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# QUARTERLY BUZZ

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**CHANGING LIVES  
THROUGH NATURE**



## Battle on the Beaches

In November the Conservation Leaders headed to the beach almost every weekend to collect nurdles. They collected an estimated 25,000 of these harrowing lentil-sized plastic pellets in one session! There are still masses of nurdles lining our beaches. Now that beaches are open again, please keep doing your best to collect them whenever you go to the beach. More [here](#).

Keep your  
eyes peeled for  
something exciting  
happening soon!



## Holiday fun at Muizenberg East Conservation Cluster

In the December holidays the staff at the Muizenberg East Conservation Cluster hosted an exciting environmental education holiday programme for resident children from Soralia Village, Muizenberg East Private Nature Reserve, Villa D'Algarve and Sunrise Villas, all residences within the cluster. Conservation Manager Kim Gordon tells us, "Activities involved a scavenger hunt around the conservation area where we drew the particular items that we went looking for. We also encountered a friendly angulate tortoise along the route who recently found his way back into the conservation area after a short mystery absence." Read more [here](#).



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## Fun visit from the 1st Milnerton SeaScout Cubs

The 1st Milnerton SeaScout Cubs visited the Milnerton Racecourse Conservation Area at the Table Bay Nature Reserve on 20 November, where they were taught about alien invasive plant species, the effects they have on the indigenous vegetation structure and how to remove them. Read more [here](#).

## Our Thoughts are with You

No doubt the last few months have been sad for many who suffered the loss of family members and friends. Once again we acknowledge the seriousness of the pandemic we are all facing and extend our condolences to all who have lost loved ones.

*We apologise for the delay of our newsletter, which  
was a result of staff who were affected.*

## Check-in at Zoarvlei

A bird count was conducted in the Zoarvlei section of the Table Bay Nature Reserve in November. Among the birds observed were Egyptian goose, Yellowbilled ducks, Cape teal, Common moorhen, Blacksmith lapwing, Kelp gull, Hartlaub's gull, Masked weaver and Cape wagtail. "During the last quarter of 2020 white-faced whistling ducks, not often observed at Zoarvlei, were observed cleaning themselves and enjoying clear water in the Zoarvlei canal," says site manager, Reward Nzuzo.

Read more [here](#).



## Night Search & Rescue at Capricorn Business Park

Kim Gordon, Site Manager at the Muizenberg East Conservation Cluster tells us about a night search and rescue conducted at the Capricorn Business Park to try and save as much fauna as possible before a new factory construction proceeds. "This is a reality of urban expansion and the steps we need to take to save as many lives as possible. Sadly the green spaces are getting fewer with more development, but we try to save what we can." Read more [here](#).

## Your donations may qualify as tax deductible!

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## Check-in at Milnerton

25 enthusiastic guests enjoyed a fun guided walk with us at the Table Bay Nature Reserve, Milnerton Racecourse section in October. Our visitors were taken through the Northern and Southern Sections of the Reserve. Read more [here](#).

## Catching up with our River Ambassadors

During the last quarter of 2020 the River Ambassadors received much of the training planned for the first year on the programme after it was delayed as a result of the pandemic. Read more about their training [here](#).

On 7 December 2020, they hiked up Platteklip Gorge Trail and descended with the cable car. The Table Mountain Cableway Company sponsored the Learners with tickets - an exciting excursion and opportunity to learn and see a different landscape. None of the River Ambassadors had experienced a ride on the cable car before, so this was a thrilling experience for all!

