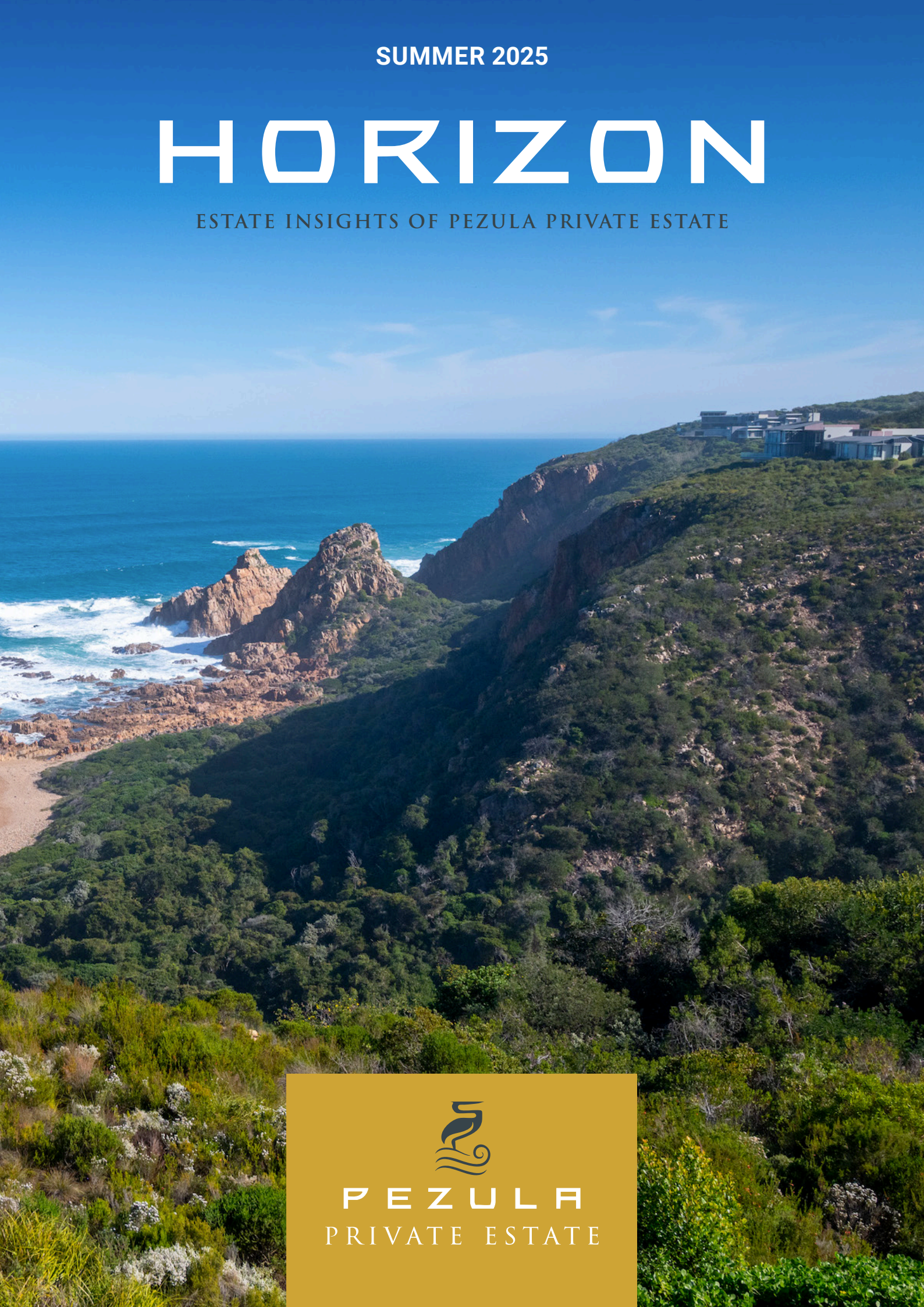
SUMMER 2025

HORIZON

ESTATE INSIGHTS OF PEZULA PRIVATE ESTATE



PEZULA
PRIVATE ESTATE



Papio ursinus

The Chacma baboon is the only primate species naturally found in the Garden Route. Highly intelligent and deeply social, these adaptable foragers are a vital part of the local ecosystem — from seed dispersal to insect control. See page 12 for more.

