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THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND

The quote “In England’s Green and Pleasant Land” is a closing line in William Blake’s 1804 poem, “And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time”, also known as the poem, Jerusalem.

21st century poet Owain Glyn repeated this refrain in his Poem - This Green and Pleasant Land.....where he drew comparisons between parts of suburbia, and inner cities with their high rises, malls and grimy halls.

Did such thoughts pass through the mind of our intrepid Rescom Chairman John Cooke, as he soared over our Village, riding pillion behind our own John Woosey on his Microlight? The pictures show Umdoni Village nestling cosily among the trees, beautiful, and quiet, where the spirit echoes continuity with the neighbouring forest.

Adjoining us is Umdoni Point, and also the golf course, and in the distance one can see a different shade of green as the cane-fields reach out to Sezela Sugar Mill.

Such beautiful surroundings include predominant Water-berry Trees, also known as Umdoni, from whence we get our name. Credit must go to previous Umdoni resident and our first Conservation Officer, Gerald Teale, in 2002. As development progressed, he was involved in alien vegetation removal, eradicating among others, syringa trees, inkberry, bugweed, an old banana plantation and a stand of gum trees, whilst preserving the indigenous canopy.

Forward thinking work like that was based upon expert knowledge, and maintaining the status quo is surely our responsibility in managing the trees and forest as acknowledgement that we are privileged to live in the Village.

Back to the Microlight: John Woosey is our resident Microlight pilot, and keeps his craft at the little airfield near Craigieburn. If you see or hear him on a weekend morning, give him a wave!



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Nature Notes by Claude Leroy

Nightlife in the Village.

I will exclude residents from this article for obvious (?) reasons!

We have Blue and Grey Duiker, Bushbuck, Banded Mongoose, Slender Mongoose, Dassies (Rock Hyrax) and of course the Vervet Monkeys that are seen during the day. The Grey Duiker and Bushbuck happily raid gardens at night and I have observed a horde of Banded Mongoose heading home after dark but the night belongs to the truly nocturnal creatures. We have two prevalent in our Village: South African Large-spotted Genet and Water Mongoose.



They roam our Village, silently, in the dead of night looking for a meal – rodents, crabs, insects, an occasional mole and whatever else that may be edible. None of the noises heard at night are made by these guys – the Wahlberg's Epauvette Fruit Bat is the one that produces the pings and weird sounds heard. We are indeed fortunate to live here with all this wildlife around us and it is incumbent on us to ensure that we protect the environment that supports them.

There was an article on BATS in the April edition – Two species had been identified as being present in our Village. Since then, we can add another species.

Receiving a call from Lana about a bat in one of the cottages being renovated, I found it was a new species of bat. It was identified as a Large-eared Giant Mastiff Bat. What's more it is listed as "Near Threatened" globally. It is a member of the free tailed bats family – note it's long tail.



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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS

Linga Longa has had a busy month giving birthday teas to several residents. First was **Brian Stanton**, who has turned Ninety! Just pipping him was his wife **Dot**, who became a Nonegenarian in April.

Looking pleased, **Tony Simpson** is now an OBE, while the indefatigable **Bernadette Harrison** is celebrating her OBE this week.

Hailing from Benoni, and then Westville, Bernadette and husband Stewart have been in the village for 12 year.s. She has been involved in many activities, including Bowls, and has made Linga Longa Coffee shop a prominent gathering place for all. Besides providing delicious teas and eats four mornings a week, Bernadette and her team have catered for many meetings and functions in the Hall, including feeding the Drakensberg Boys Choir and their Crew at their overnight visit.

She and Stewart have three children, in Thailand, UK, and Westville, respectively, and four grand-children .With her family visiting for her birthday, it will be a festive affair.



Letters:

Dear Umdoni Staff and friends

Thank you all so much for your amazing support, messages, and enquiries during Tony's recent illness and help towards his recovery after a posterior mitral heart valve replacement, complicated by pneumonia in between diagnosis and surgery.

