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Letter from the MANAGER

Dear Residents,

It has been a busy year, and as we look forward to the return of summer, we're also preparing for a key event on our calendar — our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

While the official date will be confirmed shortly, we are tentatively planning to host the **AGM on 30 August**, with **21 September** as a backup. Once finalised, all members will be informed, and the full meeting pack will be shared in advance.

Over the past year, we've been saving to fund ongoing maintenance projects, including repairs to the perimeter wall, garden upgrades, and road painting and resurfacing. Full details will be shared at the AGM.

A friendly reminder: to be eligible to vote at the AGM, your levy account must be fully paid up. If you're unsure of your account status, please reach out — we're happy to assist.

Your View from Lombardy

We're launching a new bi-monthly photo feature in the estate magazine — and we'd love for you to take part! Share your favourite high-quality snap taken in and around the estate (think sunrises, gardens, pets, or peaceful moments).

To celebrate the launch, the best photo submitted for this issue, will win a R500 Grubhouse voucher and be featured in the next issue.

To enter, simply email your photo, a short caption, and your name to gm@lombardyestate.co.za before or on the **15th of September 2025**.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM as we work together to keep Lombardy Estate thriving.

Carli Steenberg
HOA Manager

Community Update:

Road Safety, Events, Notices & More

Lombardy Gardens Take Gold!

We're thrilled to share that the Lombardy Estate gardens have been awarded the **Gold Standard SALI Award of Excellence for 2025!** This is a proud moment for our community and a reflection of the hard work and care that goes into maintaining our beautiful green spaces.

While we know that some areas still need a little TLC, we're excited about the upcoming spring garden upgrades, and we're setting our sights even higher — aiming for Platinum status in the years to come.

But we can't do it alone — and that's where you come in!



Introducing: Lombardy's First-Ever Best Garden Competition!

Get ready to show off your gardening skills! Entries for the competition will open on **1 September**, and judging will take place in February 2026. There will be multiple categories for members to enter, and of course, amazing prizes and plenty of bragging rights for the winners!

More details will be shared after the AGM — so keep an eye out, and start planning your garden masterpiece!



Watch this space...

Care & Maintenance:

As a community committed to being one of the most sought-after estates in the East, it's important that we continue to look the part — not just for pride in our surroundings, but to protect and grow our property values. Many of you already know Christo Smit, our Facilities and Compliance Manager. Christo has been part of the Lombardy family for years — practically part of the furniture! While he may be best known as the “fine guy,” there's much more to his role than meets the eye.

One of Christo's key responsibilities is to help ensure compliance with the Estate Rules, which includes monitoring property upkeep and addressing visible services. We know that receiving a request to freshen up your paintwork or neaten an area isn't always a welcome surprise — but please remember, it's all in the spirit of keeping our estate beautiful and our standards high.

We're not here to catch anyone out. In fact, we work with members every day to create practical undertakings that allow time to plan and budget for maintenance projects. We fully understand that upkeep can be costly, and we're here to support — not penalize.

That said, we do have a responsibility to ensure that where no action is taken — and no arrangement is in place — we step in to enforce the rules fairly and consistently.

Remember:

Well-maintained homes = Strong property values = A thriving Lombardy.
Let's keep working together to make our estate one we can all continue to be proud of.



Another Loud Party Next Door? Here's What to Do

We know how frustrating it can be when peace and quiet are disrupted — especially after hours or over weekends. If you're dealing with ongoing noise or unruly behavior, please make sure to report the issue to our 24/7 manned control room as your first step.

This is crucial, as it allows the HOA to build a record of repeated transgressions. Without an official record, it becomes much more difficult for us to take meaningful action against those not respecting estate rules.

Why reporting to the control room matters:

Your complaint is logged and kept on file

The HOA office is notified

Armed response officers will be dispatched to assess and address the situation

A formal incident report will be created for our records — which supports enforcement action where needed

This process applies every day of the week, but it's especially important after hours and on weekends, when the HOA office is closed.

Save this number:

Control Room – 087 654 4822

They're also your go-to in emergencies — including help with medical assistance, fire services, or SAPS response.



LEASING YOUR PROPERTY?

Don't Let The Wrong Tenant Turn It Into A Nightmare.

Renting out your home can be a smart investment — but only if you take the right steps to protect it. While the rental market remains strong, we've seen an increase in cases where tenants who initially seemed financially stable quickly fall behind on rent, leaving owners in difficult and stressful situations.

Once a non-paying tenant is in, it can be a long road to resolve the issue. Evictions are costly, time-consuming, and emotionally draining. And it's important to note: **the HOA is not a party to any lease agreement**, and our role in tenant disputes is limited. In such cases, owners are referred to the **Rental Housing Tribunal**, which can offer legal recourse — but not always a quick solution.

The best way to avoid these problems is by working with a reputable, registered estate agent. We're fortunate to have several trusted agents affiliated with Lombardy Estate who

understand the importance of thorough tenant screening. These professionals perform essential checks — including credit scores, employment verification, and criminal background reports — giving you a clear and accurate picture of who you're handing your keys to.

It may be tempting to go it alone, especially when a tenant appears eager to move in. But skipping proper due diligence can cost you far more in the long run.

If you're considering leasing your property and need a referral to a trusted agent, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to help wherever we can — because your peace of mind matters.

