

Riverlution!

WHAT THE FEBRUARY WAS THAT!!

February is Wetlands Month and boy oh boy was it WET!

The destruction of our Wetlands is a huge contributing factor when it comes to the severity of the flooding we experience – because with more development taking place on our wetlands – our wetlands are not able to absorb as much of the rainwater as they should be able to, and then also – all the water which would have been naturally absorbed, has now been directed into storm water channels which all lead to the river – resulting in catastrophic flooding!

A big thank you to the community members who assisted with flood relief donations!

In February Hennops Revival did 14 clean-ups and removed 5 154 bags of waste from the Hennops River in Centurion.

The floods in February were incredibly destructive, I have not yet seen such destruction from flooding in our area, and the ground is absolutely saturated with loads of trees falling into the river and soil erosion at a frightening pace – in some areas the river has widened by up to 2m since January 2022!!

We hosted our Wetlands month 3 day Clean-up which was a HUGE success – 195 people – including scholars from numerous schools in Centurion and also Scouts joined us over the 3 day period and we removed 2 000 bags of waste from the River (bags sponsored by [Italpac](#))!

Recycling onsite sponsored by [Bluswirl](#) and we managed to recycle all this directly out of the River:

Bottle caps - 9kg, PET G - 36kg, PETC - 73kg, Pp - 15kg, LDPE M - 15kg, HDPE C - 13kg, HDPE W- 13kg, Pp woven - 7kg, LDPE C - 18kg, PET J - 31kg, Steel cans - 14kg (from the Poly-Mountain – largely removed but unfortunately was washed down with the flooding of Friday night 18th Feb)

A huge amount of polystyrene was collected for recycling through [Supreme Mouldings](#). This clean-up diverted a huge amount from landfill! We are so pleased to have these supportive partners!

The clean-up formed part of the Mayoral clean-up campaign [Tswelopele](#), which brought many prominent members of the municipality; from the Mayor's Office - MMC for Environment and Agriculture Management - Cllr Katlego Mathebe. From the Speakers Office - Dr. Murunwa Makwarela and Director Lungisa Daca. From Region 4 - Regional Executive Director Philemon Mathane, Director of Water and Sanitation Sibusiso Mabase as well as Cllr Ina Strijdom to join us. 20 EPWP workers from the City Waste dept. joined for the duration of the event.

45 volunteers from [Soulbent NPO](#) in Saulsville were brought in to assist with the clean-up and transported by a City of Tshwane Bus. A group of volunteers from [Don't Waste](#) also volunteered.

The beginning of February – I was concerned about our funds and put a call out to our Whatsapp Group where we managed to generate R3000 donation in 1 day – just from the group! A Big Thank you to all for kick-starting an abundant month!

We also received numerous donations from the community, friends and supporters who consistently donate, new friends and supporters after having discovered our work, as well as business supporters donating towards our massive 3 day clean-up event – financial contributions from [Sharetrackin](#), [Tayfin Auditors](#) and also fresh drinking water - from [Oasis Water Irene](#), 300 x Hennops Revival bottled Water – from [GoZone Water Simarolo](#), and lunches sponsored by [Rebels Pizza](#), [Lyttelton](#).

Monthly donations of food parcels for the Hennops Revival crew supplied by The Mother's Union at [St. Martins Church](#) Irene! This phenomenal ongoing support provides great relief for our team! Thank you so much!

We also had a lot of paid work this month – due to the flooding and the unfortunate mess left behind each time – So much gratitude to the [Irene Farm](#) and to [Southdowns Homeowners Association](#) for the consistent work that you empower us to do!

News

- The [BrandIQ Litter Catchment System](#) Phase 1 has snapped – we assume it is due to the heavy and many trees which have been coming with great speed during the floods. Phase 2 has been somewhat damaged and submerged by the enormous trees which have been brought down with the rains. Phase 3 (barrel release system) has worked exactly as we anticipated i.e. – when the water level rises to such a degree – that it pops off the release system and lets everything downstream – actually happened with the flood of the 18th – unfortunately now there is very little of the catchment system still functioning and we can only start repair work once the rains have settled down!
- The funding to install the [Fortress Fund Litter Catchment System](#) has been put on ice for the moment, as we have learned a lot through the floods of February and need to ensure that what we plan to replicate has been tweaked in order to render the best results.
- A group of MBA students from [North West University Business School](#) Operations Management community project are assisting Hennops Revival with their skills as a team to help Hennops Revival grow and continue to function optimally as we grow!
- As a result of this [Puzzelize](#) have been given the opportunity to stock our Hennops Revival fundraising puzzles in PNA – at the following branches - PNA Flora – Roodepoort, PNA Glen – Oakdene, PNA Featherbrook – Muldersdrift, PNA New Redruth – Alberton, PNA Greenstone – Edenvale, PNA Horizon – Roodepoort, PNA Bryanston – Bryanston, PNA Heathway – Randburg, PNA Dainfern – Fourways, PNA Mall of the South – Alberton, PNA Mall of Africa – Midrand, PNA Ferndale – Randburg, PNA Rosebank – Rosebank, PNA Killarney – Johannesburg, PNA Hyde Park – Hyde Park, PNA Fourways – Fourways, PNA Cradlestone – Muldersdrift, PNA Cresta – Randburg!! This is incredible and we are so grateful for this growth!! Please share this with your friends in these areas!!
- An exciting new partnership with [OUTA](#) has been formed and we look forward to sharing details with you all soon!
- [Auto Investments Centurion](#) kindly sponsored 2 incredible videos for Hennops Revival which were released in February and have really gained momentum and attention through our social media/media platforms! I entered the video presentation as a documentary in the Environment & Ecology category for the [International Tourism Film Festival Africa competition](#) and our video is going straight through to final round of judging by the International Panel of Judges!
 - [An Introduction](#) – which covers how and why Hennops Revival started [click to watch](#)
 - [The Riverlution](#) – which is my presentation that has been presented (in PowerPoint) for many competitions and to stakeholders, interested parties and potential funders, exquisitely converted into an extremely eye-opening video including the realities that we are faced with and the work of Hennops Revival and our partners! [Click to watch](#)

AND... *drumroll!!

[Auto Investments Centurion](#) is sponsoring a Hennops Revival and Auto-Investments co-branded BAKKIE!! In [Auto Investments Centurion](#) core values it is emphasized



“We invest in our people and our local communities. Building relationships for life.”

- We have a few new community project ideas in the pipeline as we partner with [Spar Jean Ave](#) and will send out more details as things unfold!
- A wonderful donation from [MOYO](#) came through last week which will enable us to do a great deal of work, purchase new waders and tools, and provide stability for the team with more consistent work and we are migrating from daily wages to weekly pay – which is really going to make a difference for the crew. *“Moyo's purpose is to enable exceptional people to unlock real, significant value for the organisations that partner with them.”*

We are extremely blessed to have each and every supporter on our side! We are not just “going” to do this! WE ARE DOING IT!! It IS happening and YOU are right here with US!

Hennops Family – We LOVE YOU!

Links to February News articles you may have missed:

[Solly Moeng – Fin24](#)

[Marizka Coetzee – The Citizen](#)

[Marizke Coetzee – The Citizen \(2\)](#)

[Opinion Piece – News24](#)

[Jeanne Marie Versluis - Rapport](#)

[Odette Venter - Rekord](#)

Endless gratitude for your ongoing support!

All my best blessings

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Donations are always welcome, Section 18a Tax Exemption certificates available for your contributions!

Banking details below:

Hennops Revival, FNB Cheque Account: 62835063108, Branch Code: 250655