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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Hi All,

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Our own piece of Paradise...

Sometimes it is easy to forget how lucky we are to live in a place like Brettenwood. Last week, on the way home from the sales office as I was admiring the view of Heron Bridge Dam and as crossed over the bridge, I saw an adult Duiker bounding through the open grasslands towards the road. The duiker stopped just short of the road, stared at me & then turned and ran back into the bush. Later that evening on the way to dinner we came across a huge owl perched on the road that flew up onto a light pole as we approached. Then, the next morning I took my niece & two Labradors down to Tiffany's Beach. As we got onto the beach we saw a whale complete a massive breach, less than 50m offshore. We were virtually the only people on the beach & we walked north towards Sheffield watching three or four whales performing for us. Once we got up on the rocks we watched in astonishment as a huge whale breached and exploded from the blue water less than 20m off the front of the rocks! I realised then that we are so privileged to live in this natural paradise and what a lucky little girl my nine year old niece is to be spending her formative years like this instead of in some shopping centre or movie house.



AGM and year ahead.

Thank you to all of you that attended our second AGM on the 2nd of October 2008. The integrated insurance scheme was unanimously adopted. This has numerous benefits for homeowners, builders and the estate in general. One of the main benefits is a R100 monthly saving PER million rand insured i.e. R200-R300 monthly saving for the average homeowner. Please contact Nick Keary from Crawford Dougall prior to starting construction or ASAP if you are already a resident or currently building.



Falling Waters Wellness Centre.

As per the decision taken by the directors, I will be presenting the final concept to the homeowners early in the New Year. All homeowners will be able to vote for or against this facility at this meeting. Please ensure that we have your correct contact details.

Landscaping, planting & rehabilitation...

Another word of congratulations must go out to Gerhard Els & the team from Habiscap. The road verges, open grasslands & dams are really looking spectacular. Gerhard has also got sock of over 5000 trees, shrubs & groundcovers that are quickly filling up all the unplanted areas on the estate. Brettenwood is going to be truly magnificent in a few years time once these plants have had chance to grow. I am also extremely proud of the forest and wetland re-habilitation programs that are underway. The target is to double the indigenous forest & wetland areas within the estate from what we started with- a claim very few developments can make.



Four Star CNBC Property Award.

At a magnificent award ceremony at the Park Lane Sheraton Hotel in London, I was honoured to receive the 4-star CNBC Award for South Africa in the category of "Best Development", on behalf of the Hulett Development Company. This is one of the most prestigious international awards and it was remarkable to hear the positive international sentiment towards South Africa.



We have a fantastic opportunity to really make a name for ourselves as the gateway into Africa & a fantastic international destination with the 2010 World Cup. This is in spite of how negatively we sometimes perceive ourselves! I am looking forward to next year & wish you all a festive & peaceful holiday season. Happy holidays!

Regards
Brendan Falkson

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