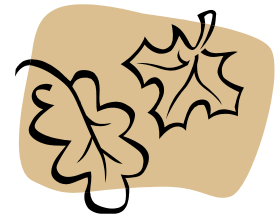




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Committee News

From the Chair

June finally arrived preparing us for change...Change is inevitable but growth is optional and maybe it is time to focus on the growth?

At Onverwacht there are changes, some of our great friends move away but there are new super people moving into the estate, which we want to welcome! We would like to send the newsletter not only to property owners in Onverwacht but also to tenants. Please advise the managing agent of your details if you are a tenant as we need to update the list and make sure you are welcomed!

There are new waterbirds arriving at the dam during June taking the place of other migrant birds that left for Europe. We included a list of them in this newsletter.

Hannarie Fouchee resigned from the Committee due to personal circumstances and we would like to thank her for all the positive inputs into Onverwacht. Members of the committee are in process of installing solar lights at the river and dam wall. A huge thank you to Harry, Uwe, Etienne and Loutjie who are busy with this job.

After Pinnacle Properties resigned as managing agent it was essential to change the way Onverwacht is managed. After many hours of homework, interviews and discussions the committee appointed PropCentral as our new managing agent. Together we will endeavor to assist them in optimizing the possibilities and have a comprehensive management approach(with a few changes)...

With all this in mind, don't let yesterday use up too much of today, stay warm, safe and happy!

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Maintenance

The maintenance team is in the process of painting stones and distributing them to mark the two different exercise routes.

Communication

Hannarie Fouchee left the committee due to personal reasons.

Security

Onverwacht Wine Estate is not a security Estate and therefore we always inform and request homeowners to ensure they have their own security measures in place, but in our effort to assist with better perimeter security at Onverwacht, we look and investigate ways to upgrade our security risks.

While we have Bolkvest as our entrance and internal patrols security measures, it was identified that the Outside and Riverfront perimeters are very dark.

After a long cost assessment investigation re perimeter lighting options between installing a power cable around the whole Onverwacht perimeter at great expense or Solar lighting, the latter has been agreed.

A trial 1st phase has been implemented, where 5 poles have been erected along the Riverfront boundary and the solar lights should be installed within the next week or two.

We will be monitoring the effectiveness of these 5 Solar lights over a two month period and welcome all the residence to have a look at night and give us feedback comments.

If everyone agrees that these solar lights are effective and improve our security risk, we will then implement phase two and install more Solar lights around selected points of the completed Onverwacht perimeter.



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Know your neighbour

After meeting our longest Onverwacht residents in May this month we want to meet one of our newest neighbours: the Goncalves family



Amanda and Raymond both grew up in Johannesburg, studied in Bloemfontein and moved to Cape Town after finishing university. They have known each other since they were 16 and are a good complement for each other since; with Amanda being the outgoing talkative dreamer whilst Raymond is more calm and rational. The couple has been gifted with two children: daughter Zoey (9) and son Jedidiah (6).



Living in Cape Town the family often dreamt of moving to the winelands. Wellington charmed them and became soon their destination of choice to escape the big city life.

While working as a teacher in schools and later for a NGO Amanda dreamt of helping schools to become healthy environments and supporting teachers in doing their important work.

Well, this year, the dream came true. Amanda Goncalves founded and runs the NGO called 'Honey badger for schools' and started the *culture shift program* that supports schools to operate with a stronger focus on their values. The NGO also supports teachers as well as includes career-guidance programs for grade 9-12 learners (Find out more on honeybadgersa.org).

Over the Easter weekend the second family dream was realised when the family moved to live in their newly build house at Riesling Crescent.

Living at Onverwacht, the kids enjoy watching the chicken in the vineyard and are excited about having the more space for the newest family member: Cleo, the dog.

When the family spends time together they all love the outdoors: hiking, camping, going to nature reserves or walking at Doolhof. They also all enjoy good food. A family speciality is *prego-rolls* a Portuguese heritage from Raymond's side of the family.

Apart from eating, Amanda loves doing art whilst Raymond plays the keyboard and takes care of the finishing touches in the house and garden. Zoey loves playing *Warrior into the Wild* with her friends, doing art and reading books. She loves cats and especially her own— Pepper. Her brother Jedi likes 'to build lego, play pranks and love Jesus'.

We wish you all the best for your new chapter in life – may your dreams keep coming true.





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Neighbourhood news

Welcome!

It is time – and a special pleasure – to say welcome to all new neighbours that moved to Onverwacht in the last couple of months. We are very happy to have you here!

No 16: Family Annelien and Dawid Kitshoff

No 39: Nadine and Jackie Thompson

No 128: Family Amanda and Raymond Goncalves

No 131: Anita and Charles Naude

No 135: Lianna and Louis Klopper

And a very special warm welcome to our newest neighbour **Andreas Newman** who was born 22nd may 2022. Congratulations to parents Carmen and Wayne and brother Dawid (house no14)!





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Coffee shop series: Perfect Place

Who doesn't know *Perfect Place*? But did you know that the owners also live in Onverwacht?

Having lived all over South Africa Wellington is the place that kept calling Wikkie and Elanza Burger back. In order to stay in our lovely town the couple looked for a business that could do more than just sustain the family but also enrich their lives as well as the lives of others.

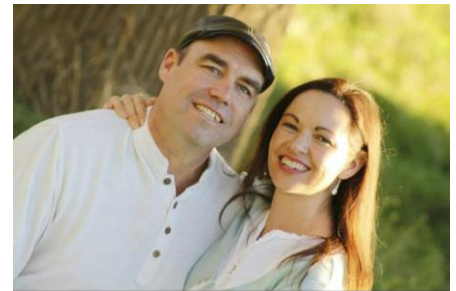
Therefore, running *Perfect Place* means much more to Wikkie and Elanza than just selling coffee. It is important to them to create a place of community, a place to feel at home. Although the cakes are divine, the coffee flavourful and the service warm and friendly most importance lies in the experience of sitting together with good friends and feeling comfortably relaxed.



