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*Residential Estate*

May 2019

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**Football with Jeremy Brockie**

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**2019 Porsche Macan**





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Residential Estate

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Estate Office	011 465 7731
Clubhouse	011 465 0937
Estate Security 24/7	
Security Control Room	011 465 5466/5465/2302
	011 467 2005/1400
Site Manager	071 224 6776
Assist Site Manager	071 222 7037
FWG Mobile Site Phone	076 200 5280

### Important Numbers

ER 24 Emergency	084 124
Netcare 911	082 911 / 010 209 8604
Life Fourways Hospital	011 875 1000
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Douglasdale Police Station	011 699 1300
Police/Flying Squad	10111
Metro Police	011 490 1600
Fire and Ambulance	10177
Lonehill Fire Department	011 465 5792 / 011 028 1083
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Fault Reporting and Utilities Suppliers	
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Telkom	10210
Vumatel	086 100 8862

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COME JOIN US FOR A  
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# *Fourways Gardens* MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, 11 May 2019 | Time: 5 for 5.30pm

Bring your camping  
chair and a picnic  
basket and enjoy a  
movie under  
the stars.

Please submit your  
favourite movie to  
the FWG Facebook  
Page and vote!



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# MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Residents

Wow, we are already four months into 2019, and the first school holidays are already over!

Our annual Easter Egg hunt took place on Sunday, 7 April 2019, and we are grateful for the break in the weather which contributed to a very successful and fun day, both for the children and parents.

As our Estate rates communication as a high priority, I try to ensure that my articles are relevant, and beneficial to our residents. Residents are also welcome to forward ideas to me for articles that would be of interest to our residents. Emails may be directed to [gary@fwg.co.za](mailto:gary@fwg.co.za).

My article this month is very relevant, and can save a homeowner a lot of time and money.

## **WHY HAVING UP-TO-DATE AND APPROVED BUILDING PLANS IS VITAL**

South African banks are increasingly insisting that any residential property to be sold or in need of a home loan cannot be assisted unless the property has up-to-date building plans that have been approved by the local municipality. For a seller to be fully compliant, he/she has to be able to show that the building has approved HOA and Council approved building plans.

The Fourways Gardens Architectural Review Committee (ARC) are finding that a number of owners who are in the process



*Gary Haynes*

of selling their property, do not have HOA and Council approved building plans, which can substantially delay the sale/transfer of the property. In today's 'buyer's market' the lack of HOA and Council approved building plans can result in the sale of the property being cancelled, which is not in the best interest of the seller or the buyer.

The ARC are finding that, on the request for a Clearance Inspection/Certificate, often extensions and alterations have been done without any plans being submitted to the HOA or Council for approval. The seller must then go through the process of sourcing an architect to draft plans based on the current status, submit these plans to the HOA for approval, then to Council for approval, all of which takes time and money, and further delays the sale of the property.

As a typical example, the owner will add on a patio without permission and then, a few years later, enclose it as a braai room without any plans being submitted. Or he or she may convert a garage into a bedroom without any attempt to make it legal.

Sometimes owners simply do not know when they need to get approved plans. Others think that by doing the work themselves and 'sneaking the job through' they are saving considerable sums of cash - forgetting that later this will make it difficult to sell or pass the home on to heirs. Similarly, they may employ a substandard builder who either ignores or does not know the regulations.

Every homeowner should check if the building plans are available as soon as possible, and make sure that these correspond in all respects to the building as it now is - and that the building is compliant with the building regulations. If it transpires that the owner has no plans, he or she can try to obtain copies of those lodged at the municipality. If, once the owner has the plans and feels they are not up to checking whether the plans conform, they should consult an architect for assistance. In the event of defaults, the owner should take steps to rectify the omissions and errors. In some cases, it will be necessary to ask the architect to redraw the entire plan of the home and resubmit this for approval. This could be expensive - but there may be no alternative.

Some homeowners take the attitude that, as they do not intend to sell the home in the foreseeable future, they can leave gaining approvals for a later date, or leave it to others, such as their heirs. However, experience has shown that people regularly have to sell earlier than they expect, for example, for health or financial reasons.

To obtain fully-approved plans can take months, so it is better to do it now - delaying will simply compound existing difficulties, and could place big burdens on others.

On behalf of the Management Team, we assure you that we will continue to manage the Estate in such a manner that ensures your investment grows optimally.

*Gary*

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# TAXI SERVICES AT FOURWAYS GARDENS ESTATE



In 2013, Uber took South Africa by storm. They made getting a taxi to wherever you need to be as simple as downloading and using an App. Uber was soon joined by other similar taxi services.

**A**s brilliant as the service is, a taxi service such as Uber is not without its problems, failures, faults, etc. And unfortunately, it has opened up avenues for criminal elements.

There have been reports of taxi drivers who have been robbed, or clients within the vehicle have been robbed by criminals posing as drivers, and there have been incidents of fake drivers picking up clients, etc.

## THE DO'S AND DON'TS

- Ensure that the taxi driver is indeed registered with the service provider, e.g. Uber/Bolt.
- The driver's credentials can be checked via the support on your App.
- Ensure that the driver has a valid driver's license.
- Send the driver a code before they arrive

to avoid delays and misunderstandings.

- Remember some of the rules and regulations of every vehicle entering the Estate:
  - The driver must have a valid driver's license.
  - If the driver is a foreign national, he/she needs to have a South African traffic registration to enable them to drive with their foreign drivers' license.
  - The vehicle must have a valid vehicle license disc.
- Ensure that your family and loved ones know where you are, and how far you are from your destination.
- Do not divulge too much information about yourself, family, etc. to the driver.
- Be aware of your surroundings and ensure that you are always travelling in the correct direction.
- When arriving with a taxi driver at the Estate, never use your fingerprint to gain access.
- Generate an access code in advance, to avoid issues and delays at the gate -

more than five minutes in advance.

- Ensure your driver has left the Estate once he has dropped you off. (On a number of occasions drivers were found loitering around the Estate, which poses a risk to yourself and other residents.)
- Ensure that the driver follows and complies with all access and exit procedures at the gates.

Security is a tough job, and the officers are trying to do their best. But it is not easy when they are verbally abused, ignored and disregarded. Taxi drivers, for example, come to the gate without an access code and when asked to move and come back once a code is obtained, the officers are given a tough time, and the drivers refuse to comply with the Estate procedures. When the driver arrives to collect the client, he/she complains about the supposedly bad and rude service received by the officers. There are always two sides to a story; the taxi driver just wants to get in to pick up the client with little or no regard for the safety procedures and access procedures that need to be followed. Please play your part by making sure that your taxi service is aware of the security requirements.

**Report all security matters to the onsite Security Control Room immediately without delay:**

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## Stay in touch

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# Monthly Draw – 29 March 2019



Our Monthly Draw takes place on the last Friday of every month in the Clubhouse at 7pm. All homeowners in good standing are automatically entered into the cash draw with their stand numbers. All other visitors on the evening stand a chance to win one of the lucky draw prizes.

#### Lucky draw prize winners for March were:

Kiddies voucher – **Ella Botha**  
2nd Hamper – **Pierre Behrens**  
1st Hamper – **Colleen Challis**

#### Lucky Draw rollover

Debbie Nell from Buffalo Thorn Road was drawn for the cash prize. Unfortunately, Debbie was not in attendance. The pot rolled over by another R1 000 and the prize value for 26 April 2019 will be R9 000!!

Thanks to Joep and Tania from Century 21 for sponsoring this fun evening!



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## These fine properties for sale!

