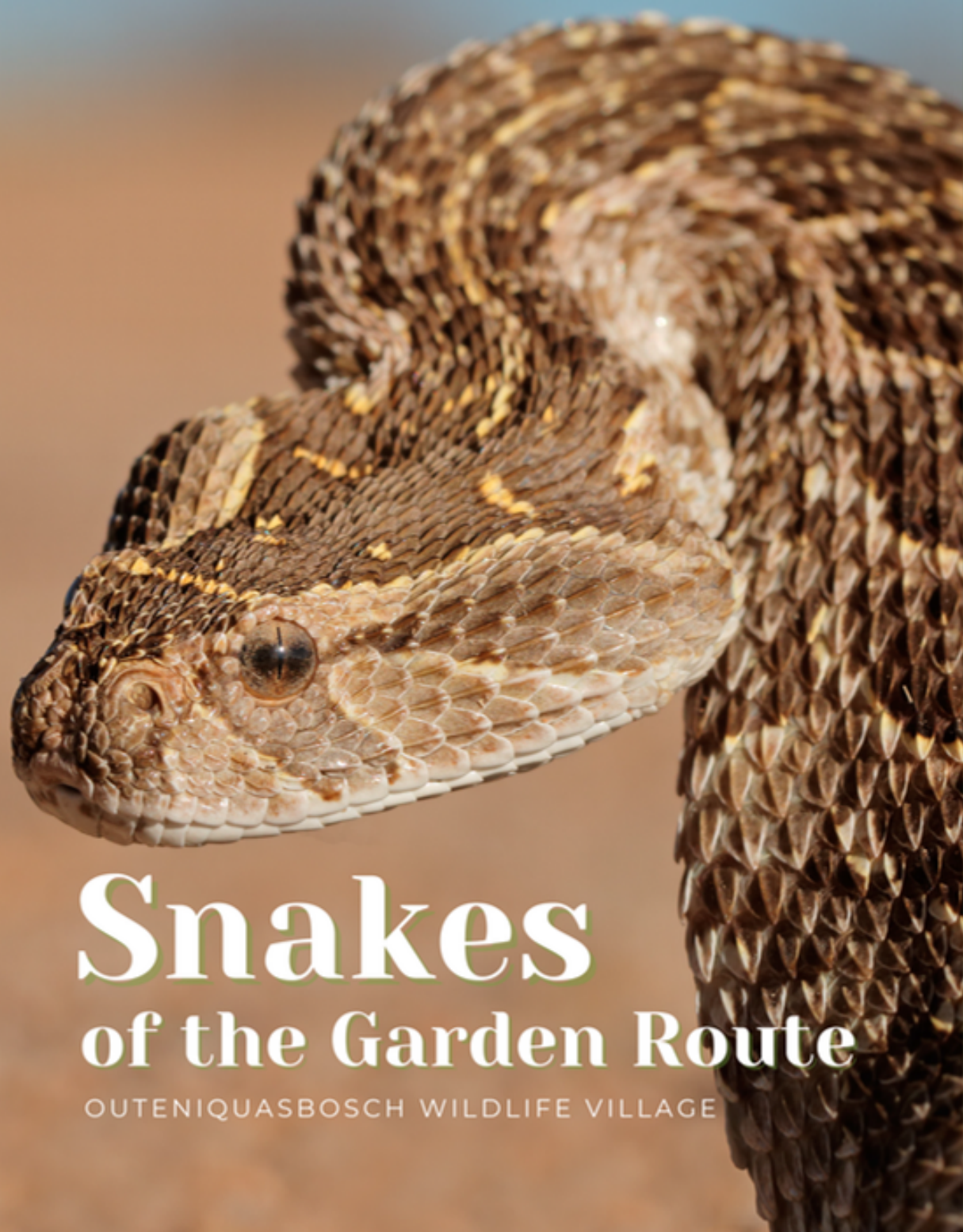
Pofadders is een van die mees algemene slangspesies in ons streek. Hulle is stadig, goed-gekamoufleer, en beweeg dikwels net wanneer dit werklik nodig is. Omdat hulle dikwels stil lê, word hulle maklik per ongeluk versteur — wat tot ongemaklike ontmoetings kan lei, veral vir kinders of troeteldiere.

Dis belangrik om te onthou dat slange nie boos of aggressief is nie. Hulle is 'n belangrike deel van die plaaslike ekosisteem en help om knaagdierpopulasies op 'n natuurlike manier te beheer. Minder muise beteken minder skade aan huise, voertuie en tuinareas, en ook minder siekteverspreiding.

Ons moedig inwoners aan om slange met respek en versigtigheid te benader. Indien jy 'n slang op jou erf opmerk en onseker is oor die spesie of die risiko, kontak gerus ons sekuriteitspan of 'n erkende slangvanger om te help. Dit verseker veiligheid vir almal — mens én dier.

