



# BRA

Buccleuch Residents &  
Ratepayers Association

**Welcome to the 2020 AGM**

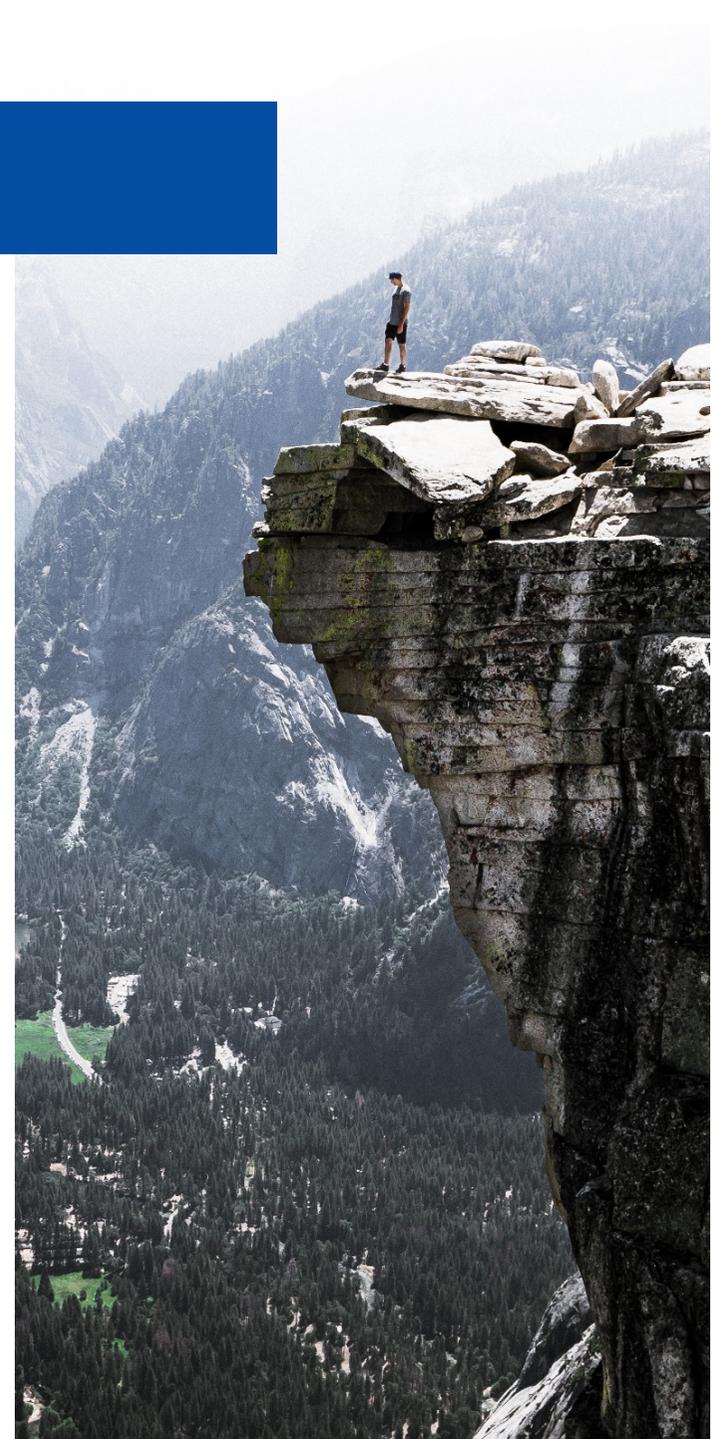
**Davy Ivins, Chairperson**

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# Agenda

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# Financial Report

## Year ending 31 March 2020

- Annual financials independently compiled and reviewed  
Approved by Board. Distributed in January.
- BRA is financially sound.
- Reduced surplus at ye due to lower income (membership, advertising, donations) and higher expenditure (invested in equipment, security & suburb activities)

## Current status

- Low but positive balances in the BRA bank and Investment accounts
- Ongoing investment in security, suburb activities and Frankenwald

## Membership

- Added online payment portal via Payfast (vs Debit Order and EFT)
- Current membership: 151 members (incl. 10 pensioners)
- New since 1 April 2020: 48
- Expired since 1 April 2020: 13
- Average: R12k pm