### FOR SALE



**R5 295 000**

Web Ref: 21DN-2476

Large family home on a corner stand with double volume entrance, including a formal lounge and dining room plus a family room with built-in cocktail bar & fireplace. Open plan kitchen with granite counters, a pantry and scullery. 5 Bedrooms all on the upper level (2 with aircon) and 4 bathrooms (3 en-suite). Guest cloakroom. Also included is a The home private study and a roof top studio or gym, Large covered patio with built-in braai overlooks the large pool and walled garden. Staff suite and storeroom. Double automated garage plus double covered carport.

### FOR SALE



**R4 995 000**

Web Ref: 21DN-2920

Spacious modern interior featuring a formal and informal lounge plus a TV lounge with built-in wooden bar and TV lounge. Formal dining room opening onto the patio. Japanese styled courtyard garden off the study. Covered patio overlooking the large sparkling pool featuring wooden decking, set in a spacious private and walled garden. Modern fitted kitchen with breakfast nook including high-gloss fitted cabinets and granite work tops. Upstairs features a rumpus room, home office or gym. A separate wing hosts a spacious bedroom with Victorian en-suite bathroom. 4th bedroom or optional granny flat, complete with kitchenette and en-suite bathroom. Double garage and off street parking for guests.

### FOR SALE



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### FOR SALE



**R3 950 000**

Traditional family home situated in phase 2 of Fourways life style estate with parks, tennis and restaurant. Mature with tree lined avenues and streets gives an impression of stability comfort and style. Lovely home with everything you need: 3 receptions leading to generous covered terrace enchanted garden with sparkling pool, modern kitchen, 3 beds 2.5 bathrooms main en suite, study double garage and staff accommodation. There is a good mix of schools in the vicinity to choose from. Close to excellent shopping outlets, restaurants, cinemas, theatre and hotels giving a wide choice of fine dining and entertainment. In easy reach are medical and health care facilities, gyms and golf course. Close to all major highways and airports.

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# FOURWAYS GARDENS CHARITY CLUB



Every three months or so we appeal to our Fourways Gardens Residents to support a particular charity. As there are so many charities and organisations in need, we decided to narrow our support to primarily charities in our area.



A huge thank you to those Fourways Gardens Residents who so kindly donated goods to the Randburg SPCA. The SPCA wish list consisted of food for the animals in their care, as well as old towels, toiletries and food for staff. The SPCA staff were happily surprised and grateful when we arrived with our 'loot'!

**A GARMENT FOR DIEPSLOOT DRIVE**  
Our next charity drive will be for clothing for Diepsloot residents in need. We are requesting, as a start, from each household if possible, one item of clothing, for example, clothing that you may have grown out of or perhaps



have not worn for some time. (If you do find more that would, of course, be wonderful and much appreciated).

## GREEN DOOR

Green Door cares for women who have been abused as well as for rape victims. Donations may be left at the Fourways Gardens HOA office during office hours.

To get involved with FWG charities contact Elmine, Anne Grealy or Sheila Evers.

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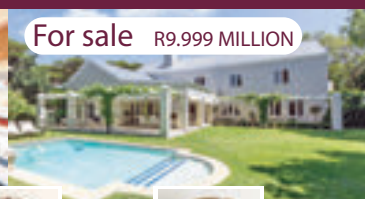
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# FWG ACTIVITY PROVIDERS

TIME	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		
08:00											
08:30			Pilates - Tracey (8:30-9:30) 082 894 6096				Pilates - Tracey (8:30-9:30) 082 894 6096				
09:00		Yoga - Wendy (9-10:15)									
09:30		011 465 7155									
10:00		083 400 6211					Nunu's and Nannies (10:00-12:00) Vanjee Smith 079 1800 330 vanjeeleigh@gmail.com				
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15:00					Helen O'Grady Drama Academy (15:00-18:00) Kerry Holbrook 083 410 2940 www. dramaafrica. com		Ballet (15h00-15h30) Nicky Ridley 072 238 8063 nickyridley33@gmail.com				
15h30									Yogabats (15:30-16:30) Desley White 011 465 1939 / 084 465 1939		
16:00						Boxing lessons (16:00-17:00) Sean 076 854 8650					
16:30	Jazz (16:45 to 17:45) Debbie 082 425 6098	Football (16:30-17:30) Jeremy 072 171 1371 JBrockieFootball@ hotmail.com	Goju-Ryu (16:30-19:30) Stef and Roberta 083 384 3026 / 083 309 5352				Goju-Ryu (16:30-19:30) Stef and Roberta 083 384 3026 / 083 309 5352				
17:00										Boxing lessons (17:00-18:00) Sean 076 854 8650	
17:30											
18:00	Yoga (18-19:15) Wendy 011 465 7155 / 083 400 6211			FWG Running Club secretary@ frra.co.za Mandy 083 462 2725	FOR HOA AND AGM MEETINGS			FWG Running Club secretary@ frra.co.za Mandy 083 462 2725			
18:30											
19:00											
19:30							Ballroom and Latin Social Dancing (19:30-20:30) Zane 079 550 0755 dancingdna5678 @gmail.com				
20:00											
20:30											

## Clubhouse

## Phase 2 Outside

## Phase 2 Tennis Gazebo

Phase 1 Park

All fees and times to be confirmed with the activity provider concerned.



## QUIZ NIGHT at the Clubhouse – 5 April 2019

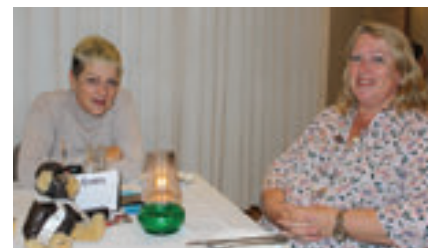
**A**nother fun evening, sponsored by Francesca Beattie Properties, Denoon Sampson Ndlovu Inc and the Clubhouse, was enjoyed last month. We even had sudden death for the third position between M3D and Deep Thought!

### **Congratulations to our winners!**

1st Prize – Team April, R1 000 cash sponsored by Francesca Beattie Properties

2nd Prize – M3D, R400 cash sponsored by Denoon Sampson Ndlovu Inc and a R300 meal voucher from the Clubhouse

