



## Bringing You Up to Date

*In this issue we update you on the progress being made in the developments undertaken by Cranbrook Property Projects in the Burgersfort area.*



Motaganeng was the first residential development undertaken by Cranbrook in Burgersfort. The dream of a lifestyle estate nestling in tranquil surroundings, where the constant roar of traffic has been replaced by birdsong became a reality. Today it is a well-established residential area consisting of about 50 homes which were sold to corporates as well as to individual buyers. Above is a picture of Motaganeng in the morning with a backdrop of mountains, under a clear blue sky.

The estate offers a variety of residential options to cater for the differing needs of corporates and private individuals. The Res 1 development in Extension 34 of Motaganeng; a high density residential development within the estate, has now been fully built up.



Once large scale construction tapered off, and building rubble was removed, developers and residents were able to concentrate on the more





aesthetic aspects of the development. With time, lawns have spread and plants have burgeoned. Beautifully manicured and well-kept gardens and pavements are in evidence with lush plants and shrubs and leafy indigenous trees. The picture above shows a typical Motaganeng home; neatly walled and set in a well-established garden.



During the middle of 2011, a launch was held on Spekboom, Cranbrook's River Estate, to expose the newly constructed houses to the market. These

homes were tastefully furnished and decorated for this event. The response from stakeholders and the public in general was very positive.

As a result, Spekboom is now a hive of activity with homes being built both for sale and rental to private individuals and corporates. Pictured here is a home still under construction, for sale or rent, and a home newly completed for a private buyer.



The first phase of infra-structure development on the estates was put in place to provide internal services such as water and electricity. For the protection of residents and their valuable properties, a fire station was built. This infra-structure was put in place before the foundations were laid for the first houses in Motaganeng and Spekboom. Pictured below are the water reticulation and pump station.



Below is the sub-station which provides Eskom power to the area and the bright red fire engine poses in readiness in front of the modern fire station in the Motaganeng Light Industrial development.



The second phase of infra-structure development involves the building of the shopping mall and the establishment of the school. In July 2011, a ground breaking ceremony was held on Spekboom for the construction of the Shopping Mall.



Construction is underway of a modern, enclosed, air-conditioned mall housing over 100 shops with ample parking. Not only will this serve the residents of the estates but also the wider community at large who are eager for an upmarket shopping experience. In addition this project will boost economic growth in the area by creating both temporary and permanent employment and contributing to a reduction of poverty. It is intended that the mall will be functional by March 2013. Pictured above the pillars of the mall under construction stand to attention on the building site.

Construction of the school on the Spekboom River Estate begins this April. We will keep you posted.



The rapidly expanding platinum mining operations in the Burgersfort area has led to a demand for light industries to support it and provide the necessary infra-structure. Cranbrook Property Projects anticipated this need and began developing the Motaganeng Light Industrial Park. This 82 hectare development, consisting of 67 fully serviced stands, is in a prime location with easy access to major roads. Consequently the location is ideal for manufacturing, assembly and distribution as well as warehousing and retail.



## Wildlife Watch - Wildlife and Osteophagia

*Osteophagia is the chewing or eating of bones by herbivorous animals.*



This occurrence could be an indication of a nutritional deficiency, especially phosphorous and calcium. This is seldom seen on game farms where active wildlife management is done and balanced supplements are provided. In areas such as large provincial game reserves and even the Kruger Nation Park where very little or no effort is made to supplement the wildlife in terms of nutrition, osteophagia is a common occurrence. Giraffe and porcupines are two species that often practise osteophagia. Giraffe will stand around for hours on end and chew on bones whilst porcupines will gather and collect bones and drag it to their den.





The daily requirement of calcium and phosphorus by giraffes to sustain growth

and maintenance of their skeletons is significant. In comparison to the calcium and phosphorous requirements needed by a buffalo, that of a giraffe is 1.5-2.0 times more. Experiments have shown that although bones ingested will to a certain extent be softened by saliva and rumen fluid, the release of calcium and phosphorous deposited inside the bones is insignificant.

On the other hand the chewing of bones could result in a number of problematic issues. It has been documented that a giraffe chewing on a pelvic bone developed a problem when the lower jaw was accidentally pushed through one of the holes found in the pelvic bone. This resulted in the pelvic bone getting stuck on the lower jaw and the giraffe was unable to close his mouth. The animal had to be tranquilised to remove the pelvic bone.

Ingesting large bones can also be problematic from a digestive point of view. The chewing of bones could also result in the contraction of diseases like blackquater (sponssiekte) and botulism (lamsiekte). Both these diseases are caused by bacteria that develop in the bone structures and also in tortoise shells. When animals chew on bones containing these bacteria they end up in the animal and this could result in the production of a deadly toxin that affects the nervous system. It is suggested that giraffe be vaccinated yearly to prevent this from happening.



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