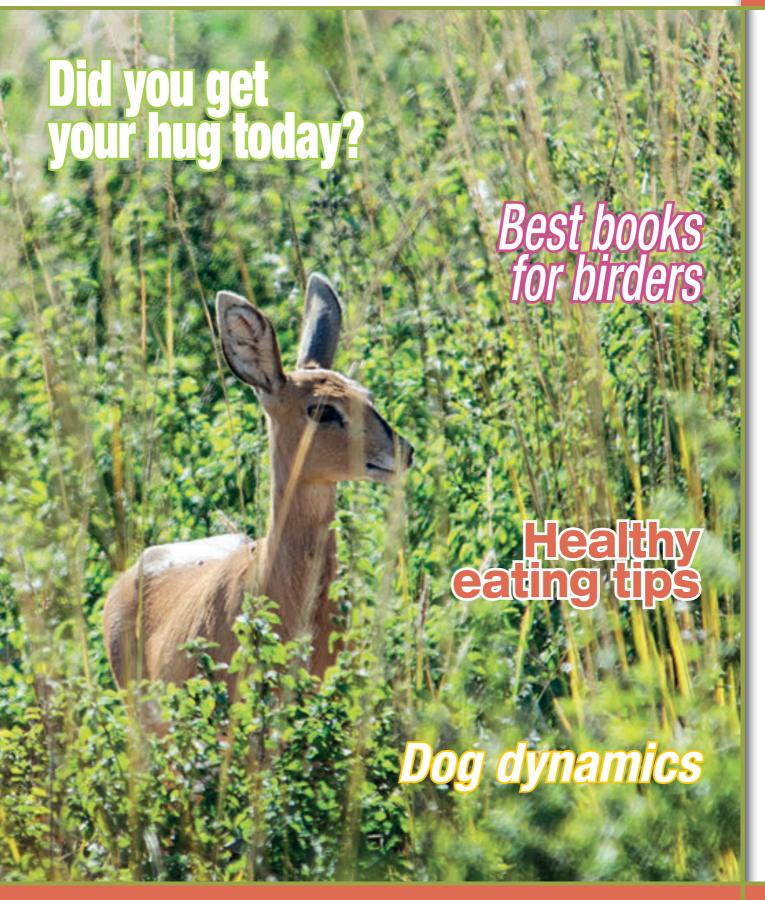
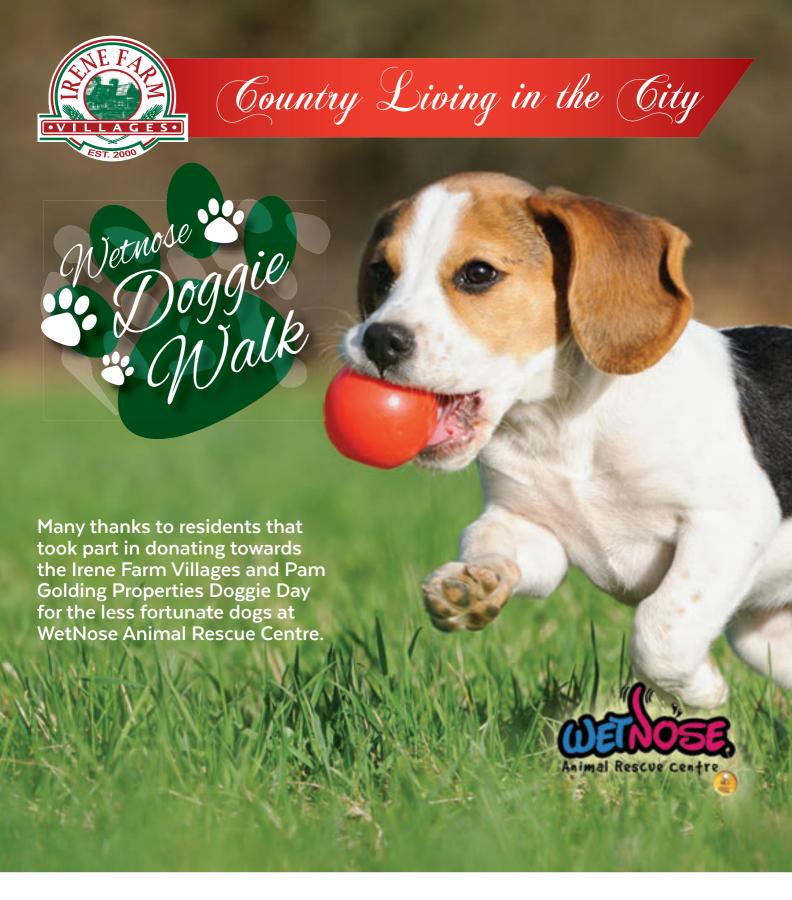


The Villager





Should your dog have outgrown his kennel, or if he needs a bigger garden in which to run around, please feel free to contact me to discuss your property requirements.

