

Finkenstein Estate *Newsletter*

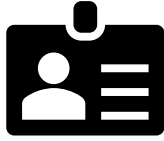


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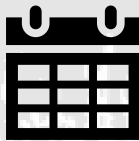
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From the Trustees

As we conclude another meaningful year at Finkenstein Nature Estate, the Trustees extend heartfelt gratitude to all residents for your continued cooperation, commitment, and community spirit. This year brought important developments across our estate—from strengthened security measures, improved infrastructure, responsible pet and lighting etiquette, and the introduction of new staff members, to the welcoming of new residents and the recognition of long-serving team members. Each of these milestones reflects our shared dedication to maintaining a harmonious, safe, and thriving environment for all who call Finkenstein home.

Our estate has continued to grow—not only in numbers but in the strength of our community and the beauty of our natural surroundings. The completion of the new freeway, upgrades to bulk electricity metering, and sustained environmental health have positioned Finkenstein as one of the finest nature estates in the region. We are deeply appreciative of the meaningful participation at our AGM, the support shown to Estate Management, and the efforts of every resident who contributes to preserving the essence of our tranquil, nature-centred lifestyle.

As Christmas approaches, the Trustees warmly wish every family in the Estate a blessed and joyful festive season. May this time be filled with peace, gratitude, rest, and precious moments with loved ones. We hope you enjoy the festive ginger cookies prepared in celebration of the season, and we encourage everyone to travel safely, care for one another, and step into the new year with renewed hope and positivity. May Christmas bring light to your homes and 2026 greet you with prosperity, good health, and abundant blessings.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

FHA Trustees

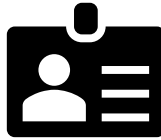
Hellmut von Ludwiger (Chairman, Security, Village/Manor Liaison, CoW, FDT)

Anri Parker (Deputy Chair, External Affairs, Legal and Governance and Human Capital)

Pieter Reyneke (Strategy and Building)

Sirk Krugel (Finance)

Andre de Jager (Infrastructure, Services & Nature)



Security Matters

Security Statistics for 2025

Housebreakings	-	0
Theft	-	0
Attempted Housebreakings	-	0
Attempted Theft	-	0

Alarm Notice

As we approach the festive holidays, all residents are kindly reminded to remain vigilant and to review the following security measures:

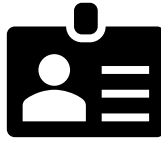
1. Activate your alarm system whenever you leave your property and before going to sleep. Ensure all doors and gates are securely locked.
2. Test your alarm regularly and confirm with the Control Room (**081 612 0772**) that they have received your signal.
3. If you receive an “AC Loss” message from your alarm monitoring system while away, please ask someone to check your property — this may indicate a power failure.
4. If you plan to be away for an extended period, inform the **Security Manager (081 284 6562)** or **Security Supervisor John (081 684 6707)** during office hours to complete an *Out of Town* form, including contact details of persons with access to your property.
5. All alarms must operate silently to avoid disturbing neighbours

Pets and Holiday Care

Please **do not leave your dogs unattended** at home during holidays. Arrange a caretaker or make use of reputable boarding facilities around Windhoek. Unattended, anxious dogs may bark excessively, disturb neighbours, or attempt to escape.

Ensure that your dog:

- Wears a collar with your contact details, or
- Has a recent photo submitted to the **FHA Office** for identification purposes in case of escape.



Security Matters

The impact of barking dogs

Complaints regarding barking dogs have increased significantly this past year, despite fines being issued. Please take note of the impact of excessive barking on residents:

Health and Well-being Effects:

- Increased stress and anxiety
- Sleep disruption and fatigue
- Heightened frustration and irritation
- Possible long-term health issues such as headaches, weight gain, and increased risk of heart disease
- Potential hearing damage from prolonged noise exposure

Recommendation:

Owners of persistently barking dogs are encouraged to consider the use of **bark-control collars**, which may include the following:

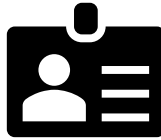
NooBark's Humane Training System

"NooBark does things differently. It uses **smart, humane, and fully adjustable correction** to deliver fast training results – without fear or frustration for you or your dog. Here are 7 reasons why dog owners are making the switch to this no-bark collar. You can choose from **beep, vibration, shock, or a combination**, so the correction always matches your dog's habits. Combined with smart bark detection, it's been **proven effective on all dog breeds**. It helps stop barking without false triggers, harsh corrections, or confusing your pup."

Tested & Recommended by Animal Health Experts

"NooBark was created with help from vets, certified dog trainers and animal health experts to guarantee that every mode – especially vibration and shockwaves – stays gentle and dog-friendly. You're in control the whole time, and shock is totally optional. It's safe to use every day, and made to get results without stressing your pup out. Get results with calm, **controlled feedback** – built for learning, not punishment."

(<https://noobark.org/>)



Security Matters

Speeding within the Estate

Speeding continues to be a concern despite ongoing reminders. All residents are reminded that **no vehicle may exceed the posted estate speed limits of 40 km/h or 60 km/h**, as indicated by traffic signage.

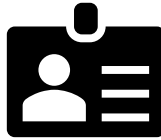
Since the installation of the two speed cameras, fines totalling **N\$30,000** have been issued to residents.

Speed Fine Schedule (Approved at AGM – 22 November 2018)

40km/h Zone		
Speed (km/h)	Fine	Increment
40-45		
46-50	N\$250	
51-55	N\$300	N\$50
56-60	N\$400	N\$100
61-65	N\$550	N\$150
66-70	N\$750	N\$200
71-75	N\$1,000	N\$250
76-80	N\$1,300	N\$300
81-85	N\$1,650	N\$350
86-90	N\$2,050	N\$400
91-95	N\$2,500	N\$450
96-100	N\$3,000	N\$500
101-105	N\$3,500	N\$500
106-110	N\$4,000	N\$500
111-115	N\$4,500	N\$500
116-120	N\$5,000	N\$500
121-125	N\$5,500	N\$500
126-130	N\$6,000	N\$500
131-135	N\$6,500	N\$500
136-140	N\$7,000	N\$500
141-145	N\$7,500	N\$500
146-150	N\$8,000	N\$500
151-	N\$8,500	N\$500

60km/h Zone		
Speed (km/h)	Fine	Increment
60-65		
66-70	N\$250	
71-75	N\$300	N\$50
76-80	N\$400	N\$100
81-85	N\$550	N\$150
86-90	N\$750	N\$200
91-95	N\$1000	N\$250
96-100	N\$1300	N\$300
101-105	N\$1650	N\$350
106-110	N\$2050	N\$400
111-115	N\$2500	N\$450
116-120	N\$3000	N\$500
121-125	N\$3500	N\$500
126-130	N\$4000	N\$500
131-135	N\$4500	N\$500
136-140	N\$5000	N\$500
141-145	N\$5500	N\$500
146-150	N\$6000	N\$500
151-	N\$6500	N\$500

Members are reminded of **FHA House Rule B3** – *“It is the sole responsibility of the Members to familiarise themselves with the Constitution and all other policies, manuals, rules, regulations and procedures emanating from it and to ensure that their families, lessees, visitors, friends and contractors or service deliverers comply with these.”*



Security Matters

Staff Recognition

We proudly acknowledge the dedication and service of our team members:



Edward Kohima: Long service

Congratulations on receiving your 5-year long service award!



Dixon Mazeingo: Retirement

Congratulations on an exceptional career! Your dedication has greatly strengthened our team. We wish you a retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and fulfilment.

Kind regards

FHA Security Manager

Johan Kellerman



Hello & Goodbye

Since the last Newsletter in August 2025, we would like to welcome new owners and tenants in the Estate and also say farewell to previous owners.



Hello to

NEW OWNERS

PTN 6, Eland Street – Martin & Vera Dzeik

PTN 13, Eland Street – Eckart & Wanita Urban

PTN 55, Eland Street – Jean Venter & Nikita Rix

NEW TENANTS

PTN 77, Koedoe Street – Christiaan & Schwane Schumacher

PTN 84, Koedoe Street – Joseph & Sandra Cole

PTN 159, Zebra Street – Tia Eisenberg



Goodbye to

PREVIOUS OWNERS

PTN 55, Eland Street – Andre Fourie



Estate News

AGM - 2025

On 19 November at 18h00 the FHA once again held its AGM at Eden Chalets & Venue. 60 Members attended the meeting representing 119 erven, including 59 proxies. After items to be voted upon were counted, the results are as follows:

Attendance : 60 people

Representation : 119 erven

Proxies : 59

Item	Description	For	Against	Abstain
5.	Accept the Trustees Report 2025	117	1	1
6.	Approve the Audited Financial Statements as at 28.2.2025	117	0	2
7.1	Approve the 2026/2027 budget and levies as presented	113	1	5
7.2	Approve the 2026/2027 capital expenditure budget	110	3	6
9.1	Elect Ms Anri Parker as trustee	104	3	12
9.2	Elect Mr Sirk Krügel as trustee	109	1	9

8	Change Maximum building coverage:	Choose 1 or 2 or 3:
8.1	<u>NO</u> – Building coverage to remain 800m ²	59
8.2	<u>YES</u> – New maximum building coverage to be increased from 800m ² to 1,000m ²	47
8.3	<u>YES</u> – New maximum building coverage to be increased from 800m ² to 10% of the erf size (should the 10% be higher than the 800m ²)	13

Thank you to all members who attended, participated and voted at the meeting. Your presence and participation shows your commitment to maintain our motto of : **“A caring community enjoying quality of life in a tranquil nature estate”**.

New FHA Office Assistant

We are delighted to introduce our new FHA Office Assistant to everyone, **Ms. Daleen Hanekom**. Daleen is a resident of Finkenstein Estate and commenced with her duties in September 2025. Feel free to come and say hello to Daleen, as she will be your first point of contact and assistance at the FHA Office.

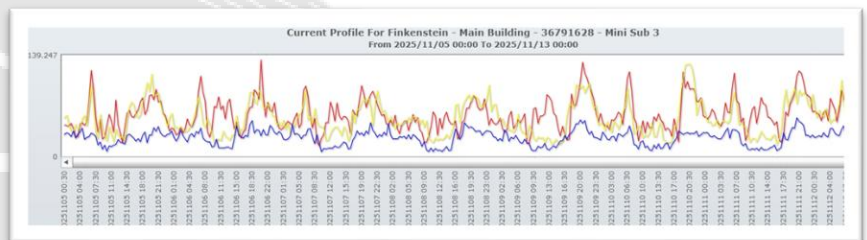
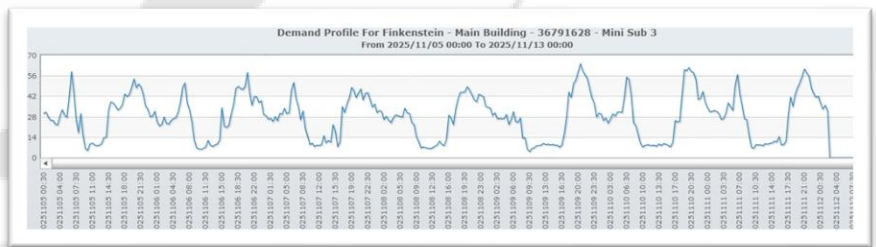
At the same time we would like to make use of this opportunity to say farewell to Ms. Teresa Gouws, who has been our Office Assistant from April 2025, and who has provided everyone in the Estate with administrative service. We wish her well on her future endeavours.



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New Bulk Electricity Meters

Following the SGM in August regarding the electricity supply to and inside the Estate and the subsequent establishment of an electricity sub-committee, new bulk electricity meters were procured to replace the existing ones in all of the minisubs inside the Estate. These new meters will enable Estate Management and electrical consultants to monitor the performance of electricity usage and export at all minisubs for 24 hours of each day. These meters will also provide data regarding the demand, currents and voltages at each minisub. The installation and use of the meters is a significant step closer to analyse the quality of supply inside the Estate. Analysis of the data over the different seasons will provide valuable information to guide maintenance and future upgrades of bulk electrical infrastructure inside the Estate, as more development happens and as demand increase.



Trustee Meetings

Members are encouraged to discuss ideas, suggestions or issues of concern with FHA Management or the FHA Trustees. Trustee meetings are held monthly and any members are welcome to join. These meetings are an excellent platform to receive detailed information on pressing matters or to gain insight on how the Homeowners' Association is governed. We remain open and excited to more participation from members in issues that affect us all in the Estate.



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Light Pollution

Light Pollution may be defined as *“the presence of unwanted, inappropriate or excessive artificial lighting.”* At Finkenstein our House Rules takes this principle into consideration by stating that *“Low wattage exterior and landscape lighting is encouraged to the degree that it does not disturb the neighbours. Other exterior lighting should be switched off during the night.”*

The above however does not always materialise with some owners installing bright lighting that is faced in the direction of or in the sight line of neighbouring properties. This may cause unwanted glare to other Members. Members are however reminded that the FHA House Rules offers guidance in this regard by stating that *“Complaints about exterior lighting should first be directly addressed between neighbours. Only if unsuccessful, would management/trustees be involved, as per dispute resolution policy.”*

Kindly ensure that your exterior and landscape lighting is done in a considerate way that complies with the FHA House Rules.



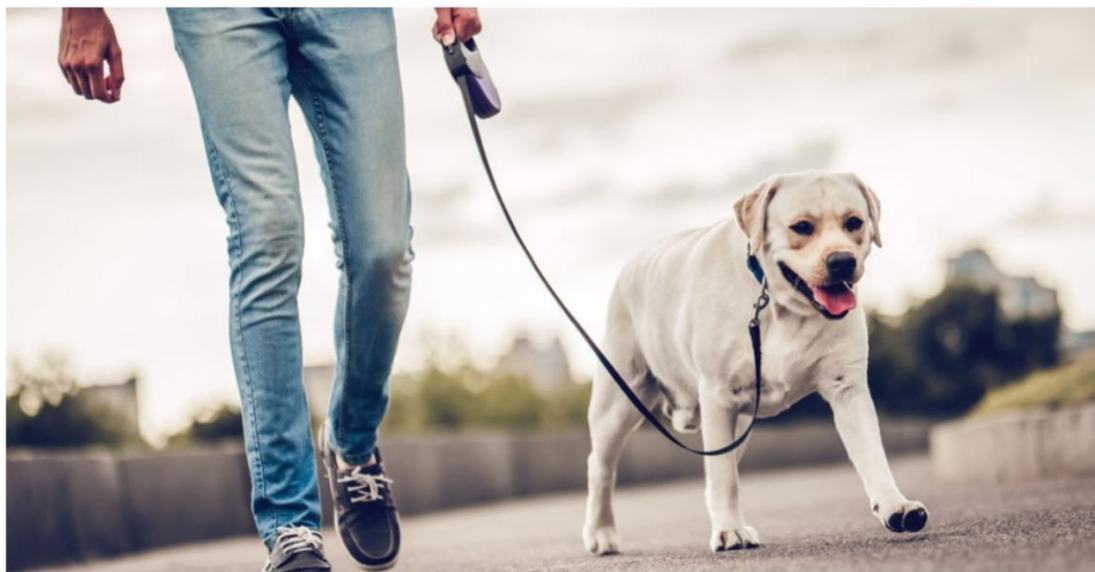


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Walking in the Streets

Street Etiquette

- **Walk against traffic:** If there is no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic so you can see vehicles coming toward you.
- **Use crosswalks:** Always use marked crosswalks and obey all traffic signals for pedestrian crossings.
- **Look both ways:** Before crossing, look left, right, and left again to ensure the way is clear.
- **Be visible:** Wear bright colors, especially at night, to be seen more easily by drivers.
- **Pace yourself:** Walk at a reasonable pace and be aware of faster walkers behind you. If you need to walk slower, stay towards the edge of the path to let others pass.
- **Single file:** Walk in a single file or a narrow line if you are in a group to avoid obstructing vehicular traffic.
- **Be aware of your surroundings:** Look where you are going and be mindful of other pedestrians, cyclists, and potential hazards like uneven surfaces.
- **Put your phone away:** Avoid walking while texting or talking on the phone, as this can cause you to lose awareness of your surroundings and veer into oncoming traffic.





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Completion of new freeway

After many years of construction, the new freeway from Windhoek to the Hosea Kutako international airport was officially opened on Sunday 9 November 2025. The Otjihase interchange is also complete and marks a significant moment for transport to and from Finkenstein towards town and the airport.

The one-way tunnel passing underneath the freeway between the Manor and Village has also been completed, however it has not been opened yet, as the installation of the traffic control lights have not been finalised. It is expected that the traffic lights should be functional within the coming weeks.





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Christmas Gifts!

The FHA Trustees and Management would like to thank each Member family of the Estate this year with a pack of Festive Ginger Cookies from **Ms. Teresa Gouws** (127 Wildebees Street) as part of our Christmas celebrations. We hope that everyone enjoys this festive ginger treat!





Fauna & Flora

Sun Spider (*Solpugema namibensis*)



Common names: sun spiders, red romans, wind scorpions, wind spiders, camel spiders, jerrymanders [English alternative names]; haarskeeders, baardskeeders, rooimanne, jag spinnekoppe ('hunting spiders'), gif-kankers ('poison cancers'), vetvreterers ('fat eaters') [Afrikaans]

Families native to southern Africa: There are 12 families, 140 genera and 1075 species of solifuges worldwide, with six families, 30 genera and 241 species recorded from southern Africa. Thus, 22% of the world solifuge species occur in southern Africa. The Northern Cape (81 species) and Namibia have the highest number of species. The Orange River does not restrict their distribution. Information from Dippenaar-Schoeman *et al.* (2006) and Harvey (2003).

Introduction: This group of arachnids has various common names most of which suggest that they are spiders, which they are not. The only obvious similarity they share with spiders is the fact that they have eight legs. Solifuges are solitary, have no venom glands and are not a threat to people although they are very aggressive and fast moving and can inflict a painful bite. The name of the solifuge originates from the Latin 'solifuga' (a kind of venomous ant, or spider) that is in turn derived from 'fugere' (to flee; fly, run away) and 'sol' (sun). Although it is neither of these, "spider" is preferred to "scorpion". The term 'sun spider' applies to those species active during the day that tend to avoid the heat and dash from shadow to shadow - often of a person - giving the alarming impression that they are giving chase. The term 'red roman' probably originates from the Afrikaans term 'rooiman' (red man) due to the red-brown colour of some species. The popular terms 'haarskeeders' and 'baardskeeders' (Afrikaans for hair and beard cutters) originate from the strange behaviour of some of these animals where they use hair shed from animals. It appears that female solifuges find hair to be an ideal nest liner. They are believed, by some researchers, to be closely related to the Pseudoscorpiones but this is refuted by the latest research. There is a hamlet in the Western Cape called Baardskeersdersbos in honour of this fascinating arachnid.



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Solifuges fluoresce under specific UV light of the correct wavelength and wattage and although they do not fluoresce as brightly as scorpions this is a method of collecting them. LED UV torches do not presently work on solifuges. Little is known about this fascinating order. Research is needed as well as a specific book to help understand and identify these fearsome but completely harmless creatures.

Food: Solifuges prey on various insects, spiders, scorpions, small reptiles, dead birds and even each other. Some species are exclusively termite predators. Some solifuges sit in the shade and ambush their prey. Others run their prey down and once they catch it they eat while the prey is still alive with vigorous ripping and cutting actions of the powerful jaws. Video footage has revealed that solifuges catch their prey with their forward stretched pedipalps using the distal suctional organs to fasten onto the prey. The suctional organ is usually not visible as it is encased in a dorsal and ventral cuticular lip. Once the prey has been caught and transferred to the chelicerae the suctional gland is enclosed. Haemolymph pressure is used to open and protrude the suctional organ. This superficially resembles a shortened chameleon tongue. The adhesive properties appear to be van der Waals force.

Predators: Several raptors, owls and small mammals consume solifuges in their diets including the Bat-eared fox, Small-spotted genet, Cape fox, African civet and Black-backed jackal.

(<https://www.biodiversityexplorer.info/arachnids/solifugids/index.htm>)





Fauna & Flora

Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*)



The origin of its cultivation is uncertain, possibly western Asia or India. It is one of the oldest leafy vegetables, used from Europe to Japan, Australia, and the Americas. It is eaten in many African countries, e.g., Ivory Coast, Benin, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Angola, and South Africa. It is especially popular in Sudan and Egypt, where it is known in Arabic as 'rigla'.

It is also commonly known as pigweed (although confusingly quite a few different plants are called pigweed), porseleinblaar (Afrikaans), little hogweed, or pursley, and moss rose. In Xhosa it is called iGwanisha. It generally falls under the title 'imifuno' which loosely translates to wild spinach / pot-herb and includes any number of edible leafy greens growing wild – often famine food in poor rural areas. Many of the poorer people live off these plants and interestingly they are most often the healthiest people in the villages. Pick in the early morning for the best flavour. It is crunchy and has a slight lemony taste. In South Africa it has a long history and is considered a veldkos (field food). C. Louis Leipoldt's (1880-1947) author of *Leipoldt's Cape Cookery* writes: "*Purslane (porseleinblaar) that grows profusely in every Cape Garden in late winter and spring was, in the old days, and should be today, a favourite vegetable. Its little succulent leaves were gathered, washed, and braised with ginger powder, mace, pepper, and salt in fat; a tiny spicule of garlic was added, a wineglassful of wine was stirred in, and the result was an amazingly delicate, luscious, and sapid puree, that was served with rice and potatoes.*"

It is also very easy to grow and is a great ground cover that helps to stop the soil from drying out too much in summer. It is best identified by its leaves that are very succulent looking and distinctive. Purslane usually grows spread out flat on the ground. It can be found growing in almost any unshaded area in our gardens, including flower beds, as well as in maize fields and waste places. It grows all over the planet, thriving in hot dry situations. It will die back at the first sign of cold. In the Western Cape it appears in early November and dies back in autumn (literally after the first big cold front). It grows quite quickly and thrives on neglect.



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All parts of the purslane are edible, though the lower stems can be tough. Some people prefer eating only the leaves. It is best to eat the freshly picked plant as soon as possible and preferably raw to benefit from these nutritional elements. Best to harvest when the plant is in seed as this is where all the omegas are found. To enjoy this weedy vegetable, chop raw into salads (Greeks pair it with potato salad), or stews, soups, stir fry's or gumbo. It is a super addition to smoothies. It tastes good with Mediterranean vegetables, salads, or tapas. Add chopped to fritters, or to a stuffing mix for squash flowers, or just by mixing it with yogurt and garlic.

Nutrition: Like many other weeds, purslane is not only edible but also far more nutritious than many of the crops that we plant! Here's just a few of the health benefits of purslane: Seven times the beta-carotene of carrots; 6 x more vitamin E than spinach; more omega-3 fatty acids than some of fish oils (and none of the mercury risks)! Purslane is also loaded with vitamins A, C, E and Coenzyme Q10. This strong antioxidant cocktail helps to protect the skin against environmental damage.

(Read more at: ScientificWorldJournal. 2014; 2014: 951019, 2014 Feb 10. doi: 10.1155/2014/951019; Farmers' Almanac 2022; Drugs.com; ResearchGate - March 2021Environmental Management, DOI:10.1007/s00267-021-01456-z)

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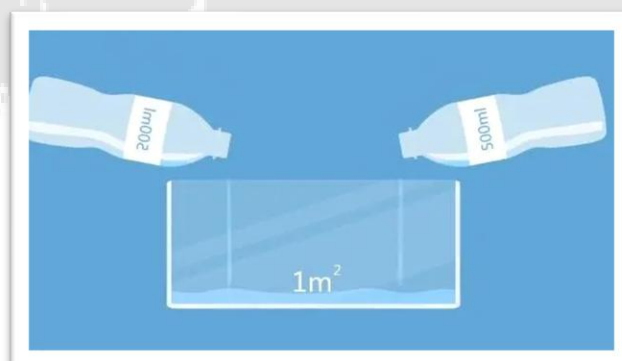
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Measuring Rainfall

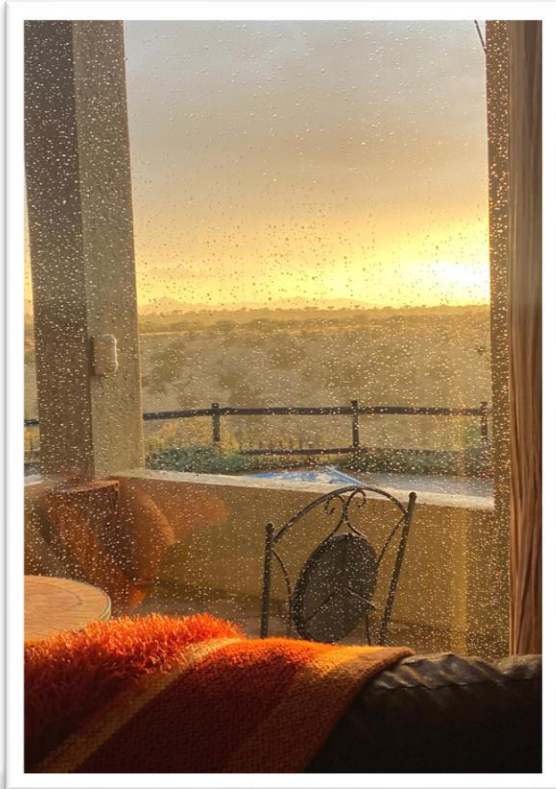
Rainfall refers to the total amount of liquid or melted solid precipitation that falls on a ground surface over a specific period, typically 12 or 24 hours. It is a measure of the depth of water that accumulates on a horizontal surface after all evaporation, percolation, and runoff have been accounted for. Rainfall is usually measured in millimetres (mm) and recorded with one decimal place in meteorological observations. It provides a straightforward indicator of the intensity of rainfall.

Imagine 1 mm of rainfall as a depth of water accumulated on a flat surface. It's roughly equivalent to pouring two 500-milliliter bottles of water onto one square meter of level glass. For 50 mm of rainfall, it would be about 100 bottles.

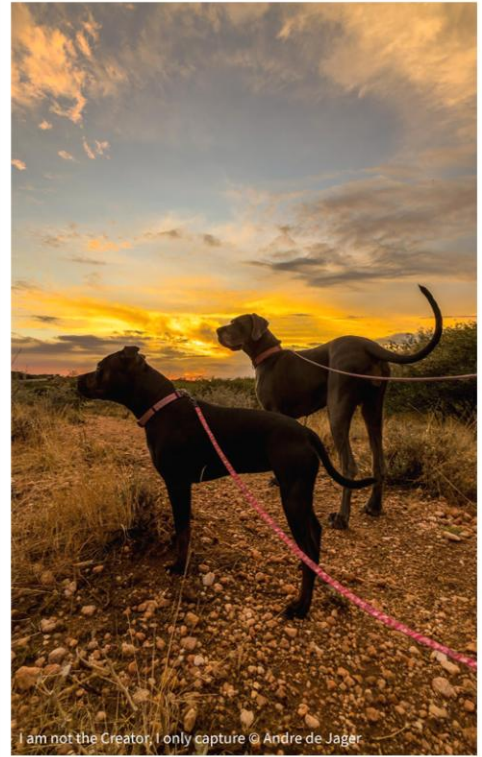




Pictures from Members



Rainy sunset
by Birgit von Ludwiger, 7 Eland Street



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Dog on a Leash
by Andre de Jager, 175 Koedoe Street

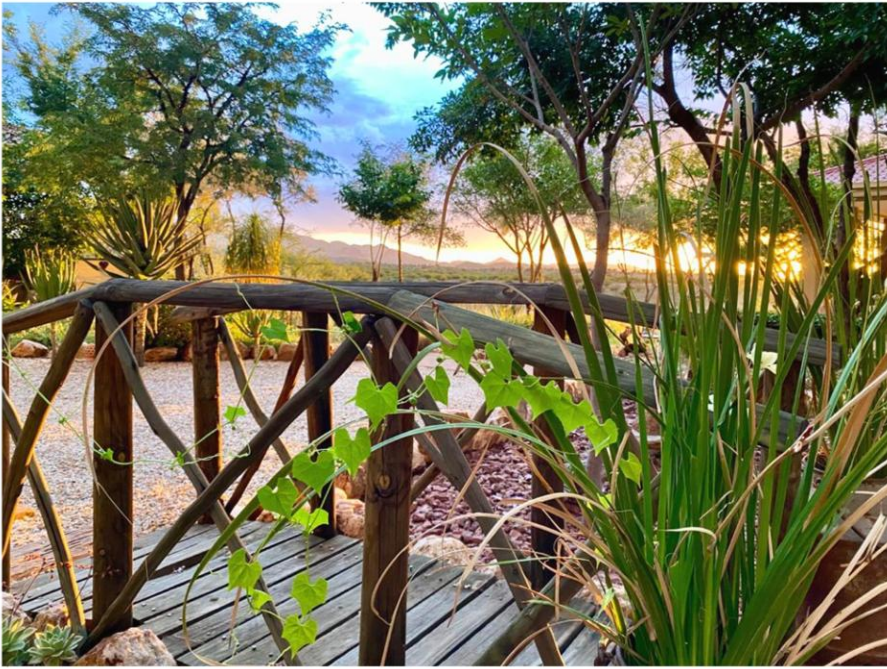


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Fantastic Clouds— by Andre de Jager, 175 Koedoe Street



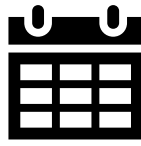
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Picturesque Garden – by Birgit von Ludwiger, 7 Eland Street



Lighting in the Clouds – by Louis Ligthelm, 224 Wildebees Street



Events



Important Dates

26 November – Local Government Voting day (Public Holiday)

10 December – Human Rights Day (Public Holiday)

12 December – FHA Builders Holiday (Start)

25 December – Christmas (Public Holiday)

26 December – Family Day (Public Holiday)

1 January 2026 – New Year's Day (Public Holiday)

12 January 2026 – FHA Builders Holiday (Finish)



Running & Cycling

5-6 December – Nedbank Desert Dash, Windhoek - Swakopmund

14 December – FNB Sandman Triathlon, Swakopmund

27 December – Pupkewitz Jetty Mile, Swakopmund



Meetings *(Contact Daleen Hanekom @ 081-143-4820)*

14 Jan '26 - SGM, 18h00 @ FHA-Office Parking Area

21 Jan '26 - Trustee Meeting, 17h30 @ FHA-Office Boardroom

18 Feb '26 - Trustee Meeting, 17h30 @ FHA-Office Boardroom

18 Mar '26 - Trustee Meeting, 17h30 @ FHA-Office Boardroom



Advertisements

SIMPLY GOOD FOOD

- MINI MARKET
- DAILY MENU
- FOOD TRAILER
- AIRTIME CITY

FINKENSTEIN ROAD

We will be closed from 13.12.2025 and Re-open
05.01.2025

Contact: Heike 081 657 6578



* PS : The shop at the containers opposite Finkenstein Manor



Advertisements

The background of the advertisement is a photograph of a car being washed with a high-pressure water spray. The car is dark-colored, and the water is creating a misty spray. In the background, there are green trees and a house with a tiled roof under a blue sky with some clouds.

CAR WASH

FINKENSTEIN ESTATE
**At the comfort of
your own home**

CAR WASH 100 NAMIBIAN DOLLARS

WASH & INSIDE CLEAN 150 NAMIBIAN DOLLARS

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From the Manager

Swooooooshhh!

Did you hear that...the sound of the year that just raced by us?! Once again a year has flown by at the speed of sound, but what a year it was. I am sure that each and everyone will be able to tell tall tales of what this year brought about. When reflecting on the year gone by one is reminiscent of the challenges that you faced, the victories, the emotions, the growth, the loss, the new friendships and the lessons learnt.

Now use your imagination - Wouldn't it be remarkable if Finkenstein Nature Estate had a voice....if all the noise around us fade away, all becomes quiet, and if we could listen to the Estate telling its tale of reflection upon the year 2025.....perhaps it would have gone as follows:

The Voice of Finkenstein Nature Estate

"As I stand beneath the vast Namibian sky, I pause to reflect on the year that has passed—a year of growth, resilience, and pride. I am Finkenstein Nature Estate, a sanctuary where nature and modern living intertwine, and this year has been nothing short of remarkable.

My heartbeat has grown stronger with every new home that graced my landscape. Families have arrived, laughter now echoes through my valleys, and the sense of community warms my soul. The population within my borders has blossomed, and with it, a renewed spirit of harmony. Each house built is not just a structure—it is a promise of life, care, and belonging.

I am grateful for the hands that manage me with wisdom and dedication. Their service delivery has been exceptional, ensuring that every pathway is maintained, every system runs smoothly, and every resident feels secure and valued. Together, we have achieved milestones that once seemed distant dreams.

Beyond my gates, the world has changed too. The completion of the new highway from Windhoek to Hosea Kutako International Airport has opened doors of opportunity. It has brought me closer to the heartbeat of Namibia and the world beyond. I feel the pulse of progress, and I know that the future holds even greater growth for my region.

Security—my promise to those who call me home—has reached new heights. My new electrical fence stands tall and vigilant, my access control system ensures only welcome footsteps cross my threshold, and my eyes—CCTV cameras—watch over every corner with unwavering attention. I am a fortress of safety, a haven where peace thrives.

Nature has blessed me abundantly this year. The rains came generously, drenching my soil and painting my veld in hues of green so vibrant they rival emeralds. My grasses sway proudly in the wind, and my animals—graceful antelope, curious warthogs, and the myriad of birds—are thriving in health and vitality. I am alive, pulsing with life, and it fills me with joy.

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I stand today not just as an estate, but as a testament to excellence. Among nature estates, I am proud to say I rank among the finest—not only in Namibia but across the globe. This is not my achievement alone; it is the result of the care and respect my residents show me every day. They nurture my environment, honour my ecology, and walk gently upon my earth. For this, I thank them from the depths of my being.

As the horizon of 2026 approaches, I look forward with anticipation. I am ready to host my beloved residents in a new year filled with promise. Together, we will continue to grow, to protect, and to celebrate the harmony between nature and humanity. My gates are open, my heart is full, and my vision is clear: to remain a sanctuary of beauty, security, and life for generations to come.

*With pride and gratitude, **Finkenstein Nature Estate.***

From Estate Management I would like to wish everyone in the Estate a very merry Christmas and a prosperous 2026! Travel safe, enjoy spending time with your family, and remember to not only make time for others, but also for yourself. See you next year!

“The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be only the beginning.”

– Rebecca West

Kind regards

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***“Our lives begin to end the day we
become silent about things that matter.”***

Martin Luther King Jr.

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