3rd Prize – Deep Thought, R200 meal voucher from the Clubhouse



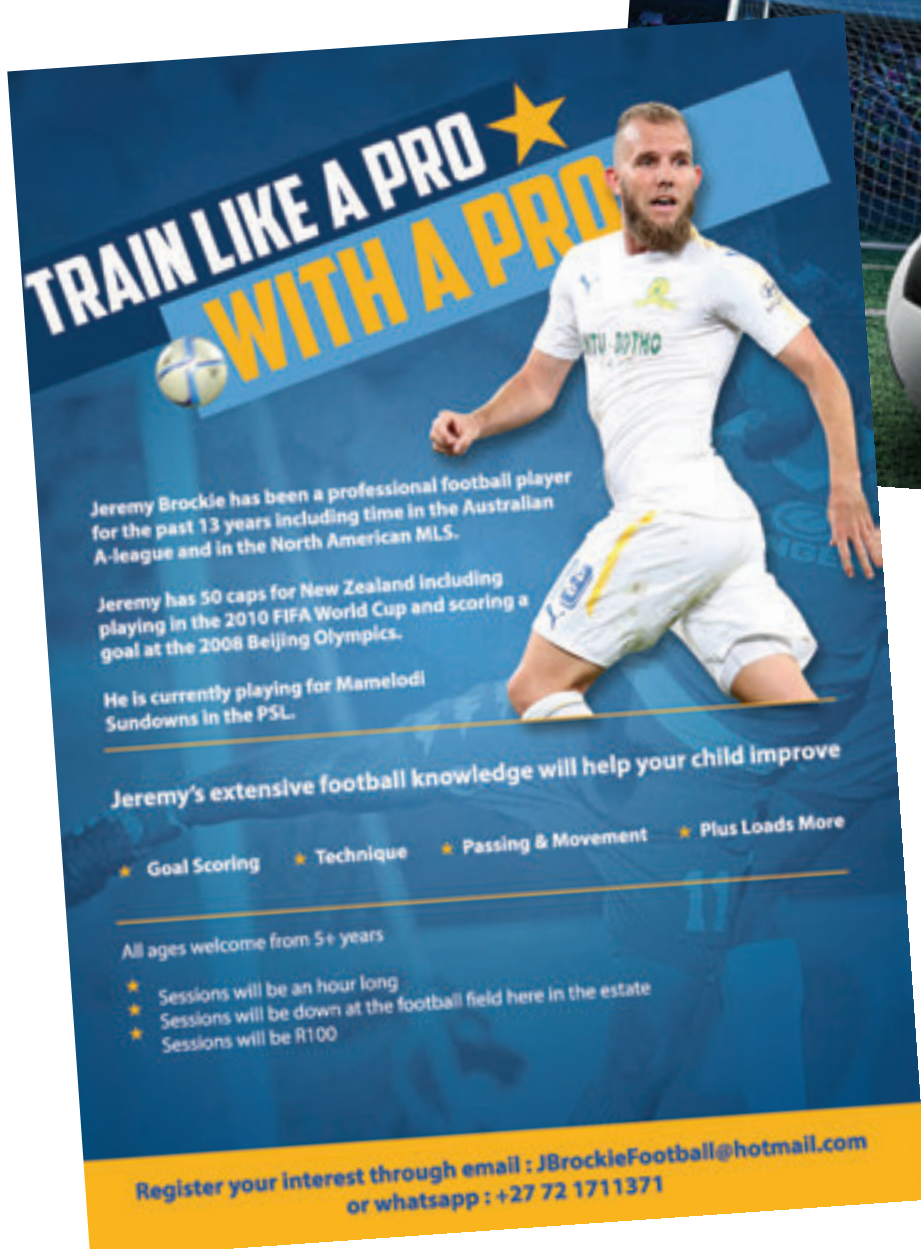
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# FOOTBALL WITH JEREMY BROCKIE

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boys and girls between the ages  
of 3 - 12 to come and join me at  
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**TRAIN LIKE A PRO** ★  
**WITH A PRO**

Jeremy Brockie has been a professional football player for the past 13 years including time in the Australian A-league and in the North American MLS.

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He is currently playing for Mamelodi Sundowns in the PSL.

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I'm a professional football player from New Zealand currently playing here for Mamelodi Sundowns. Coaching kids is a real passion of mine and I already have a very successful football school in the area. Now that my family and I are residents of this wonderful Estate, I'd like to pass my experience and expertise on to your kids.

Sessions will be offered in the Phase 1 Park on Mondays between 16h30 – 17h30!

If you're interested, then please WhatsApp or e-mail me for more details.

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**S**ue from Garden Shop at Broadacres again held us fascinated as she revealed how plants fight for survival. Unlike humans, who can nomadically wander in search of food and water, plants can't. One example is the massive trees in Yellowstone Park in the USA. These trees are 2000 – 3000 years old and have survived many environmental changes over those years.

According to Michael Pollen's book 'BOTANY OF DESIRE', plants communicate and adapt.

## APPLES

Apples did not start out in this world sweet! Originating in the eastern Mediterranean area, they were imported by immigrants to the USA and were used to make a bitter cider. One Johnny Appleseed distributed various apple seeds to villages all over the Mississippi. In so doing, he mixed up good biodiversity. Apples adapted to the US environment. There would be the occasional apple sweeter than the others. Farmers cross bred and hybridised. The rest is history – they became sweeter and sweeter as humans intervened!

## TULIPS

Originally from the exotic Turkish flower gardens and prized by the Sultan of Turkey, tulips believe it or not affected the world economy! The Dutch in the late 1600s traded in tulip bulbs. There evolved a famous white tulip with red stripes. This became massively sought after and its value shot up above the value of gold. Investors traded and speculated on the



next year's bulb harvest but suddenly the tulip bulbs started dying. It was discovered that the red stripe was actually a virus. The Dutch, being the biggest traders in the late 1600s – early 1700s saw their economy collapse as a result of this virus.

## CANNABIS

Originating in North Africa or India, this plant, which grows virtually anywhere, was initially low in THC, the intoxicating element in Cannabis. As humans have a desire for intoxication, they helped this plant to develop higher amounts of THC, causing much controversy in the more conservative countries.



## POTATOES

Potatoes originated in the Peru. The Incas cultivated many different types of potatoes, to suit different altitudes and climates in South America. The potato arrived in Ireland and rapidly became the staple food in this poor country, but only one variety existed and became prone to blight in the damp climate. 150 000 people died of famine. Then other varieties were introduced and were hybridised. With the help of massive chemical companies, they became blight-resistant. Again, the intervention of humans assisted this plant's successful development.





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# FAMILY FUN RUN

*26 May 2019*

*Phase 2 Park  
Tennis Gazebo*



Registration from 09h00

Race to start at 10h00

Fun prizes on the day!

First 130 entries get free draw string bags!

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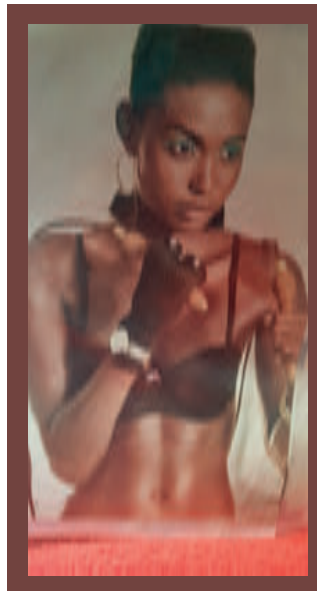
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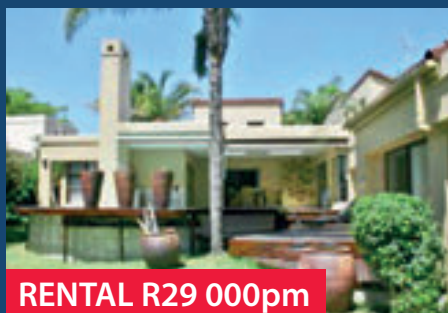
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## FWG WINE CLUB

# Vondeling Tasting held on 3 April 2019



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Guests that attended the Vondeling tasting on 3 April were treated to the most wonderfully entertaining evening. The Managing Director himself, Julian Johnsen, entertained the group from start to finish with colourful stories about his life, his family and, of course, his wine. His passion for what he does shone through and that is one of the reasons that Vondeling has won so many awards, including their Bowwood Pinotage taking the trophy for being the top scoring Pinotage at the Michelangelo Awards in 2018.

We enjoyed the Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Baldrick Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and the Bowwood Pinotage as part of the tasting, and got to enjoy the Petit Blanc Chenin Blanc and Petit Rouge Merlot as the dinner wines, sponsored by Tyson Properties. The evening was completed by tasting Vondeling's dessert wine, Sweet Carolyn. Guests raved about the wines with many commenting that this was the best tasting they had attended, in terms of both the wine and the presenter!

