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Indeed a *Life in Abundance*

Welcome to this edition of the Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village newsletter! We've got an exciting mix of topics that have been buzzing around our community, all centered around the thriving community and stunning natural environment that makes our village so special.

Firstly, we're thrilled to share the news of our mountain biking trails. These routes offer a unique and exhilarating experience for both nature enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies alike, allowing riders to explore off-the-beat- en- path trails and immerse themselves in the breathtaking beauty of our reserve. For those who prefer a slower pace, our "Staproetes" are open and ready for exploration. These hiking routes cater for various fitness levels, allowing residents to enjoy the breathtaking scenery and diverse wildlife at their leisure.

Another aspect of our village that sets us apart is the unique blend of wildlife and residential living. With over 10 species of wildlife sharing our backyard, including zebra, giraffe, and various antelope species, every day brings new opportunities to connect with nature. Our estate is also home to over 300 bird species, alongside the Fish Eagle nesting corner, making it a birdwatcher's paradise.



Additionally, our community has been hard at work, and we want to express our gratitude to the teams involved in initiating and completing estate projects. Your dedication and enthusiasm have contributed significantly to the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural surroundings.

Speaking of our community, we would be remiss not to acknowledge the incredible milestone of 100 completed houses. This achievement is evidence of the hard work, dedication, and vision of our team, as well as the unwavering support of our residents. We are proud to provide a sanctuary where families can grow and thrive, surrounded by the beauty and serenity of nature.

As we continue to grow and develop, we remain committed to preserving the natural beauty and wildlife that make our village so special. Thank you for being part of our community and for your ongoing support of our mission to create a unique and sustainable lifestyle amidst nature.

Stay tuned for more updates and stories from Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. Until then, we wish you many unforgettable adventures and moments of connection with the incredible natural world around us.

Inderdaad 'n *Lewe in Dorrloed*

Welkom by hierdie uitgawe van die Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village nuusbrief! Ons het 'n opwindende mengsel van onderwerpe wat deur ons gemeenskap beweeg, alles sentraal om die lewendige gemeenskap en pragtige natuurlike omgewing wat ons behuising kompleks so spesiaal maak.

Eerstens is ons opgewonde om die nuus van ons bergfiets roetes te deel. Hierdie roetes bied 'n unieke en opwindende ervaring vir almal wat die natuur koester en adrenalien najaag, met geleenthede vir avontuurlustige fietsryers om afgeleë roetes te verken en te verdwaal in die pragtige natuurskoon van ons reservaat.

Vir diegene wat 'n stadiger pas verkies is ons Staproetes nou oop en gereed vir ontdekking. Hierdie staproetes is geskik vir verskeie fiksheid vlakke, sodat inwoners ons asemrowende natuurskoon en verskeidenheid wildlewe in hul eie tempo kan geniet.

'n Ander besonderse kenmerk is die unieke samevoeging van wildlewe en residensiële lewe. Met meer as 10 wildspesies wat ons agterplaas deel, insluitend sebras, kameelperde en verskeie wildsbok spesies, bring elke dag nuwe geleenthede om met die natuur te verbind. Ons landgoed is ook die tuiste van meer as 300 voëlspeesies, tesame met die Visarend nes, wat dit 'n ware paradys vir voëlkykers maak.

Ons wil ook graag ons dankbaarheid uitspreek aan die spanne wat betrokke was by die inisiatief en voltooiing van ons gemeenskap projekte. Julle ywer en entoesiasme het grootliks bygedra tot die vreugde en waardering van ons pragtige natuurlike omgewing.

En dan, ons kan nie praat van ons gemeenskap sonder om die ongelooflike mylpaal van 134 voltooide huise te noem nie. Hierdie prestasie is 'n bewys van die harde werk, toewyding en visie van ons span, sowel as die onwrikbare ondersteuning van ons inwoners. Ons is trots om 'n veilige hawe te bied waar gesinne kan floreer, omring deur die skoonheid en sereniteit van die natuur.

Terwyl ons aanhou om te groei en te ontwikkel, bly ons verbind om die natuurlike skoonheid en wildlewe te bewaar wat ons behuising kompleks so spesiaal maak. Dankie dat jy deel is van ons gemeenskap en vir jou voortdurende ondersteuning van ons missie om 'n unieke en volhoubare lewenstyl te skep te midde van die natuur.

Bly op hoogte vir meer opdatering en stories van Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. Intussen wens ons jou baie onvergeetlike avonture en oomblikke van verbinding met die ongelooflike natuurlike wêreld om ons.



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The Wildlife Village



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Hello April... a Time for Pause and Promise

Dear Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village Residents:

As autumn quietly settles over our hills and the veld takes on its warm, earthy tones, we're invited to slow down and reflect. Easter is upon us—a season of hope, renewal, and grace. Even as the natural world prepares to rest, it reminds us that life is always unfolding in new and unexpected ways.

This year, we were blessed with the birth of the first-ever black impala lamb on Outeniquasbosch—a rare and beautiful surprise. A quiet miracle, it speaks of the unseen wonders at work in creation and invites us to notice the extraordinary in the everyday.

In this edition of Die Boschbokkie, you'll find a celebration of life across our estate: updates on Phase 9, safety guidance around our zebras, exciting developments at King's College, and the joy of community adventures. We also share a gentle Easter message, rooted in the words of Isaiah 43:19:

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

May this scripture encourage us to look for the new and the good—even in a slowing season. As the days grow cooler and we draw closer to home and hearth, may we also draw closer to what truly matters: family, faith, community, and the beauty that surrounds us here in Outeniquasbosch.

Wishing you a peaceful and hope-filled Easter.

*With warm regards and blessings,
The Editorial Team
Die Boschbokkie*



a Promising Start: King's College at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village Flourishes in Its First Four Months

Nestled within the serene expanse of the Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village near Hartenbos, King's College has swiftly established itself as a beacon of holistic education since its inauguration in January 2025. Occupying a 9.3-hectare site within the 525-hectare eco-estate, the school offers students a unique blend of academic rigor and natural immersion, fostering both intellectual and personal growth.

A Harmonious Blend of Nature and Learning

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, renowned for its commitment to preserving 75% of its land as pristine nature, provides an unparalleled backdrop for education. With over 200 head of game, including more than 10 species of antelope, and 300 species of birds roaming freely, students are daily inspired by the wonders of the natural world. The school's strategic location offers breathtaking views over Mossel Bay and the surrounding fynbos-covered hills, creating an environment where learning extends beyond the classroom walls.

A Vision Realized

The official opening of King's College was marked by a memorable ceremony attended by learners, parents, and esteemed guests, including Mossel Bay Mayor Dirk Kotzé. The event featured a symbolic tree-planting ceremony, underscoring the school's commitment to growth, stability, and environmental stewardship.



