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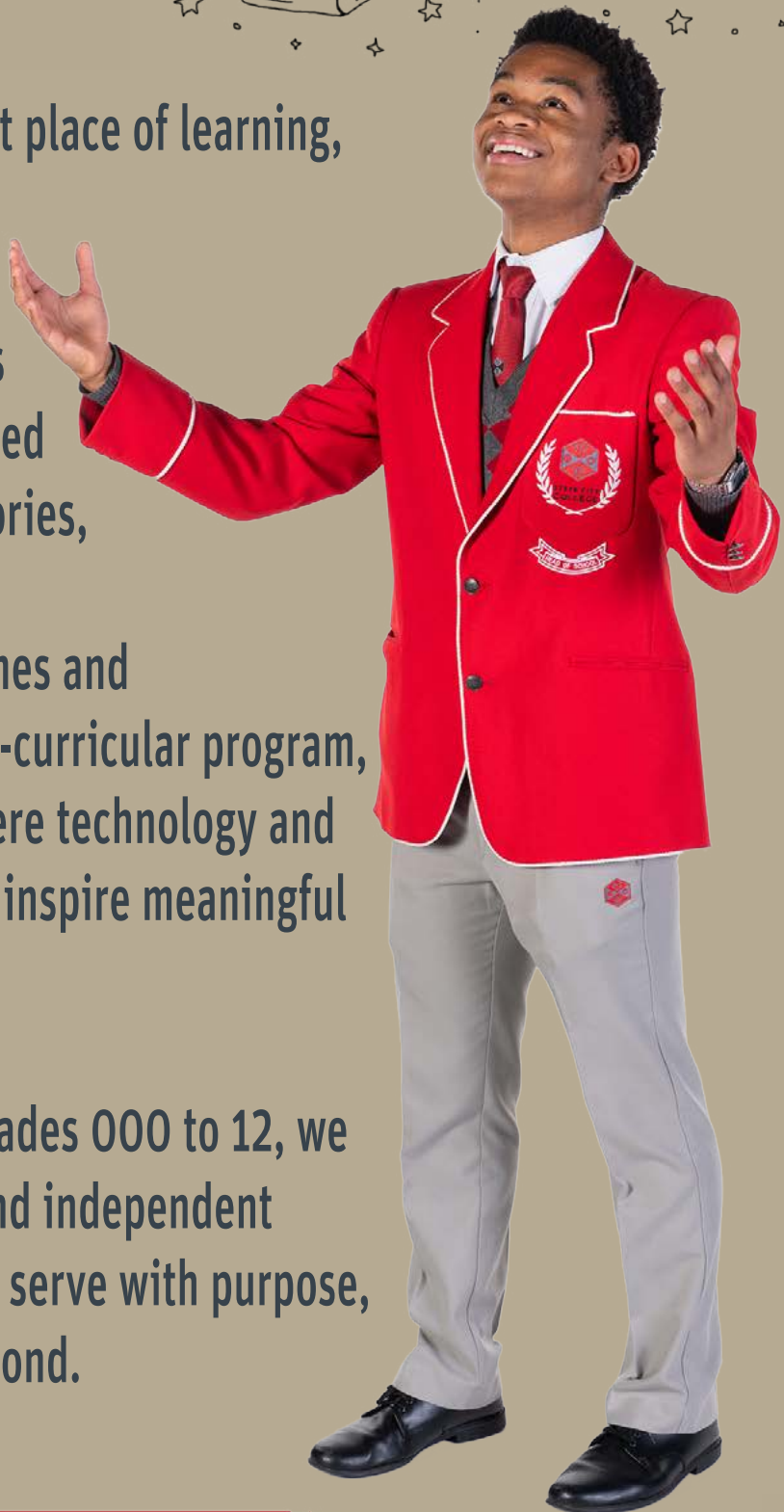
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MESSAGE FROM THE ESTATE MANAGER

Dear Residents,

March brought with it a wonderful line-up of **community** events, beginning with our much-anticipated annual **Campout**. Fortunately, the weather played along, offering us a welcome break in the rain and a memorable evening under the stars. Later in the month, our **Easter Egg Hunt** delivered plenty of "egg-stravagant" fun, delighting our youngest residents and their families.

We also hosted our first **EcoKids** event of the year, centred on sustainability. The morning explored food sustainability through our estate's fruit trees, alongside horticulture, featuring an engaging and educational segment on water-wise planting. By invitation, we were delighted to welcome 20 young learners from the Good Hope Foundation, a Diepsloot-based NPO, allowing us to share the excitement and learning experience beyond the estate's borders.

Behind the scenes, our maintenance team has also installed a back-up water supply at the Phase 1 Park to keep ablution facilities operational during water interruptions. This will ensure that the show can go on when estate events coincide with service disruptions. Unfortunately, Pikitup refuse collection has been less reliable in recent weeks, with several industrial action-related interruptions causing inconvenience and raising hygiene concerns in affected areas. As we finalise the 2026/2027 budget, the HOA and Board of Directors remain mindful of the need to build greater resilience into our planning in response to these realities.

The **Phase 1 Park** play area is also undergoing a significant refresh. Shade netting has already been installed over the formal sandpit area, with new play equipment scheduled for installation in a few weeks. So, watch this space, the revitalised Phase 1 Park play area will be irresistible, and we look forward to the many special moments that lie ahead!



Charlene Marlin, Estate Manager

April is a meaningful month for many residents of faith within our estate. While our Muslim community celebrated Eid al-Fitr and the conclusion of Ramadan in mid-March, April brings Passover and Easter for our Jewish and Christian residents. We wish everyone observing these occasions a special and meaningful time with loved ones. Our community's integrated and welcoming spirit remains something we are truly proud of – a place where people from all walks of life feel at home.

A touching and special **farewell for Lloyd Mesa**, our long-serving Bike Park officer, was held in February. Coach Smish has captured the occasion in a heartfelt recap

that reflects the wonderful community spirit and engagement that Lloyd inspired over the years. Lloyd, we wish you every success in your retirement, and thank you for your friendliness, ever-present smile, and the helpful way in which you served our community.

April offers a welcome breather after an exceptionally busy March, with long weekends and school holidays providing a chance to pause and recharge. Activity picks up again in May, with a number of large community events on the calendar. Our next Farmer's Market takes place on Sunday, 3 May 2026 at the Phase 1 Park, promising a smorgasbord of foodie delights, live music, face painting, and a strong line-up of eager vendors. The first Movie Night of the year is also scheduled for May, with an exciting title to be announced – keep an eye out for further details on these much-anticipated events.