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# EASTER EGG HUNT 2019

Our Fourways Gardens families enjoyed a fun morning of Egg Hunting on Sunday, 7 April, in the Phase 1 Park.

**T**his year, Campbell Properties teamed up with the Fourways Gardens HOA and a great morning of fun and games was enjoyed. The morning kicked off with the Easter Bunny visiting the children of Fourways Gardens, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt! The kids found all the eggs in no time and they were very good at sharing with fellow friends who may not have found as many eggs as them.

Our annual games morning then took place!! The children enjoyed egg and spoon races, sack races, three-legged races and an egg throwing competition. We even got the dads involved with a tug of war between Phase 1 and Phase 2 on the day! Great fun and good old fashioned competition was had with the tug of war, and many had the rope burns to prove it!! Thankfully, young James Smith was once again on hand with his first aid kit, to doctor all the eina's!

While all of this was happening, families were enjoying their picnics in the park, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

We wish to thank Philip from Campbell Properties for co-sponsoring the event on the morning and thanks to all the FWG staff and parents who helped organise the little ones during the games. It truly was a great morning that encompassed estate living to the fullest.

















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# 2019 PORSCHE MACAN

BY SAMUEL DA FONSECA, PROUD FOURWAYS GARDENS ESTATE RESIDENT

R849 000. That's the starting price of the all-new Porsche Macan and it is the perfect way to introduce Porsche's latest weapon in the mid-size SUV market.

In 2017 alone Porsche sold 97 000 Macans globally and, in this day and age, it's clear to see that Macan is now more important than ever before to the German manufacturer.

At first glance, the new Macan may be mistaken for its predecessor but don't be fooled into thinking that. Porsche have refreshed the Macan in typical fashion with subtle but welcoming styling cues featuring the brand's signature full LED brake-light bar. The front fascia of the new Macan is unmistakably Porsche including updated LED headlights with the 4-point design that's trickled its way throughout the Porsche lineup. It's worth noting now that the LED lights, both front and rear, come as standard on the new Macan. Apart from a few updated bumpers and panels, the new Macan takes a dynamic styling approach - it appears to give off an athletic charm even when at a standstill.

Once seated in the cockpit of the Macan you will immediately find that it is a remarkably pleasant space to be in, with premium and solid build quality. Starting at the centre-console which is loaded with traditional buttons, as intimidating as that sounds, it is quite the opposite because once you get used to every button, knob and dial you'll quickly realise how functional and easy to navigate it is. Mercifully, however, the centre-console is not doused in piano-black and that means fewer pesky fingerprints.

Moving on, the mammoth 10,9-inch infotainment display is so massive that, in fact, Porsche had no choice but to relocate the aircon vents below the screen. The infotainment system is a joy to operate. Its layout is simple but sophisticated, featuring navigation and Apple CarPlay/Android Auto as standard.

Porsche are particularly proud of their traditional analogue dials in the gauge-cluster, but they have somewhat kept up with the times. Flanking the speedometer and rev-counter is an in-dash display, not a big one but certainly the right size for functionality. Whilst it may not be the most advanced in its segment, it still has a few neat features such as displaying your navigation and tyre temperatures.

Powering the all-new Macan is a 2-litre turbo unit that has been derived from various Volkswagen Group products. It's good for an admirable 180kW and 370Nm which will see it cover the 100kph sprint in just 6,5 seconds. Although the power-plant is shared with numerous VW and Audi products, Porsche have added their own flare to it with in-house built turbos and custom software along with their marvellous 7-speed dual-clutch (PDK) transmission and all-wheel drive.

The Macan is immensely quick to respond to driver inputs with power being easily accessible for exciting overtaking. Fuel consumption is an admirable 8,1 L/100km (claimed).





Piloting the Macan is a sensation on its own. You may be fooled into thinking that it isn't a mid-sized SUV but rather a low-slung hatchback. There's no denying that the Macan punches above its weight in its segment with agile handling and an engaging drive. Every input through the steering is met with absolute precision and, when taking it through twisty mountain passes, the low centre of gravity greatly minimises body roll to deliver a rewarding driving experience. However, most owners probably won't be honing their Macan through mountain passes and I am delighted to report that even in tedious traffic conditions the Macan proves to be a luxurious and comfortable daily driver.

The Macan isn't your average crossover. It blends comfort and dynamism into an exceptionally well-rounded package. The cabin is well-built and a pleasure to interact with. Even at the base spec, the Macan features extensive standard features. It certainly does deserve the Porsche badge on its nose and at R849k it's now more tempting than ever to become a part of the Porsche family.







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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Peugeot Fourways is not only focused on promoting the ongoing legacy of the Peugeot brand, they are continuing to engage with the community that surrounds their dealership in a multitude of ways.



*Coaches of the Fourways High School Hockey Teams with Gary Bakos and Ashleigh Venter of Peugeot Fourways*

**H**ail a taxi anywhere in the north and west of Africa and the chances are you'll be picked up in a Peugeot 504. In fact, popular opinion is that Peugeots unwittingly are 'made for Africa'. Ninety years after the first petrol-driven four wheel vehicle was launched by Peugeot, the brand is still growing from strength to strength and here in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, Peugeot Fourways is cementing their place in the community.

At Peugeot Fourways, they understand that the success of their brand comes down to people – the people who work diligently in their dealership to provide an exemplary level of service and the people in their neighbourhood that they serve.

March and April were particularly busy months for the dealership. On 13 March, they presented the uniforms that they sponsored, to the hockey coaches at



*Some of the kit sponsored by Peugeot Fourways*





Seen in the Peugeot Fourways showroom at the handover of the LM Radio vehicles: (from left) Gary Bakos (Dealer Principal of Peugeot Fourways), Nuno Rodrigues (Dealer Development, Peugeot South Africa), Robbie Turner (LM Radio Station Manager), Chris Turner (CEO of LM Radio), and Ashleigh Venter (General Sales Manager of Peugeot Fourways)



Fourways High School. This school, which in the early days of its 30 year history was called 'the farm school', has continued to deliver quality education to the children in the Fourways area. In fact, within just a couple of decades, the school reached the status of being voted the Top School of the Region by the Gauteng Education Department in 2007 and 2008. Over and above academic achievements, the school focuses on providing a well-rounded education through cultural activities and sport and the sponsorship of the kit for the hockey coaches was received with much appreciation.

On 29 March, Peugeot Fourways again stepped up to engage with the broader community, sponsoring two Peugeot vehicles to serve as transport for the executives of LM Radio. For nearly forty years, LM Radio broadcast to South African and Rhodesian listeners from Lourenço Marques until it was closed in 1975 by the new government of Mozambique. But the



Gary Bakos and Ashleigh Venter at the handover, outside the Peugeot Fourways dealership.

days of beach parties, LM prawns and hip music were never forgotten and, in 2009, LM Radio reappeared, hitting the airwaves from both Maputo and Johannesburg. The station's official name has changed to Lifetime Music Radio (lifetime memories), their slogan is 'Happy Listening' and, in their new Peugeots, there will be lots of happy driving!

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# CAN WE ONE DAY TALK WITH BIRDS?

BY JAMES CLARKE AND MARY BROADLEY

There are two remarkable instances in nature where humans and wild animals have, without any attempt at training, evolved a two-way communication.

**O**n the southern Brazilian coast at Laguna, for generations, dolphins have driven shoals of mullet towards the shore where fishermen line up, knee-deep, waiting. The fishermen cannot see the fish because the water is muddy but the dolphins can - they “see” by using echo-location (sonar). The dolphins then withdraw and, slapping the water with their tails and flippers, signal for the men to cast their nets. The dolphins then snap up mullets as the fish leap clear of the water to escape.

