

## Riverlution!

We hit the ground running in 2022 that is for sure! In January we did 11 clean-ups and removed 2 391 bags of waste from the Hennops River in Centurion.

There has been SO much rain and flooding this month, water levels reached incredible heights and the strength has been phenomenal – with the added bonus of diluting the consistent sewage in the River.

The River has run green for a large number of days in January, this is as a result of the algae bloom at Rietvlei which feeds the Sesmylspruit and sadly a reaction that Water has in response to the pollution upstream of the dam.

Our focus this month has been predominantly at the upper part of the River – The BrandIQ Litter Catchment System, Southdowns, and Irene Farm experienced severe flooding and everything we remove from these areas does not go further downstream!

## News

- The *BrandIQ Litter Catchment System* has been tested to the max and has proven to be hugely effective, although it has been somewhat damaged and submerged by the enormous trees which have been brought down with the rains. We can only start repair work once the rains have settled down!
- We have received funding to install the *Fortress Fund Litter Catchment System* which we aim to have installed during April once the rainy season has subsided; we are in the process of identifying a suitable area for the new installation!
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of January successful sampling of water levels and the heights of the main Poly-Island in the Hennops River at The Royal Elephant. The *CSIR* are using radar sensors to detect the volume of the plastic in the Hennops River, and are *GCRO* and *UP!*
- On 14 January, we hosted a clean-up for 50 Grade 9 Students and 5 Teachers from *Woodhill College* and opened it up to our volunteers as well, it was a really fun day and incredibly educational for the children to be hands on in the waste! Wouldn't it be great if more schools in the area dedicated a day to cleaning our River!
- *Puzzelize* has launched a new puzzle in aid of Hennops Revival – a poll was posted to our audiences to decide upon the name and it was unanimous that it be named *Riverlution!* The puzzle is exquisite art by *Grasshopper Geography*, who has given permission to use his spectacular image of the Rivers of Africa! Feast your eyes!
- *Rebels Pizza* in Lyttelton has added a pizza to their menu and the proceeds go to Hennops Revival – it is simply delicious, vegetarian option – *The Riverlution Pizza* – Caramelized Onion, Pepperdew and Feta!
- Hennops Revival has been endorsed by the *African Excellence Forum* as we align perfectly with their goals, visions and their integrated trinity of ubuntu elements – Humanity, Performance and Sustainability – we are honoured to receive this recognition!

- We found a newly formed Poly-Island near Lyttelton Road in Clubview!
- Ongoing industrial pollution in Hennops Park has been highlighted this month and we suspect, after inspecting and researching, that it is paint – specks of silver paint were seen in the white/blue water – which has been sampled and sent for testing by *Talbot The Art of Water* – our kind sponsors, the results will be shared once they are received!
- *Auto Investments Hennops Park* has kindly sponsored a video presentation on the work of Hennops Revival which will be released soon! Really excited about this – may it touch the hearts of all who see it! Thank you to *Cllr Cindy Billson* for arranging this!

I have been having many meetings and discussions with prominent people and businesses and I am really excited to see what this year brings! Hennops is a hot topic – and the community are feeling hopeful about this project!

I was most blessed with news from *Helen Duigan (A.R.M.O.U.R)* who let me know that one of her friends said that he would pay for my gearbox to be replaced! And ever grateful! I have had it successfully replaced and the next step is panel beating after the accident, which will take place in Feb and hopefully won't take too long before it is all back together in one piece!

The Winners of the Climate 360 competition trip to Europe has been postponed for now, and I am awaiting updated details regarding the plans, I will be sure to keep you updated!

The good news is that it opens up an opportunity to host a clean-up in February for *Wetlands Month* – in collaboration with *Tayfin Estate, The City of Tshwane* and *The Executive Mayor's Tshwelopele Clean-Up Campaign*. This will take place on 17, 18, 19 February at the newly formed Poly-Island – entry through *Tayfin Estate*, 205 Utrecht Ave, Clubview.

Endless gratitude for your ongoing support!

All my best blessings

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*I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude for the donations that come in to make this work possible.*

*Donations are always welcomed, and we are able to issue Section 18a Tax Exemption certificates for your contributions!*

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