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SPRING LAWN REVIVAL

Your Seasonal Garden Guide

After a chilly and dry winter, your garden is ready to awaken. Spring marks the ideal moment to rejuvenate your lawn and flowerbeds, giving them a head start for vibrant growth through the warmer months.

Here's a practical and locally suited plan to get your garden back in shape this season:

Tackle Weeds Early

The best time to deal with weeds is before they take hold. Early spring is perfect for applying a lawn-safe herbicide—ideally around late August. A follow-up treatment in October can help keep fresh growth in check.

Important: *Not all herbicides are grass-friendly. Be sure to choose a product that's safe for lawns to avoid damaging your turf.*

Scalp and Clear the Lawn

A few days after applying herbicide, mow the grass low to remove dead material and thatch.

This helps new shoots break through and improves air and light reaching the soil surface.

Aerate the Soil

Over time, soil becomes compacted, especially in high-traffic areas. Aerating with a hollow tine or spike tool improves air, water, and nutrient flow—leading to stronger, deeper roots and a more resilient lawn.

Keep Pests Under Control

Spring is prime time for lawn pests like caterpillars and beetle larvae. Monitoring and treating these early can protect your grass from damage and reduce stress on its recovery.

Top Dress for Even Growth

Apply a light layer (5–10mm) of good-quality topsoil to fill in uneven areas and enrich the soil. Choose a top dressing that's free of weed seeds—some low-quality options can introduce more problems than they solve.

Bonus Tip: Earthworm castings are an excellent alternative, offering rich nutrients and improving soil texture naturally.



Feed for Growth

Spring lawns need a nutrient boost. Apply a general fertiliser—such as a 13:7:10 or 2:3:2 blend—after top dressing. For ongoing results, reapply every six weeks using a formulation that suits your lawn goals (e.g. greening or root development).

Organic fertilisers release nutrients more gradually and are especially useful in low-irrigation areas.

Water With Care

Water is critical in the first few weeks post-treatment. Aim to keep the top few centimetres of soil consistently moist to encourage healthy root development.

Best practices:

- Water early in the morning
- Increase frequency during hot or windy spells
- Avoid late afternoon or night watering to reduce fungal risk

Spring is the season of growth and transformation—make sure your lawn joins in.

With a bit of planning and the right approach, you'll be well on your way to a lush, green garden you can enjoy all season long.



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A full-page photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright yellow hoodie and white shorts, walking through a field of tall, dry grass. She is looking off to the side with a slight smile. The background shows a clear blue sky with some light clouds and a line of green trees in the distance. The overall mood is bright, cheerful, and healthy.

**Hello Sunshine,
Hello You!**

1. Wake Up with the Sun

Natural sunlight in the morning helps reset your internal clock. Exposure to morning light supports your circadian rhythm, helping you sleep better at night and feel more alert during the day. Just 15–30 minutes of light exposure in the early morning can do wonders for your energy levels and mood.

2. Top Up Your Vitamin D

After a long winter, many people have low vitamin D levels due to reduced sun exposure. Morning sunshine provides your body with the most natural way to produce this essential nutrient, which strengthens bones, supports your immune system, and even lifts your mood.

3. Boost Your Mood Naturally

A morning walk under the gentle spring sun is a powerful way to reduce stress and anxiety. Sunshine stimulates the release of serotonin, a hormone that helps you feel calm and focused. Combined with the rhythm of walking and the beauty of spring around you, it's a natural mood booster.

4. Energise Your Body

Starting your day with movement gets your blood flowing and your muscles warmed up. Walking in the morning boosts circulation, sharpens focus, and prepares you to tackle the day ahead with more enthusiasm and clarity.

5. Spring Into a Healthy Habit

With blooming flowers and crisp air, spring mornings offer the perfect setting to start a new routine. Whether it's a solo walk, a stroll with a friend, or simply sipping your coffee outside, daily morning light can become a wellness ritual that supports your body and mind.

Quick Tips for Morning Sunshine:

- Aim for 15–30 minutes of light exposure within two hours of waking up.
- Wear sunscreen if you'll be outside longer, but allow short bursts of unfiltered sunlight.
- Add gentle movement like walking or stretching to amplify the benefits.
- Don't wear sunglasses (at least for the first few minutes) – you want natural light to enter your eyes and help regulate your body's internal clock.

So, as the days grow longer and the mornings grow warmer, consider swapping that snooze button for a pair of walking shoes. Whether you're power-walking through your neighbourhood, strolling past blooming jacarandas, or simply soaking up the golden glow from your front stoep, those early rays are doing more for you than just lighting the way.

You're energising your body, resetting your internal clock, topping up on vital vitamin D, and giving your mental well-being a natural boost—all before the rest of the world has finished their coffee. Spring is nature's gentle nudge to start fresh, and a morning walk might just be the easiest (and most enjoyable) way to step into a healthier routine.

So take a deep breath, lift your face to the sun, and let your mornings set the tone for a brighter, better season ahead. Your mind, body, and mood will thank you—every step of the way.



