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# NEWS SPLASH!

As the seasons change and nature around us continues to inspire, we're thrilled to bring you the latest updates, stories, and exciting happenings at our beloved reserve. Whether you're a long-time owner or new to the wonders of Grietjie, this news splash is designed to keep you connected with the beauty, conservation efforts, and community that make our reserve a special place.

Thank you for being part of our journey to protect and celebrate our natural world. We look forward to sharing more adventures, insights, and ways to get involved in the months ahead!

We hope you enjoy this edition!

## HELLO THERE...!



Manda van Wyk  
GPNR Treasurer



Gerd Graf  
Comm Member



Andreas Stock  
GPNR CAPS Rep



ST Clair  
Finaughty

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## ROAD MAINTENANCE!

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# ROAD MAINTENANCE UPDATE!



Logan, Mark and the maintenance team have been continuing to make fantastic improvements to the reserve over recent weeks. Most obvious is the 1.9 kilometres of the main road from the 4-way to the old gate.

567 tons of material was applied in a very short period. 5 tractors & heavy trailers were in action, 4 of these were made available to Grietjie through the generosity of others. On behalf of all drivers who use the main entrance road thank you for the contribution!

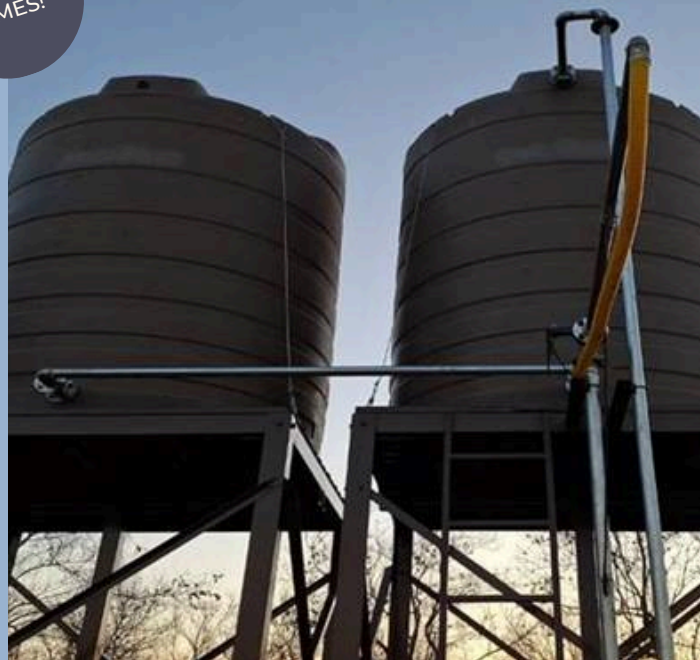
Please take caution as work continues and keep the speed on the main road to 40km/h or less. Speed bumps will be built on the road to keep the speed on the main road to the prescribed speed of 40km/h and prevent erosion.

Please take extra caution when the maintenance team and equipment are actively working on the road. After completion of the section between the 4-way and old gate, work will commence on the 2.5 kilometre section from the old gate to the main entrance.

# PORTION 107 UPDATE!

EXCITING  
TIMES!

Progress continues on Portion 107 to provide infrastructure for future GPNR staff quarters and operations. Water supply has been completed, including new borehole, solar pump, pipeline and reservoirs. Site clean-up is nearly completed so renovations and power installations can begin soon.



# NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS - INTRODUCTIONS -

## New GPNR Committee Members for 2024/25

Bjorn Valcke and Freek Venter stepped down from the GPNR management committee this year. Thank you on behalf of all residents for the commitment and guidance provided during many years of service to the reserve.

Three GPNR members have made the commitment to be of service to the reserve and join the GPNR management committee for 2024/25. We are very excited for the experience, insights and enthusiasm the new committee members will bring to the management of the reserve.



Manda Van Wyk – GPNR Committee Treasurer 2024/25

Manda and husband Las purchased Portion 85 in August 2013 and whenever possible visited to enjoy the Grietjie bushveld and serenity. Since their retirement in February 2021, they are now permanent residents in Grietjie. Manda became a chartered accountant early in her career while working at KPMG and spent the last 20 years of her career at Sasol's internal audit department. Nowadays Manda spends her time in all the joys of life such as time with her grandchildren and camping trips in the bush with Las.



Gerd Graf – GPNR Committee Member 2024/25

Gerd and wife Tienie discovered Grietjie on a trip during the times of COVID-19 and purchased Portion 84 that they now call home. Prior to Grietjie Gerd worked for BMW in information technology and lived on a property north of Pretoria in the late 1990's that was ultimately established as Dinokeng Big 5 Game Reserve. Gerd retired from BMW in 2018 to focus on their lodge Ikhaya Lama Dube. Since last year they have managed the lodge remotely from their beloved little cottage and are preparing to sell the lodge and settle down in Grietjie.



Andres Stock – GPNR Committee Member CAPS Rep 2024/25

Andreas and wife Heike became shareholders in Baluleni Lodge in 2015 after being caught in the spell of Africa through many travels across the continent. Andreas spent the past 20 years as an entrepreneur in the fashion industry and in 2020 took over the management of Baluleni. In 2021 Andreas and Heike made the move to Grietjie to enjoy the bush and focus full time on Baluleni.

## New GPNR Assistant Warden

We're thrilled to announce that ST Clair Finaughty will be joining the GPNR management team as Assistant Warden starting October 1st, 2024. With extensive experience in conservation, game management, and security, ST Clair is well-equipped for this role. His previous work managing the large rhino population at Piet Warren's Farm, along with his recent position as Farm Watch Manager in the Ofcolaco region, will greatly enhance our management capabilities at GPNR.

Once renovations on Portion 107 are complete, ST Clair will be joined by his wife, Jenny, and their children, Mica and Ollie.

Please join us in welcoming the Finaughty family to our community!

## GPNR - ASSISTANT WARDEN!





# NOISE POLLUTION!

If a resident is affected by noise pollution it is recommended they contact the neighbour directly and attempt to resolve the matter. To formally file a complaint, send an email and supporting evidence to [grietjiecomms@gmail.com](mailto:grietjiecomms@gmail.com).

The following information regarding noise pollution has been extracted from pages 32 and 35 of the Grietjie constitution:

**NOISE POLLUTION** – No continuous loud noise which disturbs neighbours or affects behaviour of wildlife. Examples include: barking dogs, loud music, yelling children, etc.; and the use of power tools (more than a few minutes) is prohibited on weekends. Occasional “noisy” events such as birthday parties, etc., are permissible when neighbours have been pre-notified and given verbal consent. GPNR-approved construction activities are allowed Monday through Friday (7am – 5pm) only.

Violating Lighting and/or Noise Pollution Requirements	Number of valid violations (determined by investigation with clear evidence) resulting in written notices from GPNR.	1 written notice	2 written notices	3 written notices	4 written notices	> 4 written notices
	Penalty (financial)	R 0 (warning only)	R 1 000 per notice	R 2 000 per notice	R 5 000 per notice	R 10 000 per notice
	Penalty (non-financial)	Loss of MIGS (voting) status until a 90 consecutive day period with no new violations and written notices and this is signed-off by GPNR. If after this, new violations and written notices occur, they will be added to the previous total to determine violation category level for additional penalties.				

Thank you for taking the time to read through our News Splash. We wish you a wonderful weekend, stay warm and keep well and safe!

Until next time!

GPNR Management Committee.