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4 Bedrooms / 3.5 Bathrooms

R5.4 million



5 Bedrooms / 3.5 Bathrooms

R4.499 million



4 Bedrooms / 2.5 Bathrooms



4 Bedrooms / 4.5 Bathrooms



R3.95 million



3 Bedrooms / 2.5 Bathrooms

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### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

efore I move onto property tips, I would first like to update you on the following project upgrades that will be enhancing property values in Fourways Gardens:

#### 1. Access Control

At the AGM held on 21 February 2018, Secsyst Access (Pty) Ltd were appointed by vote as the new service provider, starting 1 April 2018.

#### 2. CCTV

The first phase of the installation is scheduled to start before the end of March 2018, by 24/7 Security Services. Cameras will be installed on the perimeter, and in selected areas within the Estate.

#### 3. Gardening & Landscaping

One of the three major issues raised by residents in a survey conducted in early 2017, was the state of the common areas in the Estate. After a tender process which involved residents who sat on the selection review committee, Turfnet were appointed as the new service provider, starting 1 April 2018.

The next phase of addressing the green belts and wetland, will involve the rehabilitation of the dam in Phase 2.

Management and representatives from the BOD have been in ongoing discussions with Joburg City Parks & Gardens regarding this issue. At a recent meeting held on 1 March 2018, which involved a site visit to the dam by their environmental managers, FWG

were advised to submit an Environmental Management Plan for consideration. The BOD and Management are optimistic that we will receive the required approval to start with the rehabilitation of the dam.

#### 4. Estate Roads

Management and the BOD (with the assistance of our local Ward Councillor David Foley) have also been in discussion with Joburg Road Agency(JRA), to take over the full maintenance and repairs of the roads in the Estate. On the request of JRA, our final proposal (which has been approved in principle by JRA), was submitted for consideration and approval at an MMC meeting. We are awaiting feedback in this regard.

#### **INVESTING IN YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE**

Although kitchen and bathroom renovations still top the list as the upgrades that add the most value to a home, a growing number of homeowners are now looking to improve their outdoor living areas.

In spring and summer, South African families spend a great deal of time outdoors. An outdoor home improvement project will assist in maximising the enjoyment of the property's outdoor spaces and add to the appeal of the home when it comes time to sell.

There are several reasons why investing in the outdoor living area of your home could pay off in the long run:

#### Increased value and buyer appeal

To a large extent, you will be able to recoup a significant portion of the money spent on renovating and upgrading your home, as long as you do not overcapitalise and spend above the ceiling price of the neighbourhood.

An outdoor addition such as a deck or swimming pool will increase the value



of a home, and depending on the circumstances, between 65% and 90% of the cost could be recouped at sale. Apart from adding value to the property, an outdoor improvement will also add to the home's overall buyer appeal, which might be the determining factor that pushes the deal in your favour.

#### **Enjoyment and entertaining**

Increasing the property's value is a massive benefit to any home improvement. However, this only materialises when the property is sold. The immediate benefit is that once the project is complete, the home's occupants will be able to use and enjoy the improved outdoor space. An outdoor

area designed around your specific needs and preferences can optimise the space and act as an extension of the livable areas of the home.

#### Space to relax and de-stress

According to medical research spending time outdoors can help with alleviating stress, as well as improving one's mood. A pleasant and accessible outdoor area can bring all the benefits of spending time in nature into the comfort of your home.

#### Potentially saving money and water

Adding functional outdoor features such as a low-maintenance deck or patio will reduce areas of lawn, saving water and lowering utility costs. Having an outdoor recreational area means that the family is likely to spend more time at home, which will also reduce entertainment costs.

Investing in your outdoor living spaces will not add to the home's value financially, but it will also create a space for the whole family to relax and reconnect at the end of a hard day.

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# Fourways Gardens Estate achieves second place nationally!



24/7 Security's patrolling officers were ranked second best performing team in the Bloodhound Silver Category in South Africa for the month of February 2018

It is a national ranking and 24/7 Security achieved 97.1%; the national average is 80.5% across all categories. The Silver Category represents sites with between 6 and 25 patrolling officers.

24/7 Security has nine patrolling officers who cover Fourways Gardens Estate with patrols starting at 18h45 and ending at 05h45. These officers conducted 1730 patrols between 1 and 28 February 2018.

To ensure regular and effective patrolling of the 24/7 Security patrolling officers, 24/7 Security utilises the Bloodhound GPS Patrol System. The device, which resembles a cell-phone, offers two-way communication between the guard and the controller. GPS based patrols are pre-loaded and the device tracks these. In the event of a patrol not starting or being interrupted, an alarm is automatically triggered. The device also contains a panic button. The main feature of this system is that full reports are generated by Bloodhound SA daily and is sent to clients without input from the security company, thus ensuring full transparency.

### Out and about holiday tips

- · Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Beware of people asking for directions or indicating that there is something wrong with your vehicle.
- Always keep car doors locked and never open the windows more than 25%.
- Know where you are going and do not go into strange areas late at night.
- When you park your car make sure the doors lock – beware of scanners that cut of the signal to your car preventing the locking of the doors.
- Always inform someone reliable of your plans, routes and destination when you do a trip that is out of the normal.
- Keep valuables in the boot of the car.

- Handbags must never be left on the passenger or back seats.
- If you get a light bump from behind do not just jump out. Think and look around for signs that it might be an attempted hijack.
- Attract the attention of other motorists if you suspect that you are in danger.
- If your vehicle is approached by suspicious people while stationary at a robot or stop sign, drive off quickly if it is safe to do so.
- Never leave your car door open with the engine running when you are opening your gate or garage door.
- Be careful of vendors at stops signs or robots. They distract you to enable the criminal to get to you.

- Do not stop at a scene of an accident if you are unsure, uneasy or the only vehicle at the scene. Drive past the scene some distance and use your cell phone to get help. Only approach when emergency vehicles or other vehicles arrive.
- Always lock the door when using public toilets and try to go with a friend that can keep a lookout or summons help if you need it.
- When approached by a stranger on the street for information etc. try to stand with your back against a wall or a shop window.
- Be careful when people bump against you, burn your clothes with a cigarette, etc. This is a distraction to pick pocket you.

FOURWAYS GARDENS RESIDENTIAL ESTATE SECURITY OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### - IRVINE NDLOVU

company number: 1027192
Irvine is one of three Shift Commanders
that we have on site at FWG and has been
recommended as officer of the month by a
number of residents

Thank you Irvine for the hard work, keep it up!



#### Stay in touch

We look forward to suggestions and recommendations via the General Manager, Gary Haynes, which we will address accordingly.



to Fourways Gardens
Residents



# FOURWAYS GARDENS

Residential Estate

### **Alarm Kit Option**

- 1 Neo control panel
- 1 Neo LCD keypad with built-in receiver
- 1 Sherlo 150m receiver
- 1 Sherlo single button remotes
- 2 Neo wireless pet friendly passives
- 2 Neo wireless door contacts
- 1 Battery
- 1 Transformer
- 1 Siren

#### R9 450 excluding VAT

# Alarm Kit Option 3

- 1 Neo control panel
- 1 Neo LCD keypad with built-in receiver
- 1 Sherlo 150m receiver
- 1 Sherlo single button remotes
- 6 Neo wireless pet friendly passives
- 6 Neo wireless door contacts
- 1 Battery
- 1 Transformer
- 1 Sirer
- 2 Wireless Vxinfinity outdoor passive

#### R20 950 excluding VAT

# Alarm Kit Option 2

- 1 Neo control panel
- 1 Neo LCD keypad with built-in receiver
- 1 Sherlo 150m receiver
- 1 Sherlo single button remotes
- 6 Neo wireless pet friendly passives
- 4 Neo wireless door contacts
- 1 Battery
- 1 Transformer
- 1 Siren

#### R14 950 excluding VAT





# Monthly Draw - February

Three lucky draw winners walked away with beautiful gift hampers, sponsored by Century 21. All adults in attendance qualify to enter the lucky draw!

- 1. Gary Wade
- 2. Kerry Nagel
- 3. Colin Burns

Mr Charles Schneider, 5 Wild Olive Road, would have won R6,000 but he was not in attendance! The pot has therefore rolled over to March!





















Rules for the Monthly Draw: Anyone in attendance stands a chance to win one of the lucky draw prizes.

Simply complete your details on an entry form and you can win one of <a href="three-beautiful lucky draw prizes">three beautiful lucky draw prizes</a>.

Our cash prize is for homeowners only and all owners in good standing are automatically entered into the draw. You have to be in attendance on the night to claim your prize. If not, Century 21 will donate another R1,000 that rolls over to the next month!

Remember, you have to be there to win!

The Monthly Draw takes place on the last Friday of every month in the Clubhouse at 19h00!