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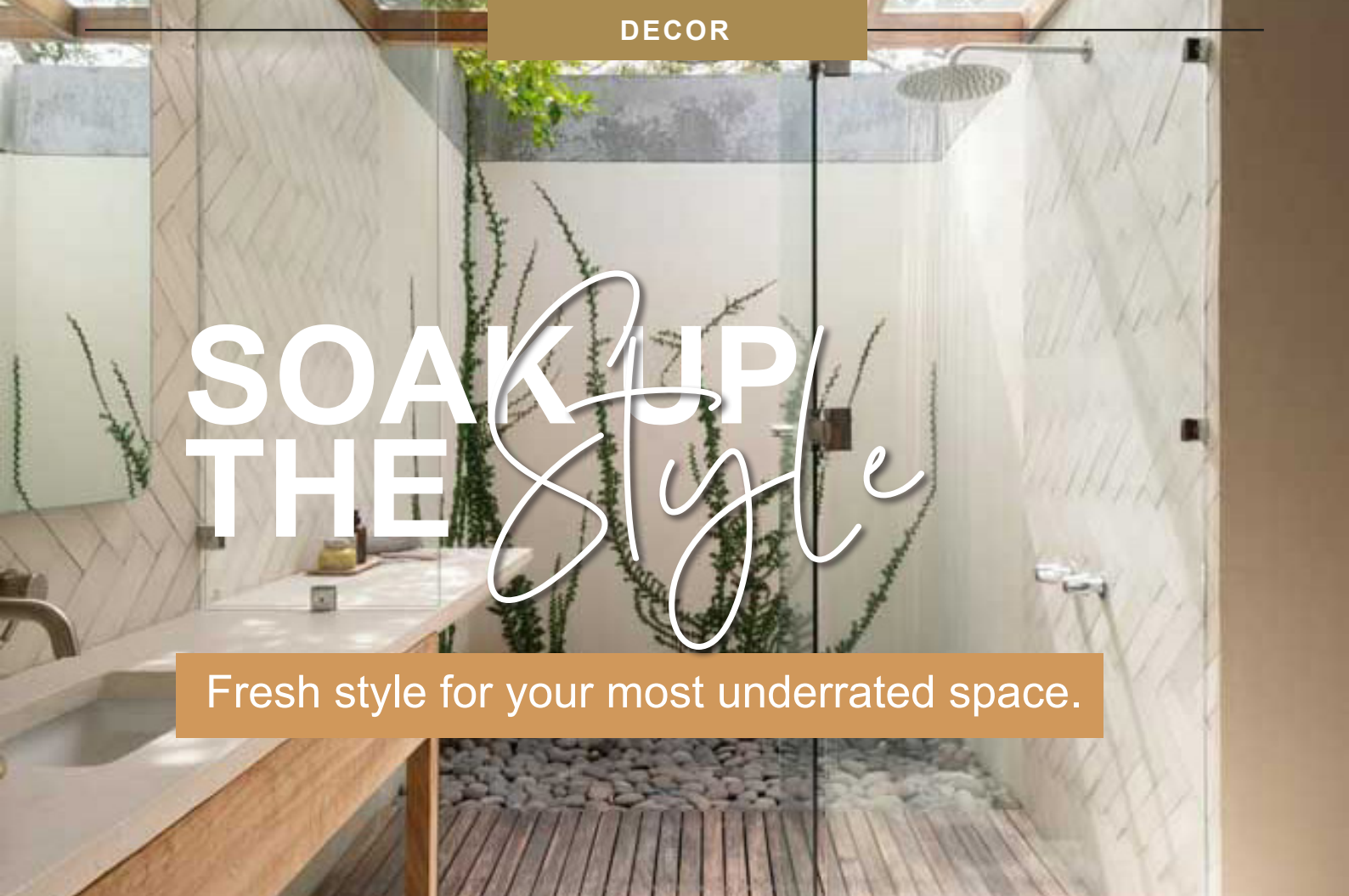
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SOAK UP THE Style

Fresh style for your most underrated space.

Your bathroom is one of the most personal spaces in your home—so why not make it feel special? Whether you lean towards soft, natural finishes or want to go bold with dramatic accents, there's a look to match every mood and home style.

Here's how to transform your bathroom into a space that's as beautiful as it is practical.

Classic, But Never Cold

1

Neutral doesn't mean boring. Creamy whites, light greys, and warm textures can create a calm, clean and welcoming atmosphere. Add depth with elements like brushed brass taps, natural stone basins, and soft textiles. The key is balance—choose a few standout textures or finishes and let them shine.

2

Elevated Elegance

Installing a platform under a freestanding bath can hide messy plumbing and add a designer touch. Soft LED lighting at the base brings a warm glow in the evenings, while textured tiles in muted tones ground the space with a handmade feel. Think spa, but at home.

3

Bold Accents: Black, Gold & Raw Beauty

For those who love contrast, pair sleek black taps or lighting with golden accents and raw timber vanities. This trio is ideal for adding character and richness to your bathroom, without overdoing it. Choose matt finishes for a softer effect, or go polished if you want full-on drama.

