

Friends of Moreleta Kloof

Moreleta Kloof Natuurreseervaat



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

Friends of Moreleta Kloof (FMK)

Helios street, Moreleta Park, Pretoria

WESSA Membership no: 1234925

Overview of FMK activities

Below is a brief summary of the activities that took place in the reserve during the past ten months. More detail will be provided when point 7 of the agenda is dealt with.

- Clearing of invader plants – weekly work group, monthly hacks and individuals.
- Spreading of biocontrol agents as part of an integrated plan to attempt to control the spreading of invader plants
- Guided walks with experts in their field – tree walks
 - a scorpion walk
 - bird walks
 - a wetlands walk
- Monitoring the health of the spruit through miniSASS and full SASS (South African Scoring System).
- Monitoring the health of the spruit through WaterCan, an OUTA initiative.
- Monitoring the health of the spruit with FreshWater Watch citizen science water quality monitoring kits, an initiative driven by Ground Truth, FreshWater Watch and the World Water Quality Alliance.
- Maintaining the bird hide and toilets.
- Maintaining the foot paths and fixing fences.

Registering Friends of Moreleta Kloof with the Receiver of Revenue

During the year a person who donated money to FMK requested a section 18A tax certificate. As we are not registered with SARS we cannot issue 18A certificates – we normally do this through WESSA. I discussed this with ReachOut Financial Services and they suggested that we register with SARS. The process will be started shortly.

Highlights

- Saturday morning hacks.
- Walks with wetland and environmental experts.
- Guided walks through the Reserve.
- On Eco day a miniSASS was done and a wetlands talk given.
- Certificate received from Nature Conservation during WESSA Tshwane Branch's AGM, for the Friends Group that did the most research and release of biological agents during the past year.
- Replacing the timber deck at the toilet with a concrete deck.

Concerns

- The pollution of the spruit is still of great concern, especially the sewer leaks from the residential areas around the reserve.
- Lack of participation of Friends of Moreletakloof members.
- Lack of funds for projects and general maintenance.
- Development of ptn of stand 88 - we will monitor the situation.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all the donors who have contributed in cash and in kind to the FMK in the past year to assist in our activities. A special word of thanks to Andre Jooste for sponsoring the building of the new concrete deck at the toilet.

Also, a big thank you to Pieter Theron for his generous donation this past week.

Thank you to Karl and Danie for their input and assistance during the building of the concrete deck at the toilet.

In advance, I would also like to thank Karl for generously giving his time and expertise to build the handrail for the new toilet deck.

Thank you to Adelene Marais from Tshwane Nature Conversation for finding us an ostrich male to keep the ladies company. The result was a baby ostrich, but sadly it died after a couple of months.

Thank you to Jeannie and the Moreleta Kloof Volunteers group for their work on Wednesday mornings and to Karl and Rouxne for the maintenance work on the paths.

And thank you to Rose for driving the testing of the water quality of the spruit.

For those who organized walks, talks, monitoring the quality of the spruit and weekend hacks – a big thank you for your efforts to improve the reserve.



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Chairperson FMK

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