I am Irene Farm Villages and Centurion Golf Estate agent

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Estate Manager Message from

the Estate Manager



Dear Residents

I have been away on annual leave and had the privilege to tour a huge part of South Africa. I will share some photos with you on our Facebook. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the Estate office for their assistance and support during my absence. I trust that all the scholars and students had a welldeserved holiday and wish you all of the best for the rest of your studies.



The planting of trees in our Estate plays an important role in the overall environmental development plan of the Estate. The Estate received approximately 60 River bush-willow trees, that were donated to scholars earlier the year. These trees were planted in various parks and open spaces. A special request was received from the Colesky kids to tag their trees, which was carried out. They will now be able to experience the growth of these special trees in the years to come.



Anica Colesky



Dewald Colesky

Our residents are once again reminded that the planting and/or the removal of any trees in parks, open spaces or on the sidewalks throughout the Estate must be approved by the HOA. Residents are responsible for

maintaining the trees on their sidewalk and are encouraged to plant only indigenous trees on their properties.



The painting of the boundary walls that face the parks and open spaces is still in progress and will take a further couple of months to be completed. The affected Residents will be notified once the maintenance team is ready to start with the preparation of specific walls.

The major part of the rock masonry work at the main entrance to the Estate has been completed by Emmanual Maringe and his team, who was contracted by the HOA for this work. The landscaping of the entrance at the main gate, which includes the traffic roundabout, is in progress. A number of Liquidamber and aloe trees were supplied by Irene Land Corporation as part of the agreement with the HOA. These trees will form part of the landscaping. The landscaping will mainly focus on succulent and other drought resistant plants.







The stand numbers painted on the kerb at each property will be repainted during the latter part of this year. Residents will be notified as this work progresses, especially where the stand number is in front of a driveway with specific arrangements to be made.

The HOA's general assistant, Simon, obtained his Code B (8) driver's licence. The HOA took the initiative in 2015 to send Simon on the necessary courses. Simon was very dedicated during this long period of preparing for his driver's licence test, which he passed after the first examination. We would like to congratulate Simon and value his dedication.



We have approached André Hübner, one of our new resident homeowners, who moved into the Estate in 2015, to write an article on dog behaviourism. André has a dog-walking enterprise in the Estate, which was approved by the HOA. André himself is a trained dog walking expert. The article deals with the handling of the situation when someone walking a dog on a leash encounters an "off leash" dog in the street. Unfortunately this is a situation that occurs from time to time in our Estate. We would like to thank André for his time and sharing expertise with us. Hopefully we will see more of his articles in the near future. Our residents are invited to comment on this topic on our Facebook.

DOG DYNAMICS IN AN ESTATE

The question I'm asked most often is: "What must I do when I'm walking my dog on a leash and we encounter an off-leash dog, or dogs?". It's probably the type of encounter that instils the most anxiety and nervousness in any dog owner, especially ladies walking alone with their pet.

It's your worst
nightmare: you're
walking in the Estate with your dog
and an off-leash dog comes towards
you. What do I do next and how do I
avoid confrontation?

An off-leash dog is hardly ever intentional. Mistakes happen and builders, garden services or the kids can leave a gate or door open. A dog can slip its leash and run across to greet yours.

The off-leash dog may not necessarily be the aggressor, since we know that the on-leash dog often feels disadvantaged in that moment. I have a nervous little Scotty that hates being the on-leash dog in this kind of situation, but most of these encounters will end well if handled correctly.

In the unlikely event that a fight breaks out immediately, it's important for you to stay out of it; many owners have sustained severe bites as a result of stepping between the fighting dogs. Having the know-how to prevent this type of encounter is definitely the better option.

When an off-leash dog approaches you and your dog, you are not of much interest to the off-leash dog – it's all about your dog. Keeping your dog calm is the most important objective. Cesar Milan, the Dog Whisperer, advocates dropping your leash, so that your dog meets the



The most important thing to remember is that your energy transfers to your dog

new arrival on equal terms. Tension on the leash could also convey your anxiety to your dog. I've avoided many potential confrontations using this method. If you choose to hold on to the leash, make sure you're not pulling on it, since this will raise your dog's anxiety levels. If your dog is calm, there's a good chance that the off-leash dog will also be calm.

When you see the off-leash dog from a distance, the best thing to do is to change direction and move away from the potential conflict situation. I think it was Mao Tse Tung who said, "He who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day." Although this was applied to guerrilla warfare, conflict avoidance is the best strategy. Distract your dog by talking to it, or handing out a treat as you move away from the other dog in a calm manner. Do not run away from the situation, since this could excite the other dog and cause it to chase you, which invariably ends badly.

If you don't have the time to move away from the off-leash dog, get ready to "Alpha" the other dog. I

Estate Manager

call it that because dogs are pack animals and will mostly respond to the pack leader, or Alpha-dog. If your dog can sit or down stay effectively, step in front of your dog and use a calm, powerful voice to command the approaching dog. I typically use a command such as "Go home!", that he might recognise, but the odd command unsuitable for print also works well. Most of the time the dog does as you ask and moves away. If you're walking with a partner, hand your dog's leash over and approach the off-leash dog alone. Alone in this situation, I tend to keep my dog on leash at my side and slightly behind me. A strong hand signal such as a stop or a pointed finger adds to the pack leader image you wish to project towards the approaching dog.

