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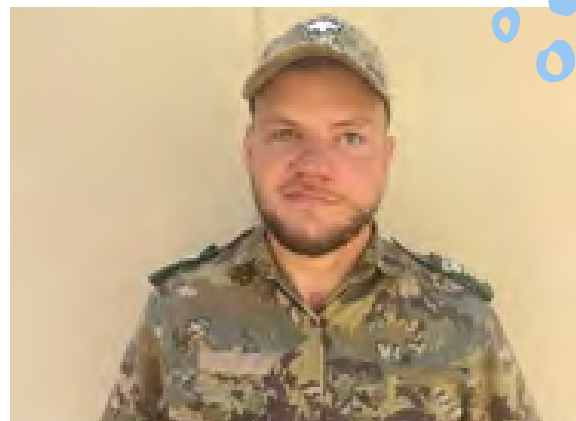
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ERICK BREEDT

security manager on the job!

Erick Breedt hit the ground running in his new role as GPNR Security Manager on May 5th! Erick left his post at Zinave National Park, Mozambique to return to his native South Africa to bring his expertise to GPNR Security operations.

He brings strong technical and field experience in security including management of field ranger operations and personnel, anti-poaching with an emphasis on top species, access control, fleet management, team integration and the development of SOPs.



Prior to Zinave Erick's posts included Bathongo Rhino and Lion Park and Thornybush Game Reserve.

Please welcome Erick to his new home!

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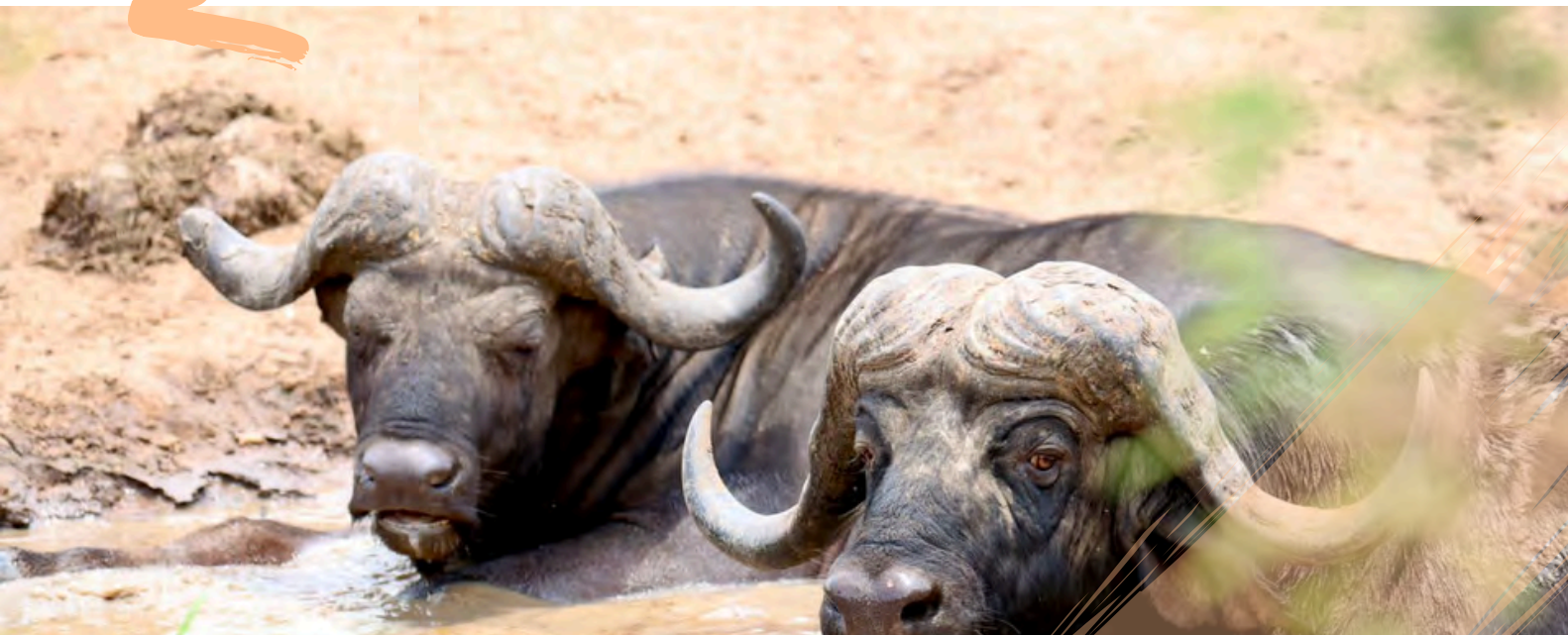
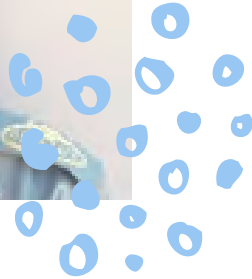
SUCCESS NDLOVU

