

FROK SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends of Kloofendal

AGM Friends of Kloofendal (FROK)

Date: Saturday 16th September 2017

Time: 10h00 - 12h15

Venue: Kloofendal Ecological Centre situated in Kloofendal amphitheatre

Convenor: Karin Spottiswoode

10h00 - 10h15. Camera trap pictures by Alana Smal

10h15 - 11h00. Presentation: Conservation of Roodepoort/ Krugersdorp Ridges

- Albertina Sisulu Orchid - Andrew Hankey
- Wildlife on ridges - Tony da Costa
- Overview of Proteadal Conservation Association - Belinda Cooper

11h00 - 11h15 Tea/ Coffee

11h15 - 12h15 FroK AGM

All community members very welcome.

Information on cell 079-693-5608

- Get to know what is all happening in and around the Kloofendal Nature Reserve, get involved in how the community and JCPZ can protect and look after this beautiful, quiet, peaceful reserve!
- Good things - spring is here, Kloofendal looks lovely, paths are being upgraded by JCPZ, new path markers are being installed - they look great! - , the Kloofendal Ecological Centre is now open Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 9h00 - 15h00 thanks to our new cleaning lady, Rachel Dyantyi, working there - thanks to JCPZ EE management
- Not good things - we need an action plan: dogs getting into the reserve and killing buck and other game, squatting, poaching, bush encroachment - the natural veld, mostly grassland, is being replaced by bush, with subsequent insufficient food for mountain reedbuck in the reserve; fire management; alien and invasive plant control; breaking of public-open spaces bylaws: alcohol and electronic music spoiling the ambiance of the reserve; cricket and adult soccer games on amphitheatre lawn

Snare Hunt, Saturday 19th August

Meeting at the Kloofendal Ecological Centre attended by 12 people, it was good, luckily no snares were found! Danie Pretorius organized a follow up on Saturday 23rd August. One of the participants brought a whole lot of snares she had picked up on the local ridge (not in Kloofendal) when she walks her dog there. The snares are on display in the Ecological Centre, they are made up of strong, thin wire nooses, and the wire looks as if it comes from bicycle gearing. Snare patrol and fence patrols will be discussed at the AGM.

September & some October events

Bookings with me please on cell 079-693-5608, tel 011-674-2980?

Sunday 17th September, 07h00 - 9h00 Bird Spotting. R70 adults, R60 pensioners, R50 children

Saturday 30th September, 09h00 - 16h00. Arachnid Course with Jonathan Leeming - info. on www.scorpions.co.za, email: info@jonathanleeming.com

Sunday 1st October, 09h00 - 11h00. Scorpion Walk. While looking for scorpions, we will also look for snares! R70 adults, R60 pensioners, R50 children. Book with Quicket

Nature Treasure Hunt - for more than eighty people - please see the website?

A successful, busy Nature Treasure Hunt with 149 Eldocrest Primary School learners was held on Thursday 7th September. This has been an annual event for Eldocrest grade 6 learners for quite a few years!

Information on our [web site](#).



For information and bookings, please phone me on the FroK cell - see below?

Kloofendal Ecological Centre

Open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 09h00 - 15h00 and at other times, especially before and after FroK events. Do come and see our ecological displays - all real specimen with information on each one, also information on the Confidence Reef Goldmine with its early goldmining history.

Kind regards,

Karin Spottiswoode

Committee member of Friends of Kloofendal

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