That cozy and homely atmosphere can't be created by the owners alone and Wikkie speaks very highly of his staff who have been around longer than himself and carry most of the responsibility for the restaurant. To show the high respect for the whole team, staff portraits have been painted by a local artist and are on display on the main wall.

The outside seating area is within a snug private garden. The Interior of is adorned with thoughtful locally sourced gift items for sale whilst the well-chosen artwork on the walls invites you to wander through the café. But the experience goes beyond just looking at art. Together with artist Letitia Uys, *Perfect Place* brings people together for art workshops - of which - a date to note down is the 14th of June when the next event is planned.

Perfect Place offers Breakfast, lunch, fire-oven pizza and cakes that are all self-baked – except for the multilayered Russian honey cake that needs the original Russian expertise of a local home-baker. Furthermore a different select *dish of the day* is offered daily – real huiskos to warm the body and mind.



For Wikkie and Elanza it is important that the goodness goes beyond just the taste buds. Their vision for the coffee shop is to create a place of gathering and community without any prejudices and stereotypes. A place for people to meet as people. A piece of heaven on earth – a perfect place.



Letitia Uys Art

Portretstudie
Werkwinkel
Dinsdag 14 Junie
@ Perfect Place

R400
10h00 - 16h00

Verstaan van vorm
3 Verskillende tegnieke in monochroom
Nie Beginners

Bespreek voor 10 Junie
by 0713646322
(net 8 plekke beskikbaar)

Koffie/Tee
Middagete
ingesluit

Onverwacht Special for June and July:

10% discount and free delivery to Onverwacht. Watch out for the dish of the day on your whatsapp.

Perfect Place is open Mon – Fri 7am until 5pm and Sat 8am until 2pm





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Know your birds

We have a few feathered visitors at Onverwacht dam and river during June. Find yourselves a quiet spot, use your binoculars and watch them.

We would like to compile an Onverwacht bird list for our website, please help??

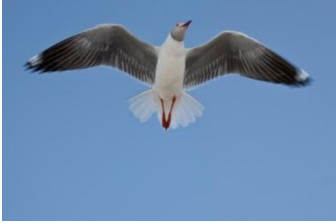
DUCKS and GEESE: EENDE en GANSE			
			
Egyptian goose: Kolgans Started with 9 chicks, 1 left as the Otter and caught 8.	African black duck: Swarteend. Nests on the river bank.	Yellow-billed duck: Geelbek eend Nests on the river bank	White-faced whistling duck: Nonnetjie eend Only a visitor
CORMORANT and DARTERS: DUIKERS en SLANGHALSVOËLS			
			
African darter: Slanghalsvoël	Reed Cormorant: Rietduiker	White breasted Cormorant: Witborsduiker	Yellow billed Egret: Geelbekwitreier
EGRETS: REIERS			
			
Cattle egret: Vee reier	Grey heron: Blou reier A pair are now resident at the eastern side of dam	Little egret and darter: Klein wit reier en slanghalsvoël	Night heron: Gewone nagreier A pair resident at eastern side of dam
KINGFISHERS: VISVANGERS			
			
Giant Kingfisher: Reuse visvanger Largest kingfisher in Africa	Malachite Kingfisher: Kuifkopvisvanger	Pied Kingfisher: Bontvisvanger	Brown Hooded Kingfisher: Bruinkopvisvanger Digs tunnel in ground for nest



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GULLS AND TERNS: MEEUE EN STERRETJIES



Grey headed Gull: Gryskop meeu Lives at sea and fresh water lakes



Caspian Tern: Reuse Sterretjie
Largest Tern in the world.



Common Tern: Gewone Sterretjie



White winged Tern: Witvlerk Sterretjie

IBIS, HAMERKOP AND SPOONBILL: LEPELAAR



Sacred Ibis: Skoorsteenveër
Gets its name from Egypt, many mummified in tombs.



Hadedda Ibis Breeds lots of babies in willow tree on North-eastern side of dam.



African Spoonbill: Lepelaar
Sweeps bill from side to side to catch small fish and frogs

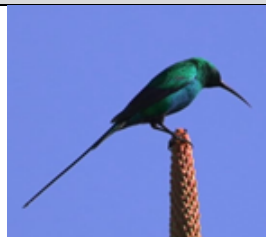


Hamerkop Breeds successfully on Northern side of dam in reeds, 1 in 2019, 4 this year

VARIOUS



Common Moorhen: Grootwaterhoender Breeds on North-eastern side of dam



Malachite sunbird: Jangroentjie
Feasting on the aloes at the Southern side of dam



Lesser Swamp Warbler: Kaapse Rietsanger Nests in the reeds, song a series of melodic phrases



Blacksmith Lapwing: Bontkiewiet

BIRDS OF PREY: ROOFVOËLS



African Fish Eagle: Visarend



African Hawk Eagle: Grootjagarend



African Harrier Hawk: Kaalwangvalk



Common Buzzard: Bruinjakkalsvoël

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Let's build our community



If anyone has ideas to add or stories of good neighborliness to share, please let us know so that we can share it in the next newsletter.

Ways to build your community



Get to know your neighbours



Greet passing strangers



Garden together



Fix something
(even if you didn't break it)



Pick up litter



Bake a little extra and share



Ask someone for help ...



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