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Hello PRRA Members

As promised, the second update email. Focus is on some of our portfolio work.

**Jade Greentree, from Parks and Open Spaces** has been busy.

1. Together we've been focusing on **Julianaveld**. The focus is how to ensure we do not lose the seedbed on the field. Both the immediate residents and many Pinelands residents would like to enjoy them without problems. So that is the immediate focus. Shared the link to the Channel to find the Julianaveld Survey. Or go directly to: <https://forms.gle/NCQM8HaVbsCTSPMx9>
2. We do not normally get involved in the Recreation spaces as the sporting codes and CoCT generally manage whatever is needed. We did coordinate with the Councillor to get info out re the info session held on the Oval yesterday re a **request for a lease by the Hockey Club of the lower Oval**. It was lively. Now we hope residents follow the process and support or object via the formal channels. Again, info of how to add your voice in previous email.
3. The **Open Spaces Ambassadors** shared highs and lows:
  1. Poplar Park: new play equipment in place.
  2. Coniston Park: mowed too deep, lots of sand showing.

**Taryn Slabbert, Environment** has been very busy setting in place structures to record noise and odour problems in Pinelands. Got the recording systems streamlined for both groups. Now up to residents to record like crazy. Taryn staying in touch with CoCT regularly to inform them almost real time of concerns.

1. Renamed a non-PRRA group to **Pinelands Pollution Group (PPG)**. Focuses on all thing Ndabeni. Taryn now an admin as well.
2. New group: **Pinelands Project (PP)**: focuses smell pollution from AWPT/ ARTS/ Black River.
3. Please check the Channel to join the newest group. Posted Sunday 15 March. Or simply use this link: [https://chat.whatsapp.com/ChHlykaznqP51izEHPOJMC?mode=gi\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/ChHlykaznqP51izEHPOJMC?mode=gi_t)

PRRA often runs special working groups to focus on specific issues. This takes the busyness away from the Community groups and allows space for other occasional concerns.

**Traffic and Roads: Ron Haiden took over from Robby Robertson at the AGM last year.** They formed part of the original Working Team. Richard Bowes joined the team in 2026. Our amazing team of retired engineers! They are focused on a number of projects. The big one is understanding the overall traffic concerns for Pinelands and coming up with a plan, especially around road calming. Our WhatsApp members are very aware this is on the agenda and in its infancy. But two parallel projects are taking shape.

1. Late 2024, the Traffic and Roads Working group commented on the NMT (non-motorized transport) plans for Pinelands during the comment period. City invited us to meet to give more detailed input. In February 2026, CoCT was ready for the next meeting. We did another round of discussions. CoCT is on track to implement the NMT processes.
2. Robby and Ron have long been working on a Street Names Upgrade Proposal. It is ready. ? We liaised with Councillor Davids on the way forward. We are hoping it could be a combined project for the funding and implementation: Pinelands CID and CoCT. He suggested first asking CID; the level of their involvement will decide how to take project to subcouncil. We hope to request a meeting with CID within the next few days. Wish us well. The process of changing the names is likely happen in phases if we can get everything in place.

If there are any other items you'd like to hear about from PRRA, let us know by email. Will help us focus our feedback.

Regards

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