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Welcome to *Horizon*

Johanita Henning
Estate Manager

Coming Soon...

Don't miss the first episode in our new content series: ***People of Pezula***. **Madeleine Loots** will be sharing her role in the events and giving a preview of what's ahead for the Estate as our Events Season kicks off. **Mark Grootboom & Carlon Jumaat**, two of our experienced and certified guides, will talk about their journey, insights, and some of their favourite hidden corners of the Estate.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce *Horizon*, the refreshed look and feel of Pezula Private Estate's official newsletter. As part of the continued evolution of our brand identity, *Horizon* represents the Estate's forward outlook — a place where natural beauty, thoughtful stewardship, and a shared vision for the future meet. Just as the horizon invites us to look beyond what is immediately before us, this publication aims to offer clarity, connection, and meaningful insight into the life of our Estate.

With a cleaner design, carefully curated content, and strong alignment to our evolving brand identity, *Horizon* will continue to keep you informed — and inspired — as we share stories from our community, our environment, and our collective journey ahead.

Enjoy this new chapter!

ESTATE ENHANCEMENTS

ENHANCED ACCESS CONTROL

FOR OWNERS, VISITORS & CONTRACTORS

LONG-RANGE ACCESS READERS INSTALLED

We are pleased to announce that the HOA has installed long-range access readers, providing secure, hands-free identification exclusively for owners. With this system, vehicles can pass through the estate's gates without stopping or lowering windows, ensuring both convenience and efficiency.

This upgrade represents a significant enhancement to ease of access for all owners. If you encounter any issues with the system, please report them to admin@ppehoa.co.za.

NEW VISITOR & CONTRACTOR SIGNAGE

New signage has been installed at all gates to help ease traffic congestion at our estate gates, especially during busy times when visitors and contractors need to be scanned using their Glovent PINs.

The signs instruct visitors and contractors to park in the designated parking area, where they will be attended to by security. Once their details and vehicle license disc have been scanned, the guard will call them forward and open the gate using the barcode scanner. All access is recorded securely in the system.



HOA GATE



CONTRACTOR'S GATE

Due to the design of our gates, we are unable to create a dedicated visitor's lane, however, we believe the new signage will assist in managing traffic more efficiently and reducing waiting times at the gates. We appreciate your patience and support as we continue to improve access and flow at our estate entrances.

ESTATE TRAILS

Help Us Keep Trail Signage in Place

Trail signage is essential for the safety and guidance of all hikers, especially visitors who may be unfamiliar with the area. We kindly ask all homeowners and trail users to report any missing or damaged signs, or any other issues noticed along the trails.

These signs can be affected by natural elements such as strong winds or wildlife activity. Your assistance helps us maintain a safe and enjoyable trail experience for all.





Forest Trail Improvements

We're excited to share that a new wooden bridge and treated wooden steps have been installed along the Forest Trail. These upgrades are part of our ongoing efforts to improve safety and accessibility on our trails. **Enjoy the enhanced experience on your next walk!**





Garden Trail Upgrades

New flagstones have been laid on the Garden Trail to enhance footing and accessibility. All trails are now in excellent condition and are being maintained regularly to ensure a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience.





Circular Trail Steps

70 treated wooden steps have been replaced along the Circular Trail to the river, making the path more stable and comfortable to use.

Additional improvements will continue on other trails in the coming weeks.