The most important thing to remember is that your energy transfers to your dog. Whatever energy state you're in will be picked up by your dog. Stay calm and your dog will do the same.

If you tense up on the leash as you see the other dog approaching, your dog is going to perceive this as a threat and react accordingly.

Make sure you're in a calm-assertive state throughout the walk, don't panic when you see the off-leash dog and most importantly – don't pull on your dog's leash.

The best solution of course is for us all to take care that our dogs are always on leash when they are out and about with us in the Estate. I've noticed that the small antelope and wild hares do not even run away when they encounter my dogs and I on our walks, because they expect me as a responsible member of Irene Farm Villages to have my gang on a leash – now that's trust!

André owns Dogwalkerz – walking your dogs while you're climbing the corporate ladder. Contact him on 082 843 7998



Talking of Facebook, our Residents are once again invited to participate on Facebook and to share pictures of your precious moments with us. Currently we have 609 "likes" on our Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/lreneFarmVillages.

The tree planting on 27th April this year went off very well. The tree ID-tags that were sponsored by Residents were delivered and are available at the Estate office for collection. The tags that are not collected by the 31st August, will be tagged to the trees by the Estate Management. Residents are welcome to take part by placing more orders for a sponsored tree ID-tag.

The proposed Vodacom fibre to the home ("FTTH") project is still proceeding. The application for the micro trenching in the roads is currently awaiting approval by the Tshwane City Council. However, at this stage the timeline for this approval is unknown. Residents will be kept informed of the progress of this project.

The construction project at the Irene Village Mall (across from the Estate) is underway as you would have noticed. At this stage the exact nature and extent of this expansion project and details of the new shops, are unknown. Our residents and their visitors are cautioned to be on the lookout for the tipper trucks that are

carrying soil from the construction site across the main entrance to the Estate along a temporary constructed gravel road. The transport of the soil will still continue for a few months.

The date for the 2016 Annual General Meeting ("AGM") has not yet been determined, but this meeting is expected to take place at the end of August. Apart from the standard matters on the agenda, proposals for the capital expenditure for the infrastructure development of the two entrances to the Estate. the operational yard, the lapa or entertainment gazebo and the CCTV project will be tabled. Firstly, the Members will be requested to consider the approval of any one or more of the aforementioned projects and, secondly, the capital expenditure thereof, which will necessitate a special levy.

On the property side, the installation of gas as an energy source in homes is becoming more and more popular. Residents are reminded that according to the National Building Regulations, it has now become compulsory for the home owner to have a certificate of compliance for any gas installation. Residents are also advised to share the certificate with their insurer or broker for insurance purposes.

Copies of the building plans for each property in the Estate, as approved





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by the HOA, are kept at the Estate office. These plans are an important source of information, hence only the owner thereof has access to the plans. The HOA Board approved the scanning of all the existing plans, which will then be e-filed on the file of each member. In future a process will be put in place to scan all the new incoming plans.

The HOA Board is considering a water risk management plan for the Estate. Based on the results of a gravity test, the Board approved the test drilling ("pilot hole") for water in the South West open space of the Estate. If extractable and usable water is found, the following step will be to obtain the necessary water licence from the Department of Water Affairs.

The second section of the walking trail has been marked out and approved by the Environmental Management Committee for development. The trail will cover a distance of 4km. The residents are invited to take part in the weekly family walk, which starts every Saturday morning at 08h00 at the Estate post office. Feedback from the participants received to date confirms



that the walk provides an ideal opportunity to meet fellow residents and to make new friends in our lovely natural environment.

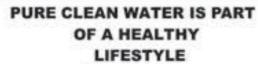
Did you know that during June 2016 the biometric (fingerprint) access system was used 147,488 times to enter or to exit the Estate, either by vehicle or through the turnstiles? As can be expected, 54% of entrants used the main gate compared to 46%

who used the northern gate. Each time that the system is used to gain access, the hardware and software need to function. It is this system that needs regular maintenance, hence the scheduled weekly and monthly maintenance programmes that are carried out by Bidvest Protea Coin.

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I want to thank all the residents who have taken the time to report suspicious behaviour of youngsters loitering around the Estate after hours. Residents are reminded to please be aware of the whereabouts of their kids.

With the help of some Residents who recently reported incidents of violation of traffic regulations in the Estate, the Estate Management was able to identify and deal with the guilty parties.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Resident who has voluntarily assisted with donations towards Zanele Dhlamini, who lost all her belongings when her flat burned down. Zanele has prepared a letter thanking everyone for their contributions.

Kind Regards

Marchell Galant

Contract Manager EPS Irene Farm Villages

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Residents can contact me directly should they be interested in having an alarm system linked to our Protea Coin 24hrs Call Centre in Highveld Techno Park.