Outeniquasbosch is uniek omdat dit 'n plek is waar mens en natuur hand aan hand leef. Elke slang, elke voël, en elke wildsbokkie herinner ons daaraan dat ons deel is van iets groter. Deur kalm, ingelig en verantwoordelik op te tree, help ons om hierdie balans te bewaar vir geslagte wat volg.





Snakes of the Garden Route

OUTENIQUASBOSCH WILDLIFE VILLAGE



Cape Cobra

Naja nivea

EXTREMELY VENOMOUS

This highly venomous snake is considered one of the deadliest in South Africa. It can be found in a variety of colors, from yellow to brown or even black. The Cape Cobra is fast, aggressive, and can deliver a lethal bite if not treated.

Bites require immediate medical attention.



Rinkhals

Hemachatus haemachatus

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

The Rinkhals, or Ring-necked spitting cobra, can spit venom up to 2 meters away and is capable of feigning death when threatened. Its venom can cause serious harm, especially if it comes into contact with the eyes.

Mainly neurotoxic but less dangerous than the Cape Cobra.



Boomslang

Dispholidus typus

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

This arboreal snake is shy but highly venomous. Its bright green or brown coloration, along with large eyes, makes it easy to identify. The Boomslang's venom affects blood clotting.

Bites are rare but potentially fatal.



Puff Adder

Bitis arietans

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Known for its slow movements and excellent camouflage, the Puff Adder is responsible for the majority of serious snakebites in South Africa. Its thick body and hiss make it easily recognizable.

Venom is cytotoxic and causes tissue swelling and damage. Immediate treatment is essential.



Cross-Marked Grass Snake

Psammophis crucifer

MILDLY VENOMOUS

A relatively small and non-aggressive snake with a distinct cross marking on its head. It usually preys on small mammals and frogs.

Its bite can cause pain but is not life-threatening.



Spotted Skaapsteker

Psammophylax rhombeatus

MILDLY VENOMOUS.

This slender snake is non-aggressive and mostly feeds on rodents and small amphibians. Its spotted appearance and thin body make it easy to spot in grassy areas.

Its venom causes mild swelling and discomfort.



Spotted Harlequin Snake

Homoroselaps lacteus

MILDLY VENOMOUS

A brightly colored, small snake that is rarely seen. It has striking black, white, and red bands, making it stand out in its natural environment.

While its venom isn't considered dangerous to humans, it can cause discomfort.



Common Night Adder

Causus rhombeatus

MILDLY VENOMOUS

This snake has a V-shaped marking on its head and is mostly active at night. Though not aggressive, it will bite if threatened.

Its bite can cause swelling and discomfort.



Herald Snake

Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia

MILDLY VENOMOUS

This snake is typically dark with a white or yellow underside, preferring moist environments. It is mildly venomous.

Bites may cause minor irritation but are not life-threatening.



Mole Snake

Pseudaspis cana

NON-VENOMOUS

Large and powerful. Mole Snakes are often mistaken for venomous species due to their size. However, they are non-venomous and play a vital role in rodent control.

Can bite if threatened but poses no venom risk.



Western Natal Green Snake

Philothamnus occidentalis

NON-VENOMOUS

A bright green, non-venomous snake that is often found in trees. This snake is completely harmless to humans.

Not a danger to people.



Common Brown Water Snake

Lycodonomorphus rufulus

NON-VENOMOUS

This brown, semi-aquatic snake is usually found near water sources. It is non-venomous and feeds primarily on fish and frogs.

No danger to humans.



Olive Snake

Lycodonomorphus inornatus

NON-VENOMOUS

The Olive Snake is small, slender, and dark brown or olive in color. It is harmless and feeds on lizards.

Not dangerous to humans.



Brown House Snake

Boaedon capensis

NON-VENOMOUS

A commonly found non-venomous snake in homes, known for its brown color and mild temperament.

Completely harmless to humans.



Common Slug-Eater

Duberria lutrix

NON-VENOMOUS

This small, slow-moving snake is a gardener's friend, as it feeds on slugs and snails. It has a grey or brown body and is completely harmless.

Safe around people and pets.



Common Egg-Eater

Dasypeltis scabra

NON-VENOMOUS

A fascinating snake that feeds exclusively on bird eggs, with special adaptations for cracking eggs in its mouth. It is entirely harmless to humans.

No threat to humans.

Fossils Beneath Our Feet:

The Petrified Wood of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

Next time you're walking the hills of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, take a moment to look down and imagine the ground beneath your feet—not as it is now, but as it was over six million years ago. Long before this land became a thriving wildlife estate, and even before early hominids took their first steps in Africa, the area we now call home was covered in ancient forests. Today, those trees speak to us through petrified wood—fossilized remnants of a long-lost world, quietly resting just beneath the surface.