To all residents travelling over the long weekends and school holidays, we wish you safe travels. We hope to see many of you at our upcoming events as we continue to enjoy the lifestyle and sense of community that define our *Sanctuary in the City*.

Warm wishes,

Charlene

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Kitchen and laundry

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Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many kitchen appliances and ensure electrical cords are not cracked or damaged. Remember that dryer lint is flammable. When it comes to common areas in your home where fires can start, the laundry room is particularly high-risk. High-powered appliances can overheat, especially if the vents are not regularly cleaned.

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Smoke alarms are essential for home fire safety – they provide an early warning in the event of a fire and give you a chance to get out



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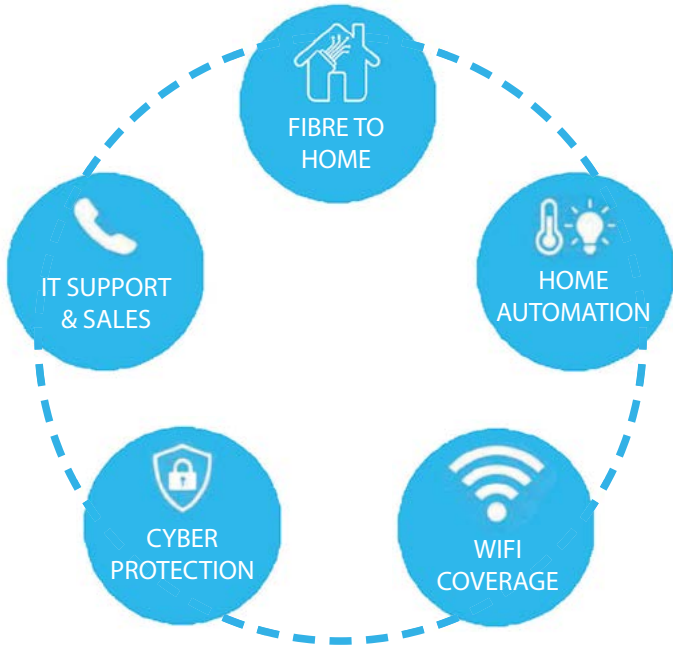
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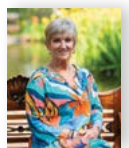


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FAMILY CAMPOUT



The Phase 1 Park was transformed into a mini camp village for this year's annual Family Campout, proudly sponsored by Pam Golding Properties, just narrowly beating the rain that had many of us questioning the wisdom of a campout in the week leading up to the event.

As the afternoon progressed, children ran and played across the park while families worked together to make sense of their tents,

arrange blankets, and set up mattresses and lanterns. Fully equipped for the night, residents quickly turned the open space into a vibrant camping community, with 40 campsites dotting the Phase 1 Park. Some families even grouped multiple tents together, creating cosy little "rooms" for their campsite, adding to the warm sense of togetherness.

With clear skies above and beautiful weather setting the scene, the evening

began with children lining up for face painting while others explored the growing campsite and played with friends. As the sun set, the familiar smell of braais filled the air, neighbours gathered around their camps, and the park buzzed with laughter and conversation.

Soon it was time for one of the event's favourite treats, marshmallows, s'mores and hot chocolate, as families enjoyed the fun and cosy moments together under the open sky.



Adding to the excitement of the night was a fantastic hamper worth over R2,000, generously sponsored by Pam Golding Properties, which had campers eagerly anticipating the lucky draw. Congratulations to the lucky winner!

As night fell, the park glowed with lantern light and the quiet excitement of sleeping under the stars.

The following morning, campers woke

to the comforting smell of fresh coffee, delicious pancakes and breakfast buns from The Pancake Pantry, bringing everyone together one last time before tents were packed away and the mini camp village slowly disappeared.

A sincere thank you to Pam Golding Properties for sponsoring this year's Family Campout and helping make the event such a special experience for our community.





ECOKIDS: LEARNING, PLANTING, GROWING



Under the banner “Little Hands, Big Impact,” our first EcoKids event of the year, held on Saturday, 14 March 2026, was a day filled with fun, learning, and a touch of friendly competition. Joined by a group of children from Diepsloot through the Greenhope Foundation, we were delighted to see such an enthusiastic gathering of young participants. With face painting, a jumping castle, and the obligatory EcoKids-branded snack packs, the stage was set for a lively and engaging morning.

The programme began with an introduction to water-wise planting, led by Fortune Malinga of Life Green Group. Our eager young gardeners were then introduced to the day’s first activity: a miniature garden competition. Each child received a pot and potting mix, and the challenge was to create a unique miniature garden to be judged by the Life Green Group team, from a selection of succulent and water-wise plant cuttings.

The group then moved across to Karob Park, where they learnt about the importance of fruit trees and locally grown produce.

Guided once again by Fortune, the children participated in tree planting, putting several plum trees – generously provided by Joburg City Parks and Johannesburg Zoo – into the ground, along with gooseberry shrubs supplied by Life Green Group. The young learners not only planted the trees but also sampled plums and gooseberries, helping to bring the lesson to life.

By the time the planting was complete, the team from Johannesburg Zoo had arrived. The excited EcoKids gathered for a fascinating talk and interactive demonstration featuring taxidermied exhibits, hollowed-out eggs, and live animals – including a barn owl, a snake, and even a few cockroaches.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt thank you to our partners – Life Green Group, Joburg City Parks, and the Johannesburg Zoo followed by the prize-giving for the miniature garden competition, bringing a memorable and educational day to a close. If your children missed this one, be sure to keep an eye out for news of the next one!

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A FRIENDLY FACE AT THE GATE: CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF LLOYD MESA



For many residents of Fourways Gardens Residential Estate, the bike park gate has always been more than just a security checkpoint. It has been a place where a warm greeting, a kind word, and a familiar smile welcomed the riders each day. For two years, that welcoming presence was Lloyd Mesa, a gate guard whose passion, care, and friendliness became part of the heart of the estate.

Every community has individuals who quietly shape its spirit. Lloyd was one of those people. While his official duty was to ensure the safety and smooth entry of riders, he did far more than simply manage a gate. Lloyd understood that the entrance to a community sets the tone for the entire day. Whether the riders were arriving early for some trail time or returning from a ride that could have gone either way, Lloyd greeted them with genuine warmth and respect.

He helped the little ones push their bike up the steep hill. He assisted moms with pram and tiny humans in push bikes. He carried, celebrated and was a huge part of us.

What made Lloyd special was not just his dedication to the job, but the care he showed for people. He remembered faces, names, and often the small details of residents' lives. Children cycling past the gate would receive an encouraging wave. Joggers heading out





for morning exercise would hear a cheerful greeting. Visitors often left surprised by how welcomed they felt before even entering the estate bike park.