4

Wallpaper That Works

Yes—you can use wallpaper in bathrooms! Thanks to water-resistant options, you can now personalise your space with

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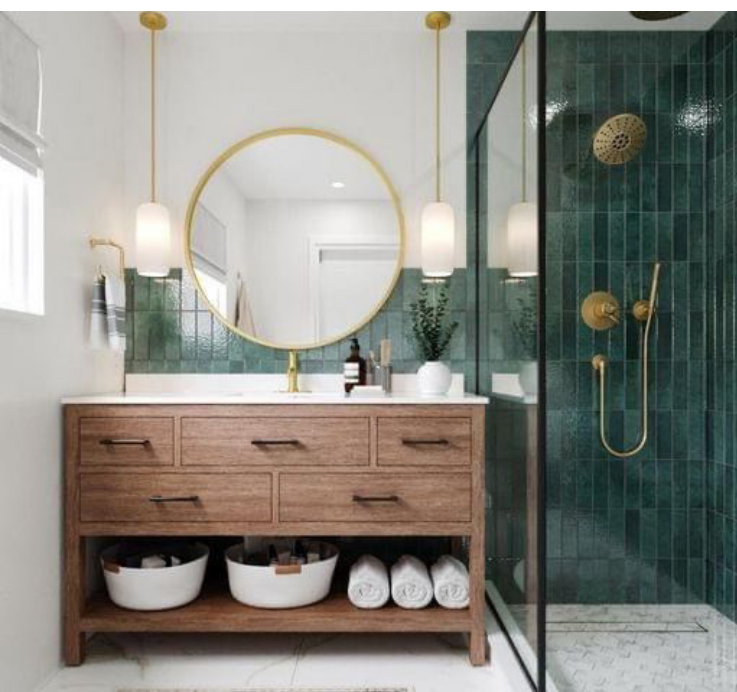
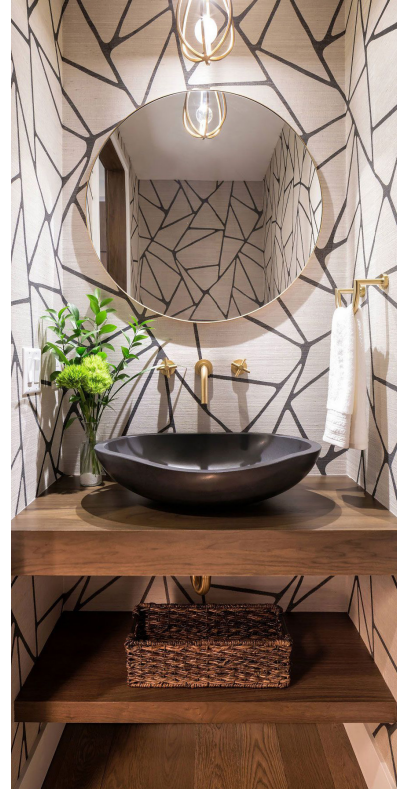
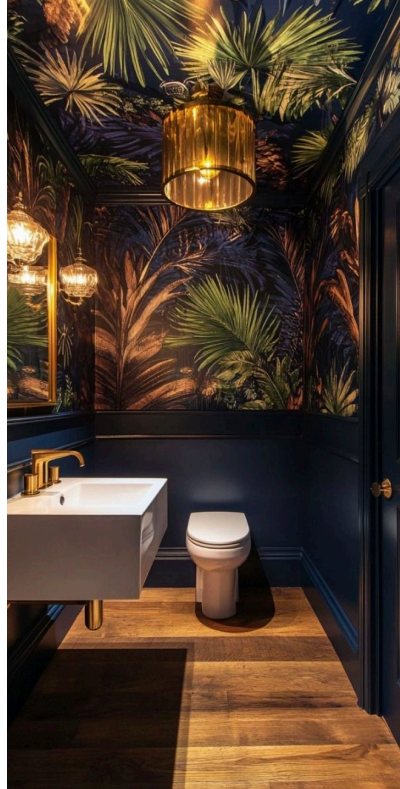
Go Back to Nature

5 Natural light, earthy tones, and organic finishes never go out of style. Open shelving, wooden vanities, stone basins, and indoor plants all contribute to a sense of calm and connection to the outdoors. Bonus: natural finishes also hide water spots and fingerprints better than shiny ones!

Design Tips to Keep in Mind

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- **Function first:** Make sure your layout works for your daily routine.
 - **Storage is key:** Built-in units and clever shelving keep clutter at bay.
 - **Go round:** Circular mirrors or curved showers soften angular bathrooms.
 - **Mix textures:** Pair smooth tiles with woven baskets, timber with stone.
 - **Make space for light:** A skylight, window, or even a well-placed mirror can flood your bathroom with natural light.

No matter your style—calming and minimal or bold and luxurious—your bathroom deserves to be both functional and fabulous. With just a few thoughtful upgrades, you can create a space you'll love to step into every day.