What Is Petrified Wood?

Petrified wood is the result of a natural process called permineralization. When ancient trees fell, they were buried under sediment and protected from decay by oxygen. Over millions of years, groundwater rich in silica and other minerals seeped into the wood's structure. The organic matter slowly decayed, while minerals took its place, preserving the tree's form in stone.

The result? A literal rock that looks like wood—rings, bark textures, even knots—preserved in dazzling detail.



The Pre-Pliocene Time Capsule

The pieces of petrified wood found around Outeniquasbosch are estimated to be from the Pre-Pliocene era, dating back more than 6 million years. This was a time when Earth's climate was cooling and forests were giving way to grasslands. Dinosaurs had long since vanished, but early mammalian megafauna were beginning to dominate the land.

To hold a piece of petrified wood is to hold a fragment of that ancient world.

Found Right Here—In Our Hills

Remarkably, these prehistoric treasures are not buried deep within the earth. On several occasions, petrified wood has been discovered just 0.5 to 1 meter below the surface—particularly when digging for new homes or landscaping. Our hills, it turns out, are more than just scenic viewpoints; they're geological vaults preserving South Africa's natural heritage.

If you're a resident or contractor who's uncovered one of these ancient pieces, you're not just finding a rock—you're finding a 6-million-year-old story.



Why It Matters

The petrified wood found at Outeniquasbosch isn't just a quirky natural oddity—it's part of a greater narrative. These fossils tell us about the climate, vegetation, and even soil conditions of the region millions of years ago. They link us to a time before humanity, when nature was scripting her earliest chapters in stone.

They also remind us that while our estate is modern and growing, it is built upon an ancient, ever-evolving landscape.

A Note on Preservation

If you do happen to find petrified wood while digging or hiking, consider leaving it in place or reporting it to the estate's environmental office. Fossils are protected under South African law and are considered national heritage. Removing or damaging them without proper permission may not only be unlawful—it's a lost opportunity to learn from our land's natural history.

Ancient Beauty in Modern Wilderness

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village isn't just a home for modern wildlife and indigenous plant restoration—it's also a steward of South Africa's ancient geological treasures. As we continue to grow and develop responsibly, let's also take time to honour what lies beneath: silent stories, etched in stone, from forests long vanished but never forgotten.



The Snowflake Among Butterflies

Spotting the White Polygala

Ah, *Polygala myrtifolia* — the September Bush. She's a local celebrity on our fynbos-covered hills, bursting into bloom just in time for spring's fanfare. Most of us know her by her striking purple-magenta flowers, which look like tiny butterflies fluttering among slender green leaves. But every now and then, amidst the violet show, one plant steps out in dazzling white, like the lone guest at a party who decided to ignore the dress code.

So what's the story behind this floral fashion statement?

It's All in the Genes

Like people, plants carry a mix of genetic instructions that determine their looks — including flower colour. The purple colour we know and love is dominant in *Polygala myrtifolia*, but hidden in some plants is a recessive gene that codes for white flowers. When two plants carrying this rare gene get together and share a little pollen, voilà — a white-flowered offspring might appear.



It's a bit like eye colour in humans. Brown eyes are dominant, but every now and then two brown-eyed parents produce a blue-eyed child. Genetics: nature's way of keeping things interesting.

Does the Colour Affect the Plant?

Interestingly, the flower colour change doesn't affect the plant's hardiness, ecological value, or its role in the landscape. Pollinators — especially bees and butterflies — don't seem too fussy about colour variations. They still visit white blooms, although purple may be a bit more visible or attractive in some light conditions. Regardless, the September Bush continues to play its role in supporting local wildlife, whatever outfit it's wearing.

A Special Guest at Outeniquasbosch

Here at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, we're lucky enough to have our very own white *Polygala myrtifolia* growing proudly on the estate. It's a rare beauty, and a wonderful example of the quirky surprises tucked into our natural landscape.

If you happen to spot it — lucky you! Feel free to stop, admire, and maybe take a photo. But please do not disturb, pick, or cut this special plant. Its role is not just to delight, but to remain part of our shared ecological story.

Nature's Surprise

The rare white *Polygala* is a reminder that even among the familiar, there's always room for the unexpected. It's one of the many subtle wonders that make Outeniquasbosch a place where biodiversity shines — in every colour.



Common September Bush



School Zebra Outing

Wildlife Health Checks at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

King's College at OB Village :

Grade 7 & 8 students and we had the incredible opportunity to observe a live wildlife medical check on one of the first zebras introduced to Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.

Thanks to our professional veterinary team, we all learned about the importance of stress-free darting methods, monitoring heart functions, and even how to estimate a zebra's age using the Galvayne's groove tooth... (generally used for telling the age of horses).

