



Dear Residents,

Estate Management has received a number of queries from homeowners relating to the Estate Traffic Regulations Notice published on Tuesday, 8 November. In response, we would like to share the following information:

- Speeding and reckless driving are ongoing problems on the greater Estate, presenting serious risks to other road users of all types and ages (including cyclists, golf carts, horses, and children). This is despite regular notices and reminders being issued via the greater Estate's various communication platforms. In the five-month period from June to October 2022, a total of 299 fines were issued by the Estate's traffic officers, amounting to R442,000. Naturally, this number only represents a percentage of the total number of transgressions actually occurring.
- Traffic control is centrally managed for the entire greater Estate on behalf of all three HOA's by Val de Vie Security Management and the appointed service provider, Thorburn. Traffic control is not viewed as a "profit centre" - the income from traffic fines is offset against expenses, and any surplus is offset against the security cost centre. Note that there are also indirect costs to the HOAs in respect of traffic fine management (HOA staff time in issuing fines, dealing with complaints, collecting payments and, occasionally, legal fees).
- Some transgressors do challenge their fines on various grounds, including misunderstanding the HOAs' jurisdiction and legal right to issue fines, the qualifications of the traffic officers, calibration of the equipment used, etc. These issues have been addressed extensively in Notices and Newsletters and Estate Management is satisfied that the rules and procedures applied are perfectly legitimate and in line with legal advice received. Some transgressors dispute the amount of their fines. These amounts were however approved by the boards of trustees of all three HOA's and the Estate Rules make clear that the only ground for appeal is proven medical emergency. Unfortunately, a very small number of transgressors simply refuse to pay their fines, despite all reasonable efforts by HOA staff. These instances are dealt with in terms of the HOA Constitutions and can regrettably entail significant legal expenses for the HOA's. The Boards of Trustees have however given Estate

Management a clear mandate to pursue all such cases to the full extent permitted by the Constitutions.

We again appeal to all road users to comply with the Estate's traffic regulations and ensure safer roads for all residents.

Kind regards

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