new gate guard, not a new face!

You have probably seen Success Ndlovu working hard to keep our roads and infrastructure in shape over the past 5 years on GPNR.

We are very proud to announce that Success is now a member of our gate staff and will be greeting Grietjie residents and visitors as they arrive.

Please say hello to Success and congratulate him on his transition to Gate Staff!



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GPNR PICNIC SITE

subcommittee

The GPNR Picnic Site Subcommittee was formed in April 2024 to represent title deed holders who have a usus to access Portion 124 for picnicking and game viewing. Mark Pieterse, Technology and Maintenance, Freek Venter, Ecology and Jake McKee Chairman represent GPNR residents on the subcommittee.

When the ENS legal opinion was published it became clear there are complexities including, paying of municipal rates and levies, physical site maintenance, insurance liability, ecological health and other site management aspects that are now responsibilities of both the GPNR title deed holders with a usus and property owner Olifants River Estates (PTY) Limited. Olifants River Estates (PTY) Limited and the GPNR Picnic Site Subcommittee are currently working on a draft management agreement to ensure GPNR title deed holders usus, the division of responsibilities for effective management of the sites and the ecological health of Portion 124's riverine environment. Updates will be provided as progress on the agreement is achieved.

Picnic Site 3 Closure for Rehabilitation

It is the opinion of the GPNR Picnic Site Subcommittee and Olifants River Estates (PTY) Limited that the area known as Picnic Site 3 is significantly environmentally compromised and should be closed until environmental assessments of the site are accomplished. We ask all residents of GPNR to respect the closure and limit use of Portion 124 to Picnic Site 1 & 2.

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BALULE NATURE RESERVE

electronic access control policy

Balule Nature Reserve (BNR) is the Management Authority that represents a federation of approximately 10 regions including GPNR. The Management Authority plays the key role in allowing GPNR and the other regions to be declared and operate as a Protected Area and part of the Greater Kruger Open System.

BNR in this capacity is responsible for creating and enforcing a framework of policies to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA). Each of the 10 BNR regions vary in size, environmental constraints, habitat, and ownership model.

Each region has the option of drafting and enforcing policies within the BNR framework to account for region specific attributes or directly employing the policies drafted by the BNR Management Authority.

The BNR Electronic Access Control Policy April 2023 is the current draft of the policy governing access for all regions of BNR in accordance with the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA), access onto a Protected Area. GPNR uses this policy to manage access. Attached is a copy The BNR Electronic Access Control Policy April 2023 for your review.

GPNR Access Frequently Asked Access Questions (FAQs)

During the implementation of any system and the education of users on the system it is inevitable there will be many questions and challenges that arise. The GPNR Access Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is intended to assist. The FAQs will grow as efforts are made to streamline access controls and use of the ATG System. We appreciate your patience and input as we strive to make access controls effective and secure.