Thank you to our Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village vet professionals who ensured our zebra's safety while generously teaching every step of the process.

It was a good day of learning, care, and conservation in action!



Something New

At King's College

As I am sure you have all noticed, we installed a patch of artificial grass around the base of the junior jungle gym at King's College during the first term school holiday. This was done on a trial basis, and we will consider extending it to include the adjacent senior jungle gym if it is a success and finances allow.

There are several advantages when comparing natural grass to artificial grass in a children's play area. The greatest benefit is that it doesn't wear nearly as badly, leaving denuded tracks where there is heavy foot-traffic, which just looks bad and creates uneven footpaths that can result in injuries.

Another advantage is that we could install a layer of padding (shock pad) beneath the surface grass, which obviously helps to cushion the falls that will inevitably happen in a rough-and-tumble play area.

We experimented with the colour scheme a bit to create a blue "road" around the circumference of the green central area, which can be used as a track for kick bikes and just jazzes things up a bit.

It's also a bonus that artificial grass doesn't have to be mowed, which makes maintenance easier, especially around odd shapes with obstacles everywhere. Mowing grass beneath a swing bridge, doubled over with a weed eater, is not much fun!



Exciting Growth

at King's College School

We're delighted to share some exciting developments from King's College School which forms part of the beautiful Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. Over the past year, the school has experienced significant growth, reflecting the increasing demand for quality, values-based education in a nurturing environment.

In response to the needs of our growing community, we are proudly launching our Grade RRR class in 2026, welcoming our youngest learners into the King's College family. This new addition allows us to support children from an even earlier age, laying strong foundations for their future learning journey.

We are also thrilled to announce the expansion of our senior phase with the introduction of Grade 9 next year. This is a major milestone as we continue to grow alongside the families we serve, offering a continuous and enriching educational pathway through the high school years. We look forward to our first Matric class in 2029. We remain grateful to be part of such a supportive and vibrant community, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

Warm regards,

The King's College School Team.



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Hystrix africaeaustralis

Kaapse Ystervark
deur Annette van Zyl

Die ystervarkspesie wat op OUTENIKUASBOSCH aangetref word, se generiese naam is die *Hystrix africaeaustralis*. Dit is dan ook algemeen bekend as die Kaapse ystervark.

Hystrix is die Grieks vir ystervark, en die spesifiserende naam *africaeaustralis* dui aan dat hierdie spesie van die ystervark in die meer suidelike dele van Afrika aangetref word.

As 'n mens op OUTENIKUASBOSCH in die veld of op die staproetes sou rondbeweeg, kan die stywe, skerp puntige wit-en-swart penne wat sy liggaam tot 'n groot mate bedek, oral aangetref word op die grond. Hieraan sou 'n stapper kon aflei dat daar heelwat van die Kaapse ystervark op die eiendom voorkom, maar om hulle raak te loop en te besigtig is eintlik galdnie maklik nie, aangesien hulle hoofsaaklik snags rondbeweeg om te kan eet. Dis dus eintlik 'n seldsame vonds om hom te kan vind waar hy met 'n ritseling van sy pennetjies en growwe haarbedekking rondvrotel vir sy kos.



Die Kaapse ystervark word beskou as die grootste knaagdier in die suidelike streke van Afrika, en word ook soms gereken as die grootste ystervarkspesie in die wêreld.

Sy massa kan volgens Skinner&Smithers(1990), wissel tussen 12 en 19 kilogram wanneer volwasse, en hul lengte kan ongeveer 80cm bereik sonder om die stert-gedeelte in ag te neem. Daar is nie verskil in die grootte van manlike en vroulike ystervarke nie.

Die Kaapse ystervark se stywe, hol, wit-en swart penne kan so lank wees as 50cm, en sy stertpunt beskik oor hol penne wat so lank as 60mm kan wees. Behalwe vir sy neus, mond en ore, is sy lyf bedek met growwe swart hare. Hierdie hare en penne kan orent staan wanneer hy homself wil verdedig, en kan hom twee keer so groot laat lyk as wat hy in werklikheid is. Die penne dien ook as 'n baie effektiewe beskerming teen aanvalle van enige aard, omdat dit skerp punte het en hard is.

Tydens enige bedreiging kan die penne ook geskud word en dan 'n ratelgeluid as afskrikmiddel maak.