From the outset, the school's ethos has been clear: to provide a nurturing environment grounded in Christian values, where each child is recognized as an individual with unique abilities and aspirations. This philosophy is evident in the school's mission to integrate Biblical principles across the curriculum, encourage students to excel without undue pressure, and foster a community where everyone is loved and respected.

Academic Excellence and Individual Attention

King's College currently caters to learners from Grades RR to 8, with plans to expand to Grade 12 by 2029. The school's commitment to small class sizes ensures that each student receives personalized attention, allowing educators to identify and nurture individual talents effectively. The curriculum is designed to be both challenging and engaging, promoting active and meaningful learning experiences that encourage creative thinking.

The teaching staff, comprising well-qualified Christian educators, are dedicated to supporting each child's development, helping them reach their full potential academically, spiritually, and socially. The school's emphasis on a 'living-learning experience' fosters relationships with God, self, others, creation, work, and ideas, cultivating a well-rounded character in each learner.

Safe and Stimulating Environment

While the school is enveloped by the natural beauty and wildlife of Outeniquasbosch, safety remains a top priority. The school grounds are fully fenced, ensuring that students can enjoy their surroundings without risk. Any interactions with wildlife are conducted under strict supervision, providing educational opportunities that are both safe and enriching.



Break times are a hive of activity, with children engaging in play on modern jungle gyms and open spaces, fostering camaraderie and physical development. For those who prefer quieter moments, the school's serene environment offers ample opportunities for reflection and exploration.

Community Engagement and Support

The establishment of King's College has been met with enthusiasm from the local community. The presence of Mayor Dirk Kotzé at the opening ceremony highlighted the school's significance to the region and its potential impact on local education standards.

Parents have expressed satisfaction with the school's approach to education and the noticeable progress in their children's development. The collaborative relationship between the school and families is a cornerstone of King's College's philosophy, ensuring that learners receive consistent support both at school and at home.

Looking Ahead

As King's College continues to grow, its commitment to providing a high-quality, values-based education remains steadfast. The school's unique setting within Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village offers an educational experience that harmoniously blends academic excellence with environmental appreciation.

Parent Testimonial

"King's College provided me with a nurturing environment that fostered academic excellence, personal growth, and lifelong friendships. The dedicated teachers and staff went above and beyond to support my child's development, helping them reach their full potential. I highly recommend King's College to any family seeking that one-to-one attention with your child and a top-notch education."

— Mariska Jansen Van Rensburg, Grade 4 Parent

"As parents, we are incredibly thankful for King's College Outeniquasbosch. The school's strong Christian foundation is evident in everything they do—from daily interactions to the way values are gently instilled in our children's hearts."

The teachers are not only dedicated but genuinely passionate about each child's growth, both academically and spiritually. It's rare to find such a caring and committed team.

The natural surroundings of the school create a peaceful and inspiring learning environment, where children can grow, explore, and enjoy a truly balanced education. We feel truly blessed to have our children learning and flourishing in such a wholesome, faith-filled setting."

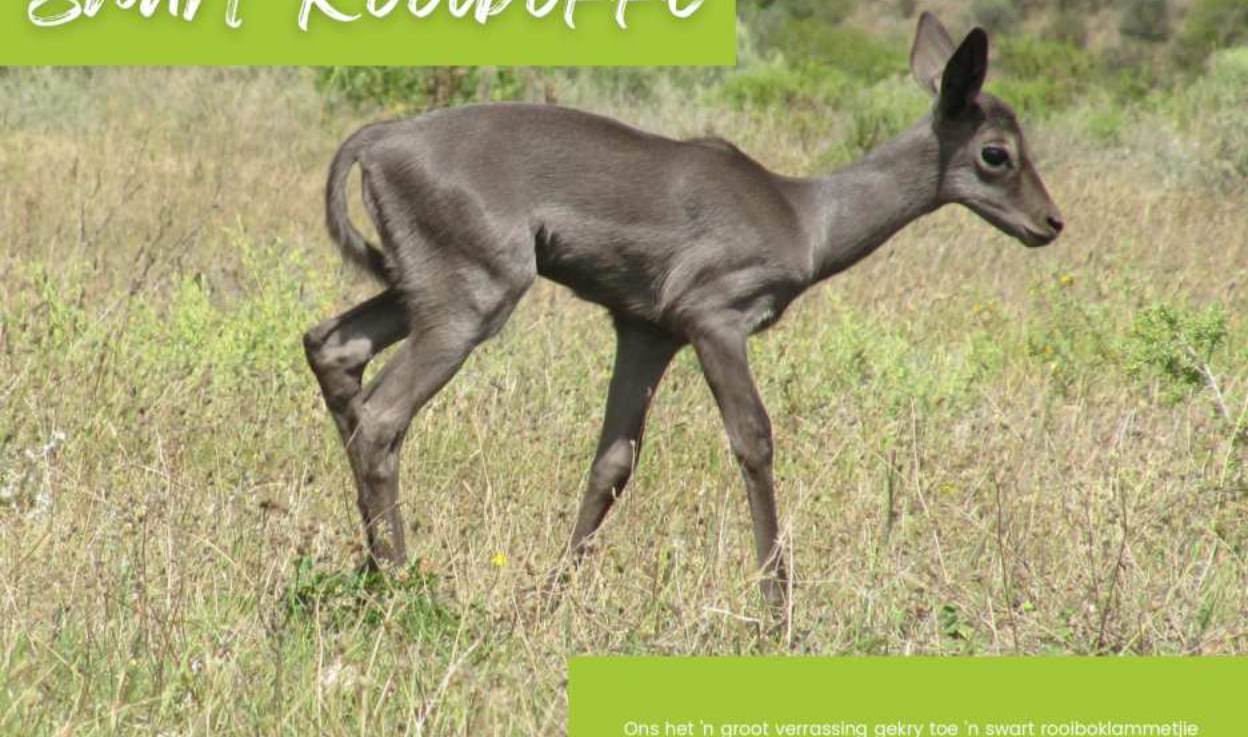
— Gavin & Yolandi Lochner, Grade 5 & 6 Parents

Contact King's College

To learn more about King's College, book a tour, or enquire about admissions, please contact the school office:

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Ons het 'n groot verrassing gekry toe 'n swart rooiboklammetjie hierdie seisoen op Outeniquasbosch gebore is. Die swart kleurgen is 'n resessiewe geen, wat beteken dat die "gewone" rooi kleur dominant is, en as jy dus 'n swart rooibok paar met 'n gewone rooibok, die kleintjie rooi sal wees, tensy die rooi ouer ook die swart geen sou dra.