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SOLE MANDATE SALE: R3 999 000

Web Ref: 21DN-2675

#### SINGLE STOREY REFURBISHED FAMILY HOME!

This home offers a spacious, light and bright open-plan interior, with modern finishes, beautiful tiling and wooden flooring. The foyer lead into the vast reception room with a double sided combustion fireplace separating the dining room and the lounge area. Sky light letting lots of light to the interior. The family lounge has a gas fireplace with doors leading to the patio. Adjacent to the dining room is the modern fitted eat-in kitchen, featuring a gas hob and a scullery. 3 Bedrooms and 3 bathrooms (MES), plus a study or 4th bedroom. Covered patio with built-in braai. Private walled garden and lap pool. Staff quarters with kitchenette. Gated driveway. Double automated garage.

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SALE: R3 999 000

**OLD WORLD CHARACTER!** 

Grand old lady from a bygone era. Gracious living after renovations or just move in, either way you cannot go wrong. This semi double storey house of 355 sqm on large stand of 1531 sqm comprises of entrance hall, very large airy lounge with wood burning fire place, big dining room leading to covered patio pool and super large garden with lapa, bright eat in kitchen with space for all appliances, double door fridge, hob and eye level oven, guest cloak room,

Web Ref: 21DN-2688

bedroom and full bathroom plus study or third bedroom. Staircase leading to upstairs large main bedroom with spacious covered balcony, walk in dressing area plus full bathroom en suite. Ample space for additional 2 bedrooms under roof from upstairs landing. Double garage and staff accommodation.

If you are considering selling or renting your property contact Century 21 Lifestyle Team for a qualified valuation. We welcome your call and will be pleased to discuss your property needs at any time. Our experienced team will provide you with the best professional service.

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# FWG ACTIVITY PROVIDERS

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY
08:00		Outdoor				Outdoor Fitness Classes			Outdoor Fitness Classes
08:30 09:00		Fitness Classes (8-10) Rhona	Yoga - Wendy		ey (8:30-9:30) 4 6096	(8-10) Rhona Williams 083 600 1868	(8:30	- Tracey -9:30)	(8-10) Rhona Williams 083 600 1868
09:30	Yoga with Virusha Gowrie 072 500 7215 virusha.gowrie@gmail. com	Williams 083 600 1868	(9-10:15) 011 465 7155 083 400 6211				082 89	4 6096	
10:00						Cristina (10:00-11:00)	Nunu's an	d Nannies	
10:30						Flamenco Dance 076 521 8750	1 (10:00-12:00) Vanjee Smith 079 1800 330 vanjeeleigh@gmail.com		
11:00							vanjeeleigh	@gmail.com	
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14:30							Nicky Ridley 072 2388 063 nickyridley33@gmail.com		
15:00						Helen O'Grady Drama			
15h30		Debbie (15	5:45-16:45)			Academy (15:00-18:00)			Yogabats (15:30-16:30)
16:00		Jazz - 082 425 6098				Kerry Holbrook 083 410 2940 www.dramaafrica.com			Desley White 011 465 1939 / 084 465 1939
16:30				Goju-Ryu (16:30-19:30)			Goju-Ryu (16:30-19:30)		
17:00		Cristina (17:00-18:00)		Stef and			Stef and		
17:30		Flamenco Dance 076 521 8750		Roberta 083 384 3026 /			Roberta 083 384 3026 /		
18:00		Yoga - Wendy (18-19:15) 011 465 7155 / 083 400 6211		083 309 5352 I	FWG Running Club secretary@	FOR HOA		FWG Running	
18:30						AND AGM MEETINGS		Club secretary@	
19:00					frra.co.za	2		frra.co.za	
19:30					Mandy 083 462 2725			Mandy 083 462 2725	
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# YOUR SIMPLE KITCHEN GARDEN – start with tomatoes, lettuce and french beans



the door you most frequently use, in full



In these days of drought, a higher VAT charge on the horizon, driving up the costs of just about everything, you can feed your family fresh veggies, starting with the humblest of kitchen gardens.

Take three or four normal flower boxes, place outside the kitchen door or outside



the door you most frequently use, in ful sun. Fill with a mixture of 70% soil and 30% potting soil and plant one 6 hole tray of tomato seedlings. Plant them in the medium up to the first real leaf.

A feeding of Talbourn Seedling Food every week and when they grow and flower, a feeding of 3:1:5 fertilizer every two weeks.

Bamboo stakes are available at Builders Warehouse in packs of 10. You will need two of these teepees with string or wire to provide support for your tomatoes. Water every day early in the morning and watch your lovely tomatoes grow. They taste so much sweeter than shop bought.

In the other boxes sprinkle seeds of lettuce – just a few a week, feeding as above, to give you a constant supply of baby lettuce leaves.

Maybe a few Lazy Housewife French beans, providing support when they grow taller.

We planted three and will plant three more now they are beginning to flower, to provide an ongoing supply of succulent baby fine beans.

Don't forget to water every day.



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Francesca Beattie

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#### TESTIMONIAL

Francesca approached us regarding assisting in the sale of our property in Camdeboo Road, Fourways Gardens in April 2017. We had left the sale in the hands of two good agents, but nothing seemed to be happening. Francesca came up with the idea to House Stage - dressing receptions and bedrooms in our empty house and offered to pay half the costs in return for a sole mandate. She also arranged cleaning, supervised our gardener and took her own paintings and props to add to the homely feel of the house. We thought she was a breath of fresh air and went with her. She brought us 2 offers, one in May which we rejected and the other in June which we accepted. We realised it was the best possible in the depressed property market in S.A. at the time. We would recommend Francesca as an independent estate agent who works hard and thinks out the box to make sales happen.

Kelly and Dan Erasmus



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# April in the garden

According to the calendar it should be early autumn, but in South Africa Mother Nature's sun is still hot and sitting high in the sky with no great hurry to set at the end of the day. Enjoy this special month by running around with your wheelbarrow filled with excellent quality organic compost. Plant like there is no tomorrow, feed everything that has given you pleasure so that they do it again, and go shopping for winter and spring flowering bulbs.









#### **COMPOST AT HOME**

 Compost is one of the most important ways to create a no-waste, eco-friendly lifestyle. It's is a very beneficial material that not only offers a nutrient-rich solution for the growth of in- and outdoor plants.

#### **BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING**

 Healthy growth and good care for all you're in-and outdoor plants. During this process beneficial organisms are also introduced into the soil to break down organic material and ward off plant disease.

#### **COMPOST USED FOR**

 New planting areas, established planting areas, top dressing and established lawn, new lawns,potted plants / container plantings and also around trees and shrubs.

Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake them for food. Plastic Buy a few reusable bags (and leave them in your car.

### BEST HERBS TO PLANT IN AUTUMN

The first step is to pick herbs that are hardy enough to weather cold high-veld winters. We recommend thyme, organum, chervil, parsley and sage for culinary use. Thyme, sage and parsley also have strong medicinal properties and to complement them you can grow hyssop (for bronchitis) and yarrow (for infections and fevers).

Herbs like sweet basil, borage, lemon balm and the various mints are too tender and will die down so it's worth treating them as summer annuals.

Herbs need at least four hours of sun in winter and a sheltered position. For this reason, they should be grown in pots so they can be moved around to follow the sun.

Choose containers that are a minimum of 20cm in diameter, have drainage holes and are deep enough for the herb's roots to develop. Use a normal commercial potting soil that drains well.

Herbs don't like wet feet so don't put saucers underneath the pots. Check the soil moisture levels daily because the soil should not dry out completely. Generally potted herbs only need to be watered once or twice a week in winter, preferably in the morning. Feed once a month with a liquid fertilizer, like Multisol, Nitrosol or Multifeed, at half the required strength.

When harvesting collect small quantities at a time and always leave two growth points on the twig for reshooting. Instead of cutting at random rather use the opportunity to pinch out or prune the plant to encourage bushiness. Once picked handle the herbs as little as possible because the subtle nuances of flavour are lost if handled or allowed to wilt.

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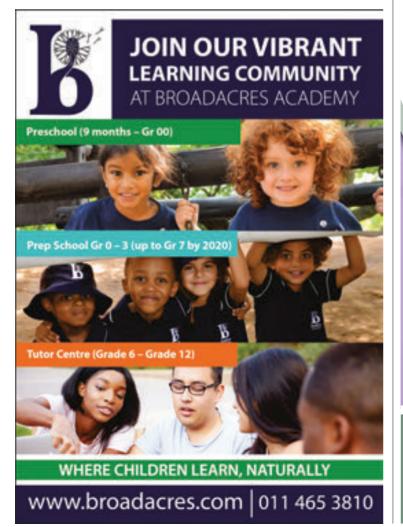
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When: 10 February to end May 2018 Where: Lifestyle Home Garden

Free entry, pre-arranged guided tours and interesting talks and events

accompany the show.



