

Jongensfontein Natuurresewaat



Die agtste kwartaalike nuusbrief en eerste uitgawe van 2026

Ons is baie trots om hierdie agtste kwartaalike nuusbrief saam te stel. Wat bietjie minder as twee jaar gelede begin het tydens gesprekke tussen 'n paar inwoners van Jongensfontein, het gegroei tot 'n volwaardige vrywilligersprojek waarby 'n groot getal entoesiastiese inwoners en vakansiegangers betrokke is. Die vrywilligers, ook bekend as die Woensdagoggendspan of the Boksembende, kyk na verskillende aspekte van die natuurresewaat. Dit sluit in die uitkap en verwydering van indringerplante, sny en skoonhou van die stappaadjies, identifisering en aantekene van fynbos en ander endemiese plante, voëls en ander diere, die bou en instandhouding van 'n houtdek by die Jongensfontein dam, gereelde stappe met groepe inwoners en besoekers, en vele meer. In hierdie agtste uitgawe vertel ons meer oor wat in die somermaande van 2025/2026 in die resewaat gebeur het.





Die Riversdal Tuinbougroep besoek Jongensfontein en stap in die Reservaat

Nog besoekers, of is dit eerder inwoners, by die fonteindam in die reservaat



**Kaapse Kloullose Otter met 'n krap
Cape Clawless Otter with a crap**



**Bosbokram
Bushbuck ram**

Die Boksombende (the Wednesday Morning Club)

The year started with the (Jongensfontein Nature Reserve (JNR) group expanding and gaining new members. This has added new dynamics to the group which is fantastic for new ideas going forward.

We had a review of 2025 and arranged a small planning session on the Jongensfontein Dam viewing platform. The session produced projects for 2026 of which some are listed:

- Planting of endemic indigenous trees and fynbos around the tennis courts for shade and to showcase the natural environment. The tennis courts and the area around it are all part of the nature reserve.
- Removal of alien vegetation (Rooipitjie, agaves, blue-gum, to name a few).
- Plan and potentially build the wading dam.
- Plan and build a platform / viewing deck at the sewerage works that can be changed into a bird hide as funds become available.
- Build and install owl and bat boxes.
- Clear fire breaks.
- Repair some small damages in the reserve.
- Arrange regular walks within the reserve.

We did a successful walk with all the new members and could review the reserve and also discuss the plans for the year.

The above are just a sample of our planning and we are quite ambitious but if anybody would like to assist and join, please do!!!



A meeting was held with the Hessequa Municipality Environmental group where we discussed our plans and also their participation. They have also offered assistance and would like to be included in the year ahead.

Another bench was donated and placed at the Jongensfontein Dam Viewing platform. We enjoyed some refreshments whilst thanking the donors. This has added extra seating and is a good addition to the platform.

I would like to make a request (donations) of indigenous trees or fynbos that we could plant at the tennis courts. This will enhance the area and also showcase our natural diversity.

by Ralph Rudd



Pruimbas Cape Sumach

Indigenous trees and fynbos endemic to the nature reserve

White milkwood / Witmelkhout (*Sideroxylon inerme*)

Dune koko tree / Duine kokoboom (*Maytenus procumbens*)

Dune olive tree / Duine-Olienhout (*Olea exasperate*)

Dune Guarrie / Duineghwarrie (*Euclea racemosa*)

Pock Ironwood / Pokysterhout (*Noronhia foveolata* ssp. *Foveolata*)

Common Spikethorn / Gewone Pendoring (*Gymnosporia buxifolia*)

Bastard Spikethorn / Valspendoring (*Putterlickia pyracantha*)

Poison Starapple / Bostolbos (*Diospyros dichrophylla*)

Dune Saffronwood / Strandsaffraan (*Robsonodendron maritimum*)

Cape Sumach / Wildepruim (*Colpoon compressum*)

Voëlkyk



Kransvalk
Rock Kestrel



Kuifkopvisvanger
Malachite Kingfisher



Bloukraanvoël
Blue Crane



Teeleend
Cape Teal

Heeljaar blomtyd



Koningskandelaar / Maartblom
Chandelier Lily



Verfkwasleylie / bloedlelie /Maartblom
Spotted blood lily



Tot volgende keer

Vir algemene inligting oor die reservaat, kontak gerus per WhatsApp vir Ralph Rudd (0825735591), vir inligting oor die voëls vir Gerald Gaigher (0833063266), en flora vir Eduard Fourie (0822022408). Besoek ons ook aanlyn:



Swarttobie African Black Oystercatcher

Friends of Jongensfontein Nature

Reserve op Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1570815726807019>

Jongensfontein Nature Reserve op Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/jongensfontein_nature_reserve/



Vaalstrandkiewiet White-Fronted Plover

Vir meer inligting en fotos van die fynbos en bome in die Reservaat, besoek gerus die **Jongensfontein Nature Reserve project** op iNaturalist by <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/jongensfontein-nature-reserve>

Om meer uit te vind oor die voëls wat in die Natuurresewaat sowel as langs die Jongensfontein kuslyn tot by Stilbaai asook tot by Blombos voorkom, besoek gerus die **Jongensfontein Nature Reserve projek** op GoBirding by <https://gobirding.birdlife.org.za/jongensfontein/>



Witborsduiker White -Breasted Cormorant