Die kans om dus 'n swart rooiboklam te kry uit twee rooi ouers, beteken dat beide ouers wel die swart geen moes dra, alhoewel beide rooi van kleur is. Hierdie is die eerste swart rooibok wat gebore is op Outeniquasbosch sedert +-1993, toe rooibokke op die plaas ingebring was.

Hoe is dit moontlik?

Jare gelede het 'n swart rooibokram ingespring vanaf 'n buurplaas. Die betrokke buurman was ingelig, maar weens die koste verbonde daaraan om die ram terug te skuif, is ooreengekom dat die ram maar op Outeniquasbosch kon aanbly. Op die wyse is die swart kleurgen ingebring. Dit gaan interessant wees om te sien of daar in die toekoms nog swart lammers sou uitdop.





Zebras

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ADMIRE FROM AFAR, RESPECT THEIR WILD NATURE

One of the most breathtaking sights at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is the presence of zebras roaming freely across the landscape. Their striking black-and-white stripes are an iconic symbol of Africa's wilderness, adding to the estate's charm and natural beauty. However, while these animals may seem calm and approachable, it is crucial to remember that zebras are wild animals—not pets.

Wild and Unpredictable: The Nature of Zebras

Zebras are not dangerous if left alone but are naturally wary and highly unpredictable. Unlike domesticated horses, they have never been bred for human interaction and can react aggressively if they feel threatened. Their powerful kicks and strong bite force make them potentially dangerous, especially if someone tries to pet or corner them.



Many people mistake their relaxed grazing behavior as an invitation for interaction, but in reality, zebras are always on high alert. Sudden movements, loud noises, or an attempt to touch them can trigger defensive behavior. This is especially true for mothers with foals, as they will protect their young if they feel any sign of danger.

Safety for Residents, Guests, and Pets

For the safety of everyone at Outeniquasbosch, it is essential to respect the zebras' space. Do not approach them, attempt to feed them, or try to pet them. While they may occasionally wander near homes or roads, it is best to admire them from a distance and allow them to move freely without interference. Pet owners should also be cautious, as curious dogs may instinctively chase or bark at zebras, which can provoke a dangerous reaction. Always ensure that pets are under control when zebras are nearby to prevent any incidents.



Informing Guests and Workers

Residents are encouraged to educate their guests, children, workers, nannies, and other visitors about the importance of keeping a respectful distance from the zebras. Many people may not be aware of the risks, especially those unfamiliar with wildlife. A simple reminder that these animals are wild and should not be approached can help prevent unnecessary accidents.

By respecting the zebras and their natural behavior, residents of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village can continue to enjoy the beauty of these magnificent animals in a way that is safe for both humans and wildlife.

Now Available

Phase 9



With remote work becoming the norm, homebuyers are prioritizing quality of life and a balanced lifestyle. Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village presents an exclusive opportunity to own a home in a nature-rich, counter-urban environment. Located near Mossel Bay, one of South Africa's fastest-growing coastal towns, this premier eco-estate is progressing with civil works and is now completed in Phase 9.

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village - Embrace Life in Mossel Bay

The property market in Mossel Bay, Hartenbos, and surrounding areas has seen significant growth, attracting more families and younger buyers. Recent statistics reveal that nearly 30% of new homebuyers in the region are between 35 and 47 years old, indicating a growing demand for family-friendly, secure, and high-quality living spaces.

Why Choose Mossel Bay?

With work no longer dictating our location, many homebuyers are embracing the coastal lifestyle sooner rather than later. Once viewed as mere holiday destinations, Mossel Bay and Hartenbos have evolved into highly sought-after residential areas.

Peace of mind and an exceptional quality of life are two of the biggest drivers of this shift. A well-managed municipality, modern amenities, and a thriving property market make Mossel Bay an excellent choice for those seeking both security and investment potential.

Why Invest in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village?

Springtime in Outeniquasbosch is breathtaking, as fresh green landscapes come alive alongside the diverse wildlife that calls this 525-hectare estate home. With civil services completed and ready in Phase 9, including roads, water, sewerage, and electricity, the opportunity to secure your piece of this paradise has never been better.

Beyond the natural beauty, here's why you should consider investing in this harmonious blend of coastal and country living:

- 75% of the estate will remain green space
- **Over 10 different wildlife species, including:**
 - Bontebok
 - Zebra
 - Nyala
 - Kudu
 - Giraffe
 - Waterbuck
 - And many more mammals and bird species
- **24-hour security** for peace of mind: Ensuring the safety and well-being of residents is a top priority, which is why the community features round-the-clock security. This includes a combination of manned guard posts, regular patrols, and state-of-the-art surveillance systems to monitor key areas. Access control measures, such as gated entrances and visitor management protocols, help prevent unauthorized entry, while emergency armed response teams are always on standby to handle any security concerns promptly. With these comprehensive measures in place, residents can enjoy a secure and peaceful living environment.
- **Specialised fire prevention systems:** Safety is a top priority, and the community is equipped with advanced fire prevention systems to minimize risks. Additionally, the infrastructure is designed to ensure quick access for emergency responders, helping to protect residents, homes, and communal areas in the event of a fire.
- **King's College English Medium Christian School:** Located in the beautiful Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village on the Garden Route near Hartenbos. King's College is privileged to be located on a 9.3-hectare site within the stunning 525-hectare Wildlife Village of Outeniquasbosch, near Hartenbos on the Garden Route. This eco-estate offers a unique environment where you can share your backyard with 200 head of game, including over 10 species of antelope and 300 species of birds. First Intake was on 20 January 2025. We are excited to announce that we opened our doors for the first intake of learners on 20 January 2025. Our initial intake will be for Grades RR to Grade 8 and each year will witness the addition of a higher grade, culminating in Grade 12 by 2029.
- **Pet-friendly environment:** Residents are permitted to have up to two pets (cats and/or dogs) per household. Pets must be kept either behind a fence or inside the house. Pet owners may walk their pets on the estate, provided they are kept on a leash.





- **Design your own plot and plan house:** At Outeniquasbosch, you have the freedom to create a home that truly reflects your vision and lifestyle. Choose your ideal stand and work with expert professionals to design a home tailored to your needs. Whether you prefer a modern, minimalist aesthetic or a cozy, rustic retreat, you can craft a living space that aligns with your dreams. The flexible plot-and-plan option ensures that you have control over every detail, from layout to finishes, making your home as unique as you are.
- **Use your own builder:** Unlike restrictive developments, Outeniquasbosch allows you to select a builder of your choice. This flexibility enables you to manage costs, oversee construction quality, and ensure your home is built to your specifications. By choosing a builder that aligns with your preferences, you can enjoy a smooth and stress-free construction process.