# THE ANNUAL LIFESTYLE GARDEN DESIGN SHOW

Lifestyle Home Garden and the landscape design students from Lifestyle College have once again brought forth the ultimate event on the South African gardening calendar from 10 February until the end of May 2018.

A kid's friendly garden; 'Hundreds and Thousands' full of wonder and fascination welcomes children of all ages to play and experience the products on show; be it a sprinkle in the gentle mist, a scribble on the blackboard, a chill out in the gazebo or just enjoying the scented plants. Then a garden of utilitarian splendor; 'Scents and Sensibility' showcases oodles of inspiration for those wannabe edible gardeners, solutions for composting and responsible gardening as well as delightful innovations that create the feeling of being within a garden room.

Feel the tropical embrace when enjoying 'Peace of Paradise' and relish the sophisticated urban chic of 'Shabby Chic' resonated through the contemporary angular planting. 'Spectral Splash' showcases a spectacular spectral swathe of floral colour, with two water conscious gardens; 'Aloe, Aloe, Aloe' and 'Succulitious' merging into one another featuring succulents, aloes and grasses grouped according to water wise zoning, with terrific trellising innovations from above and inventive water feature ideas. Finally, you are enthused by the magnificent visual appeal of 'Ring-a-Rosey' an audacious yet classical rose garden with a patio and apartment space, as well as the ecological beauty of the show; 'Eco Echo' which showcases a bog garden, meadow and woodland with a





bee hive, garden patio and rock cascade water features that create a place of safe harbour for creatures.

Visit the annual Lifestyle Garden
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year – and be inspired by the 9 fully
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Where: Lifestyle Home Garden – Lifestyle Garden Centre Cnr. Beyers Naude Drive and Ysterhout Avenue, Randpark Ridge

Free entry, pre-arranged guided tours and interesting talks accompany the show. For more info visit www.lifestyle.co.za or call 011 792 5616



On Monday 28 February our two new little barn owls were delivered to our Estate. At first a little worried about their relocation, they soon discovered how peaceful the aviary in the FWG Nature Reserve was and that food was brought daily at 16h00. They were fondly named Burpee and Slurpee by a young resident who helped with the feeds.



arn owls are not territorial and the Estate can therefore do an annual release when Ecosolutions have rescued birds that need relocation. We had to ensure that the owls were kept in captivity and fed daily for 21 days before the release could take place. This was to ensure that they were healthy, getting used to their new environment and hopefully convince them to stay in the area.

When the day arrived for their release, it

had to be done early morning just before sunrise at 5am. This is to allow the birds to take flight to a tree in the vicinity, but then to stay there for the day. As nocturnal birds of prey, it is hoped that once they start to hunt on their own in the evening, they would make the area home. We were extremely fortunate that our owls did stay in the area and that they were spotted and photographed by residents later on the day of the release. Let's hope Burpee and Slurpee has made Fourways Gardens their new home!

#### **QUICK FACTS**

#### Size

Range Weight: 430 to 620 gm. Range Length: 32 to 40 cm. Range Wingspan: 107 to 110 cm.

#### -labitat

Barn Owls occupy a vast range of habitats from rural to urban. Generally found at low elevations in open habitats such as grasslands, deserts, marshes and agricultural fields, and near human habitation which provides nesting and roosting sites. They are considered an asset to the farmer as they keep rodent populations in check.

#### Distribution

The Barn Owl is one of the most successful and widespread predators on earth, being found across the globe, and in almost all habitats.

#### Die

They feed on small rodents including voles and mice as well as frogs and insects

#### Socialisation

Barn Owls are monogamous usually mating for life. However, there are reports of males occasionally having more than one partner. Barn Owls usually occurs in pairs and spends the day roosting in hidden cavities including old buildings, nest or natural cavities in trees and rocks.

#### Communication

Barn owls do not hoot - they let out a long, eerie screech as well as hissing, snoring and yapping sounds.

#### Reproduction

The Barn Owl breeds mainly from August to September in the Western Cape and March to May elsewhere in the country









Breeding is timed to coincide with the best season for hunting when the chicks are being cared for. The owl does not build a nest but simply lays the eggs on a suitable depression.

#### Incubation

Incubation lasts about 32 to 34 days and young fledge at 50 to 70 days.

#### Life Expectancy

From as short as 1 year to as long as 30 years. The average lifespan in the wild is 20 months

#### **Predators**

Adults have few predators but nestlings are taken by snakes. Adults may be preyed on by eagles, kites, buzzards, peregrine falcons, lanners and other large birds of prey.

References Animal Diversity Web; Archive



# LADIES' NETWORKING BREAKFAST

ur first ladies networking breakfast was hosted at the Clubhouse on Friday, 9 March to celebrate International Women's Day.

The first breakfast was facilitated by Elize Brazzell and Di Timberlake, residents who also own Ezabekwa Group. See below feedback from Elize regarding the morning.

"Due to this event being the first of its kind, Di and I were not sure of the

structure, however, we both were sure that the event needed to add immediate value to all attending. We, therefore facilitated an interactive session where we were able to offer a business tool that could assist attendees with an opportunity to analyse and assess the health of their business and identify areas that may need attention. The results excelled expectation and it is apparent that many face a similar challenge in that they are unable to access the correct markets to offer their services to. In addition, many also indicated that they were seeking opportunities to network with other entrepreneurs as working from home can be a lonely journey.

As per our agreement, a lucky draw took place via random computer selection and we are pleased to announce the winner of the Mastering Your Marketing and Sales Funnel Masterclass – valued at R2 495.00 is Winner: Veronica Aswani Company name: Wavunow"













We are planning another session and this will be for all entrepreneurs in the estate. The Clubhouse will offer breakfast at R60pp and seats would have to be prebooked. Taniel Cooke has kindly offered to facilitate the next session for the Estate. More details will be circulated but we are currently planning to host the next networking breakfast on 20 April.





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# RAISING AWARENESS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION



Dainfern College Prep pupils swimming through plastic bottles

he annual Dainfern College Swimathon fundraiser was given an environmental twist this year when the Dainfern College Foundation and Student Head of Environmental Affairs, Stella Rutsito, got together and decided to do something bold to bring to their students' attention the damage created by our consumption of plastic.

The annual Swimathon, a tradition driven by the Dainfern College Parents' Association for many years, involves Prep School pupils swimming lengths to raise funds for Dainfern College and its outreach initiatives. The school's Foundation, which promotes student social engagement, saw this as a perfect opportunity to put experiential education in motion.

While the pupils got ready for their Swimathon, the High School team polluted the pool with plastic bottles so that the students could experience the destructive nature of plastic and how it affects one's ability in the water, showcasing



Preparing to swim in all the plastic



This is not what we want for our oceans

the ongoing aquatic crisis affecting our planet. The Grade 8 students then set an excellent example to the younger pupils by removing all bottles from the pool after the event.

"What started out as an awareness campaign for the students, then went viral on Facebook, as environmentalism is such a topical subject," says Tracey Blyth, Foundation Manager.

The Foundation post about the event was made on Wednesday 7 March, and has since been shared by over 4500 people and reached over half a million people globally. Encouraging comments from all around the world have been received in support of the school, many asserting that other schools should do the same in order to increase awareness at school level.

The best education is through experience
The pupils were only given ten days to collect plastic bottles





Dainfern College is proud to be a member of the international Round Square network of schools



Stella Rutsito, student head of Environmental Affairs with Tracey Blyth, Dainfern College Foundation manager

for the initiative. "It was worrying to see how much plastic was available for us to collect in such a short space of time," commented Adrian Kriel, Grade 7 pupil at Dainfern College.

Dainfern College teachers then used this innovative experience to highlight that we are the only ones who can control the outcomes on our planet and that we have the power to change ourselves for the better.

Dainfern College, which is proudly part of the international Round Square network of innovative schools, places a major emphasis on Environmentalism in their quest to teach students to think globally and act locally.

For further information about Dainfern College, contact marketing manager Mrs Deidré Proxenos on dproxenos@dainferncollege.co.za or 011 469 0635.