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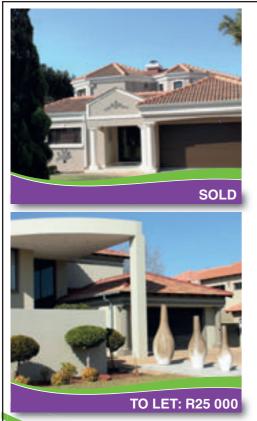
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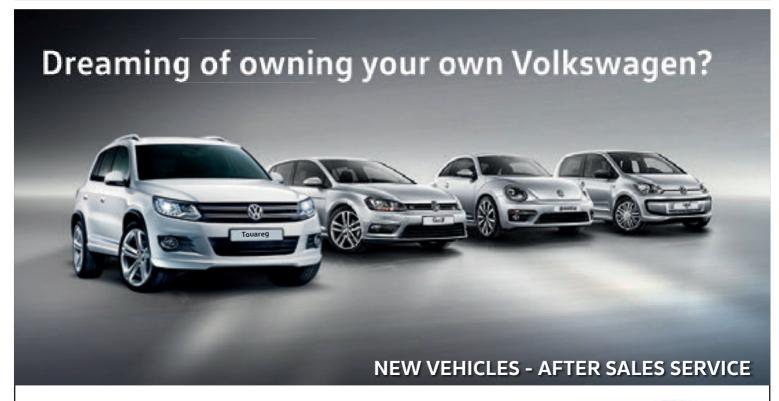








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IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION **Summary Income Statement** June 2016

June 2016 Year to Date YTD Variance

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Value	%
Operational Income						
Levy Income						
Normal Levies	912 464	910 648	3 644 407	3 642 592	1 815	0.0%
Other Income						
Interest Received	41 819	10 000	152 288	40 000	112 288	280.7%
Contractors Permits	9 210	10 000	72 465	40 000	32 465	81.2%
Estate Agent Registration	0	0	140 790	129 960	10 830	8.3%
Post Box Annual Fee	3 750	2 500	8 090	10 000	(1 910)	-19.1%
	967 243	933 148	4 018 041	3 862 552	155 489	4.0%
Operational Expenditure						
Professional /Administration	46 312	114 155	196 498	279 110	82 612	29.6%
Accounting Fees	33 000	33 000	132 000	132 000	0	0.0%
Audit Fees	0	60 000	1 166	62 500	61 334	98.1%
Bank Charges	3 335	2 500	11 904	10 000	(1 904)	-19.0%
Insurance	9 978	8 655	37 196	34 610	(2 586)	-7.5%
Legal & Professional Fees	0	10 000	14 233	40 000	25 767	64.4%
General Office	6 981	10 700	46 465	53 600	7 135	13.3%
Office Equipment	640	1 200	3 360	4 600	1 240	26.9%
General Expenses	937	1 500	8 213	16 000	7 787	48.7%
Office Refreshment	0	1 000	945	4 000	3 055	76.4%
Printing & Stationary	1 091	3 000	14 999	13 000	(1 999)	-15.4%
Telecommunication	4 312	4 000	18 948	16 000	(2 948)	-18.4%
Operational Expenses	126 977	163 413	533 116	654 650	121 534	18.6%
Municipal Charges	17 103	50 000	98 572	200 000	101 428	50.7%
Recycling	8 247	8 663	32 989	34 650	1 661	4.8%
Donations	0	5 000	0	20 000	20 000	100.0%
Meetings	0	750	1 470	4 000	2 530	63.3%
Salaries & Wages	101 627	99 000	400 085	396 000	(4 085)	-1.0%
Security	516 127	506 682	2 031 388	2 026 728	(4 660)	-0.2%
Access Control (ClickOn)	20 084	22 000	79 185	88 000	8 815	10.0%
- ClickOn Recovery	(9 737)	(12 000)	(35 770)	(48 000)	(12 230)	25.5%
Equipment Maintenance SLA	21 641	19 500	86 563	78 000	(8 563)	-11.0%
Security Maintenance	13 957	7 000	20 683	28 000	7 317	26.1%
Guarding Services	470 182	470 182	1 880 728	1 880 728	(0)	0.0%
Repairs & Maintenance	126 452	142 162	588 605	569 348	(19 257)	-3.4%
Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%
Fuel	3 041	3 000	13 908	12 000	(1 908)	-15.9%

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IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



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IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION Summary Income Statement June 2016

