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Hello aan almal

Na goeie reën lyk die Landgoed alreeds pragtig vir dié tyd van die jaar. Daar is steeds areas in die land waar dit baie droog is en ons glo daar sal behoorlike verligting kom. Die Landgoed se probleme met water is vir eers onder beheer maar ek glo die inwoners het 'n absolute verandering van leefstyl gehad.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This is actually a wake-up call to all of us. We should start saving water before we are forced to do so. With services being under pressure we must all make changes to help with the bigger picture. Electricity is another issue we are dealing with and we can only hope that the situation is sorted soon. But we are a strong community and we take most of these issues in stride. Our generators will also cost more to run with fuel prices going up as they do. There is a partial solution and we rely on Government to offer these basic requirements.

Die Springbokke het die land trots gehad vir 'n week of wat na hulle die All Blacks gaan klop het in hulle eie agterplaas en ons sien uit na die jaar eind toer in Europa. Loftus was amper goed vir hulle maar die land kan moontlik weer trots verjaar.

Best of luck to all for the last few months of 2018. The year really went by quickly and to all the scholars and students we wish you well during the exams. Remember: "Wie nie leer nie kom nie deur nie."

Dankie aan John en sy span vir die harde werk en die vordering met die onderskeie projekte. Ons glo julle sal die jaar goed afsluit en alles voltooi. In besonder dankie aan Marlène met die erosie projek. Daar gaan baie ure in en ons waardeer jou tyd en moeite daarmee.

Glo dit sal elke jaar beter gaan met die onderhoud van die strome aangesien die groot werk nou gedoen word.

Thanks to the rest of the Board and Estate Personnel for keeping the Estate world class. It remains a pleasure to live in Boardwalk Meander Estate.

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FROM THE ESTATE MANAGER

On a more positive note, the following projects are completed and more progress is taking place:

SECURITY



Bigger screen in the Guard House.

Dear Residents

I would like to thank all the Home Owners and Residents who are on board with the upkeep of their properties and abiding by the Estate Rules and Regulations. We are still encountering a few people that are not abiding to the following Rules:

- Speeding
- Not picking up after their pets when walking
- Vandalism – breaking the walkway lights
- Egg throwing at houses (stains the walls and costly for the Owner)
- Venues not clean after usage
- Pool at Vineyard Village – pipes of the Kreepy are removed and thrown all over.

Please know that anybody who is caught being guilty of breaking any of these rules will be fined heavily and legal action will be taken. I know this sounds harsh but we need to work together and have pride in the Estate.

"Harmony makes small things grow, lack of it makes great things decay."
- Sallust

- New fingerprint readers have been installed.
- Monitoring screens in the Guard House was replaced with bigger screens.
- Additional cameras were installed at the entrance, venues and other strategic spots.
- More security points (for the Guard doing rounds) were installed within the Estate.
- As mentioned before, the turnstile was moved and a new entrance was done for the Contractors and Domestic.
- New entrance with separate reader for Residents walking were also created at the gate with easy access for bicycles and pets.
- Curtains on all booms – prohibiting anyone from going underneath.
- Total new software and DVRs for better report and efficiency. Intercom for visitors at the entrance after 22h00. Security can now only open the main gate after confirmation of the Resident (more secure).



New fingerprint readers and cameras.

Once the security upgrade has been duly completed we will have a much better system.

TURNSTILES



The turnstile was moved and a new entrance was done for the Contractors and Domestics.



New entrance with separate reader for Residents walking.

GABIONS

There still seems to be questions on the massive project on the construction on all our storm water inlets and where there is erosion due to the heavy rains we encountered last year. To clarify, we are not disturbing the natural environment or building alternative water flows.

The work being carried out is namely the following:

- Repairing the sections that were damaged by the flash floods we had (soil erosion).
- Installing gabions to prevent those sections that were badly damaged from being affected again and stopping any further damage.

Please note the above repairs and installations will not prohibit damage to the Estate if there is a flash flood. Feel free to contact the Office if you have any further questions in this regard.



Gabions prevent further damage to areas previously damaged by floods.