The Grade 2s say no to plastic



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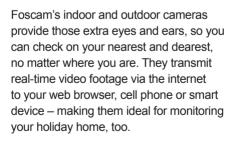
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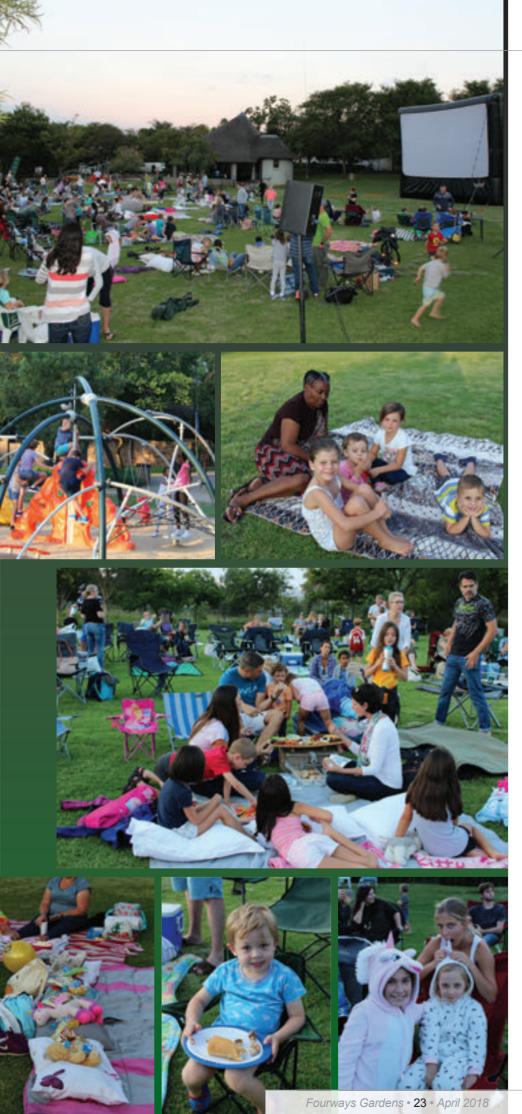
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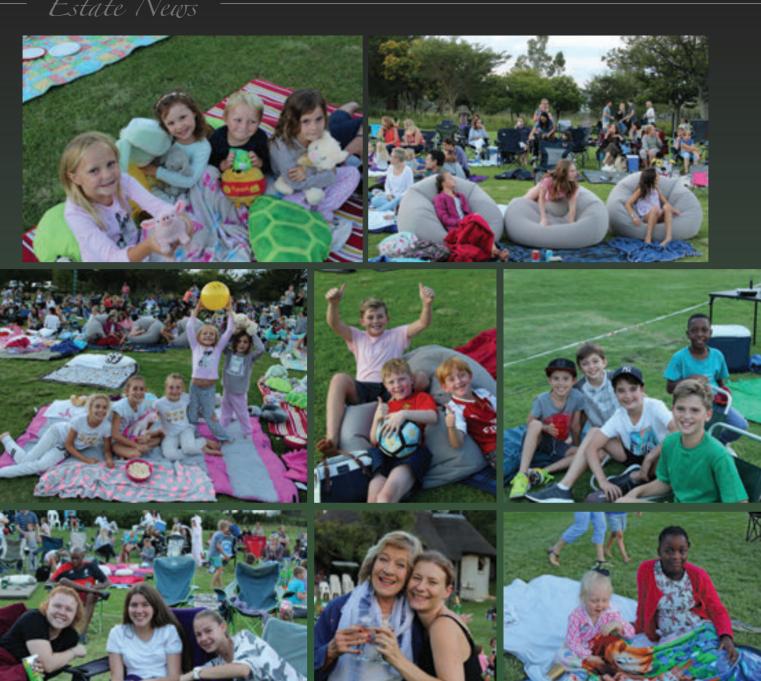
We hosted our first open air Movie Night at Fourways Gardens on Saturday 10 March! Pam Golding Properties sponsored this fun evening for the residents of Fourways Gardens Estate. They even supplied free popcorn.

Our residents, young and old, seemed to have had a fantastic evening out and from the feedback we received, this should be done again soon!

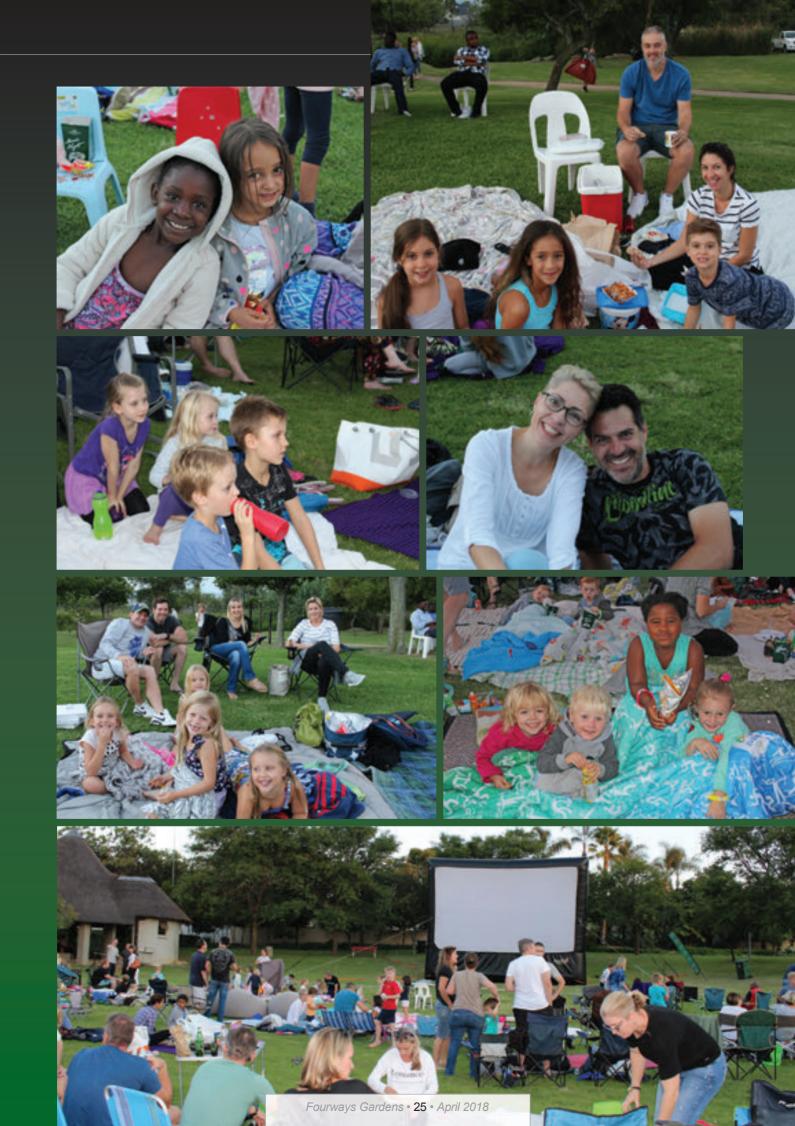




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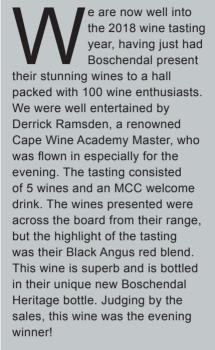
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# Our March wine tasting was presented by







Our restaurant served pork belly roast, which everyone raved about, and this was well complemented with bottles of Boschendal Lanoy, which were sponsored by Tyson Properties. Again our thanks to them for their ongoing support. Below are the upcoming tastings – book early!



Fourways Gardens Wine Club





































### **Our next Wine Tasting Events**

**4th April 2018** – Star Hill Wines, a lesser known Winery producing award winning wines, this event is not to be missed!

**2nd May 2018** – Stellenrust Winery

**6th June 2018** – Springfield Wine Estate

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# **THE ROCK**

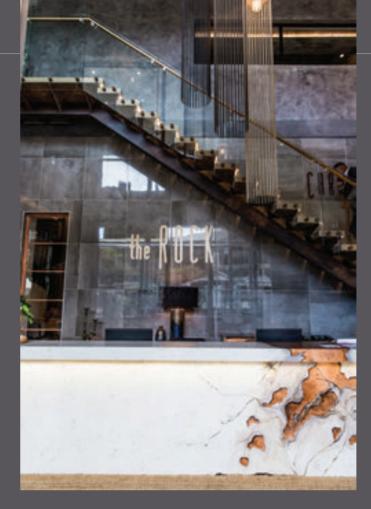
Situated in Kyalami Corner and NOW Design Quarter, The Rock restaurants are one of those places that are just too chic not to visit again and again.

he ROCK ALL DAY DINER in Kyalami has been dishing up rewarding and enjoyable meals for a little over a year. The location offers a view too gorgeous for words, giving you an outdoor feeling, while under roof.

Typical diner food The Rock All Day Diner offers an impressive variety of food including chili dogs and burgers. They serve Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner and is an inimitable opportunity to satisfy your palate.

The newest addition to the family is The ROCK at Design Quarter, a beautifully appointed and contemporary styled restaurant within the Fourways area. The place is huge and has been created not only for visual affect but for practical use too.

Spacious and airy. The kitchen features huge glass windows that allow you to watch the entire culinary process while you wait for your meal. Some have referred to the kitchen as the heart of the restaurant but the true focal point of the restaurant is a central spiral sea shell staircase. It was inspired from Mediterranean roots and is genuinely a piece of art but with a practical use: it allows service staff to gain quick and efficient access to the tables and parties based upstairs in The Carnelian (a relaxed tapas area above The Rock). Even the beautifully decorated bathrooms are something to talk about.