Over time, Lloyd became more than a security guard – he became a familiar and comforting presence. His professionalism ensured that residents felt safe, but his personality ensured that they also felt valued. In a world where many interactions

are rushed and impersonal, Lloyd's kindness reminded everyone that simple friendliness can make a powerful difference.

His retirement marks the end of an era. Or feels strange not seeing the man who helped define the riders. Yet the impact Lloyd has made will remain long after his final shift. Communities are built not only by houses and roads, but by the people who give them character, and Lloyd did exactly that.

As Lloyd steps into retirement, he does so with the appreciation and gratitude of an entire community. His years of dedication, patience, and kindness helped make Fourways Gardens feel more like home for countless residents.

We wish Lloyd a retirement filled with rest, happiness, and the same warmth he shared with everyone who passed through those gates. His smile, his greetings, and his genuine care will always be remembered.



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Wednesday 08h30 - 09h30

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Saturday 06h00

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Wednesdays

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Phase 2 Park Soccer Net

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Hall

Tuesday

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Helen O'Grady Drama

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CLASSICS CLUB BRUNCH

Friday, 6 March 2026

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We gathered, laughed, and devoured a scrumptious brunch courtesy of Belinda and her incredible team. The cold, wet weather outside was no match for the warmth of our connections and steaming cappuccinos – Knowledge and Leo definitely had their work cut out for them keeping up with demand!

A vibrant table, buzzing with new faces and stories, set the tone for an unforgettable morning. We were thrilled to welcome members from far and wide, and a special congratulations to Verena, who took home the gorgeous Merci Flowers bouquet (thank you, Taniel!).



Joburg Philharmonic Orchestra outing

Join us on 18 June for a special outing! We'll depart from Fourways Gardens at 08:30 and return at approximately 13:30.

Spots are limited, so please contact me as soon as possible to secure your place.

Please feel free to share the details of our meetings with any friends from neighbouring areas and estates, we'd love to welcome new friends to our vibrant community!

And lastly, thank you to all of you for your support – I love spending time with all of you!

With love till next time

Lorna
082 659 1048

Giving back with heart

Our charity drive was a massive success, with generous donations pouring in for Dog's Trust, Charity Begins with Me, and Regomoditse Children's Home. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference – thank you for showing up with such big hearts.

Upcoming events and reminders

April Fools' French-Themed Bash

Join us on 1 April at 4pm at Riverbanks, proudly sponsored by TotalCare LaVieNouvelle.

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THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB SOUTH AFRICA AT FOURWAYS GARDENS



The International Women's Club South Africa recently hosted a Valentine's tea in the clubhouse.

We enjoyed a wonderful morning chatting over tea, coffee and snacks. The staff kindly assisted with putting up the decorations, which made the patio look especially festive. We were also privileged to have as our guest Lieve Geuens, a talented opera singer and teacher from Amsterdam, who delighted us by performing two beautiful arias.

The International Women's Club, or IWC Joburg, is essentially a friendship club offering a wide variety of activities. Meetings are held once a month at Bryanston Country Club, where guest speakers address members on a range of interesting topics. There are also monthly outings, such as the Spice Tour or visits to the ballet.

The club's objective is to bring together women from different backgrounds in a relaxed and welcoming social setting.

For more information, please reach out to Dorothy Flint on 082 852 0329.



MONTHLY DRAW

Friday, 27 February 2026

If January's Monthly Draw showed us anything, it's that there's always a chance to win the cash kitty! As it was won in January, February's draw started off with a fresh kitty of R1,750 up for grabs, along with the two lucky draw hampers, the kiddies' prize and the popular Burn the Bills competition.

With live music, great meals and even better company, anticipation built steadily throughout the evening until the 7pm draw, with last-minute lucky draw entries still being submitted right up to the final moment.

The first prize drawn was the Kiddies' Prize, which Charlie won. In this case, there were two Charlies in the draw, so a quick handwriting comparison was needed to determine the lucky winner! The hampers were won by Ryan Knipe and Darren Scott – a familiar name, as Darren was also a cash kitty winner in 2025.

Unfortunately, the would-be cash kitty winner was not present on the evening, meaning the jackpot rolls over to R3,000 for the March draw.

Belinda also proudly posed with The Gardens Bistro Burn the Bill winners, Simone Richards and Elsje Santos.

Our thanks go to our sponsors, Century 21 Fourways, and their partners at STBB Conveyancers, whose generous support helps make the month-end something we look forward to for reasons beyond just payday.

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QUIZ NIGHT

20 February 2026

Our second Quiz Night of the year kicked off with plenty of brains, banter, and community spirit! Held on 20 February 2026, this much-loved monthly event is now proudly sponsored by Bronwyn Butt Attorneys and Conveyancers, a resident who eagerly jumped in to support this ever-popular monthly event!

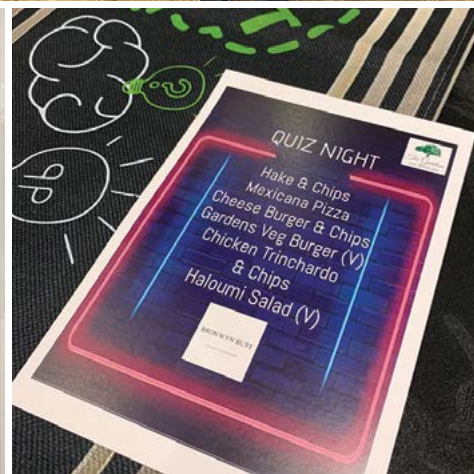
The evening was a perfect blend of friendly rivalry and laughter, with Quiz Master Dayle's meticulously prepared Quiz testing the forgotten corners of our memories!

As usual, Dayle from Riot Entertainment had a treat in store. An engaging and lively quiz that kept everyone on their toes, with rounds covering general knowledge, music, pop culture, and more. Teams tackled tricky questions, shared moments of laughter over unexpected answers, and cheered each other on, creating a warm and lively atmosphere. It was wonderful to see neighbours connecting, testing their wits, and enjoying the challenge together.

Hats off to the winning teams for their sharp minds and speedy answers! A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who joined in, making the evening full of energy, laughter, and good-natured banter. We also extend a special thank you to our new Quiz Night sponsor, Bronwyn Butt Attorneys and Conveyancers.

These evenings remind us why our monthly Quiz Nights remain a highlight of the community calendar, bringing residents together and creating memorable moments. We look forward to seeing even more of you at the next Quiz Night, whether you're in it for the prizes, bragging rights, league rankings, or just for the fun of it!