Special thanks to the Care Centre staff who were twice called in the night and who responded quickly and professionally Matron has been fantastic, giving pre- and post-surgery advice.

Tone has a few weeks to go before he will be back at table tennis, chairobics pickle and golf.

We are so grateful to be living at URV, where everyone will be there when you need care

Heather Butler

Over to you - Something on your Mind? Letters are welcome. If you use a nom de plume, please provide your phone number, which will not be published. The editor does not necessarily agree with your letters. Email billferrar@gmail.com or leave your letters in the Omelette boxes at the library or coffee shop. Next issue deadline is 21 June 2025.

Editor's note:

In this sixth issue of Omelette 2025, I pay tribute to Heather Butler, who has set a fine standard, and for her encouragement. Thank you too to many readers who have commented positively about the newsletter, and, with the occasional brickbat coming my way, if it's constructive, I welcome it

*Re-visiting the HRV newsletter's Mission Statement, the Omelette must be a vehicle for letters/submissions from residents for thanks, inspiration or interest. So this is **your** Newsletter, and I encourage you to write..*



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RESCOM RAPPORT

June 2025

As reported before Tracy is currently leading our village **Maintenance Team** with the help of Patrick who will be here one or two days a week. Recruitment for a new **URV Estate Manager** is currently underway and their job will be (exclusively) dealing with all our village estate matters.

A budget has been allocated for the much needed and urgent **management of the environmental areas** of the village including the removal of alien vegetation and it is hoped this starts very soon.

As of now I believe the actual details of the **Eskom rises in fixed charges and tariffs** are still not known. If any resident has any concerns about their electricity meters or charges in their June levy statements please contact maintenance in the first instance.

Following a recent case, **please be reminded of the importance of filling in the forms with all your medical information and fixing to the back of the bedroom door.** If this information is not available to the first responders it can cause delays in essential treatment and action—this information can literally save your life.

As well as dealing with your own cottage issues please also feel free to report any issues concerning the general **appearance of the Village** to maintenance or any member of ResCom.

The **Residents Annual General Meeting** is on Wednesday the 25th June 2025 at 10am in the Hall. The papers for this meeting will be circulated on the 3rd June. The meeting will confirm the election of residents to the ResCom, present the audited annual financial statements, and answer written questions. It is important that this meeting is quorate so **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE.**

Some further matters discussed at the ResCom meeting on the 5th May included: completing the non-slip strips outside the Hall; repairs to the swimming pool lining; the village information and rules; the disciplinary code; the maintenance contract for the Hall floor; repairs to our service road and further work on our village roads; and the Umdoni Point development with regard to traffic calming on the R102.

John Cooke, Chair, RESCOM

Members: John East, Eddie Matthews, Olive Goll, Iain Jenkins, Heather Butler, Jess Bird (RAC chair). Secretary: Joy Crawford.



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Margaret will be consulting clients in the Umdoni Village main office block on the **first Thursday of each Month**
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Please call Mandi to book an appointment with Margaret:
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THE MIKE STORM FOOD SCHEME

YES - IN APRIL 2015 - 10 YEARS AGO - AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

This Scheme started 10 years ago by the Late Mike Storm who had a vision to supply fruit & veggies to our Village Residents in need.

It is an entirely in house (village) run scheme.

We started off with 14 residents "voluntarily" contributing. The number is now in the 80's.

The Comfort Group (Penny Orton) and the team of helpers give up their time to distribute the "goodies" each week.

Should you wish to know more about the Scheme, James will be only too happy to have a chat with you.

Best regards

James Goble (Cottage 623 – tel.9823)

Scheme Administrator.



James handing over some Easter treats to Penny for distribution

CARE CENTRE

Matron Lorraine reports from the Care Centre that the Assisted Living Facility now has a name, and that Wendy Barton Hobbs is sorting out the winners of the naming competition. As mall opening function will be held soon, when the name will be announced.