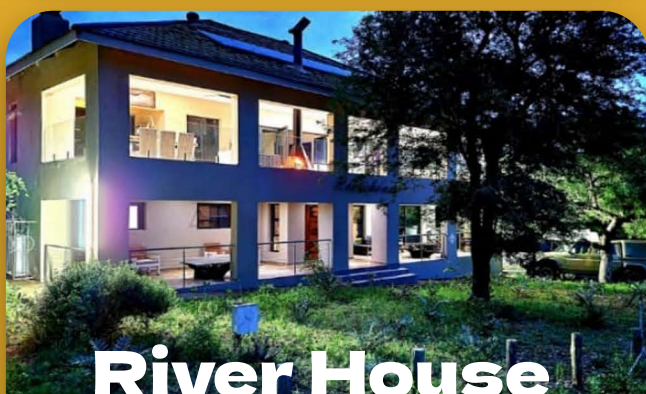
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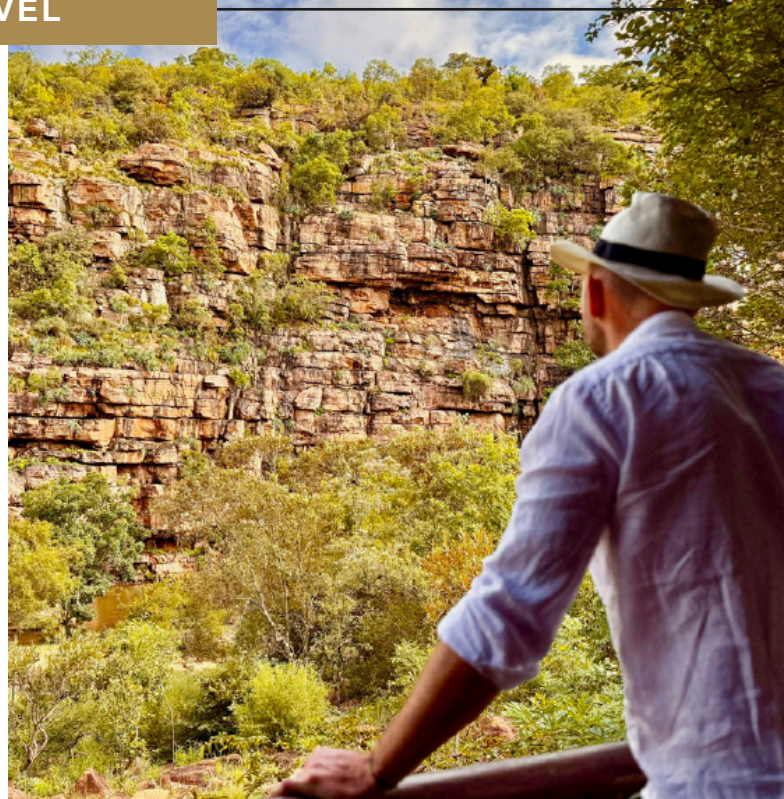
Whether you're seeking romance, solitude, or a shared wildlife adventure, The Riverine Lodge provides a warm, welcoming environment for couples, friends, and families alike.

A Trusted Legacy in Hospitality

The Riverine Lodge is part of the same distinguished hospitality group behind the award-winning, five star, Menlyn Boutique Hotel in Pretoria and the renowned 57 Waterberg in the same reserve.

This shared ownership ensures guests enjoy consistently high standards, attentive service, and a refined, nature-inspired experience across all three properties.





Inside Welgevonden: A Premier Safari Destination

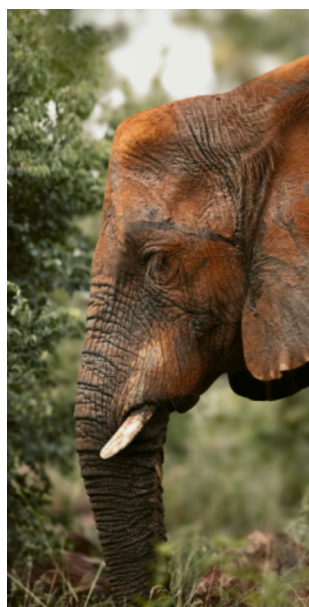
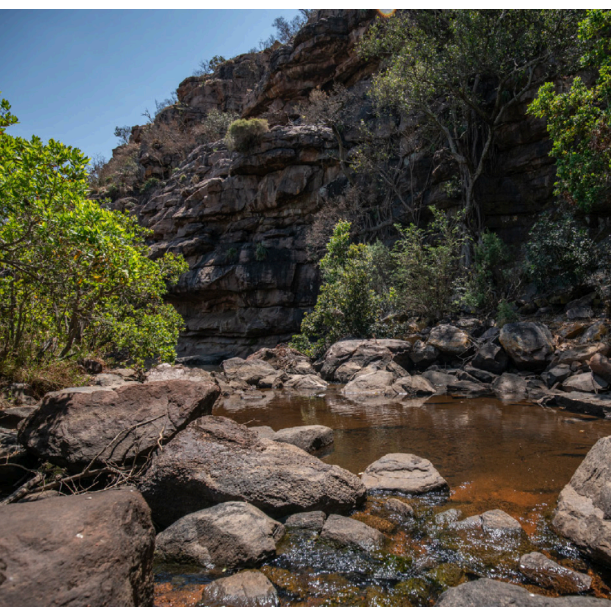
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Highlights & Experiences

- **Twice-Daily Game Drives** – Set out at sunrise and again in the late afternoon for the best chance to see the region's abundant wildlife.
- **Cliffside and Riverine Views** – The ever-present sound of the stream and towering cliffs create a breathtaking, tranquil setting.
- **Relaxation by the Pool** – Cool off in the natural-style swimming pool, perfect for hot afternoons and quiet bushveld hours.
- **Communal Comfort** – The main lodge offers cozy lounges, viewing decks, and a traditional boma for fireside stories and stargazing.
- **Serene Atmosphere** – With only four guest rooms, the lodge maintains a peaceful, private ambiance ideal for intimate escapes or small gatherings.

