



Newsletter 2, September 2022

Introduction of the Committee.



Our chairman, Faan Grundlingh has been working as a volunteer in the reserve since November 2020. When Faan is busy working in the reserve, he looks at the problem, works out how he is supposed to tackle it, what tools are available and gets on with it!

Faan is an invaluable member of the volunteer group. On Wednesdays when we remove invader plants, he will, for example, disappear under a lantana bush and after a few hours a lovely big tree is once again free from encroaching invaders. The lantana bush that had covered the tree for up to 5m high, is gone and cut up into a neat heap of sticks.

He brings that same focus and pragmatism to his role as the Chairman of the Friends of Moreleta Kloof Nature Reserve, which he assumed in November 2021.

Faan is always willing to listen to problems, talk through them and then does his best to resolve them.

Upgrade of Toilet Facilities

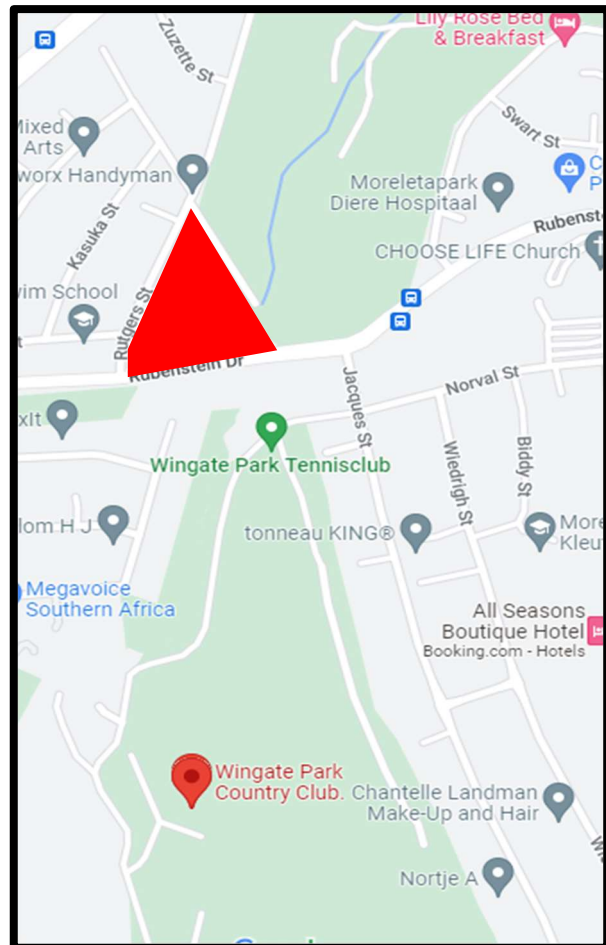
Over the last few weeks volunteers have been hard at work with the painting and repair of the two public toilets in the reserve. We wish to thank Faan Grundlingh, Rouxne Botha, Jan van Greunen and Karl van Dyk for all the hard work in.



Planned residential development adjacent to Moreleta Kloof Nature Reserve

The Friends of Moreleta Kloof Nature Reserve has been registered as an interested party and we are still waiting for the conclusion from the Environmental studies from LEAP on what exactly has been planned for the plot adjacent to the reserve as this planned development will have direct influence on the Reserve.

The planned sale of Wingate Park Golf Course for redevelopment has been halted for now and we are waiting to see what is being planned next. We are concerned about any development there, as the source of the Rademeyer Spruit is in the grounds of the golf course, the most important source of water for Moreleta Kloof.



Alien Hacks

In addition to volunteers working in the reserve every day, assisting with the removal of invader plants, we are also hosting an Alien Hack on the second Saturday of every month. We have been removing the alien invaders below Rademeyers and along Rutgers Street. We will continue hosting Alien Hacks on the second Saturday of every month. Please consider coming to help at our next Alien Hack on 10 September 2022. We really appreciate all the help that we can get!



Did you know?

Jerusalem cherry
Solanum pseudocapsicum

Where does this species come from?
Central and South America.

What is its invasive status in South Africa?
NEMBA 2020 – Category 1b.

Where in South Africa is it a problem?
Widespread across all provinces of South Africa.

Why is it a problem?
Competes against understory indigenous plants in forests and along streams.

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Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on 09 November 2022 at 17h00. The venue will be communicated in due time.

Friends' Membership

The annual Friends of Moreleta Kloof membership runs from 1 March to 28 February every year. If you want to join the Friends of Moreleta Nature Reserve, please visit our website www.moreletakloof.co.za or contact us at info@moreletakloof.co.za.

The membership fee of R250 gives you, plus one other adult and two children under 18, two days free entry into the following reserves in Tshwane;

Rietvlei Nature Reserve

Groenkloof Nature Reserve

Wonderboom Nature Reserve

Rooihuiskraal

Faerie Glen Nature Reserve

Your membership fee and any donation you make, goes directly to the work that the Friends of Moreleta Kloof does in the reserve.

For more information please feel free to contact Faan at 083 325 1704 or Jeannie at 082 927 4673

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It's not. – Dr Seuss, The Lorax