The Rock boasts an inside as well as an outside area that has a retractable awning structure. So, weather or mood dependent you can have a fabulous indoor or outdoor dining experience. You may think this sounds fancy and expensive but instead they chose to create a space that you can kick back and relax in.

A wide variety of delicious and decadent dishes, whatever your palate desires, are served and cooked to their esteemed Chefs highest standards. Burgers, pastas, sushi, pizzas, seafood, poultry, steaks and ribs are topped off with an amazing array of specialty desserts. The Rock's milkshakes are a must; unique, original and just down-right yummy! The portions are big and you will certainly leave feeling content and pleased.

Their well-equipped bar is complemented by classic and signature cocktails, with awesome names as well as a variety of champagne. The Rock even has Prosecco on tap – seriously! So,

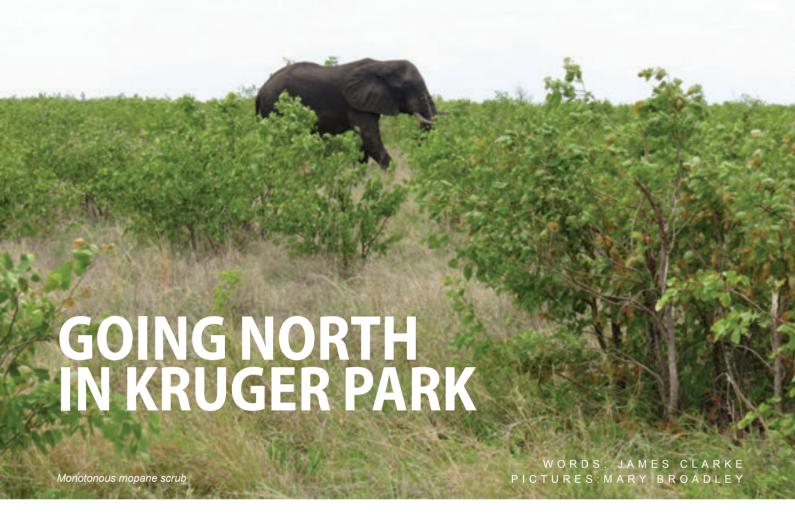
for all those bubbly-loving fans out there, this one is definitely a reason to visit.

Overall, The Rock All Day Diner and The Rock Design Quarter are solely about the experience. It is wonderfully relaxing with an urbane ambience, inviting you to return time and time again.



For more information visit www.therockdiner.co.za. Design Quarter 011 465 5011 Kyalami Corner 010 020 6837





It's been years since I travelled the full length of Kruger Park. The distance from Malelane in the far south to the extreme north on the Limpopo is not much shorter than from Johannesburg to Pietermaritzburg – 430km compared with 460km.

etermined, for a change, to spend time in the northern region, Mary and I started at Phabeni gate near Hazyview, the nearest gate to Kruger for people driving from Gauteng. This cut the distance to 409km.

I know the south of the park quite intimately – I've been going there for half-a-century – and was looking forward to a few leisurely days getting to Punda Maria, Kruger's most northerly and certainly most rustic camp. Our final destination was Pafuri Camp which Return Africa operates with the Makuleke community who own and largely staff the tented camp strung along the Luvuvhu River.

It had been years since I'd visited this far north-eastern corner of the park wedged between Zimbabwe and Mozambique. We chose, on the way up,

to stay first at Satara, then Mopani and then Punda Maria.

Satara, with that most productive "S100" N'wanetsi route (known for its variety of game) was my favourite camp. Alas its standards have been allowed to slip. Our circle of huts was coated with bird droppings and the lawns unkempt. Its row of cafés and restaurants were empty. Mugg and Bean which had taken over in recent years pulled out, disillusioned by the park's management.

We found the same at Letaba where we hoped to have lunch but found the riverside restaurant closed.

At both camps "field kitchens" had been set up and one dined within a few paces of buckets and hoses and the sight of washing up. At least that's how it was in December though there was talk of the camp's management being improved in the New Year.

Things perked up considerably at Mopani Camp, which was clean, welcoming and well managed.

There we witnessed the awesome spectacle of the massing of the "locust bird" – dense clouds of twittering quelea finches filling the evening sky and settling in the trees just in front of us. We watched them settle along every available branch tightly squashed together. At dawn they swarmed across the sky, billowing like smoke.

We crossed the Tropic of Capricorn just beyond Mopani Camp and felt we were now truly in the northern region. The vegetation changed to mostly monotonous mopane scrub. I remember in the 1950s, before the elephant population explosion, the landscape



was mostly parkland forest with grazing between the tall mopanes.

We stoppped at Shingwedzi for breakfast. The camp has been refurbished since the devastating 2013 flood submerged it up to its rooftops, dumping chairs, tables and refrigerators way down river.

We reached Punda Maria in the early afternoon.

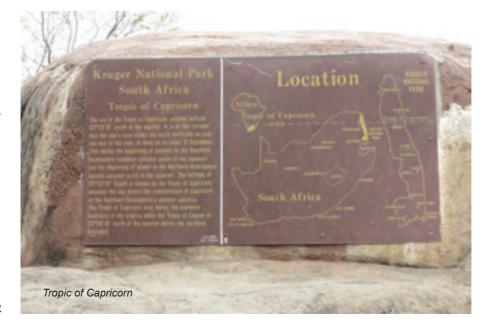
The scenery and ambience in the north is very different from that of Kruger's central and southern regions. It is thickly forested but there's savannah too with some monumental baobabs and, I am sure, the tallest mopane trees in South Africa.

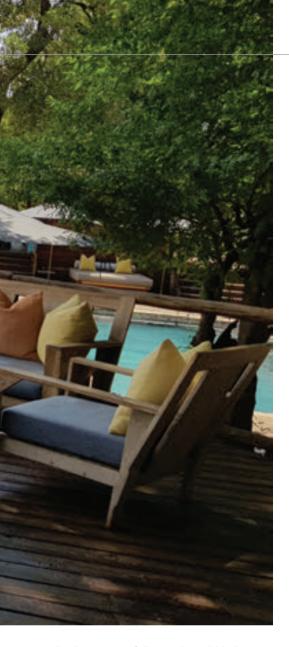
We discovered near the camp one of the most beautiful loops in the Park – the Mahoney Loop where we saw our first lion of the trip and a rich variety of birds.

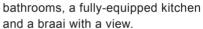
The name Punda Maria has long intrigued me. I understood that the first

ranger had used the Swahili name for zebra (punda milia – meaning striped ass) but changed Milia for Maria – his wife's name. But, I wonder. The Venda people had a name for an adjacent area near the Soutpansberg – Phande Mariha. Coincidence?

Here we made a great discovery: a delightful little cottage adjacent to, but outside Punda Maria camp. It is called Russell Cottage. It's a very private, beautifully furnished two-bedroomed cottage that accommodates four people. It has two lovely "period"







One's private gate leads on to Punda Maria's short nature trail which takes





Purple Roller dries out after shower

Decades ago the cottage was a police station but Roland D'Ivry Russell one time ranger at Mana Pools in Zimbabwe - and his wife, Ursula, bequeathed their estate to Kruger Park which used the money to convert the building. To stay there cost us not much more than we would have paid to stay in one of Punda's family cottages.

As I say, our final destination was Pafuri Camp (formerly Wilderness Safari Lodge) whose widely separated safari tents - all en suite and sheltered under thatch - look down at the

Each tent has its own private deck and each is reached from the dining and communal heart of the camp, by an elevated wooden walkway. This was our type of "camping"! - the beds are enormous and a bathroom full of luxurious little touches - and breakfast and dinner prepared by a top chef plus a morning and a sunset drive with a knowledgeable guide.

It was "Birding Big Day" and, thanks to our guide, Tristan Phipps, we managed to identify 138 birds. Mary, with well over 700 species on her life list, chalked up three new ones.

The site is very near Crooks Corner which is reached by following the Limpopo itself. We watched a herd of elephant moving like wraiths through South Africa's biggest fever tree forest.

Pafuri Camp's entrance is only metres past the Pafuri Bridge on Kruger's H1-9 route. There, at dusk, during the evening drive and sundowners, we identified a green sandpiper, a rare vagrant in South Africa. An amiable bull elephant contemplated using the bridge but changed its mind. Minutes later a magnificent leopard appeared behind us and we spotted a lone buffalo 50 metres way - three of the big five in one go.

We vowed to return to the north for a longer stay.



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## LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY

oney is the root of all evil. The source of great pleasure. The key ingredient for chaos, suffering, misery, fun, entertainment and contentment. It is an ingenious concept that strikes at the heart of all our wishes and desires, while at the same time can feel like a scary monster under our bed keeping us up all night.

