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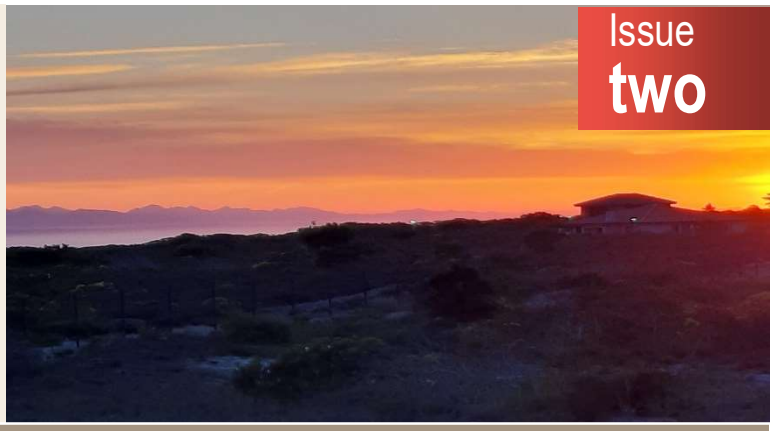

Issue two

A quarterly insight into what is happening in Fijnbos Paradijs

Fijnbossie



2020 was a year full of challenges and we are grateful that we were still blessed with health and prosperity.

It is with pride and gratitude that we can report that Fijnbos Paradijs has developed and progressed well in 2020 thanks to the residents' loyal payments, help and enthusiasm. We have accomplished a lot with outstanding teamwork.

We would like to thank everyone who made our task easier. Thank you to every member of the HOA for the support provided over the past year. We rely on you in 2021. We wish every resident and owner experiences of joy, simplicity, passion and grace for 2021!

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2020 was 'n jaar vol uitdagings en ons is dankbaar dat ons steeds geseënd was met gesondheid en voorspoed.

Dit is met trots en dank dat ons kan rapporteer dat Fijnbos Paradijs in 2020 goed ontwikkel en gevorder het danksy die inwoners se getroue betalings, hulp en entoesiasme. Ons het baie vermag met uitstaande spanwerk.

Ons wil graag almal bedank wat ons taak makliker gemaak het. Dankie aan elke lid van die HEV vir die ondersteuning wat die afgelope jaar. Ons maak op julle staat in 2021. Ons wens elke inwoner en eienaar belewenisse van vreugde, eenvoud, passie en genade vir 2021!

Fijnbos Paradijs HOA/HEV

Money Matters / Geldsake

45 out of 48 Owners are making regular payments towards their levy accounts and we would like to thank you sincerely for the payments received.
Only 3 owners have not made any payments yet.

During the last quarter of the year we had the following expenses:

- Entrance walls and gates were repaired and painted
- Various gate repairs done and old parts replaced
- Front garden revamped and new plants planted
- Refuse from completed building sites, dry branches and other refuse were removed by a contractor. Current building contractor will clean up sites on completion of a house.
- Garden Services
- Road signs painted & manhole covers replaced
- All the streetlights now have energy efficient light bulbs – it was costly, but we have managed to substancially reduce the electricity cost

We had a lot of expenses in 2020 however most of the big repairs and projects are completed. We have opened an investment account and can now start saving. Financial statements will be compiled at the end of the financial year. However, bank statements are available on request for owners' perusal.

GOOD NEWS

We are pleased to announce that we gave the go-ahead to the Fibre Optic Company, Frogfoot to continue with the installation of fibre optic in Fijnbos Paradijs.

Work should commence early 2021.
An urgent email in this regard will soon be sent to all owners.

Please be reminded that the installation of the fibre optic will not cost us anything. You are also not obliged to make use of this option.
If you are interested, you can make use of a service provider of your choice to get connected. There are many available to choose from.

Save our Tortoises!

The Dana Bay area is one with a rich history of the most beautiful and abundant fauna and flora. It is an absolute privilege and honour living in an area granted conservancy status by Cape Nature on 27 May 1998. Due to urbanization, it is of vital importance that we take care of, conserve and save, where possible our plants and animals.

With the warmer weather, we are seeing more and more tortoises of all shapes and sizes cross our roads. They are easily mistaken for a rock in the road when looking from a distance. Sadly, many of them are killed by vehicles, picked up to be 'pets', poached as food or for the use in traditional medicines.
Many times, tortoises end up in the road, unable to climb over the sidewalk barriers and then, they are in danger. Please be aware, drive cautiously and pay attention to what is happening on the roads.

There are three types of tortoises in the Dana Bay Conservancy.



Chersina angulata – Angulate tortoise / Rooipenseskilpad / Duineskilpad / Ploegskaarskilpad.
They are medium-sized (seldom larger than 22 cm) tortoises with a convex carapace (the dorsal [top] part of the shell) and a reddish plastron (ventral surface / abdomen). The males are fiercely territorial and will fight with other males in order to protect their females. They are the only tortoises in South Africa with a single, undivided gular (neck shield) found beneath their heads.