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LET'S BRUSH UP ON DENTAL CLEANING FOR PETS.

BY DR VICKY LOUW (BVSC)

This issue focuses on dogs and cats. In our next issue, we would like to cover dental issues and care for a few of our exotic furry companions.

Here's why dental cleaning is essential for our canine and feline friends:

- Dental Disease is Common – and Often Silent

Studies show that more than 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have some form of dental disease by the age of 3. Yet, many pet owners are unaware, because animals rarely show obvious signs of pain and are more likely just to learn to live with it. Pets will often continue to eat and behave normally, even when suffering from sore gums or infected teeth.

- Prevents Plaque and Tartar Buildup

When food and bacteria collect along the gumline, they form plaque. If not removed, plaque collects more debris and hardens into tartar, which leads to gingivitis (inflamed gums) and eventually periodontal disease. This causes damage to the tissue, bone, and teeth – and is the number one cause of tooth loss in pets.

- Protects Internal Organs

Bacteria from untreated dental infections can enter the bloodstream and spread to vital organs potentially leading to for example [heart disease](#) or [kidney disease](#).

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- Improves Comfort and Quality of Life

Dental pain can make eating uncomfortable and lower your pet's enjoyment of food and play. Regular cleanings help maintain healthy teeth, so your pet can chew normally, enjoy toys, and live a more comfortable life.

What Does a Dental Cleaning Involve?

A professional dental cleaning for pets is done under [general anaesthesia](#), allowing your veterinarian to:

- Thoroughly examine the teeth and gums
- Remove plaque and tartar above and below the gumline
- Extract any severely damaged teeth
- Polish the teeth
- Your vet will discuss any concerns found during the procedure and guide you on how to care for your pet's teeth at home.

Don't Wait Until It Hurts:

Dental disease doesn't just affect the mouth – it affects your pet's entire well-being. Regular dental cleanings are a key part of responsible, loving pet care. It's time for a vet visit if you notice signs like:

- Bad breath
- Yellow or brown buildup
- Red or bleeding gums
- Difficulty eating
- Drooling or pawing at the mouth



Tips:

- [Brush](#) regularly (daily is best) with pet-safe toothpaste (never human toothpaste)
- Feed a balanced diet — ask your vet if a dental-specific food is right.
- Use vet-approved dental treats or chews.

Clearing up the confusion about your pet's teeth and what they eat:

Myth 1: “Dry food cleans my pet's teeth.”

Fact: Most dry food does not clean teeth.

- While crunchy kibble may help remove a small amount of plaque, it's not effective enough to prevent dental disease — especially if it crumbles easily. Most standard dry foods break apart quickly and don't provide enough abrasion to clean the teeth properly. Some veterinary dental diets, however, are specially designed to scrub teeth as pets chew. These can help reduce tartar — but should be used as part of a full dental care plan, not a replacement.

Myth 2: “Bones and raw meat keep teeth clean.”

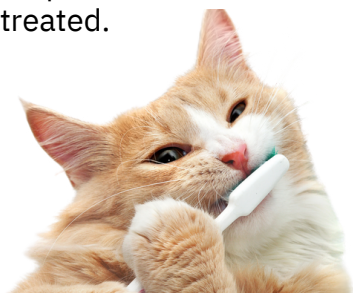
Fact: Bones can cause broken teeth and raw meat may contain harmful bacteria.

- While chewing can help reduce plaque, raw bones and meat carry risks: Bones can splinter and cause tooth fractures, intestinal blockages, or choking. Raw meat may carry [Salmonella](#), [E. coli](#), and [Cryptosporidium](#) which can be dangerous for pets and people.

Myth 3: “Pets don't get cavities, so their teeth don't need cleaning.”

Fact: Pets rarely get cavities, but they suffer from gum disease, which is more serious.

- Unlike humans, pets don't eat much sugar, so they don't get cavities often. However, periodontal disease (gum infection) is incredibly common in both cats and dogs and can lead to pain, tooth loss, and organ damage if left untreated.



Myth 4: “If my pet is eating normally, their teeth must be fine.”

Fact: Pets often hide pain — even severe dental pain.

- Dogs and cats are masters at masking discomfort. They may continue to eat even with infected or loose teeth, making it easy for owners to miss a problem.

Myth 5: “Dental chews are all I need to keep teeth clean.”

Fact: Dental chews help — but they're not a complete solution.

- Dental treats can reduce plaque, but they're not a substitute for professional cleanings. Think of them like flossing or using mouthwash — useful, but not a replacement for brushing or seeing the dentist.

Myth 6: “Cats don't need dental care like dogs do.”

Fact: Cats do get dental disease — and often suffer silently.

- Cats are prone to painful dental issues like resorptive lesions, where the tooth dissolves from the inside out. These are often only seen on X-rays. Cats can be even more subtle than dogs when in pain, so don't overlook their need for dental exams and cleanings.



Conclusion

Dental care isn't just about fresh breath — it's about protecting your pet's overall health and comfort. With dental disease affecting most pets by the age of 3, prevention and early treatment are key. Regular professional cleanings, daily home care, and separating fact from fiction can make a world of difference. Whether you have a playful pup or a quiet kitty, their teeth deserve your attention. Start building healthy dental habits today — your furry friend will thank you with every happy chew, purr, and tail wag.