Hierdie spesie kom wyd verspreid oor Suidelike en Sentraal Afrika voor. Dit floreer in verskillende natuuumgewings, onder meer savanna, klipheuwels en ook droë areas, en hulle skuil gewoonlik in skeure, gate, grotte en onder rotsige oorhange. Hulle gaan ook graag na bewerkte areas, veral waar daar mielies en ander grane verbou word. Hulle is hoofsaaklik plantvretend, en eet knolle, wortels, bas, selfs vrugte en sade wat af val . Op OUTENIKUASBOSCH was dit vir ons baie interessant om te vind dat die ystervark die uiters giftige pers tulpblommetjies se knolle uitgrawe en vreet. Hulle knaag ook aan bene wat hulle vind en aansleep na hul skuilings. Dit verskaf aan hulle die nodige kalsium en fosfate. Hulle is ook venielende vreters in die sin dat hulle veel meer plante verwoes in hulle soeke na kos, as wat hulle inderdaad opvreet.

By paring neem die vroulike ystervark die aanvanklike leiding. Sy kry normaalweg een werpsel in 'n jaar, gewoonlik tussen Augustus en Maart, en daar kan van een tot drie kleintjies van ongeveer 300-440g gebore word – met hul ogies oop en lyfies gedeeltelik bedek met kort pennetjies, en hul tande reeds uit. Reeds baie jonk kan hul reeds tekens van aggressiewe gedrag openbaar, en na vier weke vreet hul reeds vaste stowwe en gedra hulle soos volwasse ystervarke.

Die Kaapse ystervark leef in “uitgebreide familie-groepe” – 'n volwasse manlike en vroulike ystervark en verskillende getalle nageslag van meer as een werpsel kan saambly en saam uitbeweeg om te wei. Vanaf vyf maande kan die jonges alleen of in pare begin wei.

Hulle beweeg gewoonlik met 'n lomperige gang, maar kan baie vining beweeg wanneer bedreig voel. Hulle kan baie aggressief optree as hulle vasgekeer word, en kan dan grom en hulle penne en velbedekking laat ratel en met hul pote stamp.

Hierdie interessante diertjie het ook die vermoë om bewegingloos te “vries” as hy nie raakgesien wil wees nie!



Medical Services

Sr Debbie Cordewener is a highly experienced Clinical Nurse Specialist with over 20 years in the healthcare field. She is dedicated to providing accessible, high-quality medical care in the comfort of her clients' homes. With a strong focus on evidence-based practice and continuous professional development, Sr Debbie ensures that every patient receives expert, compassionate care. Private nursing is a vital pillar of community health, offering personalised, cost-effective solutions where they are needed most. Based in Outeniquasbosch, she brings peace of mind by turning your home into a safe and supportive space for recovery.

Available Services

- Breastfeeding Consultant
- General Baby Care
- Baby Weighing and Measurement
- Immunisations
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Blood Glucose Testing
- Short Medical Reports for Insurance
- Blood Tests
- IV Drip Therapy
- Wound Care
- Suture Removal
- Injections
- Vitamin B12 and BCO Injections
- Ear Irrigation
- Patient Assessments
- Doctor Services Available if Required
- Home Visits by Registered Nurse
- Home Care Arrangements (bed baths, catheter care, etc.)

Qualifications & Training

- M.Cur (Focus on High-Risk Neonates)
- B.Cur Degree
- Mediation in Medical Negligence
- Little Steps Preemie Facilitator
- Certified Breastfeeding Consultant
- SMART Assessment Training
- Prescribing License
- IV Vitamin Therapy

Contact Sr Debbie Cordewener

Tel: 076 738 8056

Email: firststepbabies@gmail.com

Please note: All rates are available on request.



Levies Payments

Dear Member.

It is crucial to pay your levies to the Homeowners Association (HOA) because they fund the maintenance, security, and overall upkeep of the common areas within your community, ensuring a well-maintained and safe living environment.

A gentle, but important reminder to all Members regarding levy payments:

Refer clause 12.10 from the Outeniquasbosch Home Owners Association Constitution:

12.10 All levies shall be payable in advance by the member to the Association not later than on the 1st (first) day of each month (irrespective of whether or not the property is rented out and irrespective of whether or not the member has received an invoice for the levy).

Always use the 6 digit account number of your account you hold with the HOA, as payment reference, i.e 653201



Thank You Mossel Bay!

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The Wildlife Village

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Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is proud to have been named **Joint Winner in the Project Developer Category** at the Best of **Mossel Bay Readers' Choice Awards 2025**. This incredible recognition would not have been possible without the support of our residents, stakeholders, and the greater Mossel Bay community who voted for us.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every individual who has believed in our vision. Your trust and encouragement inspire us to continue developing a secure, sustainable, and lifestyle-driven community where nature and modern living meet in perfect harmony.

A Unique Lifestyle Investment

Nestled just outside Mossel Bay, Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village offers a lifestyle unlike any other. Imagine waking up to the sights and sounds of nature, surrounded by free-roaming plains game, while still being only a few minutes from the ocean and the amenities of town.

As we like to say: "It's like living on your own private game farm, just minutes from the ocean."