What is this thing called money and how does it have such a powerful effect on our lives?

First and foremost, in its most basic sense it is merely a reasonable form of energy exchange between two or more parties. When viewed in this manner it makes perfect sense to have money in our lives as it allows for a fair exchange to commence in order for a need to be met. It allows for an accepted value to be gained for the time, energy, skill and talent that went into the creation/management of the product or service that is being offered.

Money is just a tool and a resource to help us meet our needs. It assists the movement of our societal evolution so we can become better, smarter, quicker and more efficient. It is a collective human invention at its best and is currently the right tool on hand to meet our collective needs. Therefore, money cannot be the enemy or the saviour in our society. We must choose to go within and evaluate our own psychology if we are to find any answers for which we seek.

The real enemy at the gate is the confusion between wants and needs. Humans have very few real needs in order to survive. We need adequate food and water supply. We need basic shelter, decent amounts of sleep, clothing to keep us warm and the ability to procreate to ensure the survival of the species. Beyond that it starts to become a matter of psychology and it's in this area where the confusion between wants and needs starts to become apparent. Although it is essential to feel safe, valued, happy, fulfilled, confident, loved and free, it can create distortions in the way we view reality. Human nature is geared towards



moving away from pain and towards pleasure. This is where the seduction of money can sweep us off our feet and lead us down some strange paths.

As long as money is helping us move in the direction of pleasure, we will find it to be of value. However, the balance is like thin ice that can crack under our feet at any moment because when money, starts to lead us toward pain, then we can succumb to pain-associated feelings such as anger, frustration, jealousy, anxiety, depression, and so on.

If money is just a tool then it is our relationship with money that must change if we are to work in harmony with it. If this relationship is currently in disharmony, then we must ask ourselves where are we going wrong and how can we start to repair the damage that has been done?

Firstly, we must look at the relationship itself. If money were your life partner, what would its characteristics be? Would it be kind, nurturing and loving or would it be harsh, critical, estranged and irritable? What are your expectations of it and do you nurture this relationship? Are you getting your needs met or are you frustrated by its lack of support?

Secondly, how is the relationship between your closest loved ones and money?

Thirdly, how were you taught to think about money while you were growing up from your parents or guardians? Were any limiting beliefs about money passed on to you? Are you passing on any limiting beliefs to those closest to you?

Lastly, what money patterns seem to dominate your life? Is it a matter of feast or famine? Loss and betrayal? Never enough? An exciting adventure? Which money patterns seem to repeat themselves over and over again in your life?

From this above exercise you can start to get a clearer picture of the dynamics of this relationship you have with money and the role it plays in your life. If you are to fix the holes in this relationship then it is crucial to be honest about your role in this relationship, where you may be faltering and then be willing to do what it takes to find a sense of harmony going forward. This may take time, patience and practice, but with some determined effort anyone can change direction and move toward a better destination.

The people who have mastered their relationship with money have realised that opposed to being a slave to money, money is in fact their resourceful servant. These people have broken the shackles in their minds and freed themselves from this mental slavery. Freedom from mental money slavery is a choice. It is now up to you to choose to keep your shackles on or dare to be free and find out for yourself what lies beyond the horizon!



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## PET FOOD – FEASTS, FEARS AND FADS?

The food our pets eat has a critical effect on their health and longevity. But there's such a confusing array of pet foods available, both in veterinary stores and supermarkets, as well as a host of dietary trends punted on the internet. How can we possibly know what's best for our furkid from a nutritional perspective?

hese Twisted Whiskers tips will help you to ask the right questions about your chosen brand or dietary approach and, hopefully, arm you with the information you need to make a choice that keeps your dog or cat healthy, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed throughout their life.

#### 1. IS IT BACKED BY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH?

Canine and feline nutrition are pretty exhaustive subjects (and, it's worthwhile to note here, species-specific: cats are not small dogs and require more key ingredients to be present in their diet than dogs do). The brand or type of diet you opt for should have the backing of peer-reviewed veterinary nutrition studies and, ideally, be supported by generations of healthy dogs and cats who have thrived on the product or formulation, rather than on someone else's unscientific opinion.







food needs to be nutrient dense and fed in divided meals to meet their energy requirements.

That said, excess weight in pets is always a health concern and those animals that are overweight (or have a tendency to be), should be fed a diet that is lower in calories, yet still supports their nutritional needs. For older animals and large dog breeds, joint support is a must.

There is no "one size/age fits all" diet that will provide optimum nutrition for our pets and careful consideration needs to be taken when choosing the most suitable diet for each individual.

#### 3. IS IT SAFE TO FEED?

Given the recent concerns regarding human food production, the safety of pet food deserves attention. Does the brand you're looking at go through rigorous testing (both of the raw ingredients and throughout production) and does it offer a customer guarantee on both quality and palatability? Is there a customer care line or advisory service you can contact with any questions about the food or its safety? Or, if you're feeding RMBD (Raw



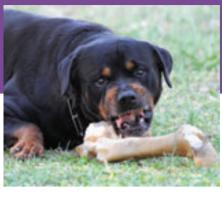


Meat-Based Diet), or home-cooking, can you guarantee the safety of the ingredients you're using?

## 4. WHAT ABOUT DENTAL CARE?

Dogs and cats can't brush their teeth and, although our vet is always recommending that we to do it for them, the number of us who actually manage this (even on a semi-regular basis) is very low. Brushing our pets' teeth is still the best way to care for their oral health but if we aren't doing this, it's vitally important that we feed a diet that provides dental care. This may take the form of a mechanical aspect - many veterinaryrecommended premium diets extrude the kibbles in such a way that when they are broken by the pet's teeth, they have a "brushing" effect on the enamel and help remove plaque. Others include a polyphosphate coating, which activates on contact with saliva and coats the teeth to prevent calcium solids attaching and forming plaque. Pretty cool technology!

A word here on feeding bones - while chewing these helps to keep teeth clean, it also helps to damage them! Veterinary specialist dentists strongly advise against feeding bones as they see the resultant damage to the teeth of their patients. And for those who believe that eating bones is "normal" for dogs – wolves that have been brought from the wild into captivity, for example, have plenty of dental fractures as a result of chewing bones in their natural environment. Apart from this, bones can cause damage throughout the digestive tract, from getting stuck in the mouth, to puncturing intestines and organs, to causing obstruction, or clogging up the works in the rectum. Please feed bones. with care.



#### 5. WHAT'S IN THE FOOD?

To correctly assess the quality of the food based on the ingredients stated on the label requires a good knowledge of pet nutrition, but there are a couple of things lav-people can be aware of. Your chosen brand should preferably feature an animal protein as the first ingredient, or at least in the top three ingredients listed. Cats are obligate carnivores which means they HAVE to eat meat in order to fulfil their dietary requirements of micronutrients. Dogs, although omnivores like humans, do best on an animal protein diet. Look for diets that specify the protein source (eg. chicken and turkey), as opposed to using terms like "meat and meat derivatives". In the latter case, it shows that the product doesn't have a fixed recipe and that the manufacturer can speculate on which protein happens to be the cheapest at the point of purchase. This could result in tummy upsets due to changes in formulation and consistency from batch to batch.

Because manufactured pet foods have a shelf-life, they have to include preservatives to ensure that the food's safety, freshness and nutrient integrity are maintained. Look out for products that use natural preservatives like Vitamin E. It goes without saying that pet food should ideally not contain artificial colours and flavourants as they add no nutritional value.

# AS NATURE INTENDED?

The sometimes heated debate on trends in nutrition can be confusing for pet-parents. Some people may feel a bit odd feeding manufactured kibble food to their pets, are possibly concerned about the lack of variety,

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or think that a more "natural" diet would surely be better. We strongly recommend consulting with your veterinarian before considering Raw feeding, home cooking or vegan/ vegetarian options for your pet. Meat protein is vital for dogs and cats to thrive. The tonne of research that underpins this statement aside, one look at their dentition and intestinal tract shows that they are best suited to a carnivorous diet.

However, feeding a Raw Meat Based Diet to domesticated animals, unless you're working with a veterinary nutritionist to ensure this diet is balanced, could do more damage than good. Not only does your furkid run the risk of suffering nutritional deficiencies, if the stringent hygiene protocols required for correctly managing such a diet are not adhered to, your pet is at risk of contracting a bacterial or parasite infection. Such is the reality of this concern that a number of international veterinary governing bodies advise against feeding Raw, for the safety of the pet and that of in-contact persons and animals. If young, elderly or immune-compromised people or animals live in the home. Raw-feeding should not even be a consideration for the pet!

Home cooking is a better option from a safety aspect, as it kills bacteria but, again, getting the nutritional balance right is important. A quality home-cooked diet does not include sharing with the pet whatever the human family are eating, or boiling up chicken carcasses and adding a sprinkling of rice and the odd piece of butternut. In addition, the dental care benefit of feeding a kibble formulation is lost so



extra attention should be paid to the pet's oral health.