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electronic access control policy

Definitions:

- User - Persons authorised to invite visitors by creating a QR code on the ATG System.
- Permanent Resident - Landowner, or Tenant residing on GPNR.
- Visitor - Drivers and passengers who are not a Permanent Resident.
- ATG System - Electronic Access System used at GPNR to control access.
- QR Code - Code generated by a User to allow access for a Visitor.
- Property Owner - Owner or Spouse who holds a title deed for property on GPNR.



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FAQs:

1. What is required to enter the gate if NOT a Permanent Resident?
 - A valid I.D. and a QR Code generated from the ATG system.
2. Who does NOT have to show a valid I.D. and QR code to enter the gate?
 - A Permanent Resident.
3. Whose responsibility is it to register as a User on the ATG system?
 - It is the responsibility of the Property Owner to register as a User on the ATG system.
4. What if I have a family member living with me for an extended period?
 - They should be registered on the ATG system as a Permanent Resident.
5. What if I have an employee who resides on my property?
 - The employee should be registered on the ATG system as a resident employee.
6. What is the purpose of the owner vehicle window sticker?
 - The sticker indicates the vehicle is owned by a Permanent Resident.
7. If a vehicle has an owner vehicle sticker must the occupants show a valid I.D. and QR code?
 - Any occupant of any vehicle that is not a Permanent Resident must provide a valid I.D. and QR code.
8. Who is responsible for generating a QR code for a visitor?
 - The Users registered on the ATG System by the property owner.
9. Can the gate staff create a QR code for a visitor?
 - No. Only a User can create a QR code.
10. Who do I contact to register a User on the ATG system?
 - Contact GPNR Security Manager or Warden.
11. Who do I contact if the ATG system is not working?
 - Contact GPNR Security Manager or Warden.
12. How do I provide access for a delivery or service provider?
 - The registered User for the property creates a QR code for the Visitor.
13. What if I create a QR code for a Visitor and they forgot their I.D.?
 - They will need to provide a valid I.D. to access GPNR.
14. What if a Visitor is too young to have a Valid I.D.?
 - Valid I.D. is not required for children 18 and under.

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GPNR ACCESS ROAD

legal position

JC Kriek of VZLR Attorneys, GPNR property owner and legal strategist for the deregistration of the GPNR main access road and gate has provided a document further detailing the history and legal position.

Please take the time to read the attached letter and forward any questions or concerns to the GPNR Committee to grietjiecomms@gmail.com.

We hope this GPNR News Splash has been informative and helpful.

Until next time,

GPNR Committee 2024





ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL POLICY

APRIL 2023

1. BACKGROUND:

- a. In accordance with the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA), access onto a Protected Area must be controlled.
- b. The Electronic Access Control Systems situated at all Balule Nature Reserve (BNR) gates shall regulate access onto BNR in accordance with the Access Control Policy.

2. TERMINOLOGY:

- a. User – Persons authorised to invite visitors using the Access Control User Application.
- b. System Administrator – Persons authorised to administrate the Access Control System.
- c. Permanent Resident – Landowner, permanent employees, or lessee's residing on BNR.
- d. Visitors – Drivers and passengers who are not in possession of a BNR ID Card.

3. ACCESS:

- a. Access shall be permitted when:
 - i. A Members, landowners or permanent residents valid BNR ID Card (or vehicle sticker) or identity document or drivers' licence has been inspected / scanned, authorising access.
 - ii. A Visitors Access QR Code has been scanned, or valid access pin code authorising access.
 - iii. The identity document, passport or drivers licence of all adult persons entering BNR have been scanned.
 - iv. Firearms have been declared.
 - v. The driver of a vehicle has signed the Terms & Conditions and Liability Waiver.
 - vi. The vehicle licence disc has been scanned.
- b. Access shall be denied:
 - i. When a person is not in possession of a valid BNR ID Card, QR Access Code or access pin code and / or a valid SA ID document or official work permit.
 - ii. When the BNR ID Card, QR access code or access pin code is not valid to enter the gate.
 - iii. When firearms have not been declared.
 - iv. When the driver of a vehicle refuses to sign the Terms & Conditions and Liability Waiver.
 - v. At the discretion of the Gate Official:

1. On suspicion that the driver is intoxicated.
 2. When the gate official believes that the persons entering pose a security or safety risk to persons and wildlife on BNR.
- vi. To pedestrians

4. OPERATIONS:

a. Members and Landowners:

- i. All BNR Members, Landowners and permanent resident will be issued with a bar-coded BNR ID Card (or vehicle sticker) by the respective BNR regions.
- ii. The BNR ID Card shall be scanned, or vehicle sticker inspected on entry and exit at the respective BNR gates.

b. Visitors and Guests:

- i. The ACCESS CONTROL APP shall be made available under password protection to all Members, Landowners, wardens, Security Managers and Landowner Representatives, who will be able to invite their Guests, visitors and service providers and issue them with an Access QR Code or access pin code using the ACCESS CONTROL APP.
- ii. Visitors shall scan the QR Code (or access pin) at the gate, together with the drivers and passengers, over eighteen years old, ID, Drivers Licence or Passport.
- iii. The vehicle licence disc will be scanned.
- iv. It shall be necessary to declare all firearms on entry.
- v. The Driver shall sign the Reserve Indemnity Document and Terms and Conditions
- vi. on the scanner.

c. Contractors & Service Providers:

- i. Access will be granted to Contractors in accordance with Clause 5 below.

5. CONTRACTORS & SERVICE PROVIDERS:

All Contractors / Services Providers working on the reserve, for any period, shall be issued with a CONTRACTORS ACCESS QR CODE or CONTRACTORS ACCESS CARD, subject to the terms of issue being fulfilled:

- a. Submission of Security Clearance Certificates for each staff member:
 - i. Identity verification
 - ii. Criminal background
- b. The ACCESS QR CODE or ACCESS CARD shall be valid for the duration of the work and access and exit shall be electronically regulated within Contractors working hours, in accordance with the ACCESS CONTROL POLICY.

6. ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM:

- a. The Access Control system shall comprise of:
 - i. An Electronic Scanner located at each point of entry.
 - ii. The Access Control System shall be required to integrate with the BNR ATG Access Control System to share entry information in a central database:
 1. Name
 2. Surname
 3. Visitor Category:
 - a. Contractor
 - b. Commercial Guest

- c. Delivery
 - d. Hard Block
 - e. Member / Landowner
 - f. Resident / Staff
 - g. Temporary Staff
 - h. Visitor
4. Identification:
 - a. Cell Number
 - b. Email Address
 - c. Registration Number
 5. Destination / BNR Region
 6. Number of Occupants
 7. Visits Allowed
 8. Valid From (Date)
 9. Valid Until (Date)
 10. Terms & Conditions
 11. Liability Waiver



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Your ref:

23 APRIL 2024

Dear Sir(s)

ACCESS AND SERVITUDE ROAD K389/2018S OVER THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM MORELAG 5 KU

1. We refer to the above matter and confirm that we act on behalf of Grietjie Private Nature Reserve Committee and the attorneys who attended to the registration of the Right of Way servitude over the Remainder of the farm Morelag 5 KU, on the instruction of all the affected parties.
2. In April 2018, a special meeting between the GPNR owners voted and gave our client a mandate to proceed with the registration of a Right of Way servitude over the Remainder of the farm Morelag 5 KU, which was the previous provincial road D2263.
3. On 22 August 2018, the Right of way servitude that was agreed at the meeting was signed by all parties, including Egbert Robertson from Rob5, SØrren Nielson, and Elvis Khosa from Baphalaborwa BA Maseke Communal Property, and Ian Nowak and Rob Garmany from Grietjie Magdalene Land owner's association. The said servitude (in favor of ALL Grietjie & Magdalena Title deed holders) was notarized and registered against the title deed of Baphalaborwa BA Maseke Communal Property under servitude K389/2018S.