This rare combination of coastal living and natural tranquillity has made Outeniquasbosch one of the most sought-after property investments along the Garden Route.

Why Choose Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village?

- **Secure Estate Living** – The estate is designed with safety and peace of mind in mind, featuring controlled access and 24-hour security.
- **Nature at Your Doorstep** – Over 75% of the estate is dedicated to greenbelt areas, with more than 10 species of game roaming freely.
- **Prime Location** – Just 4 km from Hartenbos, 15 minutes from Mossel Bay CBD, and close to schools, hospitals, and shopping centers.
- **Diverse Property Options** – From family homes to luxury residences, there are opportunities for all types of buyers.
- **Sustainable Development** – The estate embraces conservation-focused design, ensuring a balance between human habitation and wildlife preservation.

Whether you're looking for a holiday retreat, a permanent home, or a long-term investment, Outeniquasbosch delivers exceptional value with unmatched lifestyle benefits.



Outeniquasbosch's marketing team are, from left:
Pieter Dreyer van Zyl, Sanellé du Plessis, Mirna Lourens, Christo Esterhuizen and
Juan Smith.

Exciting Development Updates

Demand for property within Outeniquasbosch has been overwhelming. Phase 9 is nearly sold out, highlighting the strong confidence buyers have in the estate. To meet this demand, Phase 7 will be launching soon, offering new opportunities for those who wish to secure their place in this thriving community.

We encourage interested buyers to act quickly—availability is limited, and phases have been selling faster than anticipated.

Discover More

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village represents the future of modern estate living in Mossel Bay—where convenience, security, and natural beauty come together.

Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) should you need more information.



Your dream home awaits in phase 9

Call us today to learn more about our "Build Your Dream Home" building packages.

Know the Rules

We love our children!

Please adhere to the general speed limit of **30km/h**
Keep a careful eye out for the other speed limit road signs throughout our streets.

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Visit www.oudeniquasbosch.co.za for available properties

Oudeniquasbosch *Stats*

9 *Phases sold out!*
Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
• Resale stands are available

PHASE 9 *Now Available!*

PHASE 7 *Launching soon!*

Erven Transferred

Number of erven transferred from Developer to Members **368 stands sold**



TUISSORG

Debbie Cordewiener
076 738 8056



HOUSE & PET SITTING

Juanita Santos
071 939 2404



TUINDIENSTE

Leon Prins
071 027 6207



FREE RANGE HONEY

John Stoltz
072 278 4590



SLANGVANGER

Heinrich Ninaber
082 453 1787



FIBRE - VDS

Andre Kruger
082 552 2446

2024 Environmental Audit

We are pleased to share the results of the **2024 Environmental Audit** for Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.

Following a thorough site visit on **30 August 2024**, the independent auditor confirmed that Outeniquasbosch is **meeting all the requirements of the Environmental Authorization (EA) and the Environmental Management Program (EMPr)**.

The audit found that the EMPr is **working effectively to manage and mitigate environmental impacts, and no major issues or non-compliance were** identified. Everything is in line with the environmental rules and approvals we need to follow.

We are proud of this positive outcome and remain committed to protecting the environment while continuing to grow responsibly.



Enhance Security and Convenience

with MyEstateLife: Let's Increase Uptake in Outeniquasbosch

Outeniquasbosch residents, as many of you know, the MyEstateLife app has been part of our community for some time now, helping to streamline access and improve the efficiency of our security system. However, we'd like to encourage more residents to make use of this powerful tool, as it significantly reduces the workload on our gatehouse personnel and enhances overall estate security.

By using MyEstateLife, you can quickly and easily pre-register your guests, bypassing time-consuming protocols and allowing the guards to focus on safety rather than making calls to confirm visitors. Many residents already benefiting from the app's convenience can attest to its efficiency, and we encourage those familiar with it to spread the word and help their fellow residents get on board.

If you haven't downloaded the app yet, now is the time! And if you're unsure how to get started or need help navigating the app, our friendly gatehouse personnel are always available to assist.