GARDENS



We still have some planting to complete and irrigation to install – this project is 90% completed. The normal garden schedule has also now commenced. A special thanks to Marlene Huyser, our Garden Director, who has put in a lot of private time and effort to get the Estate gardens to look great. A special thanks also to Rooi Bul Gardeners (Don and his team) for their hard work and commitment in the garden project. We had to take them off their normal schedule for this project.

Thanks to all – the gardens are really looking great.

The Office will keep you updated on any further developments in the Estate. Please let us know if you need any assistance or have questions – we will try our best to assist.

Until next time – keep safe and smile!

John Moore

Estate Manager



Gabion construction continues.



*"A man who wants to make a relationship work will move mountains to keep the woman he loves."
- Greg Behrendt.*

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Owners Jenny and Norman Royds recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

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John handing over a congratulations gift.



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GARDEN PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Dear Residents,

“Spring drew on... and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that hope traversed them at night and left each morning brighter traces of her steps.” –Charlotte Brontë.

As you would have noticed, spring has come and our lovely Village is getting greener and more beautiful every day.

We have a lot to be thankful for living in one of the most beautiful parts of South Africa.

The Garden Committee has “sprung” to life as well and many of you will have noticed the benefits of their work over the past couple of weeks.

The Vygies planted around the trees are starting to flower adding a welcoming splash of colour to the Village.

Once again our thanks to our loyal gardeners who attend to gardens and keep the Village in tip top condition under the watchful eye of Tannie Estelle.

Our thanks also go to the residents that take an active interest in the Village and in particular the Garden project, whose suggestions and donations of plants are gratefully received and the plants put to good use. Our gratitude goes to Koos and Anne van Wyk who are regular donors of plants and shrubs. This project would not be as successful without everyone’s support.



Flowering Vygies.

As previously communicated in the newsletters, the main focus of the Project this year is on Entrance 1 of the Village. Progress has been made in planning and levelling off the ground, creating a beautiful park like atmosphere.



A half circle has been built for a table and two benches that have been planned for this area. Included in the plan is also a water feature so keep a close eye on future developments!

Lights have been installed at the base of the trees to illuminate the area making the perfect atmosphere for a cosy evening stroll and maybe an evening picnic. A bird bath and bird feeder will follow in the near future.

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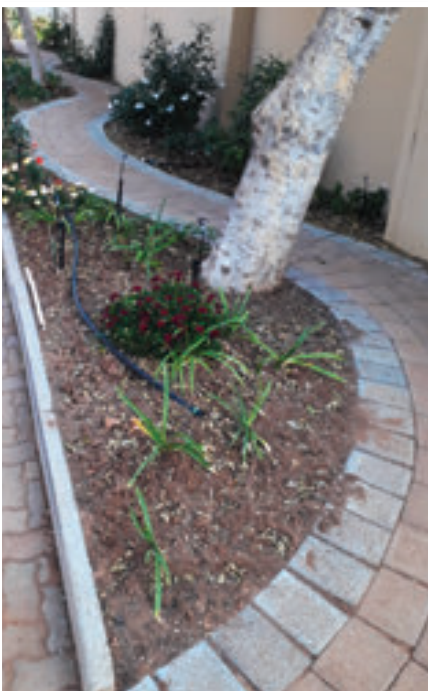
The Estate has refurbished the circle of the main entrance and we are very grateful for their contribution.



New Pathways are being laid leading to the front doors.



Various other gardens have been replanted all in line with the Fynbos and Aloe theme of the Masterplan.



ESTATE NEWS

Revamped gardens are starting to flower.



New garden and tree planted in one of the revamped gardens.



Revamped garden near Unit 93 is still a work in progress.



Work in progress throughout the Village.



GARDENING DO'S AND DON'TS



There can be no better satisfaction for a child than planting a seed, nurturing it through its early stages and ultimately to pick the fruit, flower or vegetable that they have watched grow.

