Estate and Gardens report 2024

Estate Gardens

The Gardens committee have had an active year, they have:-

- Engaged with an arborist to have a look at the trees in the estate
 - o generally, most of the trees are in good condition,
 - o a couple of "old and ailing" trees were identified and will need attention in the new year.
- Been actively involved with tree removal request from residents.
- Drafted a preferred tree/shrubs list to be used as a guide for the replacement trees/shrubs for any removed tree. (below)
- Agreed, subject to review by the committee that any Fever trees close to the road that is or will probably cause damage to the roads will be removed.

TREE/SHRUB RECOMMENDAT	TIONS		
DEFINITIONS	Benefits	Width & Heights (Guidelines only)	Size (Guidelines Only)
TREE - A woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to considerable height bearing later branches at some distance from the ground.	Help reduce air pollution, forms a barrier against noise and wind, are wonderful O2 producers and provide shade and shelter for people, as well as birds and wildlife.	oni, j	
SHRUB - A woody plant which is smaller than a tree and has several main stems arising at or near the ground.	Provides body and interest to a garden.		
Medium/Large trees			
Monkey thorn	Acacia galpinii	18-25 x 12m	L
Wild olive	Olea europaea	6-18 x 3m	M
White stinkwood	Celtis Africana	13-38 x 9m	L
Cape chestnut	Calodendrum capense	9-18 x 8m	L
Tree Wsiteria	Bolusanthus Speciosus	6-12 x 3m	M
Sweet thorn	Acacia Karoo	6-20 X 4M	M
River bushwillow	Combretum Erythrophyllum	6-17 x 8m	L
Pom tree	Dais cotnifolia	5-8 X 2m	M
Common wild pear	Dombeya rotundifolia	5-7 x 2m	M
Common coral tree	Erythrina lysistemon	8-16 x 6m	L
Lavender tree	Heteropyxis natalenisis	5 x 4m	M
Wild peach	Kiggelaria africana	8 x 6m	M
Henkels Yellowood	Podocarpus henkelii	10 -36 x 5m	L

Karee	Rhus iancea	6-16 x 6m	M
Nonindigenous trees			
Pride of India*	Lagerstroemia indica	5 x3 m	M
SHRUBS			
Sagewood	Buddleja salviifolia	5 x 3 m	
Baldder nut	Diospiros whyteana	5 x 3m	
Pincushion protea	Leucospermum	3 x 2m	
Orange jasmine *	Murraya exotica	3 x 2m	
Sacred bamboo *	Nandina domestica	3 x 1m	
chinese hawthorn*	Photinia	3,5 x 1,5m	
Wild violet	Polygala myrtifolia	2 x 1m	
English laurel*	Prunus laurocerasus	4 x 3m	
Dune crowberry	Rhus crenata	4 x 3m	
Cape honey suckle	Tecomaria capensis	3 x 3m	
Tree maintenance suggestions			
Note root growth and possible damage to surrounding areas.			
Keep tree balanced with appropriate pruning. Prevent falling over.			
* nonindigenous			

My thanks to the Ashlea and Dennis of the Gardens committee for their time and effort.

Estate Roads

The roads project was given a green light by a 91% vote on the 21st July 2024



Work is already well underway:-

- At the time of writing this report we had:
 - o Removed roots and repaired 172m2 of road that had been damaged by the roots
 - Where **necessary** the trees are being removed (most of the offending trees are
 Fever trees)
 - o Repaired 1037m2 of potholes
- Street sweeping vehicles have being around sweeping the street
- Rejuvenation of surfaces stated on the 28th August 2024
- The project is expected to run until December 2024
- Please understand that this is a large and complex project and things will change, often for reason outside of our control
- The team is doing everything possible to keep residents informed of where there is likely to be traffic restriction due to the project
- Please have a look at the informational videos pertaining to the project on the THOA website
 - o Roads Project Thornhill Estate (thoa.co.za)

We ask for your continued support and understanding with any inconvenience caused by traffic / road restrictions while works is ongoing.

I would like to thank Alan and Ken, the technical experts on the roads team for the time, effort and expertise they have brought to this project

Appreciate your understanding and support

Graham Hartlett