



Newsletter from Friends of Moreletakloof

Moreletakloof has changed its colour to green, with some of the most beautiful old trees towering over younger trees along the Rademeyer spruit. Our grass lands have completely recovered after being over grazed for a few years. Our buck has had quite a few youngsters during the year, specially the Bushbuck and Impala. We lost a Zebra merrie during birth in February, we need a few extra Zebras. Our Ostrich family had five baby ostriches, so the father and mother are very protective.

The COT have really worked very hard by clearing our main line sewerage pipes by getting Main Line Contractors following it by their own teams to check and repair the leakages inside the drain entrances. They also got Wildlands from the Conservation Trust under Work for Water to remove thousands of invader trees and plants along the Rademeyerspruit (32 m from the water edge). This is big groups of workers that worked over a long period under Adopt Moreletaspruit, that will then move into next parts along Moreletaspruit. There are 15 students from Unisa that are also cutting down invaders and building bridges.

The Hide, Rest deck and toilet are still being looked after, and kept very neat. Big parts of the open veld were burned in September by Nature Conservation.

We are still struggling to get water supplied for our toilet but hope that there might be a possibility that the pump, used by Rademeyers could be connected to the tank of our toilet near the bird hide.

Everybody that visits the reserve will know that it is visited by at least 100 people in the week and as many as between 200 –350 per weekend day.

Like in the previous year our Palisades is really slowly rusting away. We remove squatters during the year, and repair the palisade as it get broken into every week. Please make donations for Rust Converter paint, and the labour that is very intensive and costly. This is the most urgent problem.

We got very little funds to buy paint this year, so it is urgently needed. As we are a registered company your money will be safe, Absa Woodlands 9105029384.

Please give your name and surname as reference and send the proof of payment to us at info@moreletakloof.co.za

Annual Year Meeting will be held on the 19th November 2015, from 18:00 at Rademeyers. It is so important that you join us in running this reserve, and also giving your input. We will have the Financial Statements that we received from our Auditors available.

We cannot do this on our own and this place is so worthwhile to protect and kept safe.

Toeganklikheid vir persone met gestremdhede.

Ons het met n paar geleenthede gestremde persone na die rusdek en skerm geneem. Pathways het weer die kloof besoek asook ander groepe met ons Stap en Rol uitdaging in September. Ons stap rustig saam met blinde persone wat dit baie geniet, hulle woon ook ons Voëlring geleenthede by. Goeie kontakte is gemaak met groot groepe wat die kloof nou gereeld sal besoek.

Met hierdie uitstappies het ons baie goeie borge wat ons gereeld help as ook goeie vriende wat doenig is op die dae.

Groups that work with Nature Conservation and student groups

We had a few groups working very hard to remove invader plants. Wildlands have been working in the reserve for many months, and are a sponsored group, that work very hard to remove all alien plants from 30 m from the bank of the spruit and they also poison it. We had UNISA students (15) in September 2015 that worked for a full day as part of a project, they were also involved in building a bridge.

Main line Construction cleared the main part of the sewerage line, near the wetlands, while another group from COT, repaired the line where necessary, with a machine that was placed in the sewer line. I must mention Dawid and Eddie,

from Nature Conservation, that went out of their way to help, looking after the hide and toilet, while doing their other jobs. Waterkloof Hoërskool children, always willing to work hard.
Then we would like to thank Adelene Marais and Johan Pietersen that do so much for our reserve.

Friends and Visitors helped in many ways

Volker Schonfelder and lots of his friends came in twice to help with Pom-Poms. Andre Spammer that supplies workers, to cut out invaders as well as sponsor wood to build bridges and repair steps and they also walk with clippers. Fred Klein, Jacky Huigsloot and Ans, Andy Sofocli, Sue, Sannie Erasmus and Marthino. Menanteau and her three daughters are always there to help, and also works with our web-site and Facebook. Volker Schonfelder, that is a regular visitor are always willing to help me when needed.

Walks and Talks(past and future)

We had some very good outings through the year like four bird ringing days (most enjoyable day for everybody including disabled person/kids), Tree walks, Bird walks with Andy Featherstone, Water testing(Mini SASSI) Colleen Todd (twice), students working here for projects and Chris Sibert, working with Young kids.

If you contact us, Chris Sibert will work with you as family, or small groups of children from any age. He loves to talk birds, rock formations and about Nature.

There will be another Bird ringing on the 21st November (06:00), Andy Featherstone from Wits University walking with us on the 22nd November (06:00), some water testing, Invader specialists, and tree specialists (Isak van der Merwe and Owen Brett) on the 14th November from 07:00. Cleaning the Rademeyer spruit on the 31st October 2015 from (06:00 or 08:00). Visit the Web-site and Facebook for more information.

This will be on Facebook and our Website, with more information.

Sponsors

We had good sponsors for events that we presented in the reserve like B-One Hire (Toilet), Oasis water Moreletapark, Plant Paradise, Adroulla Home Cooking (Wekker Str), Angels Boutique hotel, Businesspoint Moreletapark (printing at cost, and 100 fruit juices), Freshways Green grocer, Spar Moreletapark, Boma Deli and Butchery and many small donations.

Last but most important

Please become a Friend of Moreletakloof, and help us by working and being involved in the running of this reserve. It is R 350.00 per year for a family of 4, where you will get free entrances, for two visits, to reserves like Rietvlei, Groenkloof and Wonderboompoort.

What we really want is people who will work with us, there are so many retired people visiting the reserve, join us and enjoy feeling good about Nature.

The Palisade must be painted and repaired, this is so important, please care enough so that we can keep this reserve safe.

I love this reserve and get so much pleasure in working here, please join me and get involved.

Jeannie du Plessis

Friend of Moreleta Kloof