**Resolution: Confirm the financials**

# Security update

## Prior financial year:

- Camera and LPR installations
- Relationships with SAPS, CPF Guardians, security co's

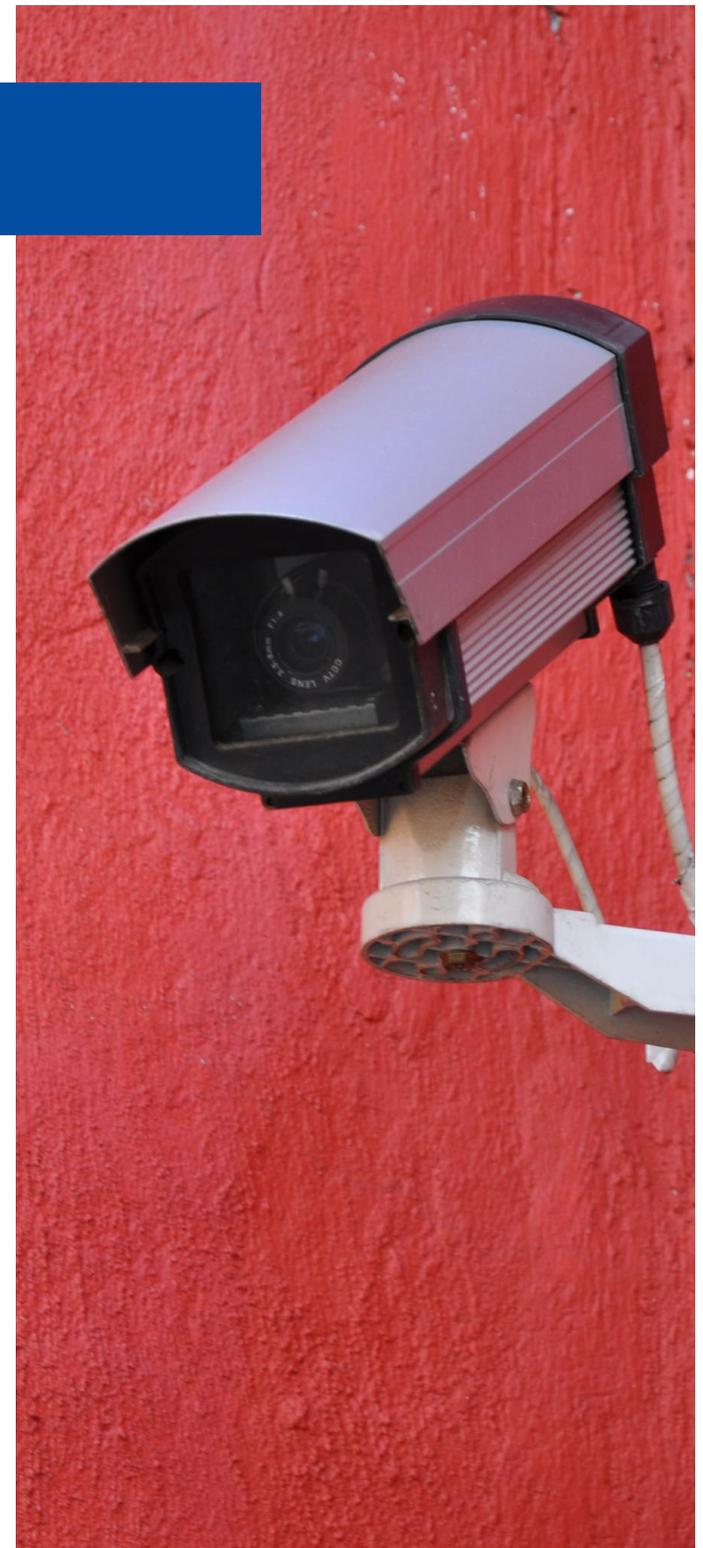
## Current financial year

- Additional cameras
- Rocks outside Spar bottle store prevent loiterers
- Anti-Uber street poles installed cnr Gibson/Muller
- 2-way Radios for Guardians (in process)
- Snipr connectivity with Kelvin, Waterfall, Sunninghill

## Achievements

- Arrests: Cable & car theft, housebreaking, mugging etc.
- Litter dumpers vehicles impounded
- Anti-crime initiatives e.g. at Spar
- Crime Alert telegram group

Significant value from relationships developed with SAPS, CPF, Duma and Eskom.