NEWS FROM THE ESTATE GARDENS



Since April, a variety of landscaping activities have been underway across the estate—pruning, splitting perennials, clean-ups, and selective replanting. This work, guided by a landscape architectural approach, considers not only maintenance but also the spatial, functional, and aesthetic value of each garden space.

Our goal is to rejuvenate existing planting beds by making small yet effective adjustments, including reusing and relocating plants to new areas. We aim to showcase diverse vegetation themes and planting combinations that celebrate the richness of our endemic Fynbos flora.

Article by: Aimee Schutz – Inside Out Design



Main Road Garden Refresh

Main Road, loved for its forest character, has been the first focus area. To keep this space lush and inviting, we've started refreshing the road in sections.

Thanks to the hard work of our PPE Gardening Team we have been splitting mature *Dietes grandiflora* plants. Although these species are known for being low-maintenance, they benefit from division every 5–10 years. Without splitting, clumps can become too large and untidy. During this process, we also removed self-seeded plants, which have been relocated to the nursery for future use. Along the edges of Main Road, we planted a strip of *Plectranthus neochilus* to create a defined border and soft groundcover. Around the Main Gate parking bays, we grouped all the *Clivia miniata* together to create a stronger visual impact and seasonal flowering display. Lastly, the soil was topped with our wonderful PPE mulch.

Grouping plants effectively helps create interest and ensures cohesion across the planting area. In the coming months, we plan to introduce more flowering species along Main Road to ensure there is always something in bloom for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Thank you for supporting these ongoing improvements to our gardens. We look forward to sharing more progress soon.



Main Gate Garden

Our Main Gate Garden has also received a major cleanup. We spent several days clearing out dead overgrowth, carefully shaped trees and shrubs, and continued our



Plectranthus border right through to the PGE Services Entrance. Planting at the gate is not yet complete, as we are still awaiting plant deliveries.





Pond Circle

Our team has completed the planting of the perimeter garden of the pond circle. Next, we will tidy up the pond verge and will be introducing more aquatic plants into the pond by submerging pots into the water.

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Other upcoming landscaping projects on the Estate include:

- Contractor's Gate Redesign
- Landscaping at the Barnyard Potager Garden



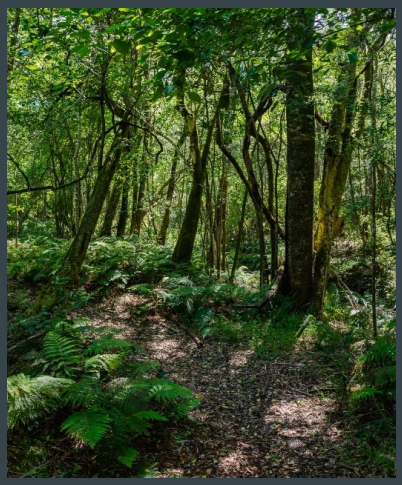
LIFESTYLE

Discover our guided hikes & canoeing adventures!

Embark on a unique journey through Pezula Private Estate's breathtaking landscape. Our guided hikes take you along newly improved trails winding through indigenous forests and vibrant fynbos and offer the opportunity to spot resident wildlife such as bushbuck, honey badgers and a rich variety of birdlife.

Experience a peaceful paddle along the serene Noetzie River. Immerse yourself in Knysna's renowned natural beauty and diverse botanical heritage. Let nature guide your next escape.

Contact the office at 044 384 0988 or email admin@ppehoa.co.za





BARNYARD

Back in the early days of the Estate, the Barnyard in Phase 3 was a haven of connection and lively activity.

Oom Hennie cultivated fresh vegetables for for the residents and Pezula Hotel's fine dining menu, trail horses were stabled and trained and there were enclosures for rehabilitating injured or abandoned wildlife. Residents loved stopping by to enjoy a cup of coffee and "roosterkoek".

Things changed when the developer stepped away in 2014, then the devastating fire in 2017 wiped out the Barnyard's buildings. This once-beloved space was left in limbo.

Our Estate Manager has a vision to bring new life and energy back to the Barnyard!