- **North-facing stands for optimal sunlight:** These stands are strategically positioned to maximize natural light throughout the day. Enjoy warm, sunlit interiors in winter and reduced heat exposure in summer, ensuring energy efficiency and year-round comfort. North-facing homes are highly sought after for their ability to provide a bright and airy atmosphere, enhancing both well-being and property value.
- **Beautiful views over the valley:** Wake up to breathtaking, panoramic views stretching across rolling hills, lush greenery, and serene natural landscapes. The elevated positioning of many plots ensures unobstructed scenery, allowing residents to fully embrace the tranquility of nature. Whether enjoying a morning coffee on your veranda or watching the sunset over the valley, the stunning vistas provide a daily escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. This serene environment not only enhances well-being but also adds to the long-term investment value of your property.
- **Brand new phase in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village:** **Phase 9** introduces an exciting new chapter in this sought-after estate, offering a limited selection of prime stands in a pristine, untouched area of the development. This latest phase presents a rare opportunity to secure a piece of land within the estate's highly desirable setting. With excellent infrastructure, easy access to nature, and flexible building options, Phase 9 is set to become one of the most sought-after phases yet. Whether you're looking for a private retreat, a family home, or an investment opportunity, this new phase allows you to create a dream lifestyle in harmony with nature.

Adding to the estate's appeal, plans for a boutique hotel, a clubhouse, and a conference center are underway, further enhancing the lifestyle offering. Nearby conveniences include:

- Hartenbos (3 km)
 - Langeberg Mall, Mossel Bay (7 km)
 - Mossel Bay CBD (12 km)
 - George Airport (20 minutes)
 - Garden Walk Mall (1,2 km)
- **Build Your Dream Home at Outeniquasbosch:** Outeniquasbosch offer dynamic plot-and-plan options, allowing buyers to design a home that fits their budget and lifestyle needs. Outeniquasbosch have a list of professional builders and professional architects to choose from and to create a personalized design, whether you prefer a single- or double-story home. Choose from a variety of plots featuring stunning sea views, mountain landscapes, or a combination of both. With our Cape Vernacular theme with and a prime location, Outeniquasbosch offers the ideal setting for your dream home.
- **Secure Your Future in Mossel Bay:** Stands are selling fast, and there's never been a better time to invest in a superior quality of life. If you envision your future in one of South Africa's most picturesque areas, don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity.



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Opens Its Doors at Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

In a significant development for the Hartenbos community, King's College, a new private Christian school, officially opened its doors today within the serene confines of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village. The inaugural day was marked by joyous activities, the forging of new friendships, and the presence of esteemed guests, including Mossel Bay Mayor, Dirk Kotzé.

A Memorable First Day

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as learners, neatly dressed in their green and grey uniforms, explored their new educational environment. The school's playground, equipped with modern jungle gyms, became a hub of activity where children eagerly engaged in play, fostering camaraderie from the outset. Parents shared in the enthusiasm, witnessing their children embark on this new academic journey.

To commemorate the occasion, a tree-planting ceremony was held, symbolizing growth, stability, and the school's commitment to nurturing young minds. This act not only enriched the campus aesthetically but also underscored the institution's dedication to environmental stewardship.

Strategic Location within Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

King's College is strategically situated within the Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, a 525-hectare development designed for nature enthusiasts. The estate, located in Hartenbos in the heart of the Garden Route, offers breathtaking views of Mossel Bay and rolling fynbos-covered hills. Notably, 75% of the estate is preserved as pristine nature, allowing wildlife to roam freely among residences. This unique setting provides students with a learning environment that harmoniously blends education with nature.





Educational Vision and Offerings

As a private Christian institution, King's College is committed to delivering excellence in education, grounded in Christian values. The school aims to foster holistic development, emphasizing academic rigor, spiritual growth, and social responsibility. The curriculum is designed to challenge students intellectually while nurturing their moral and ethical foundations.

Community Engagement and Support

The opening ceremony was graced by Mossel Bay Mayor, Dirk Kotzé, whose presence highlighted the school's significance to the local community. Mayor Kotzé expressed optimism about the institution's potential impact.

A New Chapter in Education

The inaugural day at King's College marks the beginning of a promising educational journey for its students. The combination of a dedicated faculty, supportive parents, and an enriching environment sets the stage for a nurturing and effective learning experience. As the school community grows, it is poised to become a cornerstone of educational excellence in the region.

For more information about King's College, interested parties can contact the school via email at head@kingscollegeob.co.za or hod@kingscollegeob.co.za.



FOR RENT

Owners, be in the Know when you Rent out your Property

The owner shall in advance notify the HOA office when a decision is made to rent out his / her property:
info@outeniquasbosch.co.za

The HOA will forward relevant documents for completion:

- Facial recognition registration form Tenant
- Furniture transport permit
- House Rules – Tenants

Forms to be completed and emailed back to the HOA, together with copies of ID's of all adult tenants. The full lease agreement must be attached. Should date of occupation be earlier than start date stipulated on lease agreement, an addendum should be sent to the HOA as well as permission for earlier occupation by the tenant. It is the responsibility of the owner (member) to furnish the tenant with all rules and regulations within the Development. The owner (member) shall see to it that all occupants of his property or visitors to his property shall comply with the provisions of the HOA Constitution to the extent that it relates to the conduct and behaviour of a member

Refer relevant clauses from the HOA Constitution:

5.2 Over and above his obligations in terms of clause 5.1 in relation to all applicable laws, approvals and conditions of title, each member – 5.1.1 shall see to it that all occupants of his property or visitors to his property shall comply with the provisions of this Constitution to the extent that it relates to the conduct and behaviour of a member;

5.1.2 warrants in respect of any tenant of his property that – 5.2.2.1 he will furnish his tenant with a copy of this Constitution as an annexure to the agreement of lease with the tenant;

5.2.2.2 he accepts responsibility for the conduct of his tenants and their visitors;

5.2.2.3 he shall, in advance, notify the Committee and the managing agent of the date on which a tenant shall commence occupying the property and the agreed duration of the lease in question as well as the tenant's name and contact details;

5.2.2.4 he shall not be entitled to allow the tenant to take occupation of the property before the provisions of clauses 5.2.2.1 and 5.2.2.3 have been complied with; and

5.2.2.5 he warrants that the tenant and his visitors shall comply with the provisions of this Constitution as far as it relates to the required conduct and behaviour of an owner of a property in terms of this Constitution and he accepts responsibility for the acts of his tenant and such tenant's visitors.

Invasive Weeds

Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

Help Protect Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village's Ecosystem!