A man with dark skin, wearing a beige button-down shirt, blue jeans, and large black headphones, is using a stick vacuum on a light-colored wooden floor. He is also wearing bright yellow cleaning gloves. In the background, there is a grey sofa with a white throw blanket and pillows, a wooden shelving unit with potted plants, and a small potted plant on the left. The title 'Chaos to Calm' is overlaid in a large, blue, serif font, with 'to' in a smaller, cursive script.

Chaos to Calm

There's something magical about the arrival of spring — the air feels lighter, the days get longer, and there's a natural urge to refresh and reset. It's the perfect time to throw open the windows, roll up your sleeves, and embrace a good old-fashioned spring clean.

But spring cleaning is about more than just wiping down countertops or shaking out rugs. It's a ritual of renewal. A chance to declutter, organise, and breathe new life into your home — and your mind.

1. The Psychology of a Clean Space

Did you know that clutter can have a direct impact on your stress levels? Studies show that a tidy environment can reduce anxiety and boost productivity. Our brains love order. When everything is in its place, your home becomes a calming sanctuary — not a source of mental overload.

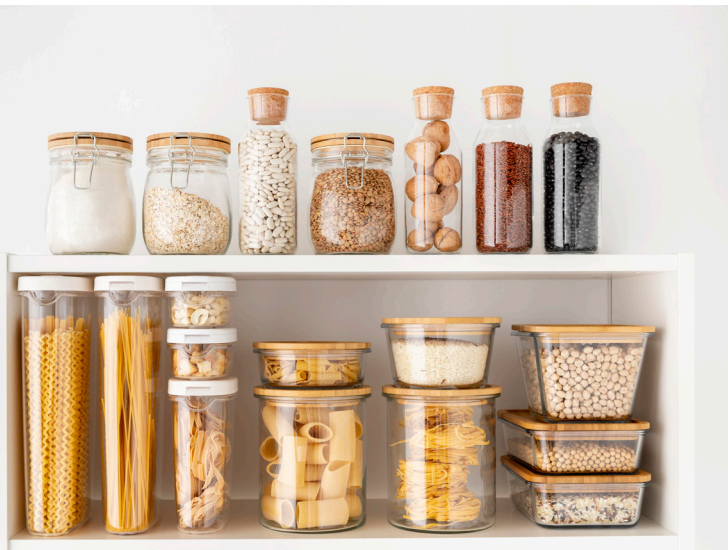
Spring cleaning is the ultimate form of self-care: it's therapeutic, rewarding, and creates a ripple effect of clarity and calm.

2. Aesthetic Organisation in the Kitchen

The kitchen is the heart of the home — and also one of the easiest spaces to transform with clever storage.

Clear, stackable containers for pantry staples like rice, pasta, lentils, and flour don't just keep ingredients fresh — they look amazing. Add sleek spice jars with uniform labels and suddenly your pantry resembles a Pinterest dream.

Lazy Susans, tiered shelves, and airtight storage bins help maximise space and give your cupboards a curated, boutique-grocery feel. It's not just functional; it's deeply satisfying.



3. Wardrobe Wins & Linen Love

If you've ever opened your cupboard and felt instantly overwhelmed, you're not alone. Spring is the ideal time to donate clothing you no longer wear and introduce systems that actually work.

Use drawer organisers for underwear, socks, and accessories. Invest in fabric storage cubes for out-of-season items. And when it comes to linen cupboards? The **KonMari** fold is your new best friend. Folding towels and bedding into compact rectangles not only saves space, it makes every shelf look effortlessly neat.



to keep everything smelling fresh and moth-free.

4. Health & Wellbeing Benefits of a Clean Home

Dust, mould, and unseen allergens often build up over the cooler months when we keep our windows shut. A deep spring clean can literally help you breathe easier.

Beyond the physical benefits, there's a profound sense of lightness that comes from letting go — of clutter, chaos, and the things you no longer need. It clears space not just in your home, but in your heart and head too.

You might even sleep better, feel more energised, and feel more inclined to invite people over — because a clean space is an inviting space.

5. Start Small — and Make It Fun!

Spring cleaning doesn't have to be a weekend-long slog. Break it into manageable zones: one cupboard, one shelf, one drawer at a time.

Put on your favourite playlist, light a candle, and let the process be part of your seasonal refresh. Involve the family, make it a challenge — or better yet, reward yourself with something lovely at the end (a new plant or a fresh set of labels, perhaps?).

Spring cleaning isn't just about removing dirt. It's about making space for what matters. A tidy, intentional home nurtures a peaceful, intentional life.

So, go ahead — open those windows, shake out those rugs, and give your home (and yourself) the fresh start it deserves.

Toast to Tradition

South African Braaibroodjies



Nothing brings people together quite like a good braai—and no South African braai is truly complete without the beloved **braaibroodjie**! These classic toasted sandwiches are simple to make but bursting with flavour. Think crispy golden bread, gooey cheese, juicy tomatoes, zingy onion, and that unmistakable hint of chutney.

This recipe serves four but can easily be scaled up to feed unexpected guests (we've all had those!). So fire up the coals and get toasting—Heritage Day is the perfect excuse to enjoy this proudly local favourite.