Getting your children involved in the garden will not only bring enormous satisfaction to them – you will be surprised how good it makes you feel too! Spending time outdoors as a family, creating a garden that you can all enjoy will not only provide you with fresh food and flowers but will also encourage your children to spend time outdoors instead of in front of the TV. There are just a few do's and don'ts that you will need to keep in mind to keep gardening fun for the whole family.

Do explain to your kids what you are doing when you are working in the garden to give them a greater understanding of what you should do and why. A good example is to include your children when weeding – showing them which plants are bad and explaining that weeds take nutrients and moisture from the soil that would otherwise help your garden plants to grow.

Don't get your children to help with pruning and cutting the lawn without

adult supervision. Sharp secateurs and shears in small hands could end badly if they are not taught how to use these tools correctly. Encourage them to watch you prune, and give them a turn.

Do explain to your children about watering and how it helps the plants to grow. Explain that various plants need different amounts of water. Explain to them that over-watering a plant can make the plant drown. Encouraging them to help you with watering will show them how much water each plant needs.

Don't let your children collect bugs and insects that they don't know. You can

show your kids the multitude of birds, butterflies and insects that come and use your garden, just make sure that you explain to them that some of the animals and insects might not be so friendly. Explain that they should avoid collecting beetles and bugs unless they have an adult helping them – a dead bee can still sting you!

Do remember to always wear sunscreen.

Most importantly, remember that gardening is a fun family activity. After all, we know that children are curious, love to learn by doing and most of all, LOVE to play in the dirt!

*The Vineyard Village
Garden Committee*



WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

*We enjoyed another lovely Women's Day event.
The weather played along to make this a nice, balmy summer's day.*



Clamber Club entertained the children to their delight.



As always the jumping castle is keeping our children busy.



Our entertainer for the day was Nadine – her performance was enjoyed and loved by all who attended.



Nyama Caterers provided the eats – lovely as always – thank you guys!



One of our children handing Nadine some roses to thank her for her visit to our Estate.



Deon thanked everybody for attending the function and also thanked the people who help make a success of every function.



Our Director of Community Development, Jan-Louis Fischer thanked everybody for their participation in our events. Jan-Louis thanked residents for their support, without which successful events would not be possible.



Our Residents enjoyed the day thoroughly.

COMMUNITY





Thank you to the Estate Agents that always take part in making our functions a success.

We are excited for the last function of the year. Please mark your calenders for our next function taking place on 24 November 2018. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



FROM THE OFFICE

Good day to all our Residents,

I am sure that everybody is very grateful for the lovely rain we had – everything is washed clean and look so fresh.