Vegetarianism and veganism are growing in popularity as human nutritional lifestyles. BUT! To impose such a lifestyle choice on an animal that is built to consume meat and thrives best on a meat-based diet, is a questionable decision, especially for cats. Nutritional deficiencies resulting from feeding cats a non-animal-protein diet can lead to blindness, heart failure and even death and will probably not meet a dog's requirements either, over time.

Veterinary recommended premium diets are the safest choice in nutrition

for your pet – think of them like the ready-to-eat meals provided by the military for soldiers in combat. Or the nutritional shakes favoured by gym aficionados. They're extensively researched and packed with everything your pet needs to thrive. Their manufacturing process and the quality of the end product are tightly regulated and this gives pet-parents the peace of mind that they are providing their dog or cat with the safest and most complete nutrition possible.

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t may sound like a disease that the elderly are more prone to relate to, but approximately 50% of bone mass accumulates during adolescence – making it a critical time for bone building! Osteoporosis is a growing global problem that respects no boundaries and impacts all populations. It accounts for more days in hospital than other disease like breast cancer, myocardial infarction, diabetes and others. Quite simply – it can take a heavy toll on your future if left undiagnosed and untreated.

Osteoporosis is a condition in which bones become thinner and more fragile, making them more likely to break (fracture). A person with osteoporosis may suffer a broken bone after only a minor bump, a sneeze, or a fall from standing height. Around the world, about one in three women and one in five men aged 50 and over will break a bone due to this disease. Urbanisation and ageing populations are driving rapid increases in the global osteoporosis disease burden.

Because it affects older people, the younger generation tend not to give it much thought. "But in fact it's young people who can protect a future of brittle bones and change the picture of thinking that hip replacements and brittle bones are an unavoidable threat when they get older," says Dr Sheik. "By reaching their maximum genetic potential for strong bones, a young person will be less susceptible to osteoporosis and fractures in later life. It's worth giving your bones some love while you have the chance, because the result of potentially life threatening fractures is often pain, immobility, disability and loss of quality of life later on," says Dr Sheik.

But it's not about the old and the young; there is a need for people of all ages to take preventative action. It is an eye-opener to note that 80% of people who have had at least one osteoporotic fracture are neither identified nor treated for osteoporosis. And only one third of vertebral fractures come to clinical attention.<sup>5</sup>

In men, the risk of fracture is up to 27% higher than the risk of prostate cancer. By 2050, the worldwide incidence of hip fracture in men is projected to increase by 310% and by 240% in women. Most fragility fracture patients aren't assessed or treated by their health-care system, resulting in



Osteoporosis is not an unavoidable threat. It is a silent disease. Take steps to protect your bone health – and start as early in life as you can!



a failure to 'Capture the Fracture' and reduce risk of subsequent fractures. "A prior fracture is associated with an 86% increased risk of any fracture," says Dr Sheik. "This is one of the reasons it has become a major public health concern. Osteoporosis is an underlying cause of chronic pain, long-term disability and even premature death."

Hip fractures cause the greatest morbidity with reported mortality rates up to 20-24% in the first year after a hip fracture. This kind of fracture can cause loss of function and independence with: 40% unable to walk independently; 60% requiring assistance a year later; 33% being totally dependent on or in a nursing home in the year following a hip fracture.

Preventative action ranges from nutrition to testing:

- Taking a bone health assessment should be considered for women aged 50 and over, men aged 70 and over, or for anyone younger with osteoporosis risk factors.
- A Fracture Risk Assessment (e.g. FRAX) is an important first step in identifying patients who need further assessment and possibly treatment.
- Bone-healthy nutrition together with weight bearing and muscle strengthening exercise are both important ways to help prevent osteoporosis and reduce risk of falls and fractures.
- There is also the IOF One-Minute
  Osteoporosis Risk Test, which recognises
  personal risk factors for osteoporosis and
  fractures. If you have risk factors talk to
  your doctor about your bone health.
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For patients at high risk, lifestyle changes alone are not enough to significantly reduce fracture risk. If medication is prescribed, treatment should be followed.





# THINK DEEPLY AND BROADLY. Now, what is it you need to let go of?

espite all his nonsense and there was plenty of it, I had a fairly good relationship with my father.

He came from another time completely, enduring the harshest of experiences as a youngster, growing up under the tyranny of Scottish Presbyterianism.

He survived six long years of world war, unlike many of those he fought with. At wars end, he was only twenty-four but was already wise to the world and how to get by in it.

He taught us (seven children) a great many positive values and lessons. He also introduced many not so

beliefs, that he held up as 'the way' to do things. We quickly learnt not to challenge those and other concepts, unless of course we had compelling evidence to support our argument. In that respect he was open to hearing alternatives, but as a man of science and practicality, any alternative had to come with unarguable evidence, were to it have any hope of displacing his thinking.

So, ultimately we took much of what he said and did as 'truth'.

As I said above, some of that 'truth' caught up with me eventually, and I paid a hefty price for holding certain of those beliefs.

I have come to see and witness that my story is not unique, that many, if not most of us, grow up with very firm ideas and beliefs that are imposed

by our parents. We simply know no different, until we eventually test these beliefs in the mainstream of life itself.

For many, despite discovering, that the world doesn't agree with the views they hold most tightly, cling to their beliefs, because not doing so is unthinkable, and because they simply have no alternatives.

Like my dear old dad, who came to confront many of his illusions later in life, discovering that some of the ideas and strongly held beliefs that he held, were vulnerable and not true after all.

My dad once said to me – "I would never make a living out of that creativity nonsense."



helpful, practices and ideas. A number of these inappropriate behaviours caught me out, on my journey through life. Causing me to reassess and rethink a great deal of what I had learnt, under my dad's disciplined regime.

He was an extremely gifted engineer, who designed and produced gas and oil pipelines all over the world. With that vast experience he developed principles and



Yet, at age twenty-six, a partner in my own ad agency, my dad had to concede that his view of creativity was fundamentally inaccurate after all.

I have come to see and believe that one of our greatest challenges as we navigate the marvel of life, is to question and let go of, ideas and beliefs that no longer serve us.

This is true of business as well. So many floundering businesses are in trouble, not because they want for good ideas, good people or markets, rather because they cling to practices and principles that their founders or boards created, which have now simply become out of date or redundant. But like testaments carved in stone, are untouchable.

This is evidenced in these often quoted corporate phrases...

"It's a good idea, but that's not how we do it here."

"It's a good idea, let's form a committee to discuss it further."

"If it's such a good idea, why hasn't someone else come up with it before?"

Issued, usually to new comers to the business, these shutdown comments are designed to prevent inquiry and growth.

Successful businesses also cling to certain traditions and cultures, which were their relevance questioned – may open the business to becoming even more successful.

I believe people do the same, unconsciously, all the time.

We cling and cling, hoarding all sorts of ideas that have become deeply held beliefs, long after their sell-by-date.

We do it with physical stuff as well, that's for sure...

We all have shoes, skirts and shirts, books, bags and beautiful things, that no longer fit us, work for us, or will ever be read again. They occupy our shelves, cupboards and garages. We hold onto them, not because we need them, but because we never challenge ourselves as to why we hold on to them.

Go and be honest with what's in your cupboards and you'll see.

What's in your head is the same, although far more complex and wider of range. Up there in the attic of your mind there is a whole bunch of beliefs and ideas that you cling to. Those that continue to inform and determine every moment of your life, yet much of it has never been questioned.

This is the territory of emotions and mental frames.

One such example would be 'resentments'.

As we travel through life, interacting and encountering other people, we also connect with alternative personalities with their own belief systems. Occasionally, such experiences can cause upsets or distresses. We may argue or strongly disagree with a colleague, associate or friend. In the process words are exchanged and sometimes not of a pleasant nature. Then we go on our way, on with life, but clinging.

The words hurt and we remember the hurt. We often, re-feel that hurt. That's where the concept of resentment comes from – to re-feel.

Many of us carry these resentments for a long time, often a lifetime. But they serve us not one tiny bit, the only person they harm, is ourselves.

Freeing ourselves from resentments is our challenge and to do so requires us to ask forgiveness from the person that we have built the resentment toward.

I built a number of resentments toward my dear old man. For some of the ideas and beliefs he imposed on me.

Whist we enjoyed a very good relationship in the latter part of his life, I never got around to asking for his forgiveness for the resentments I held, before he died.

But I did eventually free myself from those resentments.

This is what I did.

Immediately after throwing his ashes into a favourite river, I tossed in a number of pebbles. On each pebble I had carefully written the resentment I had had. One after the other, they hit the water and vanished. As did the resentments thereafter and because of the positive effects that I felt as a consequence, I have worked deeply toward continuously ensuring that I don't develop unconscious attachments to beliefs and ideas.