131 3500	June 2016		Year to	Year to Date		YTD Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Value	%	
General Maintenance	114	9 650	21 548	38 600	17 052	44.2%	
Infrastructure Maintenance	2 392	3 000	14 589	12 000	(2 589)	-21.6%	
Park Facing Boundary Walls	3 985	12 500	75 014	50 000	(25 014)	-50.0%	
Park Maintenance	2 396	4 500	16 197	18 000	1 803	10.0%	
Park Maintenance Contract	114 492	108 012	438 527	432 048	(6 479)	-1.5%	
Vehicles	32	1 500	8 823	6 700	(2 123)	-31.7%	
	822 849	937 112	3 396 072	3 583 436	187 364	5.2%	
Operating Profit / (Loss)	144 393	(3 964)	621 969	279 116	342 853		
Non-Recurring Revenue							
Special Levies	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%	
Estate Penalties	1 000	0	19 150	0	19 150	100.0%	
Late Building Penalties	7 500	0	45 500	0	45 500	100.0%	
Late Payment Penalties	3 900	0	16 300	0	16 300	100.0%	
Expense Recovery	350	0	350	0	350	100.0%	
Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%	
Plan Fees	750	0	23 792	0	23 792	100.0%	
Sale to Members	240	0	1 760	0	1 760	100.0%	
Non-Recurring Expenses							
Debt Write-off	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%	
Water Risk Management	2 000	0	23 360	100 000	76 640	76.6%	
Traffic Management	0	0	73 918	75 809	1 891	2.5%	
Social Development Projects	0	0	42 966	45 000	2 034	4.5%	
Water Tanker Roadworthy	0	0	0	50 000	50 000	100.0%	
Park Development	28 005	0	35 899	60 000	24 101	40.2%	
Historic Tshwane Accounts	1 375	0	1 375	408 000	406 625	99.7%	
Environmental Development	0	0	60 571	153 500	92 929	60.5%	
Cash Provision	0	15 000	22 732	60 000	37 268	62.1%	
Stand Sales	0	0	34 986	0	(34 986)	100.0%	
Net Positive/ (Negative)	(17 640)	(15 000)	(188 955)	(952 309)	763 354		
Net Profit / (Loss)	126 753	(18 964)	433 013	(673 193)	1 106 206		

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Did you get your hug today?

Admittedly, I'm a hugger and love to give and receive hugs because the tactile effects are deeply soothing, nourishing and beneficial. Hugging conveys a comforting, connected vibe, and is a warmer communication gesture than an austere handshake. When I feel there's an innate connection, I hug anyone including strangers, old people, children, animals, and yes, even trees! After all a hug is a hug, right?

Nope, not always! Some hugs can induce stress, so definitely avoid these situations. Let's start off with that hoity-toity 'barely-touch-you-kind-of-hug', which is false and superficial. Or that forced hug from someone with lecherous and toxic energy. What about the burly bear-hug that squeezes the living

daylights out of you, practically cracking ribs. And, that completely overzealous hug that knocks you off balance. Then there's the embarrassingly inappropriate and abusive hug, usually from someone at an office function who is tipsy, bombastic, of the opposite sex, and senior management. Perhaps interpreted as sexual harassment? Equally inappropriate and abusive is hugging someone of a culture or religion where physical contact, especially from the opposite sex, is prohibited. This can have traumatic consequences. Although some people's intentions may be good, they're often disrespectful and unaware of the delicate needs of others. It is said: 'Even the path to hell is laid with the best intentions.' Mindfulness is paramount.

Caution should always be exercised when choosing to hug people, even your own family and especially

Stress Gone!

children. Ask permission to hug. Although hugging is natural and normal it should always be done with careful consideration so personal space isn't compromised. But, when both giver and receiver agree to hug, the effects are pleasant and mutually beneficial.

On a subtle non-verbal communication level, a hug immediately cuts right through all ghastly manmade, divisive and inequality constructs such as status, religion, cultural or gender based issues. A hug can immediately make people feel loved, accepted, safe and appreciated – would you agree this can have enormous therapeutic value?

Gregarious by nature, human beings are hardwired to bond and connect. Hugging, touching, caressing, kissing or holding hands are all natural, normal behavioural traits of showing affection. This is important for our mental and emotional health and well being, but why? At our core, humans have an innate desire to feel loved, accepted and safe – the basis of Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Hugging therapy is a powerful way of healing. Research shows hugging, like laughter, is an extremely effective way of healing illness, disease, loneliness, anxiety, depression and also stress. Hugging, like laughter, triggers the release of the 'bliss hormone' oxytocin, which has beneficial uplifting attributes. Furthermore, research confirms when people hug correctly, and their hearts press together, their individual heart beats will synchronise. A deeper connection is made when both individuals breathe in and out a few times while maintaining the hugging pose. To achieve, this hug is on the left hand side where the heart is situated. This may feel a little awkward at first since most people automatically hug to the right, and not the left hand side.

The greatest benefit of hugs is



the nurturing effects of the subtle energetic transfer between two people. This is also synergistic, meaning the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Hugs are simply the best relationship investment resulting in a win-win. Ask any child how many hugs they like receiving. Their honest reply is likely to far exceed 8–12 hugs per day. Children innately understand the unique benefits of frequent hugs.

Here are some therapeutic benefits. Hugs can ...