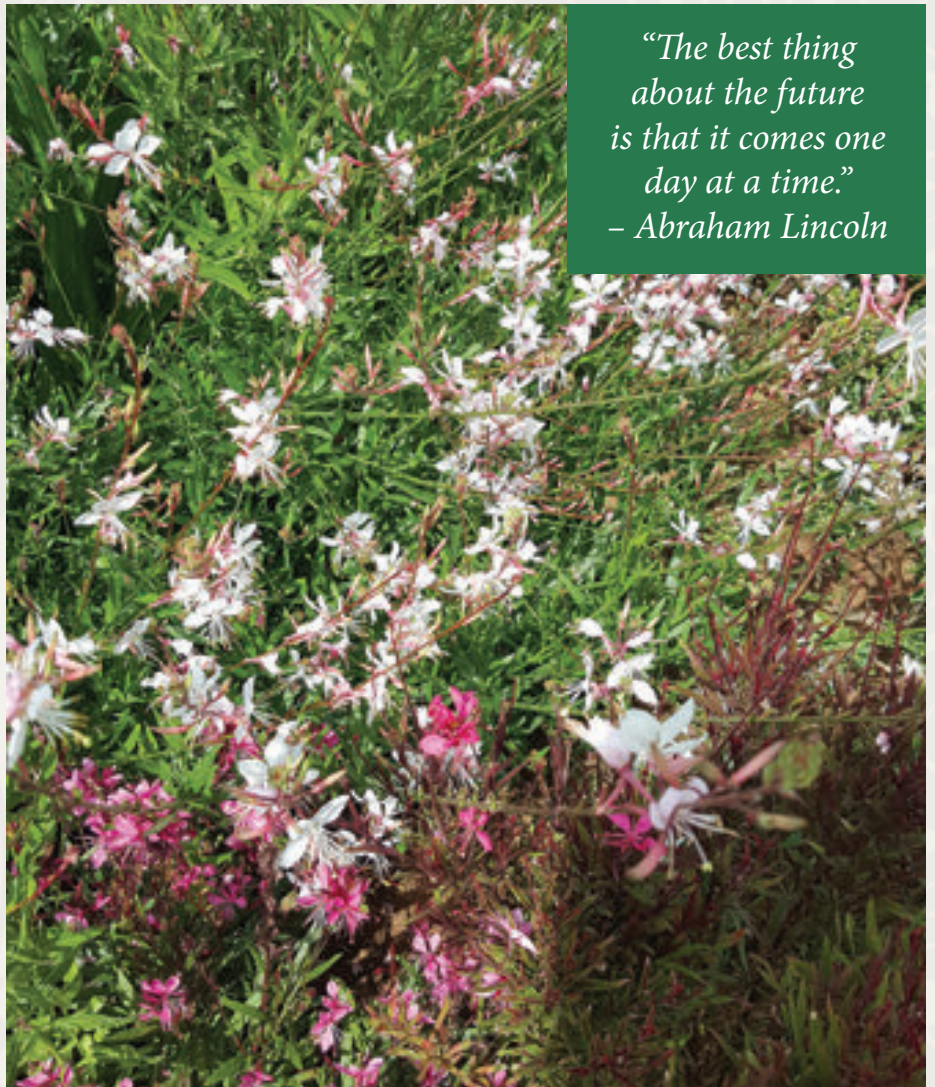
I want to ask again that our Residents become involved in our magazine. Please send us interesting articles or photos that you took on your walks. Thank you to those Residents who already did – we appreciate your contributions.

Make a diary note for our next function – Christmas Event and Carols by Candlelight on 24 November – it would be fantastic if all our Residents could attend! The arrangements have already started. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I have to thank everybody who is involved in maintaining the Estate's gardens – they look wonderful! I do not live here but appreciate it every day.

To all the new Residents – feel free to visit me in the Office should you have any enquiries regarding the Estate. If I cannot help you I'm sure I will be able to direct you to the correct person. The contact details are 012 991-2770 from 07h30 to 16h00 or office@estatebwm.co.za.

René Koeleman



*“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”
– Abraham Lincoln*

DUCK RESCUE

Early last week we had to rescue one of our ducks.

An Owner, Nastasha van Dyk, reported that she saw one of the ducks with a fishing line hanging from its beak near the big dam.

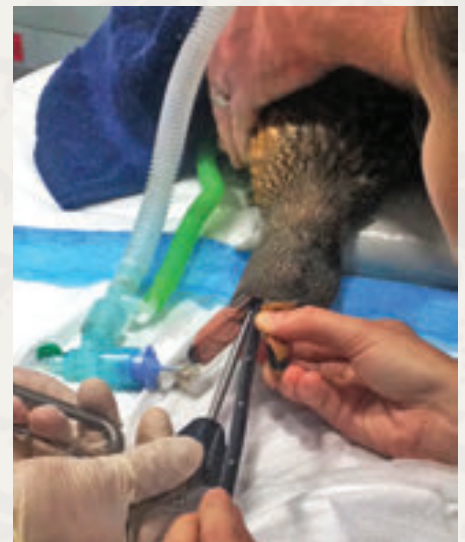
Don, our Garden Services Manager, was asked to kindly have a look if he could find this duck to enable us to catch him and try to help him get rid of the fishing line. Don and some of his workers walked the whole dam area and could not see the duck.

Luckily, another Owner, Abrie Smith, caught sight of him near his home at the bottom dam. He caught him and took him to the Faerie Glen Animal Hospital. These vets were fantastic.

They took x-rays (see photos). This poor fella had a fishing line stuck inside him as well as two hooks. The vets could only take out the one hook and the line. The other hook was too deep and sadly our duck's life could not be saved.

The Faerie Glen Animal Hospital did this whole procedure and the x-rays cost free – thank you so much for trying to save one of our ducks.

Kind regards,
Rene Koeleman.



We ask again – please, please, please fishermen – do not leave any lines and hooks behind as this is dangerous to our wildlife and other Residents!



INVESTIGATING AN ECOSYSTEM... BOARDWALK MEANDER!



By Michèle Britz

My grade 10 daughter was recently challenged with a biology project to research an ecosystem. At first, she planned to go to a park, the botanical gardens or to a farm in order to complete this project. But, then she realized what better place than Boardwalk Meander!

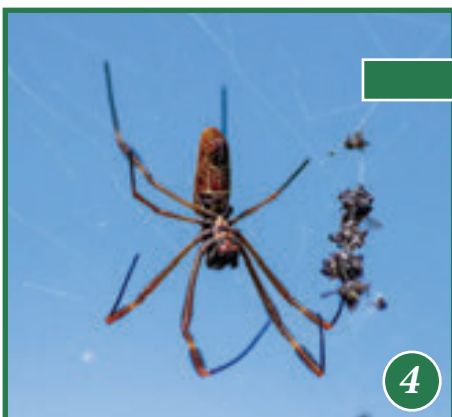
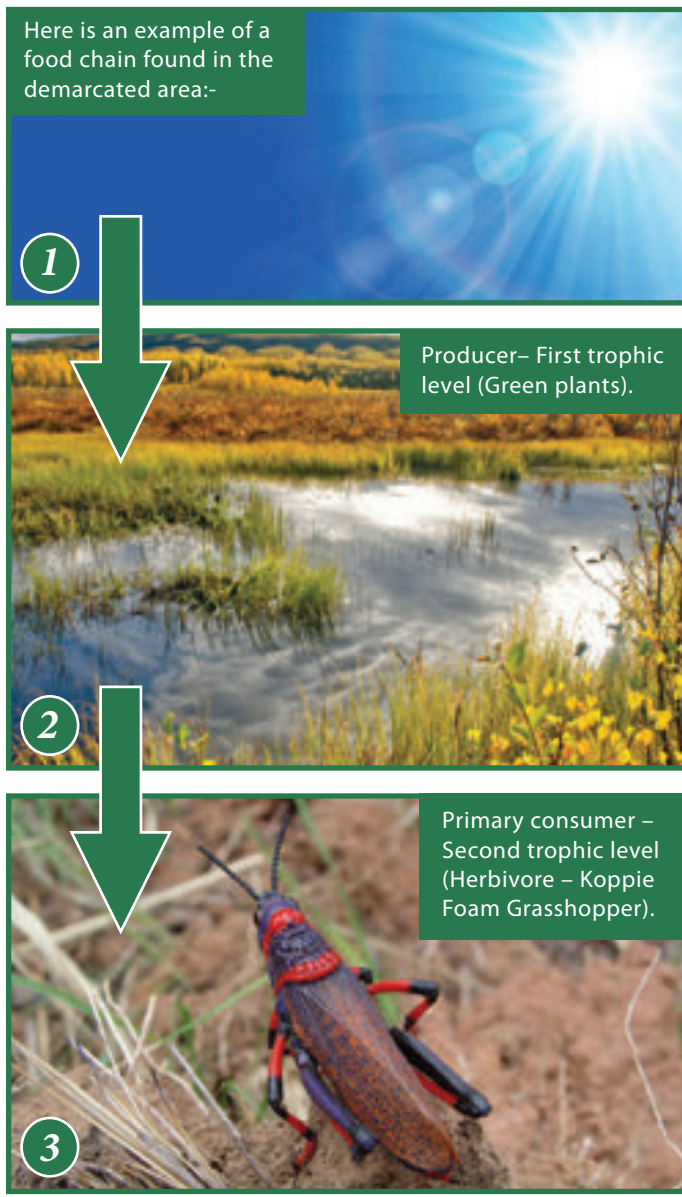
She soon discovered that our Estate's biome is mainly Savannah grass field. The climate therefore is wet and warm summers and cold and dry winters. The ecosystem has many biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) components.

After spending some time in a demarcated area the following discoveries were made of biotic components found in Boardwalk Meander:

- A wide variety of plants from the Carissa family like Num-Num and grasses like the Cat's tail
- Various trees like the Sweet thorn, Fever tree, Buffalo thorn, Sage wood and Lavender trees
- Insects like bees, ants, butterflies, grasshoppers and spiders
- Fish like catfish, bass, beam and carp
- Reptiles like lizards and snakes
- Amphibians like frogs
- Birds like pigeons, Laurie, Guinea fowl, Cape Robin, various ducks and
- Mammals like rabbits and even porcupine.

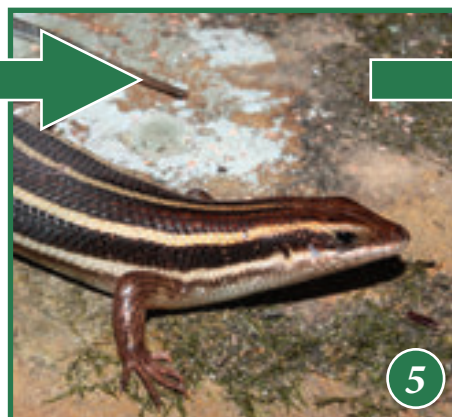
We are privileged to have a variety of trees in the Estate that have been identified and named-tagged accordingly by former Resident Manie Maree.

Part of the study was to understand what the different organisms feed on and what level they represent in the food chain of the ecosystem.



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Secondary consumer – Third trophic level (Carnivore - Spider).



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Tertiary consumer – Fourth trophic level (Carnivore - lizard).



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Tertiary consumer – Fifth trophic level (Carnivore – Spotted Eagle owl).



One large tree can produce enough oxygen to support up to four people.

It was interesting to discover the positive and negative impact humans can have on the ecosystem.

Fishing results in conservation as the quantity is controlled. Humans that plant indigenous trees contribute ecologically as the trees help people and animals. Trees absorb airborne pollutants such as carbon dioxide, ozone, carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide. Trees also trap airborne dust particles. One large tree can produce enough oxygen to support up to four people.

Furthermore, trees reduce erosion by slowing rainfall and holding water within their systems, they then release moisture into the air. Trees can cool the air by intercepting and diffusing the sun rays.

Trees also provide shelter for many forms of living creatures and humans.

Human intervention can help manage the flow of storm water. By doing so, it reduces erosion and helps to build the ecosystem. By placing bird feeders in trees and in the gardens, more birds are attracted to the ecosystem.

It also helps birds to survive, especially when food and water are scarce and it creates a pleasant chirpy environment and helps protect the bird habitat.

Unfortunately, proof of water and soil pollution in our Estate result in the death of insects, birds, fish and mammals. People disturb the natural environment when they build path ways, bridges and structures. And, pets chase birds and other living creatures away.



We, as Residents can therefore have a positive effect on our ecosystem by planting trees, installing bird feeders, stop pollution and disturbance to our beautiful and peaceful environment.



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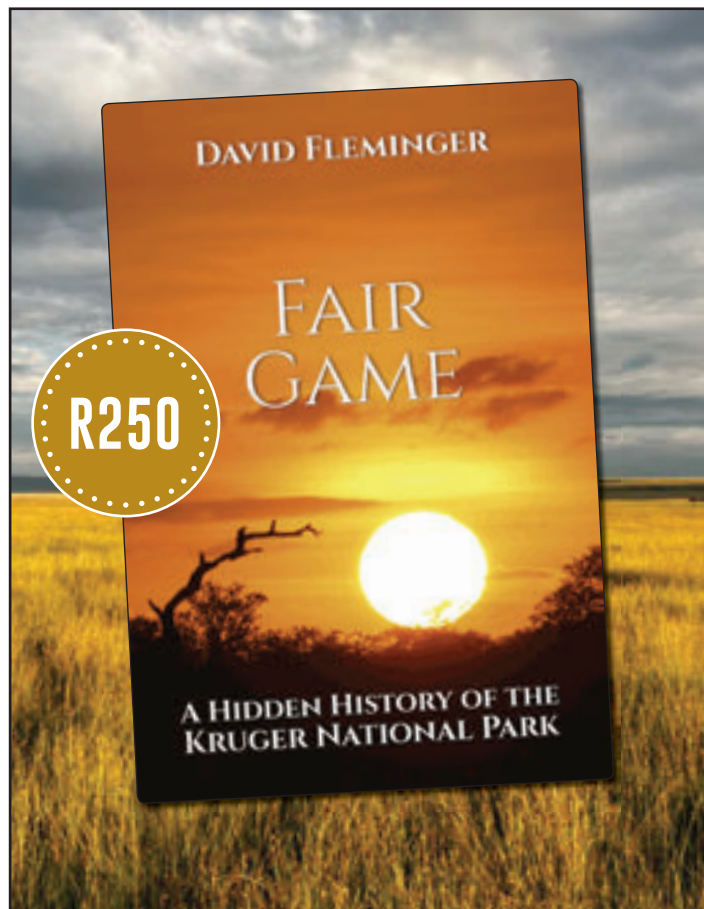
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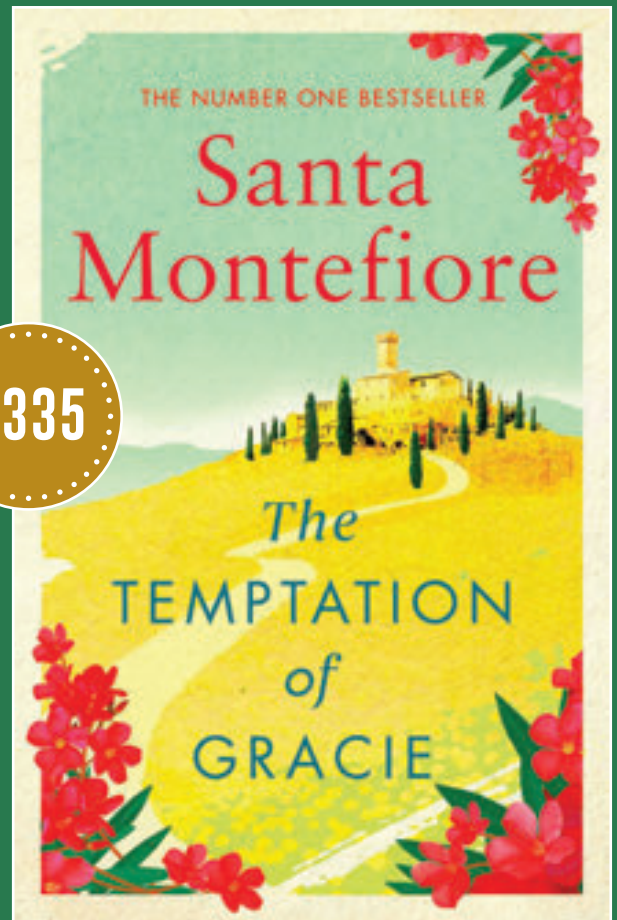
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FAIR GAME

By David Fleminger

Fair Game is the story of the hidden history and heritage of the Kruger National Park. It's an engrossing and little-known tale filled with boisterous personalities, twists of fate, unlikely heroes, stubborn perseverance, greedy villains and (luckily) a very happy ending.

So, prepare yourself for a grand historical safari as we recount the unlikely tale of an unwanted wasteland that grew into the one of the greatest game reserves in the world.



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THE TEMPTATION OF GRACIE

By Santa Montefiore

Never give up on your dreams, no matter how long you hold on to them ... When Gracie Burton stumbles upon an advertisement for a week-long cookery course in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, she cannot resist, and ploughs her life savings into the trip.

Her only family - daughter Carina and grand-daughter Anastasia - are hesitant about what has prompted this seemingly random venture.

But they have no sense of Gracie's past; of what could possibly be calling her to Italy. They have no idea that Gracie is harbouring the secret of an extraordinary life that preceded them ...

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