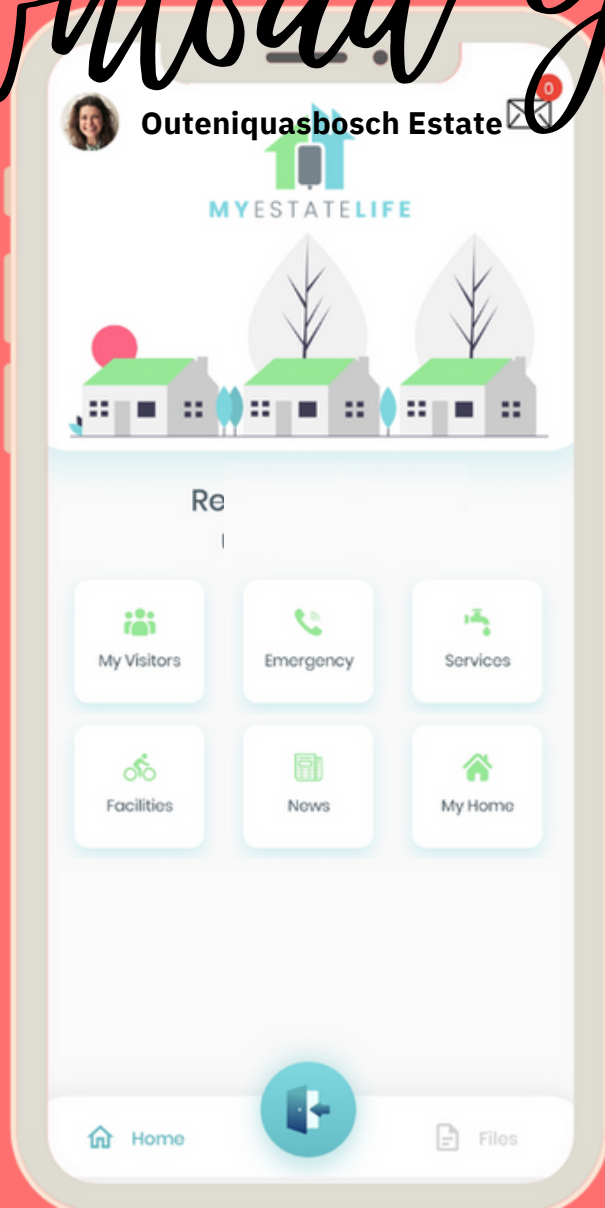
Let's all play a part in making Outeniquasbosch more secure and efficient—download MyEstateLife today, and encourage your fellow residents to join in!





MYESTATELIFE

Download Guide



Step 1 : Download the app

Select your phone model



Search for "My Estate Life" in the App store

Then download or Install the app below



My Estate Life
Lifestyle



This icon



Search for "My Estate Life" in the Play store

Then download or Install the app below



My Estate Life
Lifestyle



This icon



Search for "My Estate Life" in the App Gallery

Then download or Install the app below



My Estate Life
Lifestyle



This icon

Step 2 : Register a profile



Click on your profile to
update your info or add
info about your car/s

Create Account

Type Your Email

Confirm Email

Next

Create Account

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Gender Male

ID Number

Upload Profile Photo



Step 3 : Add a property

Outeniquasbosch Estate

Press "Manage my properties" under Profile Or Add Property on the home screen



Manage My Properties

Scan this estate identifier when prompted to in the process.



Select your address and complete the property registration.

Estate Identifier

OU5A276AE5



Step 4 : Await Approval



Your profile will need to be approved by the estate management team in order to gain access to the app.

Need help?

Chat to our support team

myestatelife.com

Use the chat function or click on support to open a ticket.

EXCITING NEWS FOR ALL RESIDENTS

of Outeniquasbosch Estate!

COMPUTERS 4U
advanced IT management



A new Fibre Network Operator, Connect4U, is being introduced in Phases 9, 12, 13 and 14 – and it brings great benefits! With local support, competitive pricing, and the option to get DSTV via Fibre (yes, no satellite dish needed!), this is definitely something to look forward to.

Whether you're looking for faster internet, smart home options, or a dish-free DSTV setup – Connect4U might be the perfect fit.



Contact Us

For any questions or assistance, feel free to contact:

☎ 044 871 0495

💬 WhatsApp Support: 061 328 6115

Visit their website for more information on packages and pricing:

<https://computertech.co.za/outenbosch>



After relocating from KwaZulu-Natal and a short two years stay in Indonesia, we were looking for a place that offered natural beauty, a moderate climate, and a sense of community—and Outeniquasbosch delivered all of that and more.

From the first moment, we were struck by the breathtaking views of the ocean and mountains, the tranquillity of the eco-style estate, and the warm welcome we received from the community. It truly felt like home.

Our Oceanics-designed home suits our lifestyle perfectly, with a five-star kitchen, luxurious bathrooms, and entertainment spaces that are both functional and elegant. We couldn't have asked for more.

Outeniquasbosch is a rare place where comfort, nature, and community come together seamlessly—and we're deeply grateful to be part of it.