The plan is to transform the old vegetable gardens into ***The Paddocks Potager Garden***, a place where residents can wander through meandering paths, abundant with herbs, vegetables and climbing flowers. Hidden alleyways, meditation spots, and indigenous plants will create a serene retreat, interwoven with natural waterways. Imagine watching the sunrise over the meadow with a cup of hot coffee, or tending to your own little vegetable patch for fresh, homegrown produce.

The dream doesn't stop here; it includes stables, a tack room, restrooms and an office, hydroponic gardens and mushroom farming. We envisage a cosy coffee shop and deli where residents can connect and buy fresh organic produce. The Barnyard's story is far from over; it's just beginning!



Maze: Conceptual Representation



Veggie Boxes



Rock Positioning: Conceptual Representation



Mulch Path and Edible Garden: Conceptual Representation



Rustic Fire Pit: Conceptual Representation



NOTES

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LEGEND

1. Vehicle Access Road
2. Pedestrian Access Gate
3. Mulch path with log steps; exact positioning of steps to be determined on site
4. 10m x 15m lawned terrace
5. Nursery path and log steps
6. Indigenous Nursery
7. Future area
8. Pond 1
9. Pond 2
10. Water Inflow ; Skimmer
11. Water Outflow; pipe to daylight 5mm above dam level, and to cascade down rocks
12. Rehabilitated vegetation
13. New contours; estimated only
14. Rocks; specific placement is determind on site; landscape designer to advise and approve
15. Transplanted trees
16. Existing shrubs/trees
17. Future Tree Orchard
18. Lavandula, Portulacaria Maze
19. Firepit area; half-circular seating design as per detail provided
20. Sunken stone ring; for fire
21. Raised veggie beds
22. Timber trellis; design as per detail provided
23. Slopes to be rehabilitated with Carpobrotus and Arctotis
24. Pond verge planting
25. Edible Garden Planting
26. Lemon and Lime Trees

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PROJECT: Pezula Private Estate Knysna, Barnyard, Western Cape

CLIENT: *Pezula Private Estate HOA*

DESCRIPTION:

PEZULA PRIVATE ESTATE POTTAGER GARDEN PLAN

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Circular Bench

Trellis

NEW NURSERY

Planting in summer is a joyful and energizing experience. The warm weather invites creativity as you design vibrant gardens and experiment with colourful blooms. It's a season full of activity, where tending to plants become both play and rewarding.



A variety of plants and bedding materials are available at the New Nursery.

To purchase plants for more information and a plant list please email admin@ppehoa.co.za



FRESH FROM POTAGERS' GARDEN: ORGANIC SALAD GREENS

We're delighted to announce the latest harvest from our very own Potagers Garden, a bounty of crisp, organic salad greens ready to brighten your table.

Every Friday morning between 08h00 and 10h00, you're invited to visit us and handpick your greens. We'll cut them fresh on the spot, ensuring maximum flavor and nutrition. Simply bring along your own container, and we'll tally up your selection afterwards.

Join us in celebrating the joy of fresh, local produce and become part of our Organic Family. Together, we nurture healthier choices and a greener community.











CONSERVANCY

GARDEN FAVOURITE

Gazania rigens var. leucolaena



Gazania is perfect as a groundcover, with bright yellow flowers and greyish-white leaves creating a cheerful display. Bright yellow flower heads of up to 40 mm in diameter bloom from August to February, attracting many insects for pollination.

QUICK FACTS:

Family: ***Asteraceae***

Common Names: Trailing gazania (Eng.); strandgazania, strandgousblom, rankbotterblom (Afr.); ububendle (Zulu)

Description: A creeping perennial herb with milky latex. Stems can grow up to 400 mm long. Leaves are densely covered with soft, white, woolly hairs.

Habitat: Found along the Cape south coast from Mossel Bay to Port Elizabeth, typically on sand dunes just above the high tide mark.

WE BELIEVE THAT CULTIVATING GREATER KNOWLEDGE AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING, WILL ALLOW US TO NURTURE AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT WE CALL HOME AND ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS.

KNOW IT, LOVE IT, NURTURE IT!

GARDENING TIPS:

- Frost-resistant, sea spray-resistant, and drought-tolerant.
- Propagate from rooted runners or stem cuttings.
- Plant in a sunny spot; flowers open in full sun and close in the evening.
- Use as groundcover, border, in rockeries, or on slopes.
- Regular watering enhances flowering, though it is drought-tolerant.

Ref: Adapted from the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, published on the PlantZAfrica.com website

RESIDENT REPTILES

Rhombic Night Adder

Photo: J Van Staden



The Rhombic Night Adder is so-named for the diamond or chevron-shaped markings on its back. This venomous snake is typically 60 cm long and is native to Sub-Saharan Africa, It has a blunt snout, 15–21 rows of keeled (raised) dorsal scales, and a distinctive V-shaped mark on its head. Colors range from brown to olive green with rhombic blotches.

QUICK FACTS:

Name: Causus rhombeatus, or rhombic night adder.

Habitat: Found in forests, savannas, shrublands, grasslands, and fynbos, often in areas with many frogs and mice.

Behaviour: Active and capable of climbing and swimming. Mostly nocturnal but basks in the morning and late afternoon. Generally docile but can display aggressive behaviour if provoked.

Venom: Low toxicity, causing pain and minor swelling. Symptoms usually disappear within 2–3 days.

SNAKE-SAFE:

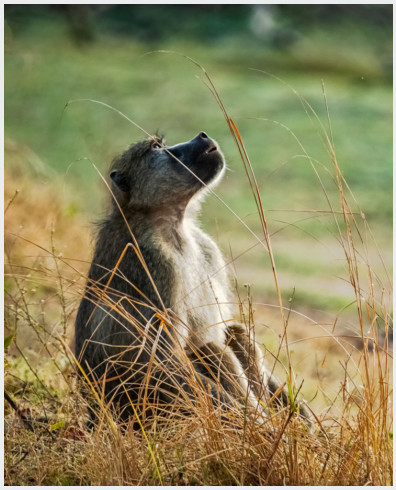
- **Adhere to the 30 km/h speed limit on the PPE and watch for animals crossing the road.**
- **If you see a snake, contact Security Control Room for safe removal. Keep a safe distance and monitor its position until help arrives.**

Ref: Article adapted from Wikipedia.



Living in Harmony

Baboons



The idea of peaceful co-existence with baboons might seem ambitious, yet the truth is these intelligent, resourceful primates were here long before we were. They remain an essential part of the region's biodiversity.

Research by South African primatologists confirms the baboon's ecological importance. They disperse seeds, keep insect populations in check, and even help shape fynbos ecosystems. On our estate, they play a role just as vital as the duiker, bushbuck, or any of the 180+ species of birdlife.

However, baboons are opportunistic foragers and the allure of human food can easily draw them toward homes. A few scraps of bread, a fruit tree, or an open bin can save a baboon hours of natural foraging. To them, it's a logical decision. That's why, especially in the winter months when natural food is scarcer, it's crucial we collectively take steps to discourage unwanted visits.

TIPS FOR COEXISTENCE

- **Don't feed baboons (or leave pet food or bird seed accessible)**
- **Avoid planting fruit trees near your home**
- **Use baboon-proof bins and secure compost heaps**
- **Close doors and windows when leaving, especially near kitchens**
- **Log aggressive behaviour with the Environmental Control Officer at enviro@ppehoa.co.za**

Contact Security Control Room (078 397 6442) if baboons are spotted on the Estate.

Together, through awareness and small everyday actions, we can preserve the unique biodiversity that makes Pezula so extraordinary.

STAFF & EQUIPMENT UPDATES



- First Aid Training renewal courses was successfully completed in August

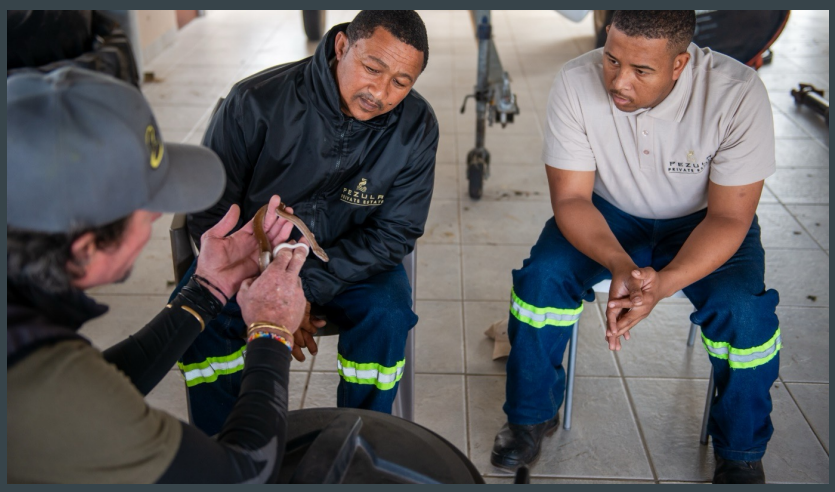
Building Skills for Safety and Readiness

We're proud to announce that our team has successfully completed a comprehensive round of essential training to enhance workplace safety and preparedness.

Staff members participated in certified sessions covering first aid, health and safety protocols, Hazardous Workshop and a one-day firefighting course designed to equip them with practical emergency response skills. In addition, two employees Mark Grootboom and Carlon Jumaat undertook specialised snake-catching training, ensuring we're ready to handle even the most unexpected situations with confidence and care.



- One Day Fire Fighting Refresher Course successfully completed in September 2025



- Snake Catching Course by Lawnwood Snake Sanctuary completed in September 2025



After successful completion, Johanita, our Estate Manager, personally presented certificates to each individual who completed the training, recognizing their commitment to safety and professional growth.

Snake Catching Course:
Carlon Jumaat (left), Johanita Henning (mddle), Mark Grootboom (right) >>>



- **Hazardous Workshop completed in October 2025 – All staff attended**



New Tractor arrival: powering up Pezula Private Estate

We're thrilled to share the arrival of our brand-new tractor, an exciting addition to the Pezula Private Estate fleet! The old tractor was 21 years old, beyond its useful life, increasingly unreliable and unable to deal with basic firefighting needs, such as pulling the water bowser. This powerful new machine marks a big step forward in enhancing our operational capabilities, and we couldn't be prouder to take ownership. Our dedicated team members are over the moon and eager to put it to work, helping us maintain the estate with even greater efficiency and care.



New Operations Manager
Welcome George Cornelius

We are excited to announce that George Cornelius officially joined our team on 01 December 2025 as our new Operations Manager.



In his own words, George shared a bit of background about himself, his story, his passions, and the path that brought him here. It's a chance for all of us to get to know him better, beyond the role he plays day to day.

I'm an Operations Manager with a diverse background spanning the motor industry, building maintenance, and estate operations. These experiences have taught me that no two days are ever the same, and that's exactly what drives me.

Problem-solving is my strength. I thrive on keeping systems running smoothly, stepping in wherever I'm needed, and being the "can-do" person people rely on first. Even in high-pressure situations, I'm known for staying positive and composed, bringing a steady energy that helps teams stay coordinated and challenges get resolved.

Whether it's logistics, unexpected onsite issues, or aligning people toward a common goal, I bring focus, resilience, and an upbeat attitude that ensures progress.

Outside of work, the outdoors is my reset. Exploring new places, staying active, and keeping life simple and practical keeps me grounded, and I bring that same clarity and energy into everything I do.

Always learning. Always adapting. Always making things work. That's me in a nutshell.

Tourist Guides



Carlon Jumaat | Mark Grootboom

Two of our dedicated staff, Carlon Jumaat and Mark Grootboom, have officially received their tourist guide certification and badges from the Western Cape Tourist Guide Registration Office, under the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Western Cape Government.

This recognition not only highlights their professionalism and commitment but also ensures that our guests enjoy guided experiences with fully accredited experts.

Whether you're seeking adventure on our Guided Hiking Trails or exploring the waterways on our Canoe Trips, Carlon and Mark are ready to lead you on unforgettable journeys through the beauty of the Western Cape.

To book your next adventure, please email: admin@ppehoa.co.za

EVENTS

31 October 2025 - Wine Tasting & Music with a touch of Halloween Enchantment



A Night to Remember: Cederberg/Ghost Corner Wine Evening

Our recent Cederberg/Ghost Corner Wine Evening was nothing short of spectacular. Guests were welcomed into a vibrant atmosphere and treated to an unforgettable tasting journey through the flagship wines of the Ghost Corner collection. Each glass reflected the artistry and dedication of David Nieuwoudt, one of South Africa's most celebrated winemakers, whose craftsmanship continues to inspire wine lovers across the globe.

The evening was elevated by the smooth, soulful sounds of Jo Dazeley on saxophone, creating the perfect backdrop for an experience that blended fine wine, music, and camaraderie.

The event truly captured the spirit of Cederberg excellence, leaving guests with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for the Ghost Corner range.





Save the Date: Our next Wine Evening will take place on 23 January 2026. We look forward to welcoming you again for another celebration of exceptional wines and unforgettable moments.

This event will be presented by the acclaimed winemaker, Mr. David Niewoudt, who will personally guide us through a curated selection of exceptional vintages.

01 November 2025 – Music Evening at Alkira Lodge

A Memorable Evening at Alkira Lodge - José Dias & The Selene Quartet with Zanelle Brits

A truly captivating evening of music as José Dias continued his ambitious Chopin project. Following his acclaimed performance of the Preludes earlier this year in February, Dias returned with the second chapter: Chopin's piano concertos in a chamber music setting.

Programme Highlights

Frédéric Chopin's Piano Concertos Op.11 & 21

- Presented in the rare arrangement for piano and string quartet
- Works that revealed Chopin at his most extroverted and virtuosic
- A programme brimming with ravishing beauty and technical brilliance

The Ensemble

- José Dias – piano
- Zanelle Brits – double bass
- The Selene String Quartet – an outstanding team of young, prize-winning musicians

Together, they delivered a performance of rare intimacy and grandeur. The combination of piano, strings, and bass brought fresh light to Chopin's concertos, leaving the audience enthralled and marking the evening as an unforgettable highlight in the Alkira Lodge concert series.







UPCOMING EVENTS:

12 December 2025

Carols by Candlelight

Enjoy timeless Christmas Melodies music performed by Jo Dazeley, featuring joyful sing along favorites.

Light a candle and take a moment to reflect on the year gone by.

A visit from Father Christmas, who will gladly hand out any gifts you provide for your loved ones.





16 January 2026

Welcome Event :Sushi, Sosaties and Champagne



23 January 2026

Cederberg / Ghost Corner Wine Tasting Evening presented by David Niewoudht



24 January 2026

Music Evening, Sting/Police Tribute

FUTURE EVENTS:

- Organic Market Days at the New Potager Gardens
- Environmental Talks
- Paint, Champagne & Socialise Evening, unleash your creativity



An open invitation

Homeowners are warmly encouraged to visit the HOA office should they wish to discuss Estate matters in person. To meet with Johanita Henning, our Estate Manager, kindly schedule an appointment through Madeleine at Admin@ppehoa.co.za. A cup of coffee and a biscuit will be waiting — we look forward to welcoming you.

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