Even more remarkable is what happens down the eastern part of Africa, from Kenya down to Mozambique, where the Greater Honeyguide, a thrush-sized bird stridently attracts humans - even if it's just a solitary passer-by. It does so by calling “Victor! Victor!” – a call frequently heard across Gauteng. (*Sasol Birds of Southern Africa* describes the call as “a ringing ‘whit-purr’ or ‘Vic-tor’ repeated at intervals... from a regularly used site high in a tree”.)

Having attracted attention, it flies a little distance before checking that it is being followed. Then it switches to a more frantic, churring call as it waits for the honey hunters to catch up. It then guides them to a beehive. The bird has the delightful scientific name of *Indicator indicator*.

A reverse sequence also happens: the bird will respond to a specific call made by human honey-hunters implicitly asking the honeyguide to lead them to honey. When the men reach the hive, which might be deep inside a rocky fissure or tree hollow, they dig it out but make sure to leave enough comb for the birds to eat. Some believe if they fail to leave enough honeycomb then, next time, the bird will lead them to a black mamba.

The calls used by humans differ from district to district, yet the bird recognises them, which suggests that the honeyguide's response is learned, passed



A bird that talks to humans, the Greater Honey Guide.

(Norman Arlot's illustration from *Sasol Birds of Southern Africa* published by Struik.)



down from parents to the next generation, and not instinctive.

South African ornithologist, Claire Spottiswoode, a specialist in bird behaviour at the University of Cambridge and the University of Cape Town, is the lead researcher in a project sponsored by the Max Planck Institute studying the Greater Honeyguide. She has visited sites in various parts of sub-Saharan Africa and documented several communities that encourage honeyguides.

Spottiswoode, in discussing her research in the journal, *Science*, says the honeyguide-human “mutualism” is dying out in Africa because of habitat destruction.

There are research projects across the world hoping to find ways in which we can intelligently communicate with other species. A few are concentrating on certain birds because birds, oddly enough, are the only creatures that can clearly pronounce human words. A number of owners of parrots and budgerigars believe we are but a step away from chatting to them. The voices of some members of the parrot family can be mistaken for a human voice.

But do parrots understand what they are talking about? The general opinion is, they haven't a clue. They learn by heart – sometimes surprisingly quickly – and merely regurgitate on cue.

An excellent mimic is the forest-dwelling Common Grackle or Common Hill Mynah (*Gracula religiosa*) of southern Asia. It belongs to the same family as our ubiquitous urban mynahs.

Wild Indian Mynahs in a Sydney park have picked up words via domesticated mynahs in the suburbs and startle passers-by by calling, “Hello darling!”

Crows are something else. They not only mimic the human voice but have another dimension - an uncanny intelligence – far, far ahead of cats and dogs.

When one considers their bean-sized brains weigh only a few grams, their intelligence is astonishing. And of all the



South Africa's four species of the crow family, illustrated by Kenneth Newman. The White-necked Raven is a close relative of the world's cleverest bird.

(Courtesy Newman's Birds of Southern Africa published by Struik).

corvids (crows, ravens, rooks, jackdaws, magpies and 115 other species) the New Caledonian Crow (*Corvus moneduloides*) of the South Pacific seems the brightest, though some researchers argue that Eurasia's Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), closely related to our White-necked Raven, is brighter.

According to laboratory tests by a team from the Max Planck Institute and Oxford University, the New Caledonian Crow can devise tools comprising three or even four components. That's an ability that is supposed to be unique to humans and is far ahead of the ability of chimpanzees.

In an experiment under laboratory conditions, New Caledonian crows were

confronted with scattered sticks and a few thin tubes while, a little way away, there was food inside a transparent container, its slit entrance too small for the crows. The crows worked out how to fit the sticks into the tubes to create an extendable fishing rod long enough to get at the food. On another occasion a crow found a way, at first by accident, to bend the end of a piece of wire to make a hook for getting at food.

Crows in the wild often use sticks and sometimes choose sticks with hook-like thorns for various purposes.

Apart from the skill needed for making that fishing rod, it also needed planning. The birds acted in a “seemingly purposive manner” said lead ornithologist at the Max Planck Institute, Auguste von Bayern, “because as soon as the tool was complete, the birds went straight to the food. It revealed cognitive thinking far ahead of mammals.”

It was the first time a compound tool construction, using more than two parts, had been observed in an animal other than a human.

Some corvid brains contain about 2 billion neurons – neurons being the basic working units of the brain. That's four times as many as a dog's brain and eight times as many as a cat's. (The average human's brain has 86 billion.)

But can corvids, with their remarkable brains, ever intelligently talk with us? It is almost impossible to imagine. But so is the thought that a bird can invent a tool.

The humble starling – like its cousins, the mynahs – is also known for its intelligence





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Dainfern College recently had the privilege of hosting the Round Square Africa Regional Conference for 12 - 14 year olds.

*The Africa conference delegates*

**D**ainfern College is a member of Round Square, an international network of some 200 schools in 50 countries that offer world-class programmes and experiences to develop global competence, character and confidence in their students.

The theme for this Africa conference was 'Discover'. Head of Round Square at Dainfern College, Mrs Sonia Claassen, explains: "The theme was based on the Round Square 'Discoveries' of self-awareness, diversity, inquisitiveness, teamwork skills, sustainability, problem solving, compassion, communication skills, inventiveness, responsibility, courage and tenacity. The Conference programme was specifically designed for delegates to explore their understanding of themselves in relation to their fellow human beings through

discovery of and reflection on their own actions and reactions."

Over 90 delegates, together with their accompanying staff, attended from schools across South Africa, Namibia and Kenya. Registration and the official opening ceremony took place on 20 March 2019 at Dainfern College, after which delegates departed for the Achterberg Conference Centre for the



*Discovering their balance*

rest of their stay. Attendees were divided into different baraza groups and Dainfern College Grade 11 students, who had trained as baraza leaders over several months, were then allocated to lead and facilitate the groups.

The first day began early with an outdoor yoga class that inspired balance and introspection. The young delegates were then enthralled by stories about personal triumphs and the ability to overcome individual challenges from guest speakers: Joey Evans, who spoke about his journey from paraplegic to Dakar Rally finisher, and Nhlanhla Lux Dlamini, who described his journey to becoming one of Mzansi's youngest pilots and founder of a black-owned aviation service.

Delegates discovered Jozi the following day, with visits to the Hector Pieterse



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Museum and Memorial, the Regina Mundi Church and Mandela’s Soweto home. These visits allowed time for reflection on our country’s history and the sacrifices made to achieve a democratic society in South Africa.



Discovering their origins at Maropeng



Making EcoBricks



Baraza group activities



Discovering Jozi

The final day included a visit to the Sterkfontein Caves and the Maropeng Centre at the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site, where delegates enjoyed the opportunity to discover their origins. They also took part in a service project that enabled them to reflect on the sustainability of our environment by making EcoBricks – bottles stuffed with plastic waste – that were then transformed into benches for outreach partner schools.

Activities organised and facilitated by the Grade 11 baraza group leaders allowed the delegates the opportunity to connect, collaborate and engage with students from other schools. The closing ceremony was a joyous occasion, celebrating the success of the conference and the close comradeship achieved between delegates and baraza leaders.