In winding up, here is a very smart quotation from a very smart person. I find it to be particularly relevant and important...

"The problem is never how to get new, innovative thoughts into your mind, but how to get the old ones out." Dee Hock.

So, here is your challenge...

Are you going to be smart – and free yourself from the many un-needed and un-serving ideas and beliefs that are holding you back? Or, will you choose to remain attached to potentially redundant concepts?

If so, let me know how you go – and how you do that.

Till next time,

Graeme



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Margaret: The best domestic helper I ever had Margaret has worked for me for 18 months and is diligent, punctual, self-motivated and huge asset to any household, she seeks employment for Tues & Thurs, call her on 072 298 7435 or Deidre 083 264 5098.

Verna: Looking for live in or live out, full time work, she is very loyal, hardworking & trustworthy, she is good with children, animals & general housekeeping, she comes highly recommended, please contact Verna on 071 634 4991, reference call Mandy 082 464 5085.

Christina: Looking for work as a health worker, she has a certificate and experience in taking care of patients: bed, bath, general hygiene, mobilizing and feeding patients, for a recommendation call 083 889 9444 or call Christina on 072 698 8380, she is a hard worker, honest, communicates fluently and is time conscious.

**Beauty:** Our precious Zimbabwean domestic worker is looking for a job as we are leaving soon. NB: Beauty does not leave your house until all work is done! She does ironing,



laundry, cleaning the house until it's all bright and shiny, very good with kids and pets, reliable and responsible with humour and kindness. You will Love her! Available on Tues & Thurs, for references call Jessica 082 343 5913 / Gill 079 477 8306 or Beauty on 083 952 4713.

**Pretty:** Hardworking, honest and reliable is looking for part time work on Mon, Wed & Fri, call Pretty on 078 572 5363, for a reference call Ash on 074 558 4796.

**Beauty:** Efficient, trustworthy and reliable lady has been working for us for the past 3 years. Domestic work, child minding, house / pet sitting she has done it all. Looking for 3 – 4 day's work a week or possibly full time, as we are emigrating. Zimbabwean with work permit. Contact Beauty: 072 955 8137 (Abby 082 332 4048 for reference)

Annah: Are you looking for a champion cleaner, honest & reliable. Has been our angel for 10 years! Available Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat. Please call her directly on 084 084 0133 / 011 467 1260 for a reference.

**Mery:** Malawian looking for domestic work full / part time basis, please contact her on 083 684 3120 or for a reference call Bernadette on 082 857 7114.

#### **GARDENERS:**

**Bongani:** Seeks gardening work, he is enthusiastic pleasant person, cheerful and hardworking, good with pets, call Heidi 082 557 2036 for a reference.

**Mnthali:** Looking for work on Mon – Sat, call Mnthali on 060 349 5077, for a reference call 071 767 6839.

**Joseph:** Malawian gardener of 5 years is looking for work on Tues & Sat, he is hard working and reliable, for reference call Lara on 072 673 3714 or call Joseph on 078 819 4513.

**Geoffrey:** Looking for work on Wed, has 5 years gardening experience, honest and reliable, call Andrea on 082 889 1232, for a reference call 074 781 6466.

Isaac: Our Hardworking Malawian gardener is looking for work on Tues – Sat in FWG, he is honest, reliable and hardworking, call him on 072 639 1879, for a reference call Dave on 076 237 8671, also looking for a room to rent.

**Godfrey:** Looking for more work in the week, he also helps with changing lights, fixing stuff around the house and is wonderful with pets, call Godfrey on 061 019 9750.

**Shadrack:** An excellent gardener, he is always on time and very friendly and honest. He is looking for work on Tues & Fri. Call Shadrack on 079 104 7004 or Nikki 063 394 0362 for a reference.

**Joseph:** Malawian looking for part time work as gardener or painter on Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat, he is honest and reliable and works well without supervision, highly recommended, call Joseph on 065 524 6300, for a reference call Al on 083 668 6600

**Wellings:** Malawian, my excellent honest, trustworthy gardener looking for work on Sat, stays in FWG, call him on 078 589 7996 or Elaine on 083 610 0613 for a reference.

Augustine: Malawian gardener looking for work full / part time, very hard worker, reliable, friendly and honest, call 061 237 8517 / 078 848 9028, for reference call Paul on 078 104 5276

**Vydah:** Malawian looking for full / part time work, call 083 351 2053 or for a reference call Sally on 083 232 3869.

**Moses:** Efficient gardener is looking for work on Mon, Tues & Fri, he is punctual, diligent and is highly recommended, call 078 761 0214 or for a reference call 082 677 5004.

**Bonface:** Malawian looking for garden work on Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun, he is good at work, friendly and very hardworking, honest and reliable, for references call Sandra on 079 320 4377 or Bonface 073 390 7324.

**Piet:** My excellent gardener is looking for work on Wed & Sat, he is honest, reliable, knowledgeable, hardworking, capable of using his own initiative and justifiably proud of his work, he also does general maintenance and can hang curtain rails etc. Call Diane 083 2691241 for a reference or call Piet 076 609 2046.

Andrew: Looking for garden work on Tues & Sat. He is honest, hardworking and does not require constant supervision. For reference call 078 706 6414 or Andrew on 083 645 9607.

Simon: Looking for part time work on Mon, Wed, Thurs as a gardener, painter & driver, honest & hardworking, call Simon on 074 405 6004 or for a reference call Christina on 083 660 8944.

**Reuben:** Reliable, honest gardener. Currently works in FWG, is looking for work during the week, flexible with days. Contact Reuben on 060 811 6992 / 087 240 6713, for a reference call Jo on 082 873 4983.

Sangwani: Has worked for us as a gardener for the past 11 year's. He is looking for extra work on Mon, Wed & Sat. For a reference contact Gary 082 551 9774 or Sangwani directly 071 068 7204

**Tsepo:** All garden work – contact 073 066 1019, for a reference call Karen on 083 303 7773.



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## Hit the ground running

The late globetrotting US lawyer, sports agent and management consultant, Mark H McCormack, was the consummate air traveller.

I often pictured him coolly striding through some airport exit in the Far East in his white, uncreased tropical suit; his silk tie unstained by airline coffee and his silver hair neatly in place. And there, at the kerb, just as he knew it would be, was his hire-car with its obsequious attendant dangling the keys, welcoming him by name and bowing ever so slightly.

In 1995 Mark H McCormack produced a book on how he does it – how he manages to get things just right when he travels. It is called *Hit the Ground Running: The Insider's Guide to Executive Travel* (Jonathan Ball).

You begin to hate him soon after chapter 2. By chapter 4 you find him perfectly insufferable, but you plough on, fascinated that somewhere out there there's a man who can cut through an airport like a knife through butter and waltz into hotels where the staff shout out his name in ecstasy.

You'll hate him because you know perfectly well that if ever you manage to hit the ground running when your plane lands it will merely mean they forgot to put the steps up against the aircraft door.

McCormack tells you how to get the better of overbooked airlines which say: "Sorry, the flight is full." He books for the same destination on more than one airline. And he tells you how to be comfortable: Never drink something fizzy before take-off – the bubbles enlarge inside you at altitude. You could find yourself floating against the ceiling.

At home he keeps a sort of "busy



executive's survival kit" ready-packed at all times. It contains toilet stuff (no. not Harpic) such as ear plugs. sleeping mask, inflatable neck brace for sleeping and two litres of drinking water... I thought this last item was going too far until I read why he does it. Apparently, some airlines go around the world continually topping up their water tanks with unholy water from the Ganges, water from the Nile from which only the crocodiles have been filtered, and from supplies in developing countries - the water having been passed by Third World health officials, if you see what I mean. The aircraft's reservoir eventually becomes thin vegetable soup with small creatures frolicking and splashing around in it.

In fact if you drink water from an airliner's tanks you are practically guaranteed to hit the ground running.

McCormack tells you what seats to book on different makes of planes, how to ensure you'll have hotel accommodation, how to ensure the headwaiter remembers you. He says you should tip him heavily first time. (I would argue it is best to *trip* him heavily. That way is cheaper and he'll certainly never forget you.)

"A smart traveler will plan every step of the departure, the flight, the arrival at the airport, the trip to the hotel, and the schedule after."

He recommends the best hotel, restaurant, take-away and golf course in each of several cities. How does he do all this? When you read his dedication you discover his secret.

his dedication you discover his secret. He dedicates the book to "my trusted personal assistants, secretaries and associates" and he then names Laurie Roggenburk, Sarah Woolridge, Fumiko Matsuki, Penny Thompson, Michelle Lane (etc), "who tirelessly work to make sure that I hit the ground running".

That's how – and that's why you hate him. All I have is Threnody Higginbottom, my secretary who files everything under M for Miscellaneous.

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