To preserve the unique biodiversity of Outeniquasbosch, we ask residents to help remove these invasive species from their rehabilitation areas. These plants spread rapidly, threatening local vegetation and disrupting the natural habitat. Let's work together to protect our environment!



Rooikrans (*Acacia cyclops*)



Lantana (*Lantana camara*)

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Protect Our Wild Spaces – Remove Invasive Weeds!

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Weeds
to Look
Out For



Let's Work Together!

Residents are encouraged to remove these invasive plants from their rehabilitation areas to support Outeniquasbosch's commitment to biodiversity and habitat restoration.

Every bit of effort counts in maintaining a healthy environment for our community and wildlife! Each plant removed is a step toward restoring Outeniquasbosch's natural beauty.

Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia ficus-indica*)



Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)

For more information on identifying and managing these species, please contact the estate's landscaping team.



Castor Bean (*Ricinus communis*)



YOUR
PARTICIPATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE!

PLANT OF THE MONTH

LANDSCAPING DEPARTMENT

SMOOTH BLOODLILY



Haemanthus sanguineus Smooth Bloodlily/Veldskoenblaar

PLANT TYPE: BULB

SA DISTRIBUTION: EASTERN CAPE, WESTERN CAPE

SOIL TYPE: SANDY, CLAY, LOAM

FLOWERING SEASON: LATE SUMMER, AUTUMN

PH: ACID

FLOWER COLOUR: RED, PINK

ASPECT: FULL SUN

This March, we celebrate the *Haemanthus sanguineus*, commonly known as the Smooth Bloodlily. A striking and unusual bulbous plant native to South Africa, it is well-suited to the natural landscape of the Garden Route. With its vibrant blooms and adaptability, this species is an excellent choice for local gardeners and an essential contributor to the region's biodiversity.

OUTENIKUASBOSCH WILDLIFE VILLAGE

VELDSKOENBLAAR



Characteristics

Haemanthus sanguineus is most recognizable during its flowering phase, which typically occurs from late summer to early autumn. Its distinctive blooms resemble a shaving- or paintbrush. The flowers are bright red to crimson and are held on short, sturdy stalks. These are surrounded by fleshy, bright green bracts that add to the plant's dramatic appearance.

The leaves of this species emerge after the flowering period and are broad, leathery, and often tinged with red margins, making it an attractive plant throughout its growing cycle. The plant can reach heights of 15–25 cm, making it a compact yet striking addition to gardens.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

LANDSCAPING DEPARTMENT

SMOOTH BLOODLILY



Why the Smooth Bloodlily?

Haemanthus sanguineus is naturally found in rocky slopes and sandy soils, thriving in areas with seasonal rainfall. It prefers well-drained soils and benefits from being planted in sunny or partially shaded spots. This plant is drought-tolerant, relying on underground bulbs to survive dry periods, making it ideal for low-maintenance, water-wise gardens.

For residents of Outeniquasbosch, the Smooth Bloodlily is an excellent addition to rehabilitation areas. Its low water needs align with the estate's focus on sustainable landscaping and the use of locally indigenous plants. Its vibrant red flowers will add a pop of color to the natural scenery, enhancing the estate's visual appeal.

By incorporating *Haemanthus sanguineus* into your garden, you celebrate the beauty of South African flora while supporting the natural ecosystem. This plant reminds us that even the smallest additions can make a big difference in preserving our local environment.

OUTENIKUASBOSCH WILDLIFE VILLAGE

VELDSKOENBLAAR



The More You Know...

The Smooth Bloodlily follows a fascinating and highly adaptive lifecycle aligned with the seasonal rhythms of its native habitat. Its lifecycle begins in late summer to early autumn when its vibrant crimson flower head emerges directly from the soil, a striking display that appears before any foliage. This flowering phase is brief but impactful, attracting pollinators like bees and beetles. Following pollination, the plant produces its broad, leathery leaves, which lay flat against the ground and persist throughout the cooler, wetter months of autumn and winter. As temperatures rise and the dry summer season approaches, the leaves wither, and the bulb retreats underground, entering a period of dormancy to conserve energy. This dormancy ensures the plant's survival during harsh conditions, allowing it to reemerge year after year with its iconic flowers, a true spectacle of nature's resilience.

OUTENIKUASBOSCH WILDLIFE VILLAGE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ONE-WAY 4×4 ROAD TO THE RIVER

Please take note that the 4×4 road leading down to the river at the back of the estate is strictly a ONE-WAY route. This road has been carefully designed for safe downhill travel only due to its steep gradient and loose surface.

Under no circumstances may this road be used for uphill travel, even with a 4×4 vehicle. Attempting to drive back up poses a serious risk to both driver safety and the integrity of the road. The steep incline can cause excessive erosion, making the road dangerous for all users.

To ensure compliance and protect our shared environment, fines will be issued to anyone found disobeying this rule.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village safe and well-maintained for all residents.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the estate management team.



Thank you for your understanding and adherence to this rule.

Availability levies explained (English)

Dear Member.

As part of the Rules of Establishment from Mossel Bay Municipality, condition was that the Municipality will provide services up to the boundary of the Development, but the Developer and the HOA will take it further into the Development and are responsible for supplying and maintaining of services within the Development.

The following discounts can be seen on your Municipal bill:

- Electricity availability (with discount)
- Water availability (with discount)

The Municipality grants discounts on the Municipal accounts to the Outeniquasbosch Members, so that the HOA can collect the amounts equal to the discount awarded, from the Member and thereafter utilize it for the maintenance of the relevant services within the Development. You will therefore be billed by the HOA for discounts granted. When occupation is issued on your property, the availability levies fall away and the basic levies starts. Basic levies are billed only by the HOA to the Member and not by the Municipality. Availability is supposed to fall away on the Municipal account immediately, but unfortunately it takes the Municipality around 3-4 months to make the adjustments. Please keep this in mind when you get to that point.

Availability and basic levies therefore is not related to water and electricity consumption.

Water & electricity consumption is read on the meters per erf and billed accordingly each month.



Enhance Security and Convenience

with MyEstateLife: Let's Increase Uptake in Outeniquasbosch

The My Estate Life App is designed to enhance Security and Convenience within the Development.

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.

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.

Important: Owners (members) of completed homes, thus residents only, are allowed to make use of the MEL App. QR code via the MyEstateLife App can be sent to your personal visitors only, and not to any contractor, service delivery company, or estate agent. Security need to capture all occupants in the vehicle when service is ordered, as a security measure. They cannot exercise control over contractors / service delivery companies/ estate agents alike, if they enter on a QR code, and that could potentially place you and other residents under risk.