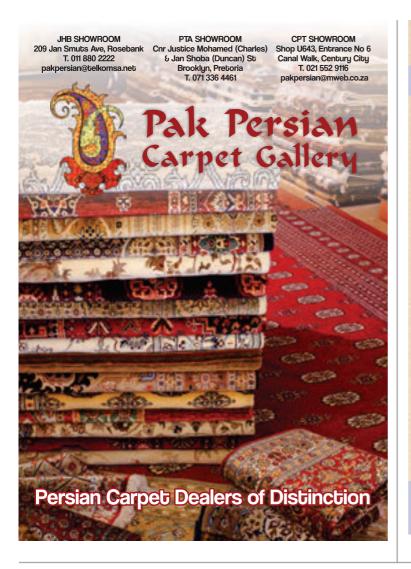
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Books for birders – which are the best?



South Africa might well be the most endowed country in the world when it comes to having the widest choice of natural history guide books for the non-scientist. There are bird books, mammal books and tree books. One can add many volumes of others on flowering plants, on reptiles, amphibians, fish, butterflies, beetles, dragonflies...

set out to review the best and pick out the ones I find I use most but the scope is so vast I had to confine myself to bird books and, maybe, come back at a later stage to the others.

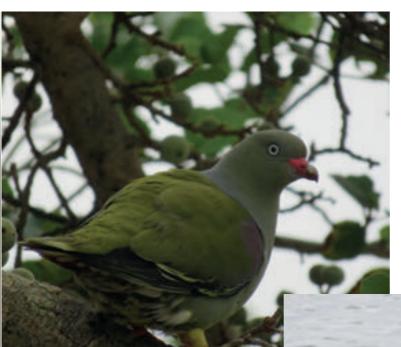
I don't know if you are like me in that, as a birder, I find it difficult to know which bird books to take with me on holiday. There's a choice of four comprehensive books and if I'm going by car I take all four. If I am flying I confine myself to one.

The first bird field book I bought on arriving in South Africa in 1955 was Len Gill's little blue book, *The First Guide to South African Birds*. Looking at it today it is rudimentary yet it got me going.

I did not know of Austin Roberts' *The Birds of South Africa*, which had been published in 1940. It was revised 17 years later. Even that edition appears quaint today and was difficult to navigate because Norman Lighton's brilliant paintings were, compared with today's editions, not well reproduced and not synchronised with the text.

In the 1970s Alan Bird, a medical doctor, tracked down all but four of the original plates of "Roberts" (as birders nowadays call the book) and decided to reproduce them in their original size in a book the size of a tea tray. He approached the artist and found Lighton had not received a cent for his famous paintings. Roberts, by then, had sold 100 000 copies – at the time





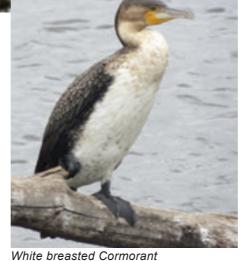
African Green Pigeon



Ground Hornbill

it was the second biggest selling book in South Africa after the Bible. Lighton's paintings were being freely reproduced in all manner of publications yet to supplement his meagre pension Lighton was engraving medical bracelets.

Bird told Lighton of his plan and invited him to paint a frontispiece. Lighton painted a magnificent goshawk – his last painting. Directly afterwards he suffered a stroke and lost the use of his arm. The Paintings of Norman Lighton was published in 1976; the reproductions were spectacular and one realised only then, how, Roberts, because of its size, could not do justice to the paintings. Bird donated all proceeds from The Paintings to Lighton.



Squacco Heron

Roberts is nowadays titled Roberts Bird Guide. Its arrangement of the genera has been altered to be scientifically correct – unlike its rivals who've stuck to the traditional arrangement. By doing so Roberts has not helped the bulk of non-scientific birders who have grown used to the old arrangement. Nevertheless it's a light and handy guide book with a neat check list.

In 1967 Kenneth Newman came into the picture with *Garden Birds of South Africa* which was such a hit he quickly produced *Roadside Birds of South Africa*. Newman then realised there was a great national interest in birding and while *Roberts* was fine for reference there was a need for something easier to carry and with more vivid illustrations.



Goliath Heron

Being a non-scientist he knew what amateurs wanted and so became the most popular man in ornithology. He would have been knighted had he done something similar in Britain which he had left soon after leaving the RAF.

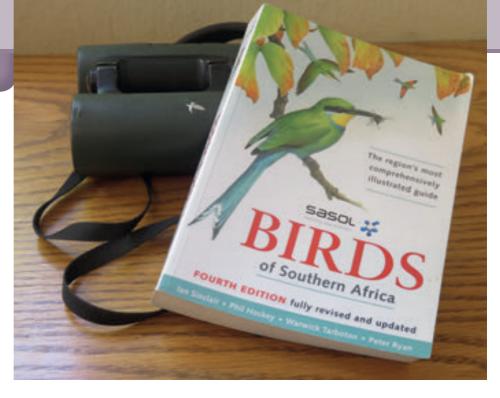
His Newman's Birds of Southern Africa, when it came out in 1983, established his name and the book rivalled Roberts as a field book. Newman's books have sold over 1milliion.

