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## FROM THE ESTATE MANAGERS DESK

The Winter months are upon us and with it, the beautiful weather and winter foliage on display around the Estate.

The Estates services (Security, Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance) remain uninterrupted during this last quarter.

### **NEWS**

Leitch Landscapes won a double Gold Certificate at the recent SALI Awards, this in the Landscape and Turf Maintenance category as well as for Waterwise planting in and around the La Lucia Ridge Office Estate.

A magnificent achievement by a group of dedicated staff and management to not only uphold the aesthetic appearance of the Estate but to continuously promote and showcase the La Lucia Ridge Office Estate as the World Class Estate it is.

The La Lucia Ridge Office Estate Management Association takes this opportunity to; thank Leitch Landscapes for their continued support and dedication at maintaining the Estate to the level required of them and congratulate them for achieving this well deserved recognition at this year's SALI awards.



#### **MAINTENANCE**

## **Completed Development**

As reported on previously (Edition 16 – December 24), the new OUTWORX building on Armstrong Avenue West, which forms part of Umhlanga Rocks Town Centre and which falls under Ridge Association Management, has now been completed.

All LLROEMA infrastructure, in and around that section of road, will be fully reinstated and cleaned to ensure that the aesthetic appearance there is restored to its former state in due course.

This should all be fully completed and reinstated by the end of July 2025.



#### **Landscape Maintenance**

In general, and as is normal this time of year, low levels of rainfall mean that our dams begin to run low. However, the plants and vegetation demand less watering during winter as they go into a period of dormancy.

With our waterwise planting of succulents and various cacti, the demand on our water resources is far less than in Spring so the water that is used is focused primarily on the Mondo grass beneath the iconic fever trees along URD, selected grass verges around the Estate as well as the Agapanthus beds.

Leitch Landscapes also focus a lot of time now to alien invasive eradication, so will be focused largely on the coastal forest sections of the Estate.

## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

It is with delight that I inform you of the recent Phase 1 security upgrade along the M41 fenceline from Unilever (Crawford Circle/Ridgeside intersection) to Pencarrow Park, at the M41/Umhlanga Rocks Drive traffic lights corner.

As part of the Phase 1 upgrade, the LLROEMA has not only upgraded the electric fence to this section of fenceline but incorporated fibre optics and cameras to better guard and protect this boundary of the Estate.

The camera's together with analytical software allows for early detection through movement in these areas which instantly displays on the monitors, together with audible alarming, in the Control Room at the LLROEMA offices.

This allows our Security Control room to closely monitor and have a better response time to any activations that might take place there in real time and in so doing cut down response times too.

We now look forward to Phase 2 which will hopefully take place in the coming months, and which will be reported on in our next newsletter. Phase 2 will cover the perimeter fenceline along the M41 facing fenceline of Torsvale and Holwood Parks ensuring better and more modern security monitoring there too.

#### **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 - <a href="https://www.dominofoundation.org.za/">https://www.dominofoundation.org.za/</a>

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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