BRONWYN BUTT
ATTORNEYS & CONVEYANCERS





CATERPILLARS, HOST PLANTS AND ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCE

The species that feed on clivia, agapanthus and mopane plants ensure balance and mutual benefit in our natural environment

Butterflies and moths form some of the most intricate and ecologically important relationships with their host plants. While many people appreciate a butterfly's delicate adult form, few understand the importance of the larval stage, when a caterpillar actively feeds on leaves.

In South Africa, people regard species that feed on clivia, agapanthus and mopane plants with concern, especially when the defoliation appears dramatic. No need to worry: this feeding is part of an ancient, mutually adapted system that supports both plant and insect survival.

Read on to find out more about these relationships and about why we should avoid poisoning or harming these insects.

1. Host plant specialists: caterpillars and their preferred plants

Many moth and butterfly species are host plant specialists, meaning their larvae feed on one or a narrow group of plant species. The plant is not just food; it is essential for the insect's development, survival and reproduction.

This article looks at insects relevant to clivia, agapanthus and mopane plants.

Clivia feeders

Clivia plants commonly host the larvae of certain noctuid moths (cutworms) and amaryllis caterpillars (*Brithys crini*), which also feed on *amaryllid* species. While their feeding may appear severe, these plants

are remarkably resilient.

Agapanthus feeders

Agapanthus is well known for hosting:

- Agapanthus borer (*Neuranthes spodopteroles*)
- Amaryllis caterpillars (*Brithys crini*), which also sometimes feed on agapanthus

These larvae can tunnel into stems and consume leaves, sometimes leaving plants looking devastated. However, the agapanthus plant has the ability to reshoot from underground rhizomes, making long-term damage rare unless plants are stressed by drought, poor soil or previous poisoning.

Mopane feeders

The most dramatic example is the mopane worm (the larva of the emperor moth *Gonimbrasia belina*). These caterpillars can strip vast tracts of *Colophospermum mopane* trees bare.

Nevertheless, mopane ecosystems have evolved with this phenomenon and can perform the following functions:

- They flush new leaves within weeks after defoliation.
- They are adapted to seasonal herbivory.
- They use insect-feeding events to recycle nutrients into the soil.
- They support an entire food chain tied to mopane worms, including birds, reptiles, mammals and people.

Total defoliation does not mean the tree is dying; it is part of a healthy cycle in mopane woodlands.

2. Why caterpillar feeding does not kill host plants

Plants like clivia, agapanthus and mopane have evolved over millions of years alongside their herbivores. Their survival strategies include the following:

- **Reshooting from bulbs or rhizomes (clivia and agapanthus):** Even when leaves are heavily damaged or removed, the plant's underground storage organs hold reserves that allow for strong regrowth.
- **Rapid flushes of new leaves (mopane):** Mopane trees rebound quickly, often producing a second flush richer in nutrients.
- **Induced defences:** Feeding triggers the plant to strengthen tissues or produce natural deterrent chemicals.
- **Wound-driven growth responses:** Moderate damage often stimulates the plant to flower or branch more vigorously.

If these interactions were harmful at a species level, neither the insects nor the plants would still exist.

3. Frass: The fertiliser that completes the cycle

Caterpillar frass (droppings) is a powerful natural fertiliser particularly beneficial to host plants.

Frass contributes to the plant's health by:

- Enriching soil with nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.
- Adding beneficial microbes that support soil and root health.
- Improving water retention and soil structure.



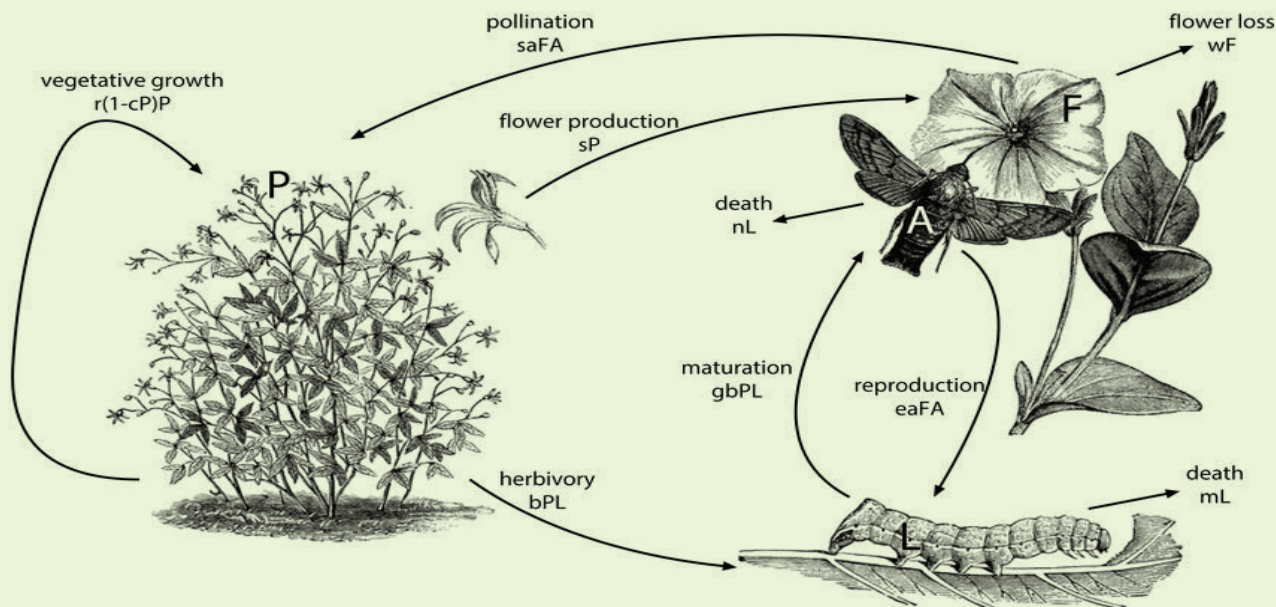
Cirina forda caterpillar



Mopane worm



Wild Syringa



- Fuelling the nutrient cycles that drive new leaf flushes.

In mopane ecosystems, massive frass deposition during feeding events deposits nutrients directly beneath the trees, helping them to recover quickly after defoliation.

4. The adult stage: Pollination and plant reproduction

Once the caterpillars mature, they pupate and emerge as moths or butterflies. Adults perform the following functions:

- They visit flowers for nectar.
- They transfer pollen.
- They support genetic diversity.
- They pollinate indigenous species, including night-flowering plants in forest and savannah systems.

Without the larval stage, there would be no adults – and hence far fewer pollinators.

5. Why you should never poison caterpillars

5.1 Caterpillars are part of the plant's natural life cycle

-Killing them breaks ecological relationships that have existed for millennia.