In 2010, his daughter, Vanessa, in London, who shared his love of birds and his talent for painting, brought out a brilliant commemorative edition of *Newman's* with updated information and some additional paintings of her own. Newman died in 2006 aged 86.

Birding

The third great field guide is Sasol's Birds of Southern Africa - popularly called "Sasol's". The illustrations and the succinctness of the text are, of course, paramount to a guide and Sasol, an industry that has hugely sponsored South African birding, corralled four of the region's most outstanding professional ornithologists: Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, Warwick Tarboton and Peter Ryan as well as top artists in South Africa and the UK. Many birders maintain it has to best illustrations. Sasol, by the way, subsidised Newman's field guide until it was established.

Curiously, Sasol's latest edition has omitted a check list at the back. I don't mind admitting I am a "ticker" – I like to tick which of Southern Africa's nearly 1000 birds I have seen and, next to the illustration, write where and when I first saw it. But still, given the space, I never go away without Sasol.



If I go away in my car I take four field guides, the fourth being Sinclair's *Field Guide to the Birds of Southern Africa* which has nearly 1000 very useful photographs. It is a great backup.

If I am travelling by air and I have a problem with baggage weight,

it's a toss-up between *Roberts* and *Sasol's*. *Roberts* is the smallest and lightest – but how often I curse the irritating rearrangement of the genera. But the latest edition of *Sasol's* is unquestionably the most user-friendly and instructive for somebody new to birding.



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Here are a few points to help you be healthy from the inside out.



1. No sugar

We have heard this one so many times and it still stands at the top of the list. Sugar and sugar-containing foods and drinks cause inflammation in your system, they cause a surge of insulin to be released (insulin helps normalize blood sugar but also helps to store fat) and damages tissue lining. So the bottom line is that the less sugar you have the less insulin you secrete (less fat storage takes place) and you have less inflammation in your system.

2. Water

Water is essential for a healthy body. Being well hydrated helps you function optimally. It helps prevent constipation and assists with regular bowel movements. An easy way to consume water is by keeping a 500ml water bottle with you and drinking it during the day. Keep topping it up so that you drink adequate water for the day.



3. Omega 3

This is an essential fatty acid. This means that we need to get it in from food we eat; our body does not synthesize it on its own. Sources of omega 3 are fatty fish – tuna, sardine, salmon and mackerel. Omega 3 fatty acids have great anti-inflammatory properties and help keep cardiovascular health good. Most people do not consume fatty fish 2-3 times a week and thus need to supplement with omega 3. Make sure that your omega 3 is heavy metal free.



Diet and exercise work together. Make sure that you are active 3 to 4 times a week. Exercise helps keeping your weight in check, it helps maintain muscle mass and it helps burn up extra kilojoules you may have taken in. It also helps to relieve stress. Choose a variety of exercises — cardio, strength training, flexibility and core exercises.







5. Sleep

We need adequate sleep for our bodies to regenerate and revitalize. We need six to seven hours of sleep to function optimally. Lack of sleep affects concentration and mood.



6. Regular bowel

A huge part of your immunity is in your gut, so having a healthily functioning gut is very important. You need enough fibre in your diet – both soluble and insoluble – to have a regular bowel movement. Adequate water intake and activity also helps keep a good gut health. Healthy gut bacteria can be added by having yoghurt regularly. Constant use of laxatives is not recommended as it makes your gut lazy.

7. Fresh foods

Choose fresh produce as far as possible. Canned, packaged and instant foods are loaded with sodium, preservatives and artificial ingredients. Eating fresh foods provides a variety of nutrients and fibre in your diet.

8. Fruits & veggies

Include a variety of fruit and vegetables in your daily diet. The various colour spectrums of fruits and veggies provide you with vitamin and minerals you need to stay healthy. Antioxidants in fruits and

veggies are also great for antiageing properties, boosting immunity and preventing many diseases. It is always better to have a fresh fruit than juice as you will get in more fibre from consuming a fresh fruit.

9. Supplement

Due to busy lifestyles most of us need the help of supplements to keep our nutrient levels topped up. A multivitamin and omega 3 are good bases to start with. Depending on your individual needs, other supplements can be added. Easy Health Wellness



10. Mind set

Keep a positive mind set about your health. Take time to take care of your body – it is after all the only one you have! Embrace a healthy lifestyle instead of always being desperate for results. This causes you to look for quick fixes – and quick fixes don't last. At Easy Health Wellness we help clients make lifestyle changes to improve health, lose weight and sustain weight loss. We have a great range of supplements and health products that make your healthy lifestyle easy and enjoyable!



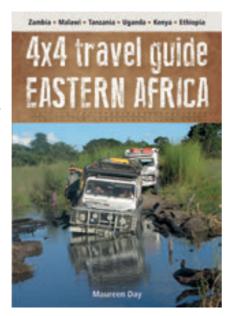
Book Reviews

4X4 Travel Guide: Eastern Africa

By Maureen Day

Zambia – Malawi – Tanzania – Uganda – Kenya – Ethiopia An invaluable guide for 4x4 explorers to these less-travelled but hugely rewarding parts of our continent.