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ODE TO THE SUN

By Betty Gordon

The house is dark. Where is the sun?
 My hand too cold the pen to clutch
 I don't think Winter has begun
 Don't like the darkness very much

Perhaps the sun needs talking to
 lonely far up there

If so then I know what to do
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The sun comes up I see its glow
 I have to greet it with good cheer
 Because as everyone will know
 We're happy when the sun is here

Please stay, dear Sun, and shine for me
 I need to see your golden light
 And know that you will always be
 Somewhere there within my sight

LIBRARY NOTES

Mags Harding-Male advises that the following new books were received this month :

- 1) Clairmont by Lesley McDowell
- 2) Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
- 3) Crossfire by Wilbur Smith
- 4) The Long Water by Stef Penney
- 5) The Homemade God by Rachel Joyce
- 6) The House of Eve by Sadeqa Johnson
- 7) What Really Happens in Vegas by James Patterson

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RESPONSIBILITY – THE TUESDAY BUS

By Betty Gordon

The bus was not available and the five of us shopping that morning seated ourselves into what we usually call the "Caddy". For the return journey we found that, with the addition of our bulky shopping bags, a couple of us must wait behind and Adam phoned for Justin to come and fetch us.

The normal time for the return journey had passed but Adam refused to leave us until Justin came and he had seen us safely into the second car.

That is what I call "Responsibility" with a capital "R".

ROCK & RHYTHM, 15 MAY 25 by Bill Ferrar

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Overture to Cats provided a dramatic opening to the show, this time performed in China, followed by a powerful rendition of Memories, by Elaine Page. A change of scene brought a youthful Rod Stewart singing Maggie May; did we see him sitting down while singing? Serious Rock music accompanied the Hollies, singing Long Cool Woman in a Black Dress, and one wonders how long the plectrums last with that vigorous strumming of electric guitars. A street dance by two Grecian beauties and an athletic young man showed us how to dance to Zorba, with beautiful accompaniment on the bouzoukis, we hope that such high kicking performance won't be expected of us at the next dance in our Hall

Going to San Francisco echoed the times of flower Power, and further back in time Fats Waller gave a black and white performance of hits in our parents' day - before most of us oldies were born.

Led Zeppelin was a serious London Rock band, with Robert Plant, Jimmy Page John Paul Jones and John Bonham, but they, sitting in the gallery, enjoyed a female vocalist's rendition of their hit Stairway to Heaven.

A Pre-war song of I'll be Seeing You was backed up by a US Army and Airforce Band, and guess who was the band leader Glenn Miller! Move on a few decades, and an explosive Lisa Minelli, in a sleek scarlet cat-suit, belted out New York, New York in her powerful and inimitable style, to conclude the first half of the evening. It's a pity that this newsletter cannot show the stunning visuals on the screen!

As our first group of Afrikaners settle in the USA, we enjoyed a medley of Afrikaans music, with stunning backdrops of South African Scenes from Braais, Beach, Berg and Bush, showing the wonderful country in which we live.

Then it was time for Dean Martin with the Mills Brothers, Up the Lazy River, before Carly Simon sang The More I See You. Proud Mary is a lovely Rock Song about a Mississippi Paddleboat, this time rousingly performed by local group the Rising Sun, and - you guessed it – our very own Jess Hawes on Trombone!

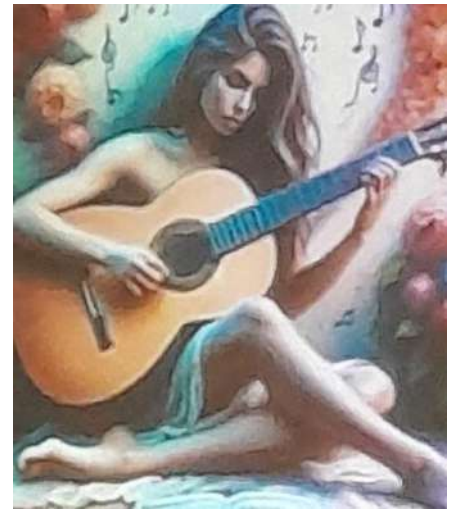
Humour came in the form of 101 dogs playing the Can Can, before Mr Showman, Liberace, in Silver Jacket and Bow Tie, tinkled the ivories as only he can do.

