

## GEKCO News Update



# Dear GEKCO Supporter

**Your membership is important!**

**GEKCO cannot function without you!** Land owners within the conservancy as well as supporters are encouraged to show support by registering as members of the conservancy. It is vital that GEKCO has an updated list of properties that are members of GEKCO who support the preservation of the open space and natural areas in the Greater Kyalami area. With the pressure of development increasing, now is the time to present a united front. GEKCO works closely with residents' associations in the area, however membership to any of the resident associations (KEROA, Beaulieu, Saddlebrook, Glenferness, etc.) does not imply GEKCO membership.

Please register your details online by becoming a member at [www.gekco.co.za](http://www.gekco.co.za). There is no cost for membership, however should you wish to vote at the next AGM in 2015 or SGM a membership fee of R200 will be required.

### **Endangered Grass Owls in Blue Hills featured in 50/50 episode**

If you didn't manage to see the episode on the Grass Owls in Blue Hills which was aired on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, you can see both parts of the episode at the addresses

below. This is excellent exposure for GEKCO and we thank the 50|50 team for helping to tell the story.

Part 1 – Grass Owls in Blue Hills threatened by development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du8SWBO8PPk>

Part 2 – Matt Pretorius of Endangered Wildlife Trust and his study on African Grass Owl behaviour

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=qLdVjVS4uWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=qLdVjVS4uWE)

### **K56 road through Kyalami and Glenferness – Public meeting**

Please attend the public meeting for the proposed K56 road on **Tuesday 27 May at 6pm – Grace Point Church**, 125 Duncan road Glenferness.

This is to discuss the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the design and construction of a dual carriage road between William Nicol and Main road. The scoping report was completed in late 2013. The report identified flaws with the proposed alignment and new alignments will be discussed and considered. Please attend the meeting as this road, if constructed, would have a definite impact on the future of the Glenferness / Kyalami area and the whole of the GEKCO conservancy.

To register as an interested party please send your details to Bokamoso Environmental Consultants [lizelleg@mweb.co.za](mailto:lizelleg@mweb.co.za)

Bokamoso is conducting a social impact study of the area. They are calling on the community to assist with mapping of the area and identifying all activities / land uses on the various properties. Known cultural, historical, ecological and other aspects must also be identified. They are compiling a sensitivity map and overlays with alternatives superimposed across the study area. Please direct your input to Meintjie Coetzee at [lizelleg@mweb.co.za](mailto:lizelleg@mweb.co.za). A meeting was held with Glenferness riders on 08 May and a second meeting was held at Inanda Country Base at 2:00 pm on 14 May to better understand the impact of the road on the equestrian community and industry.

## **Environmental assessments underway**

Please be aware of the following development applications. Your comments and input are vital – please register as Interested Parties and submit comments to the addresses listed. More detail on the applications can be found here:

<http://gekco.co.za/developments/>

**Trinity School** – proposed construction of a school and sports fields on Blue Hills ridge adjacent to wetland / stream.

Public meeting was held in April. Please register any comments with [gwen.theron@telkomsa.net](mailto:gwen.theron@telkomsa.net) or [Jitske@telkomsa.net](mailto:Jitske@telkomsa.net) before 19 May

**Inanda Gate** – proposed construction of Polo fields, clubhouse and sewage line on Inanda Fields property.

Public meeting was held in April. Please register any comments with [gwen.theron@telkomsa.net](mailto:gwen.theron@telkomsa.net) or [Jitske@telkomsa.net](mailto:Jitske@telkomsa.net) before 23 May

**World of Coaching** – proposed school on Portion 155 of the Farm Zevenfontein 407JR, Glenferness.

Consultants – DWV Environmental Consulting [dianav@lantic.net](mailto:dianav@lantic.net) / [ingrid@bathoearth.co.za](mailto:ingrid@bathoearth.co.za)

Registration open – please register as an interested party for Basic Assessment process and to receive more information



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