Senior Preparatory principal, Mr Ray van Gass, paid tribute to the school’s Round Square team for going above and beyond expectation. “The team’s many months of meticulous planning, commitment and professionalism resulted in an outstanding Round Square Conference that occasioned rave reviews from staff and students from all participating schools. We are honoured to have hosted a conference that ignited the spirit of Round Square and ensured visiting schools left inspired about incorporating the Round Square Discoveries into their own curricula. It was certainly another very proud moment in the history of Dainfern College.”



Dainfern College Grade 11 baraza leaders



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# HI, HOW DO YOU DO?

## Top Tips for Introducing New Pets

**O**ne of the questions we're most often asked is how to safely introduce a new cat or dog to the existing fur-family. Although every introduction and settling-in process will be different, depending on the individuals and household, there are some basic principles which can certainly help.

### PLANNING

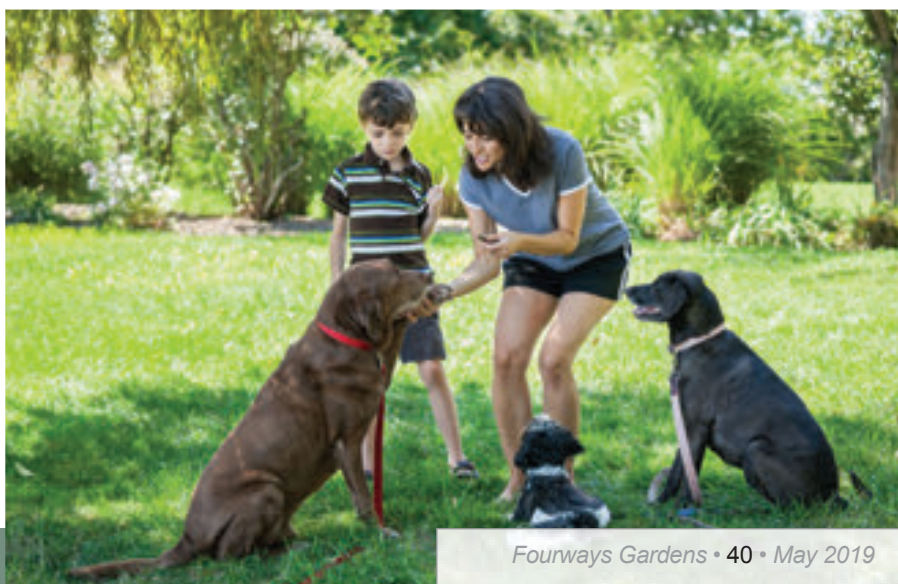
It isn't always possible to plan things down to the letter - pets sometimes have a way of finding us, rather than

the other way around, eg. when the photo of a lonely soul on a rescue site 'speaks' to us and we just know they need to become part of our lives, or when a friend or family member emigrates or passes away and we step in to provide a home for their pets, etc. However, unforeseen circumstances aside, the following points can make things easier:

- If you have a male pet, introduce a female, and vice versa.
- Avoid introducing cats into a dog family unless you are sure the dogs

are cat-friendly. It's always preferable to introduce new dogs to established cat/s, rather than the other way around.

- Think carefully about the nature of the breeds of animals involved. Fighting breeds, like Pitbulls, Bull Terriers and Staffies, may have a problem with other dogs coming into their space and are also likely to be a danger to cats unless they have been brought up with them. Some hunting breeds like Greyhounds, Whippets, Dachshunds, Jack Russells and Fox Terriers, are also generally not an ideal mix with cats, as they are bred to chase and kill animals which look and behave a lot like cats.
- Consider size and age - a boisterous, large breed puppy or a kitten with no 'off switch' might turn into an absolute nightmare for a small or fragile older pet.
- Ensure that all pets are sterilised, or will be as soon as they reach sexual maturity (6 months). Hormones can be a real trigger of disharmony, amongst both intact males and females, and this is effectively dealt with through sterilisation.





## NEUTRAL GROUND

When introducing new dogs, ALWAYS do so in neutral territory like a fenced-off park, someone else's pet-free home or the exercise area at a welfare or dog-training centre. With neither party having a vested interest in 'protecting their domain' from newcomers, you will get a good feel of whether or not the dogs have the potential to bond. Animals are like humans in that they may really like someone else's vibe and want to be friends - or they might feel that the other rubs them up the wrong way entirely. This first meeting will be a great indicator of things to come. If the animals don't get on, it would be best to abandon the idea. Dissension will only escalate once the new animal is brought into the home territory of the existing pet/s, and trying to push the animals on one another will create a stressful and potentially dangerous situation for all of them, as well as for you and your family. (In a follow-up article, we will cover the techniques to ensure success in this all-important first introduction.)

It's not practical to introduce cats in this way, due to flight risks, but see our other points below for tips on introducing them successfully within the home.

## POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Whatever the circumstances, the VITAL piece of the puzzle is ensuring that existing pets don't feel threatened by the arrival of a new animal. In fact, they need to feel the opposite. The newcomer must be a good thing to have around. The easiest way to achieve this is through positive reinforcement via praise and treats. It may be our natural instinct to focus on the new animal, as we feel it



needs extra care and support to settle into its new environment – especially in the case of young animals and rescues (who may have health or behavioural issues). However, if we allow our existing fur-family to see us suddenly focusing on another pet whom they see as a threat to their share of your attention, food and other resources such as treats, sleeping areas and toys, we will only succeed in creating animosity and resentment and set the new animal up to be bullied.

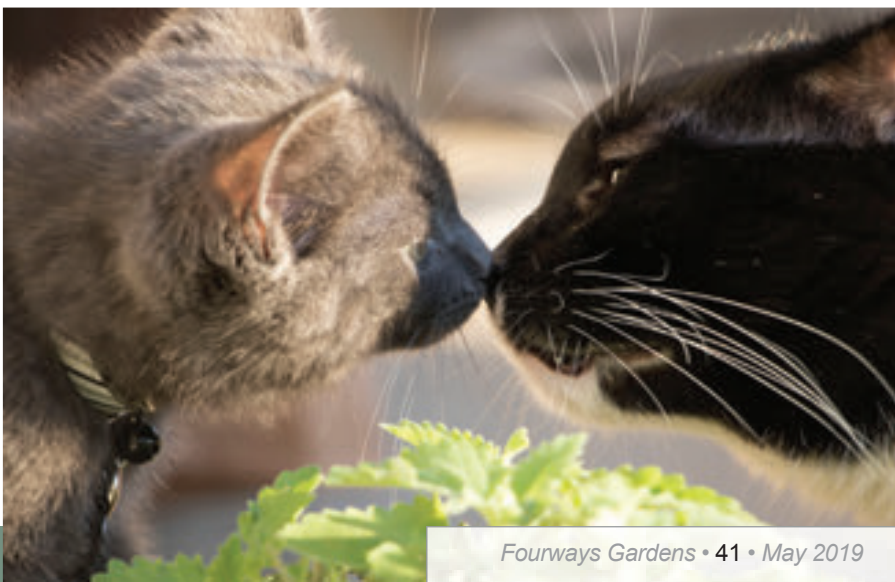
As counter-intuitive as it seems, if we ignore the new pet in the presence of the others, while praising them, giving treats and ensuring that they feel secure in their position in the home and in our affections, we short-circuit all the angst and facilitate a much smoother acceptance of the newbie. Make sure that the new pet does not have free access to the existing pet's favourite resting places, toys and food.

Ensure that the existing pets are greeted and fussed over first and that any special attention given to the new pet, such as cuddling and coo-ing takes place away from the others. Maybe have the kids take the rest of the family out for a walk, or arrange some special play time with the cats in a separate room, while someone feeds the pup/kitten or enjoys bonding time with the new arrival.

