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FROM THE ESTATE MANAGERS DESK

The LLROEMA Board, Management and Staff wish all our readers a Happy & Prosperous New Year and hope the start of 2024 brings with it the prospect of a better year for all.

I am happy to report that there were no serious incidents over the festive season and during the time when most of us were away from the Office Estate.

Recent heavy and better than average rainfall has again seen us reach maximum water levels in both of our irrigation dams. This bodes well for our water table too, and with reduced irrigation means we preserve this precious resource for when it is most needed during the drier months, 2023's drier months being a good example.

La Lucia Ridge Office Estate Management continues at full strength and all services remain uninterrupted at this time.

NEWS

The LLROEMA would like to announce and welcome the following new members to the LLROEMA Board following the LLROEMA AGM in September 2023. Rashnee Pawaar (SA Homeloans), Nigel Maramba (Unilever), Shaughn Erasmus (Growthpoint) and Ricardo van Zyl (ASPEN Pharmacare).

The LLROEMA also takes this opportunity to thank the departing Board members, Nicholan Singh, Aman Sahadave and Nishanth Naidoo for all their hard work, valued assistance and dedication to the LLROEMA over the number of years that they each served while on the Board of Directors. Thank you gentleman.

DID YOU KNOW

Summer in the Estate sees, amongst many other things, the flowering of our beautiful Agapanthus at a number of our traffic circles and numerous flower beds around the precinct. These can be seen at Crawford and Nollsworth Circles along Armstrong Avenue East for most of November, December and January each year as well as in numerous flowerbeds around the Estate at large, a good example being the security pond area in the front of Cranbrook Crescent.

These flowerbeds have all historically been a part of the Estates aesthetic appeal since inception more than 20years ago and something we as the Management team are proud to show off.



Nollsworth Circle, Armstrong Avenue



Cranbrook Crescent, Umhlanga Rocks Drive

Agapanthus plants line so many roads in South Africa that we tend to forget just how spectacular these plants are. Thanks to clever breeding programmes these indigenous treasures are now available in a wide range of striking varieties.

The Agapanthus is undoubtedly one of our indigenous botanical treasures. It has been exported to all corners of the earth, but occurs naturally only in southern Africa, where it grows in the wild in all our provinces except the Northern Cape, as well as in Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique.

The name agapanthus comes from the Greek words agapé (love) and anthos (flower), therefore literally meaning “flower of love”. Locally it is often referred to as blue lily, isicakathi (Xhosa) and ubani (Zulu), while in Europe and America it is popularly known as the African lily.

The Agapanthus is used in many traditional rituals and remedies in southern Africa. Xhosa women make a necklace from the roots of the plant to ensure healthy, strong babies, the Zulu use the plant to treat heart disease and paralysis, and it is said to revive the tired and swollen feet of hikers who wrap their feet in the leaves for half an hour. In fact, scientific studies have revealed that agapanthus does contain several chemical compounds with anti-inflammatory properties.

Agapanthus produce large clusters (known as umbrels) of funnel-shaped flowers at the end of a tall stem. The colour of Agapanthus flowers range from the well-known blue-purple hues to white, and even pink varieties, and the plants range in height from just 20cm for certain dwarf varieties to up to 2m for larger varieties. They make excellent cut flowers and will last for up to 10 days in a vase of water, although the darker coloured varieties tend to fade when brought indoors.

<https://www.stodels.com/all-you-need-to-know-agapanthus/>

REMINDERS

Solar Panels & JoJo Tanks

Kindly contact me to make application for your Solar Panel and/or JoJo Tank installations prior to purchase and installation as placement of these items may have aesthetic implications for your building, property and on the surrounds. The Associations Management team is more than happy to assist so that this gets passed and authorised by the Estate prior to installation and before unnecessary complications are encountered with our Aesthetics Rules.

General Concerns or Queries

If you have any queries or require assistance regarding Security issues, Property/Estate matters or any other day to day query or concern then kindly contact our Security team at accessdisks@llroe.co.za ; Eric at security@llroe.co.za and/or Lawrence at estatemanager@llroe.co.za . One of us will assist with your query or concern and help where possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DOMINO FOUNDATION

Should you wish to find out more about the **Domino Foundation** and what work or support they do then I urge you to visit their Facebook page or to look them up on the Web - <https://www.dominofoundation.org.za/>

You may also contact the **Domino Foundation** on 031-5639605 or visit them at 37 Mackeurtan Ave, Durban North, Durban. Your continued company support and/or individual assistance is greatly appreciated.



Until the next read, I again wish you a prosperous and Happy New Year.

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