# Service delivery

## Service delivery

- Support from JRA, City Parks, JW, Pikitup etc.
- Councillor Nkomo

## BRA work

- Ongoing contact with CoJ and Councillor
- Sewage and water leaks
- Pavements: cutting grass, removing weeds on major roads
- Litter cleanups: esp. river and low bridge
- Potholes: Greg Tarr and Alpha Omega, funded by BRA



BRA Service Delivery update.

In 2019 BRA embarked on a major service delivery campaign via Twitter. We have long since noted that we are effectively the Suburb Sandton forgot. Our campaign was successful in that it attracted attention from the then COJ Speaker and we were assigned a team to look, log and follow up on issues that were plaguing the suburb.

CRUM (Citizen Relationship and Urban management) were initially on the ball and we had super attendance of issues for 3 or 4 weeks but then it seems that the energy fell flat. We have since then, created a service delivery telegram group and encourage regular logging of calls and escalating via our Ward 32 Councillor, which appears to have some success – this success is dependent on the entity responsible for the repairs / maintenance.

BRA has employed a few casual staff – Team BRA - to help keep the suburb looking slightly less unkempt – this employment is only possible with monthly contributions from members.

Team BRA have effected several low bridge clean-ups post heavy rainfall, which result in refuse and organic matter being dumped inevitably on the bridge on Bridge road. They have kept the grass low along Buccleuch Drive, they have done a river reed and river clean up between Gibson Drive West and the N3 Bridge. They have cut grass and bush whacked along John street, have picked up litter and assisted with preparing the Bridge road park for City Parks tractor to cut grass. These are all ongoing tasks that need to be done monthly. Litter picking and removal of illegal street signs are also done on a regular basis.

Team BRA also notified the board of illegal dumping below Pebblestone which resulted in successful halting, fining and impounding of the offending party. Alpha Omega – our local sober living facility, under the fantastic guidance of local resident and fellow BRA member Greg Tarr, began tackling the potholes and road surfacing damages left from other initiatives. Greg is the engineer behind the initiative, and the AO group offer labour as part of their community projects - The materials used are funded by BRA, Feedback has been great – they did a sterling job. We were under the impression that JRA would be back at filling in Potholes, however this seems to have lost steam as well, so Greg and the AO team will most likely be back inaction soon with acceptance from members.

We have previously requested bins to be placed in several high traffic (both pedestrian and vehicular) areas in Buccleuch – shopping centre, parks and now, must include the areas where Uber drivers park during the day. We were advised that orders had been placed, however never fulfilled and now there is no budget. Nicolene Steyn has engaged with the Uber drivers and has also investigated public bin options for the community. We are hoping she has success here.

Regarding the low Bridge upgrade – that will no longer be happening. The funds that were ringfences and allocated to the upgrade were diverted. The upgrade would have had benefits but also negatives. We are hoping that future construction upriver will include measures to avoid flooding and litter. There are ongoing issues with overflowing sewerage pipes – infrastructure is old and poorly maintained, leaking water pipes (Fife street has had issues with a particular pipe for a while) and a ineffective water drainage from the storm water drains on MSN. We are hoping to have these addressed and a workable solution going forward.

# Helicopter initiative

## Positives:

- Cell C, Netcare 911, Henley (Emergency & Tracker Services) have restricted flights over Buccleuch
- BRA Helicopter WhatsApp group to track and record infringements (special thanks to Bev)



## Negatives:

- 2yr engagement with Ultimate Heli: no positive change.
- Still questions about UH operating license

## Current engagements:

- Pressuring Ulimite Heli to establish Environmental Consultative Committee
- Parliament: questions submitted to Min. of Transport
- SACAA: Aviation Safety Operations and Legal & Aviation Compliance) investigating two complaints we submitted.
- Have identified legal resource if required.

# River initiative

## Current

- Low bridge construction – no progress and no money (funds redirected by CoJ to other needs)
- Low bridge flood response – BRA does clean ups after floods
- Litter clearing of the river and banks
- Laboratory tests of water quality

## Planned

- Reed removal initiative planned for coming Autumn to reduce fire hazard

## Engaging via Frankenwald development

- Litter traps
- Sewage management
- Flooding attenuation



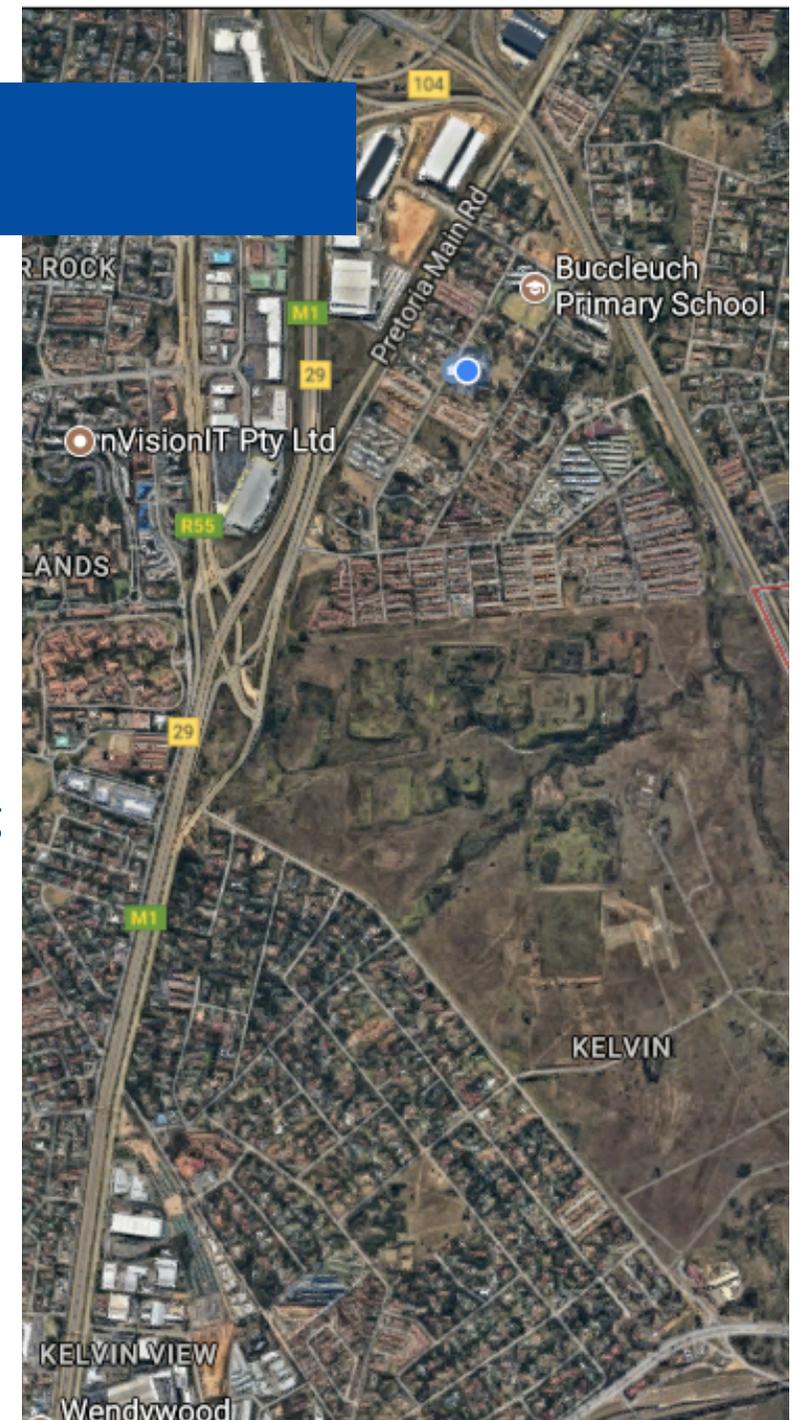
# Wits/ Frankenwald development

## Current Status

- FDC representing Buccleuch and Kelvin.
- Wits has entered into agreement with Eris/Calgro
- Focus on mixed use development with inclusionary housing
- Developer planning in progress
- Income ringfenced for Wits students
- Urban Development Framework underway
- UDF now in “plan formulation phase” and zooming in on how the development will happen.

## Town Planning Consultants (Urban Infinity)

- BRA engaging with Buccleuch by email, website and Telegram
- BRA & KRA sharing costs
- 1st submission in 2020 iro Status Quo Report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> submission now iro Urban Design Framework



# Wits/ Frankenwald development

## Densities:

- The rights currently provide zoning for up to 10,000 residential units with densities up to 160 units per hectare and 450,000 m<sup>2</sup> of commercial rights.
- Policy and Financial considerations will require higher densities. The Developers advised that increases up to 250 units/ha resulting in up to 20,000 units are being considered.
- However, the latest Urban Development Framework mentions considerations up to 63,000 units but appears to settle around 30,000 units and 500,000 sqm commercial space.

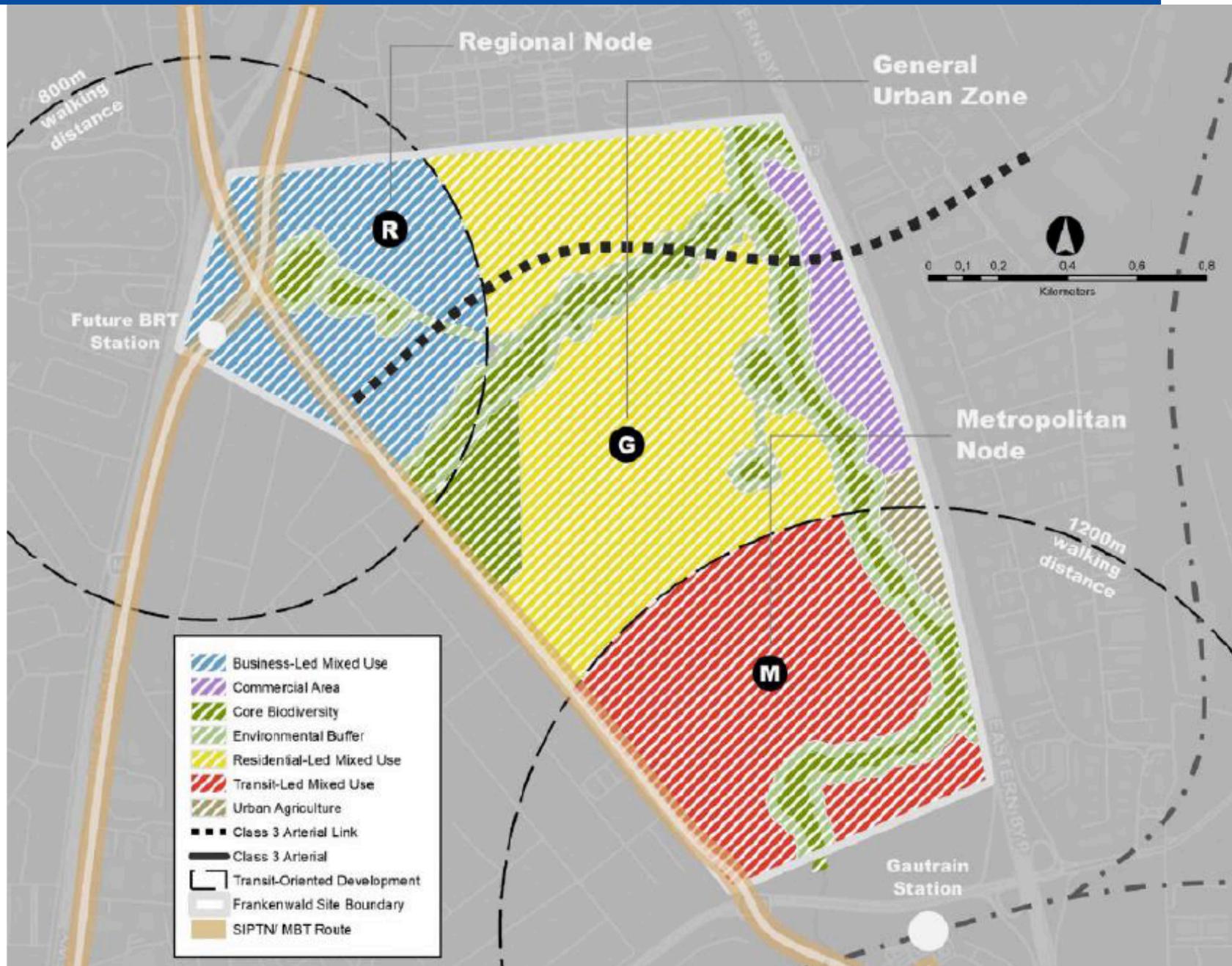
## Public Participation Process

- Phase 1 - Project Registration
- *Phase 2 - Project Initiation + Call for Public Participation*
- *Phase 3 - Status Quo Research + Report*
- *Phase 4 - Plan Formulation*
- *Phase 5 - Formal Commenting*
- Phase 6 - Final Plan Amendment + Submission for Approval
- Phase 7 - Adoption Notice
- Phase 8 - Publication of Precinct Plan

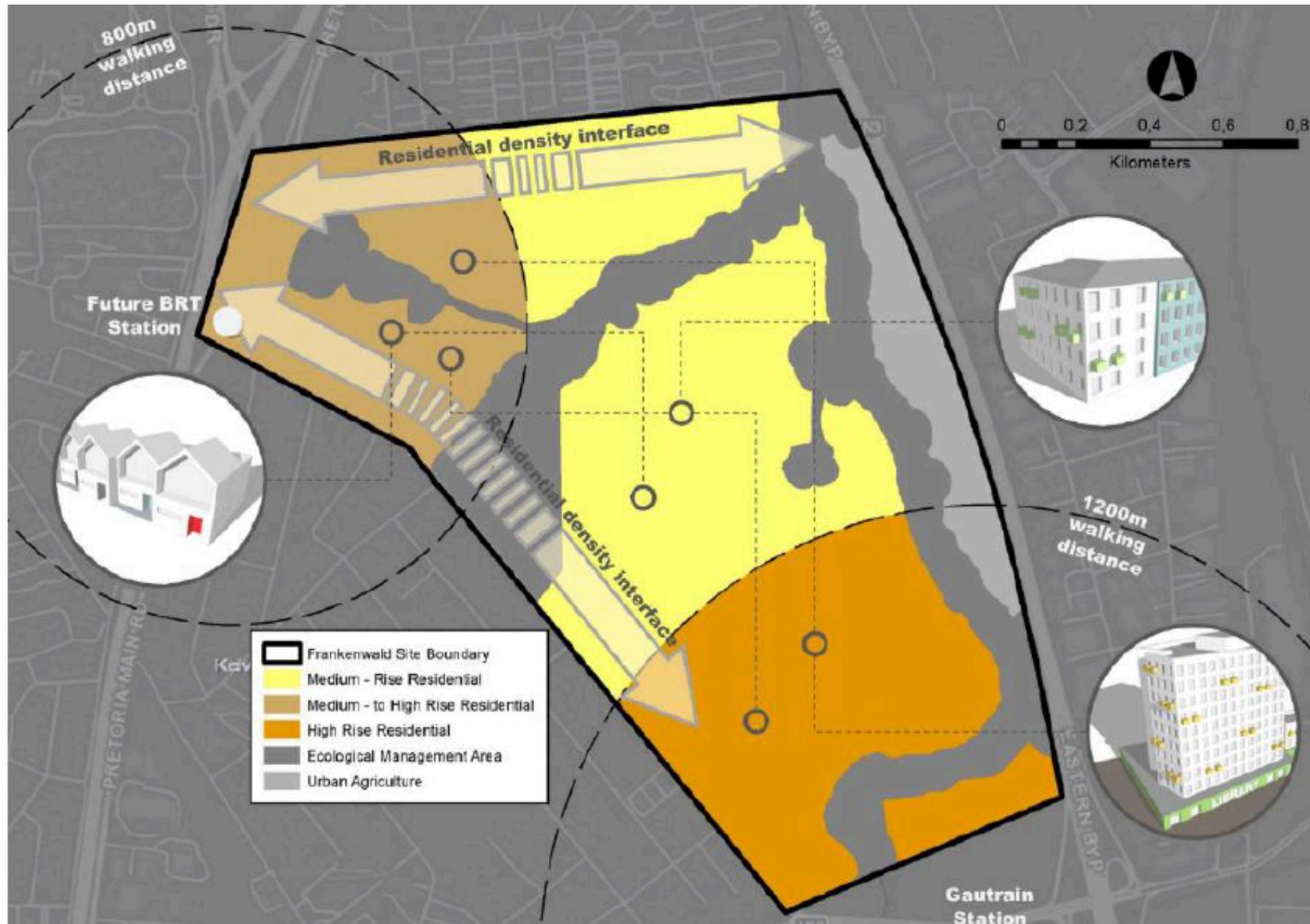
# Frankenwald update

- The Urban Development Framework 2020, Status Quo Report was published for comment in Aug 2020.
- The FDC submitted comments on this report through our appointed town planner, Urban Infinity.
- Comments were gathered from the Kelvin community through the Telegram group and email.
- Community comments from Kelvin and Buccleuch were incorporated into the FDC comments before submission.
- The updated Urban Development Framework, Draft Report was published in Dec 2020.
- It contains some amendments which incorporate the FDC and the communities' requests and suggestions.
- A response is being prepared to enquire about specific arrangements for bulk sanitation supply and the extension of Northway Road.
- In order to commence with proposed development, Frankenwald Development (Pty) Ltd must conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (scoping) process and submit an EIA Report (EIAR) to the regulatory authorities (GDARD) in support of an application for environmental authorisation to proceed with the project.
- Invitation for comments to the background Information Document to the EIA, containing a list of activities applied for was circulated.
- Response to the above was provided in Oct 2020.
- Additional response is being prepared following the updated environmental objectives listed in the updated Urban Development Framework.

# Frankenwald: Nodes



# Frankenwald: Housing



# Directors

## Resignations

- Lapo Dlamini
- Waseem Ebrahim

## Re-elections

- Steven Freemantle
- Davy Ivins
- Lauren Nightingale
- Imraan Norath
- Jay Soudamma
- Jackie Williams

## Confirm appointment

- Sifiso Magagula

## New director nominations

- Jacques Louwrens
- Jessica Louwens
- Nicolene Steyn

**Resolution: Confirm re-election of directors**

# Confirmation of director appointment

Appointed by the Board in terms of Sec 11.9 of the MOI

**Sifiso Magagula**

B.Com accounting, management accounting and finance.

Post Graduate Diploma in Specialised Accountancy (Advanced Audit and Assurance & Corporate Reporting)

Head of Finance and Operations, SiNte Consulting

Member of the Sandton CPF Guardians and Buccleuch Patrollers

**Resolution: Confirm appointment of Sifiso as director**

# Nominations for directors

## **Jacques Louwren**

BCom Law, LLB, LLM

Attorney, Notary and Conveyancer; Certified Financial Planner

Senior Portfolio Manager Dispute Resolution, Absa Group

Specialist in corporate governance, alternate dispute resolution and arbitration.

## **Jessica Louwrens**

BA (Hon) Psychology, MBA, Training in trauma counselling.

Managing Director, IKMS Consulting Pty (Ltd)

*Information and knowledge management solutions; a primary focus on ERP and CRM solutions*

Sandton Victim Empowerment Team from February 2018 to August 2020.

Member of Sandton CPF and Guardians doing victim support and crime scene assistance

## **Nicolene Steyn**

BCom Law

Managing Director, Complire Risk Advisory Consultants

Nutribyte petfood distributor

Skilled in operational management, insurance claims and advisory services, negotiation.

**Resolution: Confirm appointment of new directors**

## Our vision for Buccleuch

A place where people can walk to the shops, along the river, play soccer in the parks, talk with our neighbours, sleep safely at night.

Step  
1

Join the Buccleuch RA

Step  
2

Get active and volunteer

Step  
3

Support our initiatives

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