



what's new?

pathways

Approximately 300m of concrete pathway has been completed in the Moreleta reserve at a cost of about R30,000. The purpose of the pathway is twofold, to provide some wet weather access to the conservancy as well as providing improved footing and wheelchair friendly access for the less-abled. The construction of pathways is dependant on available funds and as such has come to a temporary halt until funds are available.

tree tagging

Working under the auspices of CTMM a Nature Conservation student at Tshwane University of Technology has been studying the tree species within the Ecoglen conservancy. Seven indigenous tree species have been identified and these will be tagged shortly [thanks to a sponsorship from the Chateau Glen Body Corporate]. This will be the first such initiative for Ecoglen in the area of educational support but certainly won't be the last.

ecoglen goes 3W

Watch out for our website coming during July at www.ecoglen.org.za. We are planning to make the site a gateway for interaction with our web-enabled members so look out for more details in due course.

reflection points

Entering the Moreleta reserve via the Maldon Road entrance you may (or will if you haven't visited for a while) discover the first of our "reflection points" (made possible through a sponsorship by Letsie Coetzee of Realty 1). We are sure that these peaceful spots will be appreciated by nature lovers, the romantic of heart and those just seeking a quiet moment! Just spend a few moments there and you may spot a Heron or a Woodland Kingfisher, also watch out for a pair of African Black Duck.



money matters

CTMM

Without the help and financial support of the CTMM, our conservation area would have been under pressure with all the rubbish and alien trees littering the veld. Three clean-up operations have been conducted and the grass has been cut. These operations amounted to R12 000. Thanks to the CTMM and in particular, Adelene Loock who keeps a watchful eye over our area.

membership

We are pleased to say that our membership is growing, and currently membership stands at 82 households. At an annual fee of R120/household and initial registration of R100, cost should not be a reason why anyone staying in Lynwood Glen and Glenwood Village is not a member of Ecoglen. We don't expect that your membership fees will be your only contribution to Ecoglen. We see it as an indication that you are willing to participate and contribute to the management of the area. We are sure everyone can think of good ideas of how to improve Ecoglen and to fund those projects. Please come forward in initiating a project. We envisage an association where members take pride in championing new projects. Contact Fanie van Wyk at fanie@iqassociates.co.za with your ideas or phone him on 0834421502.



renewals

Membership is based on an annual renewal of membership fees. Surely, no one can say that the fees are extraordinarily high, so please do not put an extra burden on the committee members to plead for your renewal fees! Contact us at ecoglen@global.co.za if you would like to clarify any aspect.

donors

Once again the generosity of our members and the residents has been evident since our last newsletter and we take the opportunity to thank the following donors for their additional contribution to Ecoglen's finances:

- Geoff Miles
- Pierre & Thea le Roux
- Tinus & Martelean Venter
- Johan & Marita Opt'hof
- Richard & Brigid Hess
- Willem & Riekie Boshoff
- Miems Swart
- Robert & Lynette Noonan
- Dr Botha
- Alexandre & Marina Lebedev

Together they have donated over R5000 which will be put to good use on the many projects we have planned.

forum

Got something to say about Ecoglen? Ideas on how to improve the area? Something you'd like to share with other members? Drop us a line at ecoglen@global.co.za, we'd like to hear from you.

walkabouts

We have scheduled guided walks through Ecoglen in order to share our enthusiasm, news and our latest plans with our members [non-members are welcome too!]. If you have the time and energy join us at the Maldon Road Gate at 14:30 on the following dates:

- 19th August
- 16th September
- 21st October
- 18th November

You will be notified of any changes to dates before the time.

interested in birds?

St. Alban's College Nature Club have given us a list of birds they've spotted in and around Ecoglen. If you'd like a copy, e-mail us at ecoglen@global.co.za and we'll send you one.

If you are interested in adding to the list, send us details of the species, where in Ecoglen you spotted it and the time and date.

seen around

A pair of Moorhens took up residence in the area of the small dam and successfully bred a clutch of chicks. They join a pair of Egyptian Geese in using this part of Ecoglen as a breeding place.



A nocturnal visitor to Ecoglen, this Small Spotted Genet had no problem posing for the camera! Seen along the reaches of the small dam.



seen something interesting?

Share it with us, send us details of what you saw and where you saw it and we'll let the members know. If you have a photo, so much the better, we'll either include it in our next newsletter or display it on our website gallery. [e-mail to ecoglen@global.co.za].