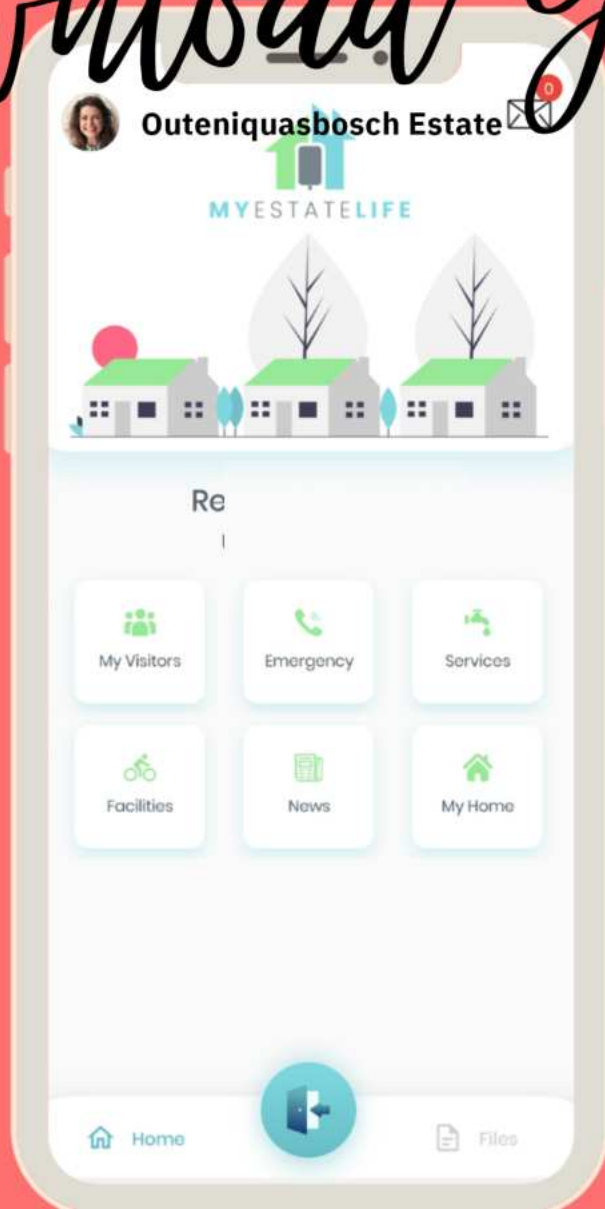
Note your Estate Identifier code is OU5A276AE5





MYESTATELIFE

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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



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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.

Staproetes

GEEL STAPROETE "DONE AND DUSTED"

Op Saterdag, 1 Maart 2025 het ons Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village Inwoners, 'n gesamentlike staproete geniet as deel van 1 van die vele voordele wat ons 525ha Ontwikkeling bied.

Asook n geleentheid wat fiksheid, gesondheid, vriendskap, gesinstyd en die liefde vir ons "stunning" buitelewe saam met ons 10 Wildspesies, bevorder het.

-  10.65 km – Pers
-  8.25 km – Pienk
-  5.7 km – Geel
-  3.7 km – Rooi
-  3.7 km – Blou
-  1.5 km – Wit



Die staproete het nie net ons stappers fisies uitgedaag nie, maar ook 'n geleentheid gebied vir Inwoners om mekaar beter te leer ken en te ondersteun bult op en bult af.

Die geel staproete, wat 6,8 km lank was, het ons Inwoners die geleentheid gehad om in 'n gesellige atmosfeer langs die pad te gesels, wat die gevoel van nuwe vriendskappe versterk het.

Met die sukses van hierdie GEEL STAPROETE is daar beplanning vir soortgelyke staproetes in die nabye toekoms, wat nie net die fisiese gesondheid van ons Inwoners sal bevorder nie, maar ook ons nuwe Inwoners die geleentheid sal gee om nuwe vriende te ontmoet en die mooi van ons natuurskoon en natuurlewe te ontdek en te geniet.

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Roei by die Rivier

AKTIEF

Daar is iets besonder aan die geluid van roeispane wat die water sny, die sagte kabbeling van die rivier, en die lag van vriende en familie wat saam die dag geniet. Roei is nie net 'n wonderlike manier om te oefen nie, maar dit bied ook 'n kans om saam tyd deur te bring, weg van die gejaagde daaglikse lewe.

Waarom roei die perfekte gesins- en vriendaktiwiteit is

Roei bring mense bymekaar in 'n rustige en natuurlike omgewing. Dit is 'n aktiwiteit wat beide ontspannend en opwindend kan wees. Verder is roei 'n uitstekende manier om fiks te bly. Dit oefen verskeie spiergroepe, verbeter kardiovaskulêre gesondheid, en help met koördinasie en balans. Selfs jong kinders kan deelneem aan die pret deur 'n klein paddle te gebruik of net die ervaring van die natuur op die water te geniet.



Die perfekte roeidag beplan

Om 'n suksesvolle dag op die rivier te hê, moet 'n mens 'n paar dinge in ag neem:

- Kies die regte plek – Ons rivier is baie rustig en goed vir beginners en gesinne met kinders.
- Bring die regte toerusting – Maak seker almal het lewensbaadjies, geskikte klere en sonskerm. 'n Droë sak vir selfone en kosbare items is ook 'n goeie idee.
- Beplan vir veiligheid – Weet waar die rivier se stroomversnellings of onveilige areas is. Wees bewus van die weerstoestande en vermy roei as daar stormweer voorspel word.
- Neem 'n piekniekmandjie saam – Ná 'n paar uur op die water is daar niks beter as 'n ontspanne ete langs die rivier nie. Bring gesonde versnaperinge en genoeg water vir hidrasie.



Die vreugde van roei in die natuur

Een van die beste aspekte van roei is die kans om die natuur van naby te beleef. Voëls wat oor die water sweef, visse wat onder jou boot deur swem, en die sagte ritseling van bome aan die oewer maak dit 'n unieke ervaring. Dit is ook 'n wonderlike manier om kinders aan die buitelewe bloot te stel en hulle waardering vir die omgewing te kweek.

Slotgedagtes

Roei saam met vriende en familie is meer as net 'n fisiese aktiwiteit – dit is 'n geleentheid om herinneringe te maak, bande te versterk en die skoonheid van die natuur te geniet. Of jy nou 'n rustige roeitoer verkies of 'n adrenalinbelaaide avontuur, daar is iets vir almal op die water. Pak jou roeispans, nooi jou geliefdes saam, en ervaar die plesier van roei op die rivier!



Testimonials

Hiermee 'n "Getuigskrif" van een van ons onlangse gelukkige nuwe intrekkers:

"Oceanic is 'n span wat konstant uit hul pad gaan om uitnemendheid te bereik. Hulle verdien groot lof! Keer op keer bewys hulle dat harde werk, toewyding en 'n positiewe gesindheid die kern van sukses is. Wat hulle werklik uniek maak, is hul bereidwilligheid om die ekstra myl te loop – altyd verder as wat verwag word.

Elkeen bring afsonderlik sy unieke talente en perspektiewe na die tafel, en die samewerking tussen hulle is 'n toonbeeld van ware spanwerk. Dit is inspirerend om te sien hoe hulle uitdagings met kreatiwiteit aanpak en oplossings vind wat middelmatigheid ver oortref. Hul motivering en passie straal uit in alles wat hulle doen.

Wat Oceanic uitsonder, is dat hulle nie net vir mekaar nie, maar ook vir die groter doel en visie van die span alles gee. Hulle verdien nie net ons komplimente nie, maar ook diep respek en bewondering van almal wat die voorreg het om met hulle 'n bouprojek aan te pak."

Dankie aan elke lid van die Oceanic-span wat 'n integrale rol speel in die bou van ons droom. Julle is 'n ware inspirasie. Hou aan skitter!"

• **BRIAN & RETHA MACPHERSON - 43 NTOMBAZANA STRAAT**



Insekte



Piercia spatiosata

Ons is so bevoorreg om Johan Heyns, 'n kenner in die gebied te hê, wat die kleiner dingetjies in die lewe vasvang en met ons kan deel.

Ons is geneig om die unieke insekte mis te kyk, na al die interessante feite en mooi foto's, is dit moeilik om dit nie raak te sien nie.

Foto Krediet: Johan Heyns

Omphacodes vivida



Polyhymno pausimacha



Ken jou insekte



Dirkie



Linda



Charlie



Marie



Karel



Gerrie



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Jungle Gym

Dear Residents,

We are thrilled to announce the latest addition to our beautiful estate:
a Brand-new Jungle Gym and Outdoor Gym Equipment!

These facilities have been thoughtfully designed to offer both children and adults an opportunity to enjoy outdoor exercise, fresh air, and quality time in a safe and natural environment.



What's Included

Jungle Gym:

Perfect for children to climb, swing, and slide, encouraging active play and fostering motor skill development.

Outdoor Gym Equipment:

For fitness enthusiasts, this includes a variety of strength- and cardio-focused apparatus to help you stay active while enjoying the scenic beauty of Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village.

The equipment is located in semi-shaded, easily accessible areas of the estate, blending seamlessly with the surrounding environment to maintain the natural aesthetic of our village.

Please see our map of where the gym pieces are located.

Phase 7 presents 3 different outdoor gym pieces, including Monkey Bars, Pullups, and Body Dips.

Phase 10 presents 4 different outdoor gym pieces, including Sit-ups/Leg raises, Pushups, Parallel Dips, and Horizontal Pullups.

Safety and Disclaimer

While we are confident that these facilities will be a wonderful addition for all, we kindly ask that you observe the following guidelines:

Supervise children when using the Jungle Gym to ensure their safety.

Use the Outdoor Gym Equipment in accordance with your fitness level and physical capabilities.

Please note that Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village cannot be held responsible for any injuries, accidents, or loss of property that may occur while using these facilities.

Use is entirely at your own risk.

We encourage everyone to enjoy these new amenities responsibly and make the most of what they have to offer.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you and your family enjoy this exciting new feature of our estate!



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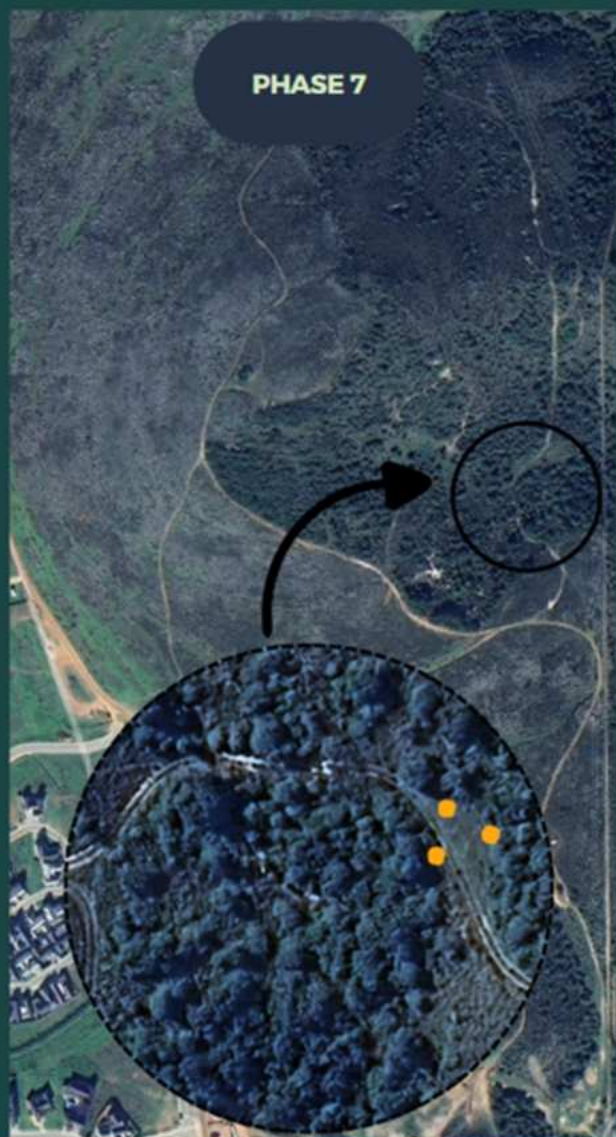
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PHASE 10



PHASE 7



Landscaping Application Process

for Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village

At Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village, landscaping plays a crucial role in maintaining the estate's natural beauty and ecological integrity. To ensure that all gardens align with the estate's environmental vision, homeowners must follow a structured landscaping application process. This process helps maintain biodiversity, prevent the spread of invasive species, and preserve the Garden Route's indigenous flora.

Step 1: Understanding the Guidelines

Before submitting an application, homeowners should familiarize themselves with the Outeniquasbosch Landscaping Guidelines found in the Landscaping Manual. These guidelines provide essential information on permissible plant species, prohibited alien invasive plants, and best practices for sustainable landscaping. Indigenous plants that naturally occur in the region are encouraged, while exotic species that could disrupt the ecosystem are restricted.

Step 2: Preparing the Landscaping Plan

Each homeowner is required to submit a detailed landscaping plan that outlines the proposed garden layout. This plan should include:

- Appendix 1 from the Landscaping Manual.
- A site plan indicating the placement of plants, hardscaping elements, and irrigation systems.
- A plant list specifying botanical names of chosen species.
- Details on soil preparation, mulching, and erosion control (if applicable).

For assistance with plant selection, homeowners are encouraged to consult the estate's recommended plant list or seek guidance from the landscaping team.

Step 3: Submitting the Application

Once the landscaping plan is ready, homeowners must submit their application to the Outeniquasbosch Landscaping Committee. The application can be sent via email or delivered to the landscaping office. The committee reviews applications based on adherence to the landscaping guidelines and ecological sustainability.



The Landscaping Committee carefully evaluates each submission. If the plan meets all requirements, approval is granted, and the homeowner may proceed with implementation. If modifications are needed, feedback is provided, and the homeowner must revise the plan accordingly.

The review process typically takes 3-5 working days, depending on the complexity of the application. Homeowners are encouraged to apply well in advance of any planned landscaping work.

Step 5: Implementation and Compliance

Once approval is obtained, homeowners can proceed with their landscaping. The landscaping team may conduct periodic inspections to verify compliance. If unauthorized plants or non-compliant features are introduced, homeowners may be required to make corrections at their own expense.

Maintaining the Estate's Natural Harmony

By following the landscaping application process, homeowners contribute to Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village's mission of preserving indigenous biodiversity. Thoughtful landscaping not only enhances property aesthetics but also supports local wildlife and maintains the estate's unique natural charm.

For further guidance or to request the official Landscaping Guidelines, homeowners may contact the Landscaping Department.

Contact Details:

Cell: 064 256 0758

Email: landscape@outeniquasbosch.co.za





Landscaping Department

Landscaping Application Process

Hey 'Nature Lovers'! Are you ready to start landscaping? Let's make it easy and follow the process below.



Application Process:

1. Fill out the Landscaping Application Form (Appendix 1 in the Landscaping Manual).
2. Create a Landscaping Map to indicate where you want to plant your species.
3. Create a Plant Species List in table form. (Please use each plant's scientific name).

Once you have all three these documents ready, please send them to the landscaping department for approval.

 Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village  landscape@outeniquasbosch.co.za

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.



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 **347** stands sold



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TUINDIENSTE

Leon Prins
071 027 6207



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Heinrich Ninaber
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FIBRE - VDS

Andre Kruger
082 552 2446



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.





Caracal

THE ELUSIVE PREDATOR OF OUTENIQUASBOSCH

One of the most fascinating yet often misunderstood predators found in Outeniquasbosch Wildlife Village is the caracal (*Caracal caracal*). This elusive feline, also known as the rooikat, plays a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance by controlling populations of rodents, birds, and small antelope. However, as with any predator, its presence comes with both benefits and challenges.

The Role of the Caracal in a Natural Environment

Caracals are highly adaptable and efficient hunters. Their diet mainly consists of dassies, small buck species, birds, and rodents, making them an essential part of the food chain. By preying on these animals, caracals help regulate populations that might otherwise grow unchecked, preventing overgrazing and promoting biodiversity.



Another important contribution of the caracal is its influence on the behaviour of prey species. The presence of a natural predator encourages small herbivores and rodents to stay mobile and avoid over-exploiting a single area. This prevents localized damage to vegetation, allowing the ecosystem to flourish.

The Predatory Nature of the Caracal

While the caracal is an important part of a balanced ecosystem, it is also a formidable hunter. Known for their incredible agility and strength, these cats can take down prey much larger than themselves, sometimes even targeting young livestock when natural food sources are scarce. Their sharp claws, powerful hind legs, and remarkable leaping ability make them one of the most efficient hunters in the wild. Caracals are also known to be opportunistic feeders, meaning that they will exploit any available food source, including domestic animals if given the chance. This can sometimes lead to conflict in areas where human activity and natural habitats overlap. Their tendency to kill multiple animals at once, particularly in enclosed spaces, can make them seem excessively destructive. However, this behaviour is instinctive—it stems from the caracal's natural inclination to store food for later consumption in the wild, a strategy that does not always translate well in a human-altered environment.

Keeping the Balance

In a wildlife-minded area like Outeniquasbosch, maintaining the balance between predator and prey is crucial. If caracal numbers grow too large, they can place undue pressure on small wildlife populations, leading to an imbalance in the ecosystem. Conversely, if their numbers are too low, rodent and small antelope populations may surge, resulting in overgrazing and habitat degradation.



The impact of an unchecked caracal population is evident in the case of the Cape Grysbok, whose numbers have drastically declined due to excessive predation. When predator numbers rise beyond sustainable levels, small prey species face increasing pressure, leading to population imbalances that can ripple through the entire ecosystem.

Monitoring predator numbers, ensuring sufficient habitat diversity, and promoting the conservation of natural prey species are all strategies that help maintain harmony in the ecosystem. At Outeniquasbosch, the presence of caracals is a testament to the health of the environment, and their role as apex predators should be respected and managed carefully.

Coexisting with Caracals

Caracals generally avoid human-populated areas and remain in inconspicuous areas where they would not be noticed. Their secretive nature and nocturnal habits make them difficult to spot, which is why they are often present in an ecosystem without drawing much attention.

For homeowners and residents of Outeniquasbosch, sightings of these sleek, reddish-brown cats can be both thrilling and concerning. While caracals generally avoid human interaction, it is wise to take precautions. Keeping small pets indoors at night, securing waste that might attract prey animals, and avoiding unnecessary interference with their natural movements are all steps that help promote peaceful coexistence.

Ultimately, the caracal is a symbol of the wild beauty that makes Outeniquasbosch special. By understanding and respecting this predator's role in the ecosystem, residents can contribute to the preservation of a healthy and diverse natural environment.





IN NEED? CALL US!

The Mossel Bay Municipality can be contacted at:



**Traffic and
Law Enforcement – 044 606 5204**

**Fire, Rescue and
Disaster Management – 044 606 5121**



**General switchboard /
Afterhours Call Centre – 044 606 5000**

**SHOULD 044 606 5000 BE FAULTY OR INACCESSIBLE
CALL THE NUMBER BELOW:**

**ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY NUMBER:
– 044 050 8000**



Contact The South African Police Service at the following numbers:

SAPS MOSSEL BAY

044 606 2868 / 2805

SECTOR 1: 082 302 6670 (ALL HOURS)

SECTOR 2: 082 522 3278 (ALL HOURS)

SAPS GREAT BRAK RIVER

044 620 8304/5/6

082 522 2807 (ALL HOURS)

SAPS COORDINATOR @ JOC

044 606 5065

SAPS KWANONQABA

044 606 5606/5617

082 302 5927 (ALL HOURS)

SAPS DA GAMASKOP

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