

Friends of Moreleta Kloof

Moreleta Kloof Natuurreservaat



CHAIRPERSONS REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

Friends of Moreleta Kloof (FMK)

Helios street, Moreleta Park, Pretoria

WESSA Membership no: 1234925

Overview of FMK activities

Below is a brief summary of the activities that took place in the reserve during the past twelve months. More detail will be provided when point 7 of the agenda is dealt with.

- Clearing of invader plants – weekly work group and monthly hacks
- Maintenance of the bird hide and toilets
- Bird ringing
- Guided walks with experts in their field – tree walks
 - rock walks
 - scorpion walk
- Monitoring the health of the spruit through miniSASS (South African Scoring System)
- Engaging with experts regarding the maintenance of the wetlands
- Speaking with experts about re-grassing areas where invaders have been remove

Change of legal entity of FMK

The changing of the FMK from an Article 21 Company to Friends of WESSA is still in progress. I have contacted the previous chairperson of FMK, Andrew Meyer, and he

has undertaken to set up a meeting with our auditors, CMV, to assist with the deregistration process.

Highlights

- Saturday morning hacks.
- Walks with wetland and environmental experts (Pieter-Louis Grundlingh and Antoinette Boonstra).
- Guided walks through the Reserve

Concerns

- The pollution of the spruit is of great concern and has mainly two sources - sewer leaks into the sewer system in the residential areas around the reserve and from people washing waste before delivering it to re-cycling depots.
- General condition of the palisade fence.
- Vagrant's forcing their way into the reserve and using the reserve as a base for crimes in the adjacent residential areas.
- Lack of membership and participation of members.
- Lack of funds for projects and general maintenance.
- Development of ptn of stand 88.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all the donors who have contributed in cash and in kind to the FMK in the past year to assist in our activities. Also a big thank you to CoT Nature Conservation for repairing the damaged palisade fence where the spruit enters the reserve after it was damaged by stormwater.

Thank you to Jeannie and the "Wille Vrywilligers" for their work on Wednesday mornings and to Carl van Dyk and Rouxne for the maintenance work on the paths and timber stuctures in the reserve.

For those who organized walks, talks and weekend hacks – a big thank you for your efforts to improve the reserve and make people aware of the importance of this incredible bit of nature in our midst.



Faan Grundlingh

Chairperson FMK

9 November 2022

