

## THE OLIVE CREST'

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### INTRODUCTION:

“Aloe, Aloe” it’s been a while since our last newsletter, but here we are again at that time of the year, when the birds are brown and the aloes are beautifully red. Take a look at Eleanor’s garden (#5), for instance, where there are some beautiful specimens flowering next to the road. And what about Nick and Corlia’s house #109. Spectacular colours on the Estate this winter!

Welcome to all newcomers who are building in Olive Crest, or who have already moved in recently, it really is a special place and relax and enjoy the nature. It helps to take the pain out of not having a Super 15 rugby team to support this winter!.

### SOCIAL NEWS:

**BABY BOY!** A big welcome to Matthew, born on 9 April to **Nic and Corlia Badenhorst #109** and brother to **Chloe**. We wish you lots of love and laughter – when the sleepless nights are over!

The ladies of Olive Crest organised a fantastic **EASTER EGG HUNT** up at the Clubhouse on 17 March, for all the children on the Estate. A really big **THANK YOU** to all the Moms and Dads who helped, and also to the big crowd of sugar filled kiddies who took part. For a change, this time the annual event was held in the early evening and this made for a wonderful success. Below are some of the pics kindly taken by Veronica Ferraz.

Just look at these pictures - you can see how Ronel Schreuder has every kid absolutely mesmerised with her *Be Sharp Beelles* performance. Thanks Ronel!





Look how sharp these beetles are – they just can't wait to twist and shout.

And our very own Bunny Girl, *Samantha Bacon*, distributing the Easter Eggs. Well done, Sam!



## HAPPY HOUR

For those who don't know, we try to have a Happy Hour at the Clubhouse on the last Friday of every month. This month we have made it the second last Friday, 24 May, just because we can. It is a very informal event, everyone welcome, bring your own kids, dogs, mother-in-laws, etc. Meet your fellow Olive Cresters and get to know each other. Who knows, you may even find they are just as nice as you. Come up at about 18h00, bring your own drinks and snacks. **NB. This time the ladies will have soup and rolls to keep out the winter chill.**

## NEW BOARD ELECTED

For those who didn't get the e-mails, your Board for the next year is:

- Peter Balt
- Andy Taoushanie
- Trevor Daws
- Charles Schroeder
- Gerry Koopal
- Developer's Representative to be advised

Congratulations on being elected and many thanks for taking on this important (and often thankless) responsibility, for our benefit. We wish you all best wishes for a great year

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Sadly, our cuckoos have all gone back to Europe, and our Red Bishops are dull brown for the winter, but there is a still lot of nature happening at Olive Crest and here are some of the highlights of the month:

*Resident Mongooses* - Luckily, amongst the fun and games in Olive Crest, we still have our resident mongooses managing to live happily. They are often seen at the waterfall, but this photo was taken by John Sayers in his front courtyard. We think they are Slender Mongooses, because of the black tip to the tail. If they had a white tipped tail they would be Yellow Mongooses. But at least they know what they are!

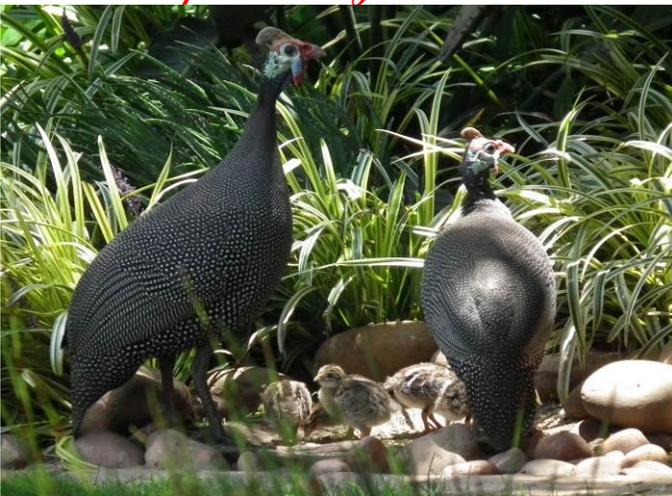


*Marsh Owl.* Another fantastic sighting was this Marsh Owl in the field next to the Estate.



The Marsh Owl is very similar to the Grass Owl, so how can we be so sure this is a Marsh Owl? Our resident bird experts know the answer, and will explain at Happy Hour: A Grass Owl will always fly away from the photographer and then settle straight into the grass. So you would not be able to get this full frontal photo of a Grass Owl. Only one of his backside flying away. Therefore, my dear Watson, it is a Marsh Owl. (Please feel free to act irritatingly superior to your mates with this scrap of absolutely useless information

One of our resident flocks of *Helmeted Guineafowls* had a very late clutch of chicks, most of which have fortunately survived to adulthood to scratch up all my lawn. And of course we still have our resident *Spotted Eagle Owls!* This is the male, Hooty, not sure where Blowfish is).



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“When you wake up in the morning we have two choices ...  
To go back to sleep and dream or to wake up and chase those dreams”

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