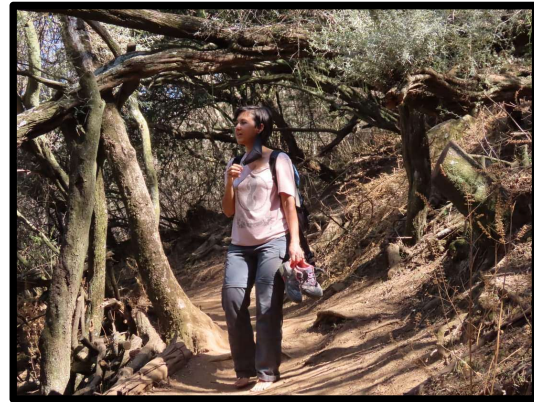




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Introduction of the Committee

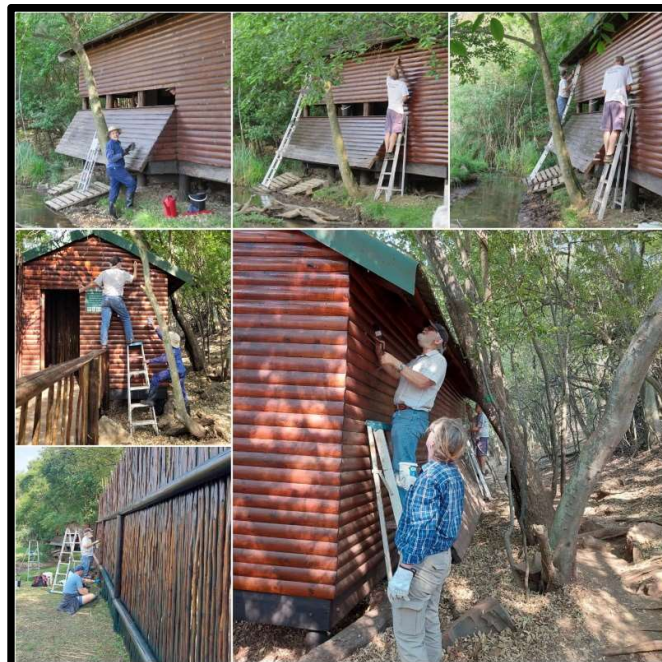
Our secretary, Adéle Hosken joined the volunteer group in 2020 and in her own words, was very grateful to share the great company of the Friends Group to help conserve our special reserve. Over time Adéle became more involved in facilitating visits with experts to help improve our knowledge and skills. She can be relied on to take accurate notes and records of any visits, interactions or meetings that the Friends group has.



Although she enjoys removing alien invaders she is keen to learn how to improve water security and soil health and various ways of rehabilitating degraded areas. Adéle is also a Parks Board Honorary Ranger. She joined the committee as Secretary in 2022.

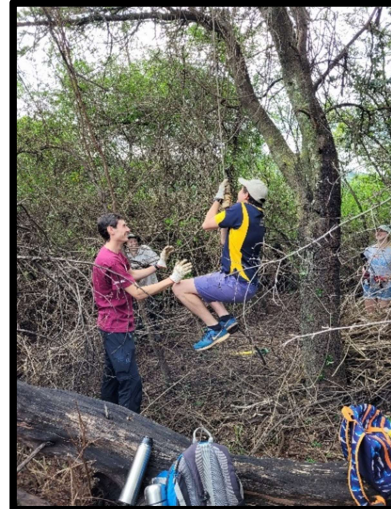
Painting of the Bird Hide

Over the last few weeks volunteers have been working at varnishing and repairing the bird hide. Thank you to everyone that was involved.



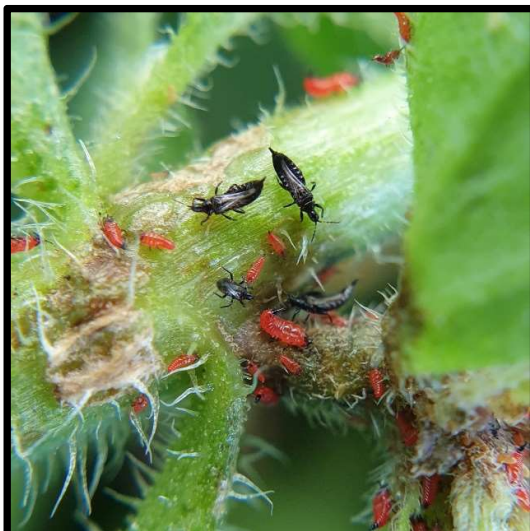
Alien Hacks

We started the monthly Alien Hacks in April this year and they have been very well supported. We wish to thank all the volunteers that attend these hacks on the second Saturday of every month. We have managed to clear large areas below Rutgers Street and near Rademeyers. Please consider coming to help at our next Alien Hack on 10 December 2022. We really appreciate all the help that we can get!



Biocontrol for Pompom Weed

On 26 September 2022 we introduced thrips insects to two sites in the reserve. These insects were supplied by the ARC and are being introduced as a biocontrol for pompom weed. We hope this is going to assist us in the fight against this terrible invader plant.



AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on 09 November 2022. The minutes and the chairman's report are available on the website.

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 do in the reserve.

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

The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it. – Robert Swan