This comprehensive planning guide to 4x4 travel through



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Originally self-published under the title Beware of Falling Mangoes, this handy travel companion has easy, bulleted text and contains numerous photographs.

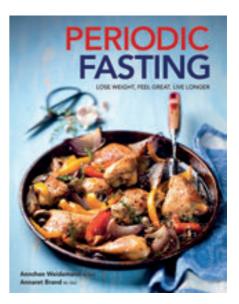
Maureen Day (nee McLelland) was born in Luanshya, Zambia and was educated in Rhodesia and South Africa. She qualified as a midwife and psychiatric nurse in 1984 and met and married her husband Brian in 1989. Their love of the outdoors has led to many 4x4 excursions to neighbouring countries and, ultimately, to the adventure of a lifetime – the subject of this book.

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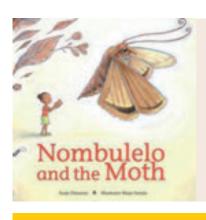
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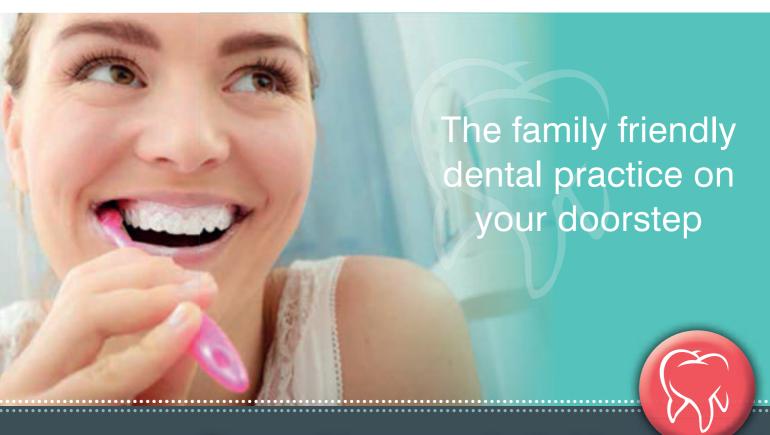
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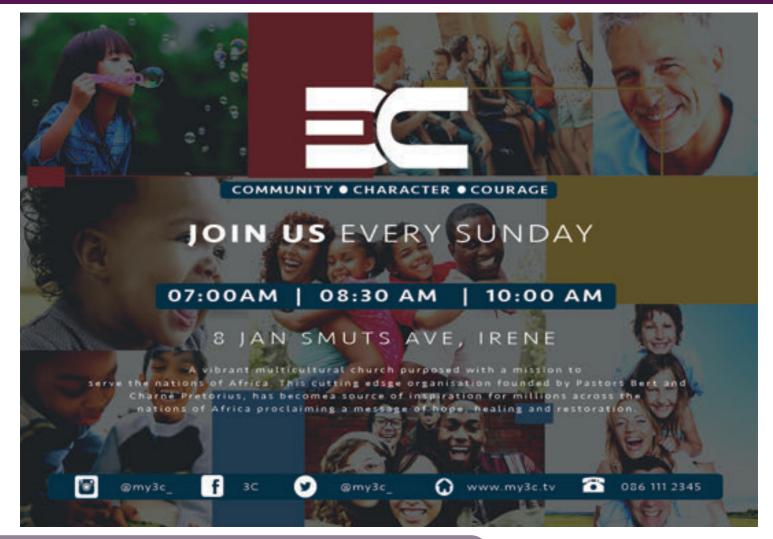
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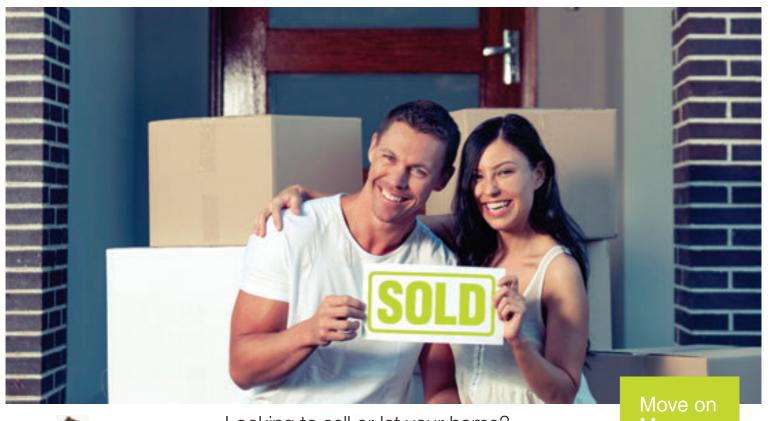
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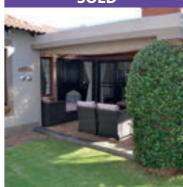


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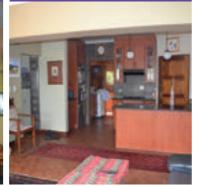


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