4. Subsequent to the registration of the servitude, an application for the cancellation of the district road was brought to Road Agency Limpopo (RAL), a provincial road infrastructure delivery parastatal, on behalf of the Provincial Department of Roads and Transport as custodians of all District and provincial roads in Limpopo.
5. The application is in line with the fact that Grietjie, Olifants North and Maseke/farm Morelag had applied to be registered as a Protected Area as contemplated in Chapter 3 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Area Act 57 of 2003, which application has been approved, gazette, and endorsed on the property owners' title deeds.
6. An objection was submitted to RAL for the de-proclamation of the district road, which resulted in our client having to approach a Court of Law to resolve the matter.
7. Since RAL has not had an executive board since 2018, the approval for the de-proclamation of the road was sent to the MEC of Public Works Roads & Infrastructure for consideration. The MEC on 8 December 2023 approved the de-proclamation of the district road D2263. On 12 April 2024 the Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure Limpopo Province gazette the decision of the de-proclamation of road D2263 as a public road and the registration of a right of way servitude.
8. The right of way servitude referred to in the proclamation, has already been registered in 2018 as stated in clause 3 above, which legally allows access to the old district road to all title deed owners of the farm Grietjie and Magdalena. The servitude road is over the farm Morelag 5 KU which is registered in the name of Baphalaborwa BA Maseke Communal Property being the party referred to in the proclamation as the community.
9. By law the owner of a property cannot register a servitude over their own property and therefore the right of way is not registered in favor of the Baphalaborwa BA Maseke Communal Property as they are the owner of the servient property.
10. One of the required actions necessary for a Protective Area which the farms Grietjie, Magdalena and Morelag is in terms of Act 57 of 2003 is in terms of section 46 of the said act:

46: Despite any other legislation, no person may without the written permission of the management authority of a national park, nature reserve or world heritage site enter or reside in the park, reserve or site.

11. GPNR is therefore required to implement access control of all vehicles and persons entering the Protective Area. During April 2018 GPNR special meeting, it was agreed that a control gate would be build at the beginning of the servitude road as was present in 2018 where GPNR had

a control gate on the boundary of the farm Grietjie and the farm Morelag, know known as the “old gate house”.

12. The legal position of GPNR at present is as follows:

- a. The previous district road has been de-proclaimed and not a public road anymore.
- b. Only owners of the farm Grietjie and Magalena (Elephant North Reserve) are allowed to drive on the servitude road that is transgressing over the Remainder of the farm Magdalena.
- c. Any family, friend, visitor or delivery person would have to adhere to the access control rules currently in place and due to change as agreed annually at the AGM.
- d. Persons and parties mentioned above in point (c) is not limited and the only persons or parties that does not need to comply with the rules for example having to be identified and scanning their identity number and vehicle every time driving through the access control and having to pay a gate fee entering onto the road, is the persons that own the property on the farm Grietjie and Magdalena.
- e. Annually the “gate fees” will be discussed on the AGM of GPNR where the owners would decide the annual fees structure as was done at the 2023 AGM of GPNR and which fees would be currently implemented until the next AGM of GPNR.
- f. GNPR access control are not allowed to prevent any title deed owner of the Farm Grietjie and Magdalena to drive on the servitude road.
- g. Title deed owners include the individuals in whom the name of the property is registered, all shareholders of a Company or Members of a Close Corporation and beneficiaries of a Trust that has been registered at the GPNR committee.

13. Any person or party that intent on entering the protective area has to comply with the rules of the control gate and if that person or party does not want to or refuse to adhere to the rules, then GPNR would be fully in light with their rights to disallow that person or party access onto the road and the protective area.

14. Regarding the “community” of the Baphalaborwa BA Maseke Communal Property, they would have to comply in terms of their agreement that they have with Balule Nature reserve in terms of Identification of persons that work and live on the Remainder of the farm Morelag which is the servient property of the Right of way servitude.

15. If there are any further uncertainty on the right of way servitude or the access control gate you are welcome to address your questions to the GPNR committee who would respond and if needed request an opinion from our office if needed on the matter.

Yours faithfully

VZLR INC

Per: