



Vorna Valley Residents Association working for you

VVRA Newsletter
June 2016

Let's stand together and work together.....

Vorna Valley Residents Association Annual General Meeting

Dear Residents of Vorna Valley

Please take note that our next AGM will be on the 17th of August 2016. The VVRA works for you, so come and meet us and hear what we have done over the past year. Please diarise it.

It will be held at the Swiss Club on Moerdyk from 19h00 to 20h00.

Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards and you can ask members of the VVRA and guest speakers from Link Africa and Maboneng questions.

Please RSVP to info@vvra.co.za by the 7th of August 2016.



AGM

17 August 2016
Swiss Club
Moerdyk Street
19h00 -20h00

RSVP: info@vvra.co.za
by 7 August 2016

VVRA Committee

Marianne Nel - Chairperson
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Hein de Kock - Infrastructure
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Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA Discussion groups and Alert groups.

Joburg Water

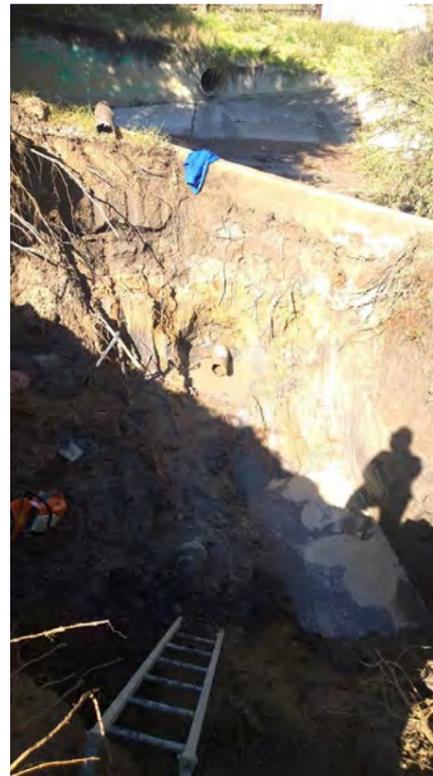
It is winter, and our water pipes are unhappy. We have had several burst pipes and some that were damaged while Link Africa were trenching.

Thank you to the Joburg Water team, who respond quickly and attend to these problem areas as best they can.

We had a major pipe burst on le Roux in the Vlei area and Joburg Water had to bring in the big Traxcavator to complete the excavation as the water pipe was deep under ground.

Major pipe burst on Sparrow as well.

Several sewerage leaks were also attended to.



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Swiss Country Club

We would like to let all residents know that the Swiss Country Club on Moerdyk Street is not just for members. Anyone can go there for a good meal. They support the VVRA and it would be wonderful if residents support them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za or phone Wolfgang on 082 561 0063

Whatsapp Discussion and Alert groups

If you are not yet on the VVRA Discussion groups or the Alert groups, please whatsapp 0824608662 or email info@vvra.co.za with your full street address, email address and cell number so that we can add you.

These groups keep Vorna Valley Residents up to date about council issues and security Alerts.



Vorna Valley Shopping Centre “NO ENTRY”

The VVRA has been fighting to get the “NO ENTRY” on Harry Galaun resolved for many years now. Correspondence and meetings have been on going with VVSC, JRA, VVRA and the Councilor.

This issue seemed to come to a stand still so the VVRA took it up with Abigail, our Regional Director, who then got all the relevant stackholders to attend a meeting at the “NO ENTRY”.

This problem occurs due to motorists not complying to the rules of the road. “NO ENTRY” means “NO ENTRY”, not use this “NO ENTRY” because you are in a hurry or too lazy to go 200 metres around the corner to enter the shopping centre. Unfortunately JMPD are too short staffed to place a person there continuously.

The outcome of this meeting saw that the VVSC placed temporary barriers on this exiting road to try and prevent motorist from entering at the “NO ENTRY” road. Permanent yellow plastic New Jersey Barriers have been ordered by the VVSC.



JRA

Thank you to JRA for grading Pretorious Street sand road as well as Robin Road. JRA are also currently cleaning and clearing road curbs and drains as well as repainting road markings.



City Parks

City Parks are busy cutting the boundries in the Vlei. They have also pruned most trees that needed pruning. If you know of any trees that still need pruning or pavements that need to be cut please email info@vvra.co.za with exact address for where trees need pruning.



Norman Eaton Dead End

City of Joburg tend to ignore dead ends and Norman Eaton Dead End is one of them. The VVRA have requested this area to be cleaned up time and

time again. Eventually Margaret, who lives on Norman Eaton, together with the VVRA cleaner and her gardener got stuck in and

cleaned up the area.

Thank you Margaret.



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Fibre to the Home

The following process is used (should be used) in the network build process.