• **MARIUS & EUREKA DU PLESSIS**

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OUTENIKUASBOSCH

The Wildlife Village



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village Patrol Vehicle	063 963 3599
Medical Doctors Hartenbos	044 695 1666
Mosskem Pharmacy Hartenbos	044 601 6700
Hartenbos Pharmacy	044 695 1510

USEFUL NUMBERS MOSSEL BAY

Police: 044 606 2805 / 10111

Crime Stop (report criminal activity anonymously): 08600 10111

Ambulance: 044 691 3170 / 10177 or 1022

Clinic: 044 690 3545

Pharmacy: 044 691 1835

ER24: 084 124

Fire Department: 044 691 3722

Snake, Scorpion, Spider Bite Hotline: 021 931 6129

South African Tourism helpline: 083 123 6789

Doctors: 044 693 1470

Hospital: 044 691 3718

NSRI: 082 990 5954

Netcare 911: 082 911

Life Line: 086 132 2322

Mobile phone emergency number: 112

Arrive Alive Call Centre: 0861 400 800

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village:

 Landlyn: 044 868 0044

Bedags:

- Maandag tot Donderdag 08:00 – 16:30
- Vrydae 08:00 – 16:00

Vir Noodgevalle rakende Instandhouding binne die Ontwikkeling, “Druk 1”
Deon Brand

Vir die Waghuis en Registrasie vir Toegang “Druk 2”
Sekuriteit Hekhuis / Security Guardhouse

Vir Apogee by Landskappering “Druk 3”
Apogee Fowler

Vir Juanita by Bouers navrae en Bouplanne “Druk 4”
Juanita Santos

Vir Christelle by Admin en Finansies “Druk 5”
Christelle Reitsma

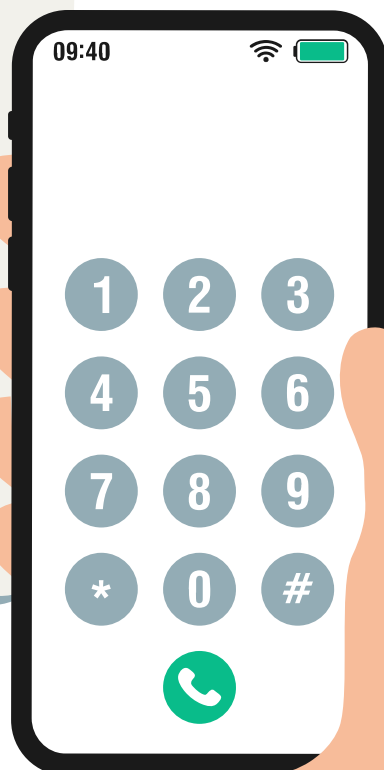
Vir Sanellé by Bemarking en Verkope “Druk 6”
Sanellé du Plessis

Saans:

- Maandag tot Donderdag 16:30 – 08:00
- Vrydae 16:00 tot Maandag 08:00

Indien u die kantoor wil bereik,
Skakel ons

- Maandag to Donderdag 08:00 – 16:30
- Vrydae 08:00 – 16:00.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS 2024/25

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CENTRE



POLICE

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044 606 2805
082 302 6670
082 522 3278

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044 606 2201/7/8
079 893 9935

KWANONQABA
044 606 5601/02
082 302 5927

GREAT BRAK RIVER
044 620 8300/4/5
082 522 2807
HERBERTSDALE
082 520 5067

JOINT OPERATIONS CENTRE 044 606 5065

MOSEL BAY MUNICIPALITY

DURING OFFICE HOURS:

WATER AND SANITATION 044 606 5282/5262

ELECTRICITY 044 606 5086/5139

ROADS AND STORMWATER 044 606 5264

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT 044 606 5201/5000

LAW ENFORCEMENT 044 606 5204

FIRE, RESCUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT SERVICES:

MOSEL BAY (ALL HOURS) 044 691 3722
044 606 5107

MUNICIPAL SWITCHBOARD AND CALL CENTRE: (ALL HOURS)
044 606 5000

EMAIL:
admin@mosselbay.gov.za

SMS FOR COMPLAINTS
44 802

DOWNLOAD THE COLLAB CITIZEN MUNICIPAL APP (HUAWEI APPGALLERY, GOOGLE PLAY STORE, APPLE APP STORE)



ALL AFTER-HOURS CALL TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED NUMBERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE MUNICIPAL CALL CENTRE (044 606 5000)

OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES

REPORT VELD FIRES
044 691 3722 / 044 606 5107

NSRI
082 990 5954

SNAKE/BEE REMOVAL
044 691 3722 / 044 606 5107

HOSPITALS / AMBULANCES

MOSEL BAY PROVINCIAL
044 691 2011
LIFE BAY VIEW PRIVATE
044 691 3718

AMBULANCE
METRO AMBULANCE
BY GRACE AMBULANCE
ER '24' AMBULANCE

10177
044 805 5070
063 675 1936
083 454 1175

DISASTER & MASS CASUALTIES
044 601 1956

ANIMAL HELP

SPCA
044 693 0824
072 287 1761
GREEN DESK (JOC)
044 606 5204

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072 227 4715

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