## FEEDING

Mealtimes are pivotal points in animals' hierarchical structure and the way that they're managed by us can make or break an introductory process. If special feeding is required for the newcomer, this needs to happen away from the established fur-family. They can't be seen to have a special fuss made of them, as this will most certainly 'ruffle feathers'.

Until you are sure that everyone gets along, feed all the pets together with the newbie separated by a sliding door or baby gate - this allows them to be part of the proceedings, but not seen as a threat. It also prevents any scuffles from breaking out if the new furry ventures near someone else's bowl. Feed in this way until you are 100% sure that the animals have accepted one another. It works very well for cats too - you can even feed them in separate rooms with a closed door between them. Gradually move the bowls on either side closer and closer to the door until they are eating right next to one another, separated only by the door. Then open the door and use







a baby gate instead - or the glass sliding door is also a perfect option.

Always ensure that the top-dog or the most established member receives his or her food first and the new animal, last.

## **SUPERVISION**

No matter how accommodating your existing fur-family may seem towards the newcomer, safety for all must be the top priority. Until you are convinced that all the animals are completely comfortable around one another, do not risk leaving them alone unattended. If you're not familiar with animal body language, resources abound on the internet and these will enable you to quickly judge if any of your animals is feeling uncomfortable, threatened, or overwhelmed. In this case, you need to intervene quickly and appropriately. (Our follow-up article will provide more detail on this).

Once they are all socialising happily while you're away at work, continue to observe the Safety First rule and avoid leaving treats or toys out that may become 'bones of contention' in your absence. Dogs in particular use 'resources' as a means to feel comfortable in their environment and to exert dominance over other members of the group, so always expect food, toys, territory and YOUR ATTENTION

to be potential catalysts for aggression between established fur-family members and new arrivals, and be vigilant for signs of disharmony between individuals.

When introducing cats and dogs for the first time, ensure that the cats are in carriers and the dogs on leads for everyone's safety. Place the cats higher than the dogs so that they don't feel intimidated by their size. Allow them to sniff each other in this controlled environment and get used to one another's presence. Reinforce calm behaviour with treats for both the cats and the dogs.

## **CROSS-SCENTING**

A technique that works nicely with cats is called cross-scenting. Initially you'll be keeping your new kitty in a separate room for safety, so try placing some of the established cats' blankets/beds into the newcomer's room and take any blankets or covers that he or she has been sleeping on back to where the established cats are. This allows them to get used to each other's smells without the shock of a face-to-face meeting. You might find they all start sleeping on each other's blankets and you can then swap them back. This helps reinforce that they are all part of the same family group. You can even transfer scents directly



from one cat to another, by rubbing your hands (ever-so-slightly damp with water) along the body of one cat and then stroking the other. Repeat later the other way around, from Cat 2 to Cat 1. This is pretty much what cats are doing when they nuzzle faces or rub their bodies against other cats or their humans: they're scent-marking each other and us!

### CALMING PRODUCTS

Pheromone-based calming products like the Feliway and Adaptil range (CEVA) can be exceptionally helpful in the process of introducing pets to each other or, indeed, to any new situation. The 'pheromones' are laboratory-formulated substances that mimic the natural pheromones given off by animals to ensure that they feel comfortable in their environment. Pheromones are the scents that are applied when cats rub items with their faces or bodies, scratch mark, or when they spray, and when dogs lift their legs to urine mark their territory.



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Anxious animals that meet each other will be defensive and reactive, which will prevent a positive introduction. Create as calm an environment as possible: calm and observant humans, (no raised voices, fussing over the pets, excited children running about) and ensure that each animal feels as safe as possible.

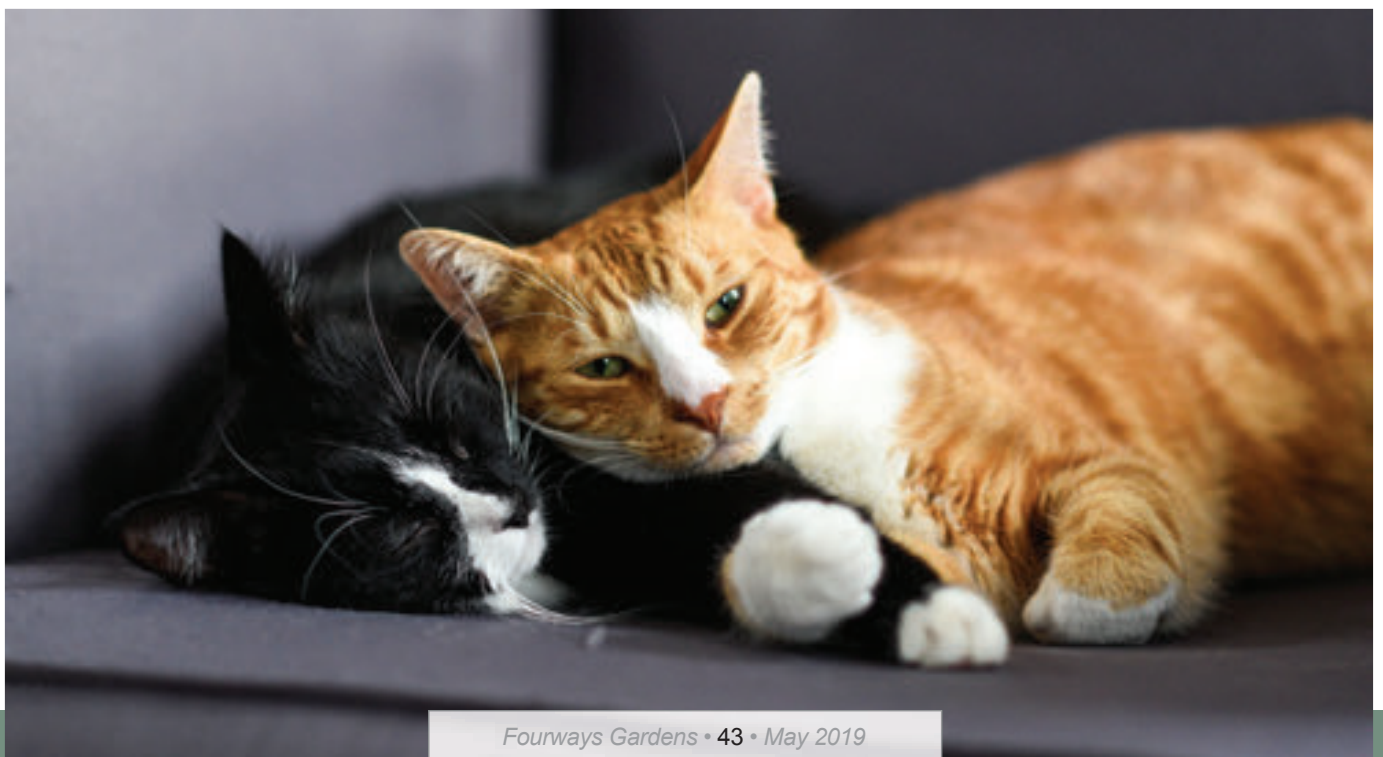
### ASK THE EXPERTS

If you don't feel confident enough to facilitate a positive introduction, or despite all your efforts in applying the above pointers, you're still struggling to get all the members of the fur-family, both 'new' and 'old', to get along and accept one another, do yourself a favour and reach out to an accredited animal behaviourist. These wonderful people



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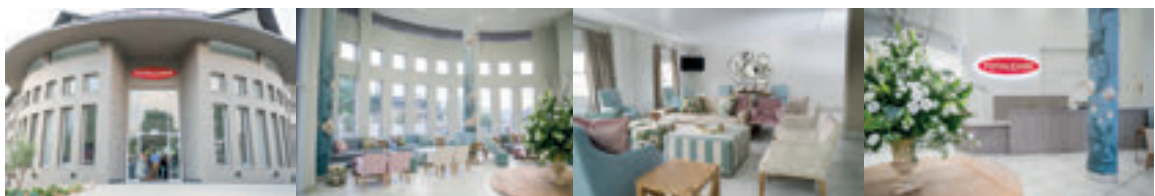
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**A**s a card-carrying member of Densa, the association I founded for those too dumb for Mensa, I admit to being nervous when talking with Mensans.