What You'll Need:

- 8 slices of white or brown bread (thick white is best)
- Butter
- Mrs Ball's chutney (or apricot jam)
- Cheddar cheese (or Mozzarella/Emmental)
- 2 tomatoes (sliced)
- 1 onion (sliced)
- Salt & black pepper

Quick Assembly:

1. Butter one side of each bread slice (this goes on the outside).
2. Spread chutney on the inside of half the slices.
3. Add cheese, tomato, and onion.
4. Season with salt & pepper.
5. Top with the other slices, butter side up.
6. Grill in a hinged braai grid over medium coals, turning often until golden brown.

Top Tips:

- Dice tomato and onion with chutney for a saucier filling.
- Use full-fat cheese for the best melt.
- A hinged rooster makes flipping easy—open and close it now and then to stop sticking.

Gather your people, light the coals, and toast to tradition with every bite!



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A Guide for Buyers & Sellers



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Buying or selling a home in a secure estate is more than just a transaction—it's a lifestyle shift. While the journey is filled with excitement, it can also feel overwhelming. From navigating estate rules and levies to understanding market trends and legal paperwork, there's a lot to consider.

That's why it's essential to be informed, realistic, and well-prepared. Here are some valuable insights to help both buyers and sellers make confident decisions in an

For Sellers

Presentation Is Key: First impressions matter, and as I always say, "Pretty Sells." A well-presented home can significantly impact how quickly it sells within the Estate. Declutter your spaces, ensure the garden is tidy, repair visible damage, and aim for a clean, neutral look that helps potential buyers imagine themselves in the space. Even small updates—like fresh paint or cleaned carpets—can make a big difference.

Price With Purpose: While it may be tempting to set a high asking price, overpricing often leads to a longer time on the market and fewer viewings. An overpriced home often ends up selling well below market value due to extended market exposure. A realistic, well-researched asking price is more likely to generate interest, receive offers, and lead to a successful sale without months of waiting and unnecessary price drops.

Prepare for Emotional Decisions: Selling a home is not just a financial transaction—it's also deeply emotional, especially if you've lived in the property for a long time. We have memories in our homes and know all the work we've put in, but the market, not our feelings, determines our home's value. Try to approach the process with a clear head and be open to feedback. Buyers may

not share your taste or memories, and being flexible can lead to quicker, more successful negotiations.

Be Transparent and Organized: Have all your documents ready, including the property title deed, approved building plans, and compliance certificates (such as electrical or gas). Transparency builds trust and prevents delays later in the process. The smoother the transaction, the more appealing your property becomes to buyers. ***For a property practitioner to legally market and sell a property, they must first obtain a signed mandate from the seller. This is a strict requirement outlined in the Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority (PPRA)'s Code of Conduct.*** An expert agent can guide you on all the necessary paperwork needed before listing and ensure you are compliant with all the necessary legislation and Estate rules for transfer.

Protect your Estate's Reputation: As homeowners, we should not spread false or negative information about your Estate, this can stigmatize the Estate and, in due course, make your investment less attractive. Maintaining a positive perception of the Estate benefits all residents and preserves property values.

For Buyers

Get Your Finances in Order Early Before you even begin searching for a property in an Estate, take the time to understand your financial position. Know exactly how much you can afford, considering not just monthly repayments, but also transfer costs, deposits, legal fees, and any specific Estate levies or costs. Getting pre-approved for a home loan not only helps you narrow your search within the Estate but also positions you as a serious buyer once you find the right property.

Prioritize Needs Over Wants: It's easy to get caught up in aesthetic features like quartz countertops or a swimming pool, but focus first on what truly matters: the Estate's location, your safety, the home's layout, and its long-term suitability. A home that ticks off your non-negotiables—such as proximity to work, schools, major highways, or specific Estate amenities—will serve you better in the long run than one that simply looks good.

Understand the Local Estate Market:

Take time to research the specific Estate you're interested in. What are the current property prices within the Estate? How long do homes typically stay on the market? Is the Estate showing signs of growth or stability? Understanding these dynamics will help you make a competitive and informed offer when the time comes.

Don't Skip Paperwork or Professional Checks:

It's tempting to rush into a purchase, especially in a competitive Estate market, but always review contracts carefully and conduct the necessary inspections. Structural issues, zoning problems, hidden maintenance costs, or unique Estate regulations can turn your dream home into a financial burden. A thorough inspection and legal review protect you in the long term.

Whether you're buying your first home or selling your fifth within an Estate, real estate is filled with big decisions. Taking the time to educate yourself, plan carefully, and ask the right questions can make all the difference. While every transaction is unique, the best outcomes often come from a calm, informed, and well-prepared approach.

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Dial-a-Picnic Pretoria brings you a fresh, elegant way to celebrate the season — from romantic sunset moments to festive family fun. With warm days ahead and summer on the horizon, now is the perfect time to plan your next unforgettable gathering.

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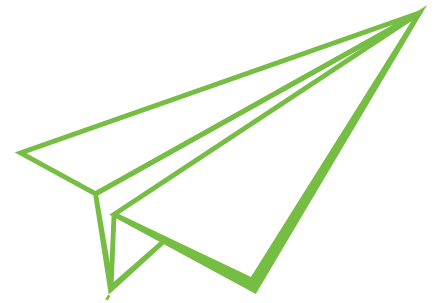
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