



## NVSRA NPC Chairmans Report 2025

We are happy to report that the Natures Valley SRA have had a successful year. Our objectives of managing the baboons, improving security and enhancing our environment and public open spaces has progressed very well and we have met all the objectives outlined in our business plan.

It has been a challenge managing the staffing of our monitors and verge clearing teams recently with all the difficulties being experienced with the EPWP program. We require trained monitors throughout the whole year and find it very difficult when there are gaps in the provision of experienced monitors. The NV SRA now employs 6 monitors and 3 verge clearing staff with Bitou providing no EPWP workers.

We are also very concerned about recent moves by Bitou to remove the Natures Valley Superintendent and permanent worker positions from the Bitou organisational Structure. These positions are crucial for the management of our teams going forward and we would like to urge Bitou to reconsider these organisational changes.

## Project Update

### Baboon Management

The SRA Monitor teams have been very successful at curbing baboon invasions in Natures Valley and have worked closely with the NVT Scientific team at gathering further information to assist in better understanding troop movements and behaviour.

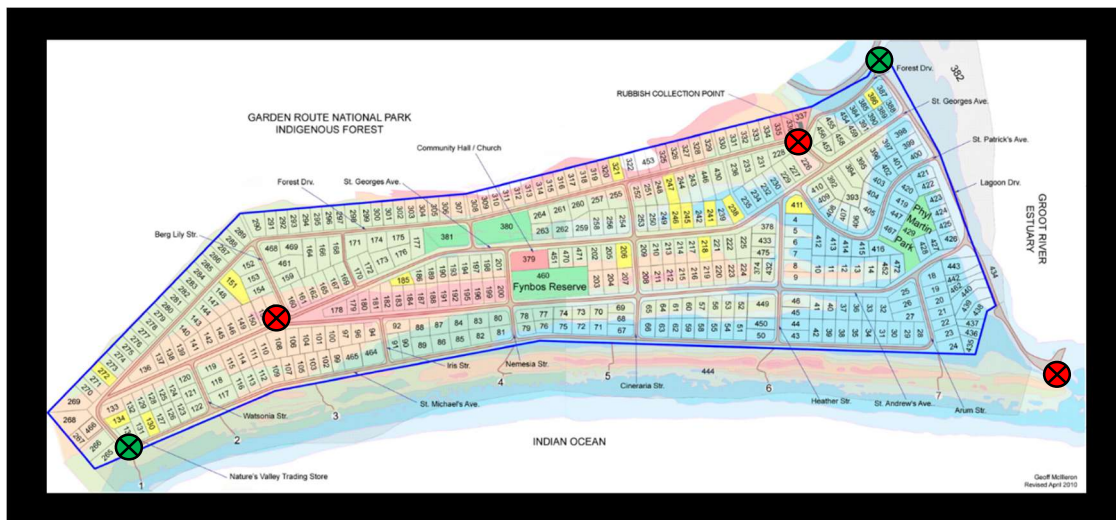
As we pointed out in our last report, the NV Troop was moving closer to the Covie Troop and appear to have now merged. This is a process that can take some time, and we look forward to more feedback from the NVT observation team who are studying this merger with keen interest. The merger has resulted in both troops spending more time deep in the forest and consequently it has been far quieter in the village.

We are happy to report that the method we used to deal with the increased incursions experienced earlier this year have worked exceptionally well. We extended the monitoring hours slightly and managed to break the troops habit of waiting for the monitors to depart in the afternoons before entering the village. Given the control that our monitors continue to maintain, we have not yet deemed it necessary to move to darting and collaring any of the troop members for tracking purposes. The extension of the waste transfer station during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2024 has improved the waste management process in the Valley considerably.

### Safety and Security Program

Phases 1 and 2 of the security camera network have been completed as per our planned rollout and is functioning well. We are currently investigating sites for the possible expansion of the network.

## Natures Valley Camera Location Sites



Existing Camera Locations

New Camera Locations

There are now 5 camera sites that form part of the NVSRA network. **Site 1**, at the Lagoon Parking area has 3 cameras – 1 PTZ (pan, tilt, zoom) to assist with monitoring the lagoon for swimmers in difficulty as well as crime prevention, and 2 fixed bullet cameras; **Site 2**, at the St Georges/St Andrews Ave intersection, has 2 bullet cameras monitoring the road in both directions; and **Site 3**, at the Waste Transfer Station has 4 cameras on 2 separate poles – 2 are street facing, one monitoring the WTS and one monitoring the back entrance from the R102 that is a known path for a sneaky entrance to the Valley.

All the sites are independent of the Eskom grid with their own solar panels and battery backup systems. The system is monitored through an external control room providing 24 hr monitoring and backup services. This control room provides immediate notifications of any suspicious activity and has direct connection to our Security

## Verge & Alien Vegetation Clearing

The Verge Clearing Team, headed by Marvin Kettledas, has been hard at work during the year cutting back the overgrown bushes alongside our roads, mowing the lawns and tidying up the public open spaces. The NVSRA now funds three specialist staff members in the verge clearing team.

During the financial year we acquired new equipment to assist with the verge clearing – 1 x Lawnmower R6,500, 1 x Leaf blower R3,400, 1 x Chainsaw R4,500.

## Finance Report

### NVSRA NPC Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Overall, the company has had a very successful second year and reported a surplus of R 253 064.

**Surplus.** This is made up of Cash equivalents and cash at 30 June 2025 of R137 402 and R 584 479. The cash on hand exceeds the requirements of the Bitou By-Law that the SRA is allowed

to hold the equivalent of two months of levies at the year end. The cash equivalents are the June 2025 levies which are paid one month in arrears.

**Revenue.** R 1 439 496 was levied by Bitou on the Natures Valley owners of which R 1 367 521 was paid to the NVSRA NPC. The difference is made up of a R 3% admin fee to Bitou R 43 185 and a 2% provision for bad debts R 28 790, as per the finance agreement between Bitou and the NVSRA NPC. In addition to the levies Bank interest of R 27 508 was received

**Operating Expenses.** R 1 141 965 was spent during the year of which the majority was for the Baboon monitors R 545 311, (47.8%) Security R 149 082, (13.0%) Verge and Alien Clearing R214 603 (18.8%) and Administration and other expenses R 232 970 (20.4%).

**Baboon Monitors.** The majority of the expenses R454 529 (83%) were for employee costs, transport, and uniforms. Other expenses were for bicycles and repairs to them, paintball guns and monthly radio rental and R 41 425 for upgrades to the Waste Transfer Station.

**Security.** The two new masts and security cameras at the corner of St Georges/St Andrews and the Waste Transfer Station cost R 126 822. Monitoring of the cameras started in the year and was R22 260.

**Verge clearing.** As a result of the Verge clearing staff moving from being employed as EPWP workers to being employed by the SRA the wages and uniform costs increased and were R 156 925 (73%) R 18 968 was spent on equipment.

**Administration and other expenses.** Admin costs on monthly accounting, audit and professional fees were R82 792. The NVSRA NPC shares the NVRA office and as a result there are various shared expenses. The management fee R 77 071 is for the NVRA office managers work for the NVSRA NPC. Other shared expenses are office rental R26 126. Office equipment costs were R 15 436.

For more details on the accounts please see the audited annual financial statements which have circulated with this report.

**Rob Nichol**

**Chairman NVSRA NPC**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**