Mensa is the international association for the highly intelligent.

I was once invited to take the Mensan intelligence test but couldn't find the venue.

When listening to somebody with an IQ of over 135, I feel airsick and have to take something. So when Mensa, Dr Viktor Schmidt, phoned inviting me to lunch I found myself fumbling in the litter-filled pockets of my mind for an intelligent answer - like "NO, I'm in hospital having brain surgery."

Alas, I was too slow. As usual. Next day I sat facing him across a plate of chicken Kiev, rice and peas. I have never been much good at eating rice and peas. Even in the privacy of my own home when I can really concentrate, I find it difficult balancing peas on the back of my fork.

Only in quite recent years have I discovered it is perfectly fine, etiquettely speaking (What? What? There's no such word? Well there is now) to use one's fork like a shovel. Even so, I still find myself balancing peas on the back of my fork because it was drummed into me during my childhood (a few years ago), never to turn my fork over to scoop up food.

During my lunch with Schmidt, who was older than me but looked quite life-like, he dextrously used the back of his fork. I tried to pile nutritious heaps on my own while trying to comprehend his explanation of the use of computers in studying wildlife population dynamics which, he'd heard, I was interested in.

But, long ago, I found that once my head was full of facts there's little room for food. And anyway, multi-tasking, like eating and listening, is for women - they can even wash up and iron at the same time.

President Gerald Ford was said to have been similarly handicapped. It was said he couldn't pass wind and chew gum at the same time. I cannot even listen and chew. When I have to listen really hard my mouth falls open. I had just filled it when Schmidt said he was building a computer model for coping with systems dynamics within managed ecosystems.

Three peas fell from my mouth.

Schmidt explained, "The ecology of a mixed ungulate area is more easily managed if one uses, say, deterministic or stochastic simulations."

Peas cascaded down my shirt front.

I tried nodding but this caused a further cascade. I watched in fascination as a single-minded pea rolled across the tablecloth and into Schmidt's lap. I briefly considered retrieving it by stabbing it with my fork.

My host left it there, with the others.

Peas and rice were soon everywhere.

My host was saying, with a laugh, how some biologists were unable to grasp computer modelling.

"Ha ha ha, imagine!" he said. Then, pointing his fork at me (which I thought was very rude) he said, "Some people think you have to build up a big database before preparing a model!"

"Ha ha ha." That was from me that time. Fortunately it was the right response. Unfortunately I had just taken in another mouthful of peas.

He said, "A fellow professor of statistics actually said that!"

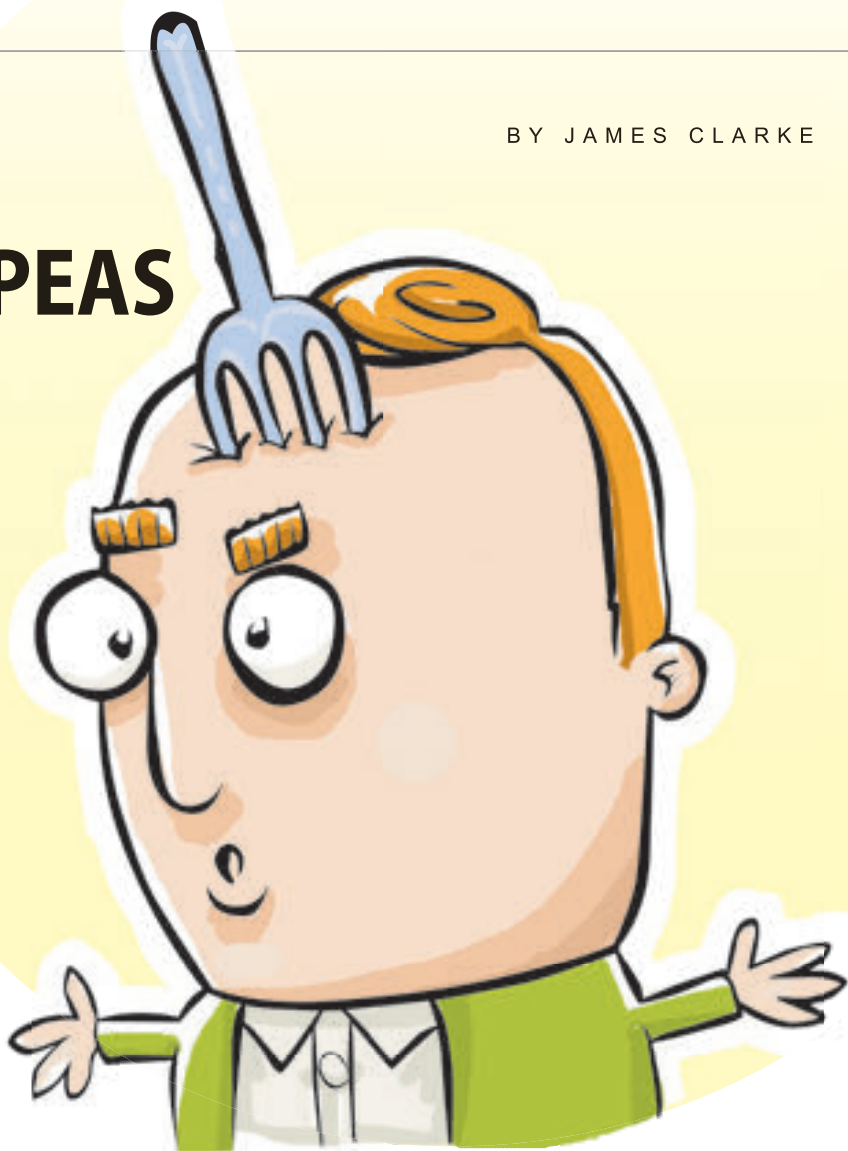
"Ha ha ha." (The first "ha" was his, the last two were mine, accompanied by rice.)

He said, "In fact the database is quite irrelevant until one has a model."

"Ha ha ha!" (That was me. Wrong response.)

At some point, probably as I was chasing after a recalcitrant pea, he slid the bill over to my side.

These Mensa people are smart.





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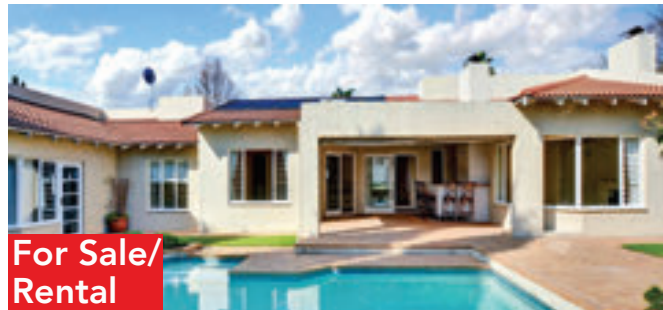
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