

USE OF DRONES ON THE ESTATE

Flying drones anywhere on the Estate without prior consent from the HOA is prohibited under Estate Rule 8. This rule exists for security reasons, as well as to protect residents' privacy, limit disturbances, and generally enhance the residential ambience and lifestyle within the Estate.

Anyone wishing to operate a drone on the Estate must complete and submit a drone application form. The form is available on the PVHOA website (www.pvhoa.co.za) under the "Additional Information" tab. Completed forms should be submitted to the HOA Compliance Officer, Megan Odendaal, via email at compliance@pvhoa.co.za, at least 48 hours prior to the proposed flight.

HOA consent is generally granted only for certain specific purposes, such as property marketing, security, or special events. The HOA will never allow drones to be flown over private properties or to take images of homes and residents without their specific consent. Residents who may be affected by approved drone operations in the vicinity of their homes will be notified in advance whenever approval is granted.

Residents should please report any improper drone activity to the HOA immediately.



HELP US COMBAT PATTERSON'S CURSE

Spring brings colour to our landscapes, but not all blooms are welcome. One such plant, Patterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), is a highly invasive species in the Western Cape. Its purple flowers may look attractive, but the plant is toxic to herbivores such as horses and seriously threatens our environment. This plant species are most often found on private properties. We kindly ask for your cooperation in helping us control this weed on your property.

Why this matters

- · Patterson's Curse spreads rapidly and outcompetes indigenous plants.
- · It is poisonous to animals, including horses, cattle, and sheep.
- · If left unchecked, it can quickly dominate gardens and open ground.

How to remove it

- · Herbicide is not recommended as it may harm other species.
- \cdot Mowing is ineffective once the plant has seeded, as this can spread the seeds further and allow regrowth.
- · Hand-pulling is the most effective method. While labour-intensive, it removes the entire plant and prevents further seeding. Gloves are advised, as the plant is covered in coarse hairs that can irritate the skin.

We encourage all residents to check their gardens and erven now while the plants are in flower and easily identifiable. Early action makes the most significant difference in preventing further spread.

Leaves:

- · At the base of the plant, the leaves form a green to light-green rosette (a circular cluster close to the ground).
- · These basal leaves are elliptical to oval, up to 30 cm long, and have distinct veins.
- · Along the stem, the leaves are smaller, hairy, and stalkless, with a narrower, lance-like shape that almost clasps the stem.

Flowers:

- · Flowers appear in curved, funnel-shaped clusters at the ends of the stems.
- · They are usually a vivid purple, but can sometimes be blue, pink, or occasionally white.
- · Each flower is 2–3 cm long, trumpet-shaped, and surrounded by five bristly green sepals.
- · Two stamens stick out clearly from the centre of the flower.

Together, by working across private and communal spaces, we can protect our Estate and environment from the impact of invasive species.



Join our weekly doubles sessions and enjoy competitive matches with players of a similar level.

- 1. Competitive yet friendly atmosphere
- 2. Great way to sharpen your game and meet other keen players
 - Pearl Valley Lakeside Tennis Court

 Mondays 5pm to 7pm

Bring your racket, energy, and love for the game!
For more details, kindly reach out to Richard Moss on WhatsApp +447447596825

PEARL VALLEY GOLF



Dear Pearl Valley Members

A reminder of the 2025 Member guest event that is coming up at the end of next month. We have received a fantastic response from the membership in terms of entries and have limited spaces left.

This truly will be one of the flagship events to attend during the year and is one not to miss out on.

Please clink on the link which directs you to the booking page .

Kind regards
Pearl Valley Golf Club Management

Golf Calendar - October 2025

La Playing from Fairway Bunkers

Fairway bunkers can be intimidating, but with the right setup and swing thought, you can escape with confidence and control.

Setup:

- Club selection: Take one extra club, as shots from sand generally travel a bit shorter than from turf.
- Grip and stance: Choke down slightly on the grip for added control. Set your feet shoulder-width apart with a solid, stable base, but avoid digging in too deeply - you do not want to lower your swing plane.
- Ball position: Play the ball just back of center to help ensure clean contact.
- Focus point: Keep your eyes fixed on the back of the ball, aiming to "pick it clean."

Execution:

- Swing thought: Make a smooth, controlled swing don't try to muscle it.
- Contact: Strike the ball first, then brush the sand. Think of "sweeping" it off the surface rather than taking a divot.
- Balance: Hold your finish. Maintaining balance is crucial for solid contact and accuracy.
- **Pro Tip:** If the bunker lip is high, forget distance take a higher-lofted club and focus on simply getting the ball safely back into play.

For professional bunker lessons, please contact our golf instructors:

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