



*Longacres Country and
Equestrian Estate*

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Chris Novello

Dear Longacres members and residents,

This newsletter will address the equestrian fraternity, especially the notice of the formation of the Longacres Equestrian Association. The HOA urges all horse owners and interested persons to attend the formation meeting on the 8th May 2021.

I would also like to address the posted road speed within the estate (40km/h) we urge all residents to please adhere to this posted speed restriction. Longacres is a residential “Country Lifestyle Estate” and many residents enjoy walking, jogging and cycle / horse riding within the Longacres area. The estate is also blessed with an abundance of fauna and flora, unfortunately we are finding far too many tortoises, birds and other small animals killed on our roads.

We would also like to address the excessive speed, noisome and illegal (unregistered/unroadworthy) motorbikes on and off our roads with specific regard to recent events experienced (motorcycles racing on the green belt). This is totally unacceptable, and we urge these people to obey the rules of the road and not use the green belt as an off road track.

The committee is finalizing the “Residents Security Radio Network” communications upgrade. This will involve the erection of a repeater station on the “Masada” property to increase the radio coverage to the whole estate. In addition to this, our security camera proposal is still in progress and we hope to implement this with forward planning. As broadcasted on the official Longacres site (Whatsapp) the cameras will be placed at both entrances to Longacres, and the financial plan for the implementation for this, as indicated by Willie Timmerman in the broadcast, makes it an affordable option to get it done in the immediate future.



FEEDBACK FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Landscaping Improvements to Strand Rd and Kenilworth Way Entrances

Johan Burger of Gravity Landscapes has volunteered to sponsor the upgrading of the two entrances to our estate. The proposal in the form of the creation of a lay-bye and landscaping/planting (as per sketches published in the March newsletter) is planned to be constructed at the start of our winter. It is anticipated to start in May/June.

The proposal has been sent to the Council, we still await their approval.



UPGRADING OF THE 2 ENTRANCE ROADS
STRAND ROAD AND KENILWORTH WAY

Notice of Founding Meeting – Longacres Equestrian Association

The trustees have initiated the formation of an equestrian association to manage the equestrian activities on the private space of the estate, as well as the public property within the estates boundary. Please find all the relevant documentation related to the proposed meeting www.longacresestate.co.za downloadable documents to be found under Equestrian Association

DATE: 8th May 2021

TIME 10:00

VENUE: Silverleaf Stables, 13 Newmarket Street, Longacres

We appeal to all horse owners and riders (as well as anyone interested in equestrian activities) to firstly become a member and attend the meeting.



EQUESTRIAN AND GREEN BELT MATTERS

Green Belt – Fire Break

The Greenbelt firebreak needs to be maintained after cutting it all along the boundary. A few veldfires in the area made this a priority . It is unlikely for a fire to start on its own in the greenbelt, any fire threat will come from the properties or human activities. In case of a fire starting, with our prevailing winds, it will in no time burn from one side to the other, destroying habitat and killing small game, with the likely chance of further spread to other properties. A Fire Fighting trailer with water and a petrol water pump and integrated fire reel is available at Johan Nel in Strand Road.

Two water points have been identified, on both the west and east side of the blue gum tree line, where water has been made available from JD Pretorius (Newmarket Street) and Johan Nel (Strand Rd) for use, to fill shallow drinking troughs for small animals. This is a project that will be completed in the near future.

A photograph of a herd of horses running across a field. The horses are in motion, with their manes and tails flowing. The background is a blurred landscape of dry grass and trees under a bright sky.

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A bat eared fox with strange behaviour, who had lost its fear for humans, was spotted and captured on the estate. The animal has been taken to the state vet, where tests showed that it was positive with Rabies . Please be aware that Rabies is not curable. If a infected animal bites you, you are in serious danger as there is no effective treatment. Though a small number of people have survived rabies, the disease usually causes death. For that reason if you think you've been exposed to rabies, you must get a series of shots to prevent the infection from taking hold.

A photograph of a herd of horses running across a field. The horses are in various colors, including brown, black, and white. The background is a blurred landscape with hills and a clear sky.

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The HOA has received and dealt with a number of Building plan submissions

New Dwellings: Erf 2678, Erf 6326 Erf, 2533, Erf 6333

The visual character of Longacres is totally dependent on each and every property doing their bit in maintaining their properties. This would include the front verge, front fence/wall, display of street number, alien vegetation, as well as the overall appearance of the property and the buildings. Apart from the private open space that falls under the ownership of the HOA, all the roads and verges fall under the control of the road authority i.e. Saldanha Bay Municipality, for repairs and maintenance. The committee is in regular contact with the relevant council officials to ensure that these matters are on the maintenance schedule.