5.2 Poison disrupts the whole food web

- Birds, bats, lizards, frogs and other insects eat caterpillars. When poisoning occurs, these predators ingest toxins too.

5.3 Systemic pesticides harm pollinators for months

- Poison in the plant's tissues moves into:

- Leaves
- Stems
- Flowers
- Nectar
- Pollen

This kills or weakens adults and larvae alike.

5.4 These plants are built to survive the feeding

- Clivia and agapanthus reshoot; mopane flushes new leaves even after complete stripping.

5.5 Killing specialists can endanger populations

- Some species rely on very specific host plants. Removing their larvae can collapse a local population permanently.

6. Symbiosis in action: A resilient partnership

When we see:

- Chewed clivia leaves

- Hollowed agapanthus stems
- Entire mopane groves stripped bare... it is easy to assume something is wrong. But in reality, these are signs of a functioning ecosystem.

Plants feed larvae.

Larvae fertilise plants.

Adults pollinate flowers.

Plants reproduce and thrive.

This is not destruction. It is **co-evolution**, balance and mutual benefit.

Conclusion

Whether in a suburban garden or the mopane veld, caterpillars perform vital ecological work. Clivia, agapanthus and mopane plants are adapted – often perfectly – to withstand, recover from, and even thrive after larval feeding.

Poisoning these insects not only harms the plants they feed on, but also weakens biodiversity and breaks essential cycles of pollination, nutrient cycling and regeneration.

By letting nature take its course, we support healthier plants, healthier soils and richer ecosystems.



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SEVEN COMMON MYTHS ABOUT DEAF DOGS

While researching noise reactivity in dogs, I came across a fun blog by Morag Heirs (PhD, MSc, MA [Soc Sci] Hons), where she unpacks the seven most common myths about deaf dogs. As both an owner and guardian for deaf dogs, she has hands-on experience training deaf and visually impaired dogs of all ages.

Before diving into these myths, it's worth noting one thing: one of the quickest ways to irritate a deaf dog's owner is to question whether their dog is truly deaf – often followed by someone trying to “prove” otherwise by snapping their fingers behind the dog's head.

MYTH 1

“Deaf dogs don't bark”

Owners of deaf dogs often wish this was true – but it isn't. Deaf dogs absolutely do bark.

Whilst it is often the case that a dog that has been deaf since birth may develop an unusual range of barks and other vocalisations. Some may have residual hearing, whilst others may react to vibrations or have learnt that humans/other dogs respond to their barks. Morag's two deaf dogs are the noisiest of her canine family and like to express themselves as much as possible.



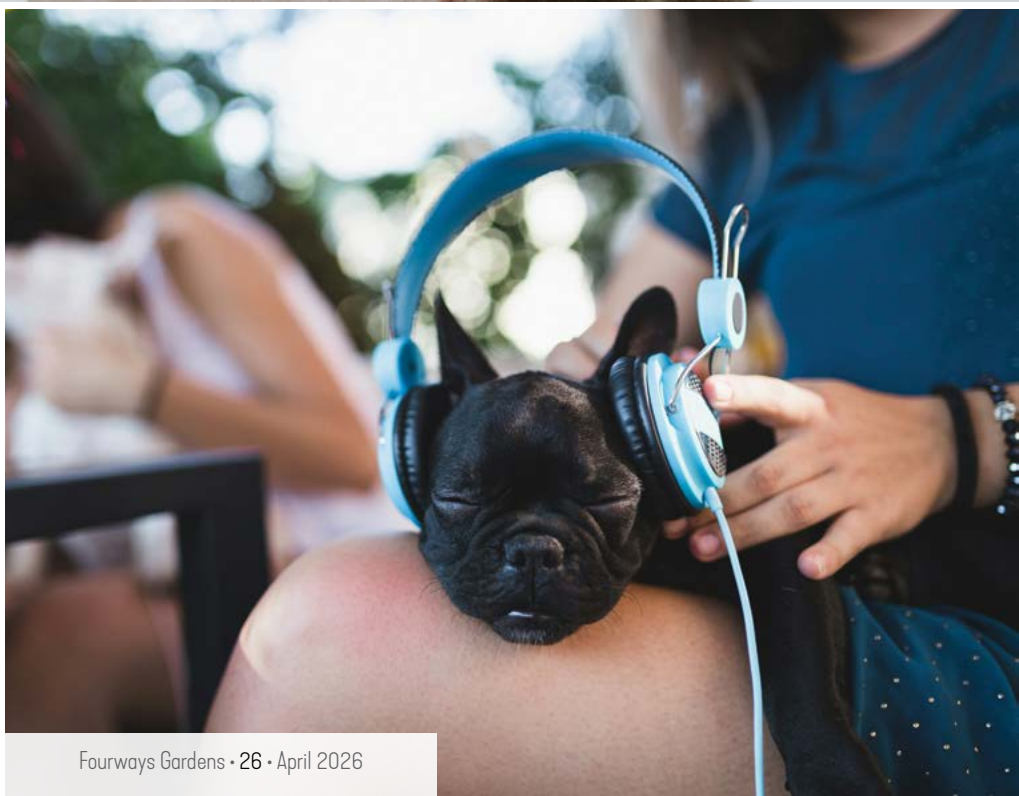
MYTH 2

“Deaf dogs must live with another hearing dog OR deaf dogs can't live with other dogs”

This type of absolute statement is sometimes seen in rehoming adverts for deaf dogs, but it's unhelpful and can interfere with the rehoming process when deaf dogs enter rescue.

All dogs are individuals, so some may prefer to live in a family group, but it also depends on the type, characteristics and breed rather than deafness. Deaf dogs, as a generic, are not more or less likely to live with or without other dogs.

In fact, relying on a “hearing” dog can mean missing out on critical check-in training for the deaf one. One should endeavour to build a great relationship with the deaf dog, instead of depending on another dog to mediate this.



MYTH 3

"Deaf dogs can't go off leash (and this is a terrible thing)"

Keeping your dog on a leash for behavioural or safety reasons is not a bad thing. For a dog that has to be on leash, there are plenty of good options available – well-fitted harnesses, long lines, and even Canicross™ equipment that can significantly enhance the dog's quality of life.

With the right training, most deaf dogs can learn a brilliant check-in and recall. In fact, they are often better at staying close to their humans than hearing dogs! Owners of deaf dogs will lean towards keeping them on long lines for a few months whilst in training, but hey, we do that for hearing dogs too.

MYTH 4

"Deaf dogs are more likely to be aggressive (and should be euthanised)"

Certain breed clubs are of the opinion that deaf dogs are inherently more likely to be aggressive, as they can startle easily, especially when they are woken abruptly or suddenly touched, and therefore they shouldn't be homed.

There is not a lot of factual data to back this up and those who have worked regularly with deaf dogs (including breeders) state that there are in fact very few who react aggressively even though they must be living in a very confusing world of unexpected surprises.

Many hearing rescue dogs also struggle to tolerate sudden touch, and this is no more common in deaf dogs. In fact, deaf dogs are often very tactile and enjoy being



physically close to their owners and other companion animals in the home.

MYTH 5

"All deaf dogs are white"

Deafness in dogs can occur for many reasons – hereditary, acquired, conductive, sensorineural or late onset, but most hereditary deafness is most commonly linked to genes that influence the pigmentation of both the coat and the eyes. If the inner ear lacks pigmentation, then the development can be thwarted, which will result in deafness.

This affects white, merle and piebald-coated dogs the most and as the same genes affect the eye colour, most of these dogs will have blue eyes. Non-white dogs can also become deaf owing to hair cell loss (such as Dobermans).

To quote Morag: "Breeding two white, merle or piebald-coated dogs together is incredibly risky and irresponsible, as it can result in large portions of the litter being born with hearing and/or eyesight problems."

MYTH 6

"Deaf dogs will have other health problems (and this is why they should be euthanised)"

Again, there is little data to back this opinion. Deaf and blind dogs may suffer

with physical or mental developmental problems but are no more or less healthy than their hearing counterparts unless the breeding itself is substandard.

There are some pet insurance companies (worldwide) that won't cover deaf dogs for any ear infections or problems.

MYTH 7

"Deaf dogs can only be trained with a vibration collar"

One of the most common questions asked by people new to living with their deaf dog on the Deaf Dog Network Facebook group is whether they should buy a vibrating collar or a similar device.

This should be discouraged and will be a waste of money. Unfortunately, it is hard to find a vibrating collar that doesn't come with aversive side effects, like spray /shock functions or that are bark activated. Morag is a moderator on various deaf dog discussion groups and notes that even gently vibrating collars to dogs in general are quite unpleasant. She also found that a reasonable number of deaf dogs deliberately ignore these sensations.

So going forward, if you meet someone who says they have a deaf dog, believe them and don't snap your fingers behind their dog's head!

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WHY PROPER LANDSCAPE DESIGN IS A FORM OF PROPERTY PROTECTION

Most homeowners discover the true cost of a garden only after construction begins. Many assume overruns come from expensive finishes – premium paving, decking, or planting. In reality, they usually start earlier: when construction begins before the garden is properly designed.

Gardens are more complex than interiors. They must respond to slope, drainage, soil, sun exposure, and the relationship between the home's floor and surrounding ground. When these factors aren't planned, problems only appear mid-construction, and corrections are costly.

Typical outcomes:

- Water collecting near patios or foundations
- Incorrect or uncomfortable step heights
- Irrigation or lighting needing a rework
- Underestimated hardscape quantities
- Mid-project changes and rushed decisions

These are not quality problems; they are planning problems, and they are largely preventable.

The ground around the home matters

When a house is built, architectural drawings resolve levels and structure before construction begins. Landscaping, however, is often treated as a finishing touch.

This is where many long-term issues originate.

The ground around a home is not decorative; it controls how water moves across the property. A patio level set slightly too high can direct rain towards sliding doors. A pathway installed without considering natural slope can trap water against walls. A deck built without understanding soil conditions can shift over time.

Homeowners often assume that these are contractor mistakes. More often, they are missing design decisions.

Why gardens require planning

An interior renovation happens in a controlled environment. A garden exists within a changing system.



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Soil expands and contracts. Rainfall varies seasonally. Sun angles shift throughout the year. Even neighbouring properties influence drainage patterns. Landscaping therefore becomes less about decoration and more about coordination between architecture, ground levels, and water movement.

Before installation begins, certain questions should already be answered:

- Where will stormwater naturally flow?
- What is the safe finished level relative to the house?
- How will roof run-off disperse?
- Which areas should drain and which should absorb?
- Which materials suit the site long-term?
- Without resolving these queries first,

construction decisions become reactive rather than intentional.

Design as financial protection

A landscape concept design is not merely aesthetic. It functions as a financial control system for the project.

A proper design coordinates levels, drainage, circulation, and material relationships before construction begins. This provides three protections:

- **Cost protection** – fewer changes during construction
- **Structural protection** – reduced moisture and settlement problems
- **Property value protection** – a landscape that enhances the architecture

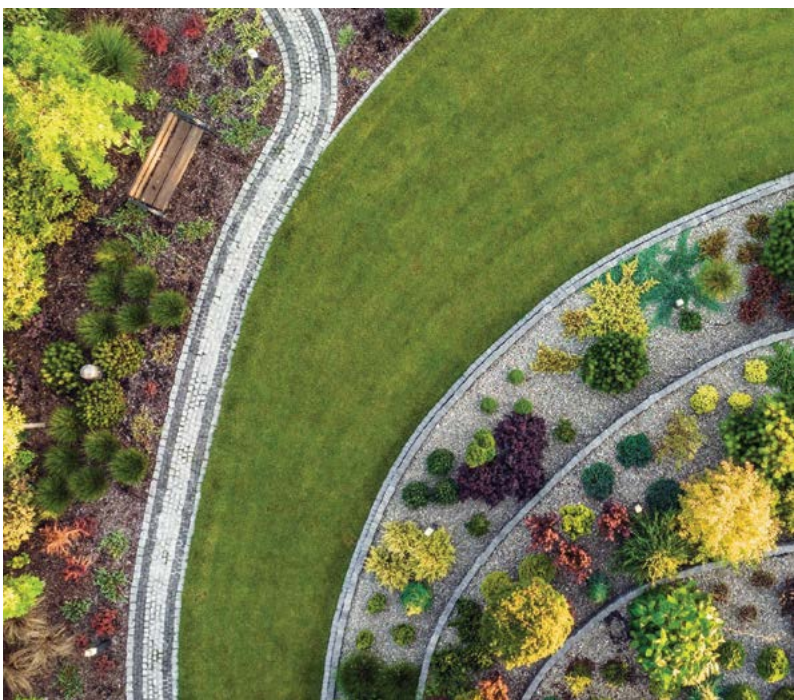
When design comes first, the contractor builds with clarity. When construction comes first, the site dictates expensive decisions.

A final thought

A landscape is the only part of a property that interacts directly with both the house and nature. It manages water, guides movement, frames views, and shapes how the home is experienced daily.

When properly planned, a garden does more than improve appearance; it protects the home.

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OUR EPIC FAMILY ESCAPE

Rediscovering Sun City

By Nicky McArthur

The last time I set foot in Sun City was for a Black-Eyed Peas concert; the time before that, it was for those fun school summer parties where a bus from Sandton whisked us away to the Valley of Waves. Even further back, in December 1992, I was lucky to be at the grand opening of the five-star Palace of the Lost City, which came complete with a dazzling light show by Jean-Michel Jarre.

Fast-forward to the present day and a chance to revisit Sun City presented itself. Still, my busy life in Gauteng had led me to think Sun City was a distant dream – but after a surprisingly shortish two-hour, 20-minute drive, we arrived. Thanks to the Sun Vacation Club Friday-to-Friday timeshare option, the drive proved to be worth every kilometre.

So, what did I discover after such a long absence? Sun City is still utterly fabulous!

That familiar “wow” factor hit us all as we drove in, spotting the iconic turrets of The Palace peeking out. The resort itself has grown exponentially: it now boasts The Cascades; The Palace of the Lost City; The Cabanas; Sun City Hotel; and the Sun Vacation Club, their fantastic timeshare offering.

Our home for the next few days was The Reserve, a beloved cornerstone of the Sun City holiday experience. This self-catering haven, initially established in 1996, has undergone a massive R210-million refurbishment. The revamp follows the overwhelming success of Lefika Villas, which introduced the upmarket self-catering model.

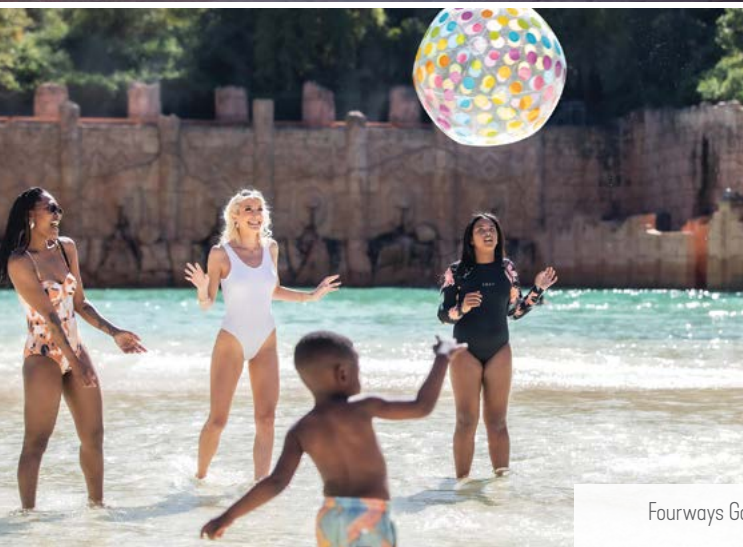
Nestled amongst indigenous acacia and leopard trees, The Reserve has always felt a step closer to the wilderness. Now, thanks to a reimagined design by Blacksmith Interior Inspiration, the interiors actively encourage “escapism into the African wild”.

Ryan Ilgner, director of Blacksmith, explains the company's vision: “We want guests to feel instantly transported into the heart of the African wild. The design draws from natural materials and textures – from stone-look tiles to woven savannah-inspired wallpapers and bespoke animal-pattern fabrics in bold, vibrant hues. Larger-than-life wildlife portraits turn headboards into art, while soft blue ceilings and ambient lighting evoke the tranquility of dusk in the bush.”

Our double-storey unit at The Reserve was a modern, elegant and comfortable space, bursting with gorgeous blues, turquoises and mustards. Each unit is distinctly themed. Ours featured majestic rhino-printed headboards and stunning black-and-white photography.

Upstairs, we found three comfortable bedrooms, with the main en-suite room boasting a king-size bed. There was plenty of space for everyone, and the comfy couches could easily sleep a child or two.

With three bathrooms in total, a well-equipped kitchen, a fabulous





lounge and TV, and an elegant dining area, we were set. Outside, a braai area and a large patio meant we were ready for a week of pure relaxation and epic entertainment.

Valley of Waves

Sun City has so much on offer, you need to plan carefully to make the most of your time – there's even a cinema! Of course, the resort's crown jewel remains the Valley of Waves. Even the entrance is dramatic as you walk across the mighty bridge lined with elephants. At the same time, the faces of animals carved into the rock look down at you from above.

The beach is pristine, and the huge waves that periodically sweep through the pool elicit shrieks of delight from kids and adults alike.

Milky Lane offers the best ice cream mid-morning snack; you can grab a Corona at the Beach Bar; and Wimpy provides late breakfast fries.

We chilled on the sand, watching adventurers conquer the tree-top challenge and the Chimp & Zee zipline that flies right over the waves. With lifeguards everywhere, it's a secure and fantastic place to spend the day.

Activities

Next up was a family challenge at the Little Big Rock Putt-Putt course. It looked simple, but this course was a delightful mix of complex angles and epic fails!

Right next door, we found a solar-heated pool with two smaller slides, a basketball court and the brilliant Jump Park. Alas, bouncing is for kids only, and they had an absolute blast – a clever addition to Sun City's activities.

While you may be tempted to use your self-catering kitchen, you'll also find a Spur by the pool and an Ocean Basket just down the road. But if you do want to cook, The Pantry is a lifesaver – it's a great shop stocking everything from braai packs and ready meals

to biscuits, chocolate and tin foil. Next door, a bottle store ensures you're stocked for sundowners.

En route to Valley of Waves, a vibrant food court awaits, complete with sweet shops, a Lego store and a massive arcade. We inevitably got stuck here, but it was entertaining watching the kids and dad battling it out on Terminator, Deal or No Deal and The Claw.

For the seriously energetic, there are various sports on offer: a weekly parkrun, the famous Gary Player and Lost City golf courses, and The Cascades boasts numerous tennis and padel courts – I think we counted six padel courts. With music pumping and a coffee shop on site, it's a great way to work off those breakfast fries and build an appetite for the next meal.

Like any sprawling resort, there are also loads of activities for the kids, mostly poolside. Bingo was a hot favourite, and the vibrant atmosphere continued all day.

The resort is massive, but a clever bus network makes getting from A to B safe and efficient, and it gives teens a wonderful sense of freedom.

Kudos to the staff

One of the most memorable aspects of our Sun City trip was the staff. Their constant smiles, cheerful "good mornings" and even a few hugs from people like Maye and Angus made our trip special and memorable. Their dedication to customer service is commendable.

It's these personal touches that make Sun City more than just a resort. Everyone was on hand to ensure we had the best time ever, and you know what? We absolutely did!

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BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND NEW BUILDS: (NHBC reg). Established business in 1981, FWG resident for 34 years. Numerous building work done in the estate. References from residents are available. Contact Gerry on 082 444 8868 or email: gdbconst@icon.co.za

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DOMESTIC WORKERS

Patricia: Is looking for extra work in Fourways. Pat is hardworking, friendly and has a wonderful bubbly personality. She has been our family caregiver for the past five+ years. She is excellent with elderly care and medication management. She is also good with pets and children. Please call Pat on 063 652 7423, or for a reference call 082 896 1597.

Katherine: Our wonderful housekeeper, Katherine, works for me twice a week and twice a week for my mom. She has been with us for over 12 years. She currently has Wednesdays and Saturdays available. She is absolutely amazing with my daughter and our dogs. She is excellent with all housekeeping duties and always goes the extra mile. Katherine comes highly recommended with excellent references – she truly is a gem. She has worked in Fourways Gardens. Call her on 068 243 8786, or for references call Sharon on 083 276 9594.

Anastazia: A Malawian lady seeking full/part-time employment as a domestic worker. She is pleasant and a hard worker. Call her on 083 460 1553, or for a reference call 060 993 4337.

Pinkie: Is seeking work two days a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please call her on 062 479 1560.

Gladys: Is looking for domestic work on a Thursday within the estate or around Fourways. Gladys is super-efficient, honest and always punctual. Please call her on 076 060 5482, or for a reference call 082 579 4265.

Wanangwa: A Malawian looking for full/part-time work as a domestic. She is reliable, punctual and honest. Call her on 063 994 9309, or for a reference call 060 993 4337.

Nomathemba: Our dedicated, friendly caregiver has been with us for five+ years and is now looking for extra work in Fourways. Noma is very good with children, small pets and the elderly. Noma's duties included full domestic work, medication and patient recovery management. Please call Noma on 078 757 6000, or for a reference call 082 896 1597.

Maggie: Our honest, reliable, and hardworking domestic worker, Maggie, is looking for work on Tuesdays. She has worked for us two days a week for 10+ years, and we would not hesitate to recommend her. She is very punctual and goes about her work in a neat, organised manner. We cannot recommend Maggie enough! For a reference and referral, call/WhatsApp Nick on 072 155 0690.

Thobe: Is looking for part-time work on Saturdays as an au pair or caregiver. She has training in First Aid and child minding., Call her on 071 959 5538.

Caroline: A Malawian seeks part-time work as a domestic on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Caroline on 067 825 3479, or for a reference call Sylinde on 084 585 2249.

Pamela: Is looking for full/part-time domestic work Monday to Friday. She is hardworking and excellent with kids and pets. She is trustworthy and always punctual for work. Please call Pamela on 072 092 6144.

Catholic: Is looking for work on Mondays and Wednesdays. She is hardworking, honest, very good and reliable. For a reference call Anne on 071 891 2582.

Ellen: Is looking for part-time work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call her on 073 996 1323, or for a reference call 082 735 3932.

Patricia: A Malawian looking for work as a domestic Monday to Friday, or part-time, live-out. For more information, call 083 212 2469 / 061 045 6718.

Eunice: Is looking for extra work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She is also prepared to work over the weekend. She is hardworking and punctual. Call her on 082 665 0984, or for a reference call Juan 082 787 5903.

Irene: Is looking for work as a domestic worker on Saturdays. She is trustworthy, responsible, very hardworking and does an excellent job. Call Irene on 071 934 2012.

GARDENERS

Andrew: My Malawian gardener, dog walker and all-round help, who has been working for me within the estate since 2017, is looking for work on Saturdays. He is hardworking, kind, trustworthy, takes initiative and is part of our family. Call Andrew on 083 645 9607, or for a reference call George on 082 422 5600.

Isaac: Is available on a Tuesday and Saturday. He is a solid worker who is thorough in the garden. Call Isaac on 083 336 5144.

Michael: Is looking for gardening work on Thursdays and Saturdays. He is very good at lawn mowing and keeping the gardens looking neat. Call him on 078 146 6367.

Anthony: Is a reliable, Malawian gardener with papers. He is available part-time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He has been working in FWG for a few years. Call Anthony on 065 873 9203, or for a reference call Jacqueline on 079 160 6222.

Lyford: Is looking for work on Mondays and Fridays. He is Malawian with 23 years gardening experience. He can also do handyman work like painting and irrigation. Please call him on 078 143 0954, or for references call Mpho on 073 796 4485 or Chad on 082 990 7169.

Julias: He has worked for me for many years. He has also worked in Fourways Gardens in the past for a family that emigrated. He has a wealth of gardening experience. He is a responsible gentleman with a good work ethic. Julias is available Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Call him on 076 715 9575, or for a reference call Terry on 082 825 9035.

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INDUCTED PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS



The Property Practitioners listed below have completed their Induction with the Fourways Gardens Homeowners Association. This list is updated periodically as additional Practitioners complete the Induction process.

By choosing a Practitioner from this list, you are not only meeting the requirements of the 2026 Conduct Rules but also working with a professional who has demonstrated a clear understanding of the Estate's rules and policies, and who is committed to upholding both the standards of the FWG HOA and the professional requirements set out by the PPRA.

Agency	Name	Cell Number	Office Number	Email	Sales	Rentals
CENTURY 21 Fourways	Anne Copley	083 600 0566	011 460 1599	anne.copley@century21.co.za	X	X
	Kymn Grant-Smith	083 982 9828	011 460 1599	kymn.grantsmith@century21.co.za	X	X
CHAS EVERITT INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY GROUP	David Parnell	073 279 6726	011 463 2033	david.parnell@everitt.co.za	X	X
CLUB REAL ESTATE	Martin Riley	082 551 1968		martin@clubrealestate.co.za	X	X
ENGEL&VÖLKERS	Elizabeth Menezes	060 970 1123	011 465 0410	elizabeth.menezes@engelvoelkers.com	X	X
FINE & COUNTRY	Jason Shaw	084 493 6200	010 595 0181	jason.s@fineandcountry.com	X	X
FIRZT	Desiree	083 447 3584	011 568 8185	desiree@firzt.co.za	X	X
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If you have any concerns about unprofessional, unethical, or unlawful conduct by any of the listed Property Practitioners, please report these to the FWG HOA by emailing estatemanager@fwg.co.za.

A photograph of a female teacher with freckles, wearing a white t-shirt with a purple flower design, pointing her right index finger at a young Black male student. The student is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and khaki shorts, looking up at the teacher with an attentive expression. They are in a classroom with a checkered floor, a whiteboard, and a window in the background showing a playground.

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