- 1) LinkAfrica planning department designs Fibre optic routes based on connectivity requirements of the area (FTTH, FTTB)
- 2) LinkAfrica Permissions department applies for wayleaves (using the design in 1) to the following departments (may vary per province)
 - a. JHB Road's Agency
 - b. JHB Water
 - c. City Parks
 - d. City Storm Water
 - e. Rand Water
 - f. City Power
 - g. SANRAL
 - h. Gautrans
- 3) Up to this point, it can take up to 6 months to finalise designs and have wayleave approval
- 4) The following Agencies have to submit comments on the wayleaves that were submitted by LA
 - a. JHB Road's Agency
 - b. JHB Water
 - c. City Parks
 - d. City Storm Water
 - e. Rand Water
 - f. ESKOM
 - g. City Power
 - h. SANRAL
 - i. Gautrans
 - j. MTN
 - k. Egoli Gas
 - l. Dark Fibre Africa
 - m. ESKOM
 - n. Neotel
 - o. Telkom
- 5) Once wayleaves have been approved, LinkAfrica Survey Teams are deployed to dig pilot holes where the proposed work is to be done
- 6) This is to expose any services under the road that may not have been noted on the wayleaves
- 7) LinkAfrica Team Leaders Scan the Road using Ground Penetration Radar, to further expose Utilities that may be present
- 8) If the scanning team finds a service under the road, the road is marked so as to alert the digging / drilling teams to move off course of planned construction.
- 9) While the utmost of care is taken not to break utilities, the above process is not 100% accurate and services are damaged. Services may not be detected underground, such as old asbestos water pipes, or where the wayleave has indicated no service is in that area, yet the pipes are clearly there.
- 10) Once the team leader has determined which utility has been damaged, he or she will inform the permissions department at LA office.
- 11) LA office members will immediately log a call with an approved contractor to be deployed. The approved contractor is also approved by that specific utility, ie, JHB Water contractor, or City Power Contractor.
- 12) If the utility has not arrived on site within 3 hours, the team leader will then escalate to their managers and project managers to assist further.
- 13) Once the utility has been repaired, inspections are made by the utility to ensure a clean fix.
- 14) Inspectors from each Agency also visit the site monthly to make sure re-in statements are done according to specifications.
- 15) Quality Assurance – if re-in statements are not up to scratch, inspectors will either instruct it to be redone, and/or a fine is imposed.

There were many delays internally due to commercials not being agreed to between all parties but Link Africa are back on track.

The VVRA and the steering committee will be having a meeting with Link Africa, Maboneng and Fibrehoods on Wednesday, where all the queries residents have brought up will be discussed.

We also hope to have a final date of when the Fibre to the Home will go live.

Thank you to all the residents that have been very patient with all the issues around the work being done, but atleast Link Africa try their utmost to keep everyone happy. It can't be easy for them. When council digs up pavements etc, they don't nearly return it to the state Link Africa do. Pavements are the property of council, and they have given Link Africa permission to put in Fibre.



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The Vorna Valley Vlei

The VVRA would like to thank Bretton and Mel Worman for the video footage taken from their drone which Bretton flew over our Vlei. Below some snapshots from the video.



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Crime Alert!!

Please take note that there are people posing as City Power, wanting to again access your property. City Power **DOES NOT** need to enter your property as the meter boxes are on your pavement.

If they are from City Power, they will have an Id, and sometimes a letter from City Power with them to show you, with contact numbers, so if you are unsure, call the number or call your security company to come and investigate them. You can also post it on the whatsapp groups where others can confirm if they are legit.

Let's all rather be safe than sorry.

Photo below taken from camera at a house in Boerneef where these people said they were from City Power, but couldn't identify themselves.



Invasive Plants in South Africa

Bugweed

Scientific name:

Solanum mauritianum (Solanaceae)

A shrub or small tree up to 4m high covered with whitish-felty hairs. Dull green leaves that are velvety above and white-felty beneath which emit a strong smell when bruised. Purple flowers in compact, terminal clusters on densely felty stalks up to 10cm long all year round. Spherical berries which start off green and turn yellow, in compact terminal clusters. Hairy leaves and stems are a respiratory tract and skin irritant. Unripe fruits are poisonous.

Where does this species come from?

South America

What is its invasive status in South Africa?

Existing legislation: CARA 2002 – Category 1
NEMBA – Category 1b

Where in South Africa is it a problem?

Western Cape, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Gauteng, and Limpopo

How does it spread?

Seed dispersal

Why is it a problem?

Competes with and replaces indigenous riverine and forest margin species. Also competes with

young trees in plantations, particularly pines and black wattle, inhibiting growth and causing stem deformation. It is a host of the KwaZulu-Natal fruit fly which is an economic pest. It has no fodder value and the plants are generally avoided by grazing animals. The unripe fruits are poisonous and the hairy leaves and stems can cause allergic dermatitis and asthma

What does it look like?

General description: A large, broad-leaved shrub with velvety stems and leaves growing up to 4m high. Leaves: Dull green leaves that are velvety above and white-felty beneath which emit a strong noxious smell when crushed. Flowers: Purple, in compact terminal clusters, on densely felty stalks up to 100mm long. Fruit/seeds: Spherical berries which start off green and turn yellow, in compact terminal clusters

Does the plant have any uses?

Ornament. Birds eat the fruits

Plant me instead alternatives

Weeping sage (*Buddleja auriculata*), false olive (*Buddleja saligna*), sagewood (*Buddleja salviifolia*), large spurflower bush (*Plectranthus ecklonii*), healing-leaf tree (*Solanum giganteum*), wild medlar (*Vangueria infausta*)

From: <http://www.invasives.org.za/component/k2/item/351-bugweed-solanum-mauritianum>



Declaration of Invasive Species

The NEMBA regulations state that the seller of any immovable property must, prior to the relevant sale agreement, notify the purchaser of the property in writing of the presence of listed invasive species on that property.

Declaration of Invasive Species

A copy of the Declaration of Invasive Species forms need to be lodged with The Compliancy Officer, Biosecurity Services, Department of Environmental Affairs.

Invasive species are a liability to landowners. The

law says:

A person who is the owner of land on which a listed invasive species occurs must notify any relevant competent authority in writing of the listed invasive species occurring on that land.

The seller of any immovable property must, prior to the conclusion of the relevant sale agreement, notify the purchaser of that property in writing of the presence of listed invasive species on that property.

From: <http://www.invasives.org.za/legislation/declaration-of-invasive-species>

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Veggie Divine Foods sponsored the replacement gate to the Vorna Valley Vlei on le Roux Ave.



VeggieDivineFoods.com

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