Stigmochelys pardalis (previously Geochelone pardalis) – Leopard tortoise / Mountain tortoise / Bergskilpad.
This is the largest tortoise in South Africa (30 – 60 cm) with a weight of 8 – 20 kg.
It has no nuchal, the protective scute above the neck which makes it possible for them to lift their heads higher than other tortoises. Each shell has a top (the carapace) and a bottom (the plastron). The shell is made up of large, hard scales known as scutes and most tortoises have 13 scutes on their dorsal side.
These tortoises are often removed from their natural habitat by "kind" people, which places the animal at risk.



Homopus areolatus – Parrot-beaked tortoise / Gewone padloper' / Papegaaibekskilpad
These are very small and extremely cute tortoises. They are of major concern as they frequently are seen in the roads and often look like stones. On closer inspection one finds that the 'stones' are actually tortoises. Sadly, they often end up like one of the photos depict and therefore it is so important to drive cautiously and keep a look out for them. The colour of the shell is often greenish with each scute having a thin dark edge.

Tortoises are territorial animals and they eat specific plants. If they are transported to other areas, they could potentially die. It is very important not to relocate a tortoise to an area outside of its natural habitat.
To transport tortoises from one area to another is illegal. The animal will never be able to return to its own natural habitat / place of origin as it might have picked up parasites or diseases that could be transferred to local wild populations. In the same way when moved out of its own habitat to another, it may transfer parasites or diseases to a wild population in that area which puts the tortoises in that habitat at risk.

Please be careful when driving on Fijnbos Paradijs Roads! We have already lost a few of our tortoises in the complex.

Source: Dana Bay Concervancy Facebook Page





future projects...

- Rehabilitate the lawns at the entrance
- Planting more indigenous trees & shrubs which will complement the name of our estate
- Repair road inside estate where necessary
- Long Term : Maintain fence



Vullisverwydering
Refuse Removal

- Vullisverwydering vind plaas op 'n **Vrydag oggend**. Vullissakke moet op 'n Vrydag oggend voor **7h30** buite die hek geplaas word.
- Garbage removal takes place on a **Friday morning**. Garbage bags must be placed outside the gate on a Friday morning before **7:30**

Baie belangrik / Very Important

- **Swart** sakke is vir normale huishoudelike vullis.
  Blou sakke is vir herwinbare vullis en
  Groen sakke is vir tuinvullis.

  Vullis in die verkeerde kleur sakke word nie deur die munisipale vullistrok weggeneem nie

- **Black** bags are for normal household rubbish.
  Blue bags are for recyclable garbage and
  Green bags are for garden garbage.

  Garbage in the wrong color bags are not taken away by the municipal garbage truck

Belangrike Telefoonnommers ~ Important Contact Numbers

SAPS	044 606 5606
Fire Brigade	044 606 5000
Traffic Department	044 606 5201
Ambulance	10177
Metro	044 805 5070
ER24	083 454 1175
By Grace Ambulance Services	063 675 1936
Mosselbay Provincial Hospital	044 691 3718
Life Bay View Hospital	044 691 3718
SPCA	044 693 0824 / 072 287 1761
NSRI	082 990 5954
Danabay Security	071 689 4963
Hands-On Security	063 741 9637 / 060 465 7260
Buurtwag	079 414 0481
Mossel Bay Municipality	044 606 5000
Ben Rademeyer	072 992 7668
Frans Maree	063 880 9675
Erika Maree	073 230 0289 fijnbosparadijs@gmail.com

Tuine / Gardens

Eienaars word vriendelik versoek om asb u erf en tuin netjies en skoon te hou – elke eienaar is verantwoordelik vir sy eie erf. Die HEV is slegs verantwoordelik vir die intstandhouding van die gemeenskaplike areas.

Friendly request to all owners : Please keep your yard and garden neat and clean - each owner is responsible for his own yard. The HOA is only responsible for the maintenance of the common areas.

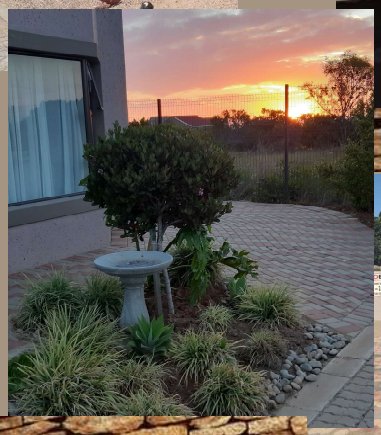
Please be reminded that all owners (empty stands and houses) are liable to pay their monthly levies of R200 with effect from 1 March 2020. According to the constitution interest of 24% will be raised on all accounts in arrears.

First National Bank
Account Number : 6285 6548 387
Branch Code : 210314
Please use your house/stand number as reference or alternatively your surname






Fijnbos Paradijs
Please wait for gate to close before driving off.
Please drive carefully, we have tortoises and
other small animals roaming.
15 KM/H
SPEED LIMIT

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