When the name Elvis came up on the screen, our viewers applauded as a young, gawky feller with an enormous quiff gave a humorous version of He Ain't Nothin' but a Hound-dog – what movement of those elastic legs! This was the Elvis of our youth....

Many vocalists complement the Orchestra accompanying them, as happened when Molly Hammer sang Both Sides Now, backed by young violinists and others in the KC Orchestra – beautiful music.

A well-known trumpeter and singer took us back to a simple bandstand as he gave us Hello Dolly, joined by his accompanists, and his incredibly mobile facial expressions were pure vintage Satchmo. In a different era, Chubby Checker taught us how to Twist Again, Like We Did Last Summer, and one wonders if the high-kicking girl earned a reproof from her mother for her risqué dancing!

Beethoven's Ode to Joy is the melody used to symbolize the European Union, and an open air performance in the sunny Town Square by the Nuremburg Philharmonic Orchestra opened with a little girl with a flute, accompanied by an old man playing the Cello. Gradually, members of the Orchestra arrived to strike up, and the increasing crowd of onlookers joined in Joyful Song.





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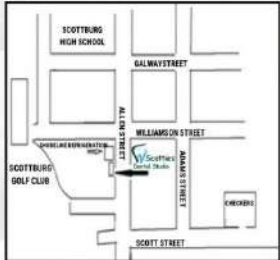
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Wellness Day by Don Tandy

The second Health and Wellness day held in the hall proved to be very informative, with a selection of polished presenters keeping the audience interested, and stalls manned by medical professionals and medical services, including Leafline Incontinence Protection, Hibiscus Dietetics, Wound care, Nature Nuts, Honey, Reiki therapy, Diagnostic services, MRKhan Biokinetics and Scottburgh Hibiscus Hospital.

The day was ably organized by Janet Dalton who started the presentations with an outline of “Wellness” and what it includes, i.e., positive emotions and moods, absence of negative mental conditions and satisfaction with life, and how it manifests itself in physical, social, spiritual, intellectual and emotional spheres of life.

Next up was a presentation on ‘Foot care for Health’ by B Kheswa, which outlined various foot ailments like Tinea Pedis (athletes foot), Tinea Unguim (fungal infection of the nail), Candidosis (yeast infection which presents as a red itchy rash), outlining the symptoms, causes and treatments.

An important aspect of wellness is the need for staying active, and a fun and good way to achieve this is by joining in one or more of the village activities. To demonstrate this, our village line dancers entertained the gathering.



The importance of exercise for health was stressed by MR Khan from MRK Biokinetics, with gardening, walking, cycling, dancing, aerobics (water & chair), tennis, bowls and gym being examples of physical activities that are active in the village; with reading, lounging, playing board games, painting or meditating examples of passive activity.

Janet Dalton opened a conversation about anxiety, ending with a few pointers going forward to benefit your mental health.

The final session was a presentation by Dr Anele Yako (Ophthalmologist) on ‘Preventable Blindness’, understanding the causes, consequences and solutions to eye conditions like cataracts, refractive errors, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, trachoma and vitamin A deficiency. The graphic slides were of particular interest.



Ricky and Janet Proctor promoting their Reiki therapy.



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Noel Steyn, Fran Schumacher and Jimmy Wilson absorbing it all.

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Quiz night – 26 May 25

May's quiz night was as usual a full house, with our "quizmaster is always right" Mike Eley back in charge as quizmaster for the night.

Mike once again succeeded in finding some real brain twisters, a few of which are posed here for you to test your general knowledge. The answers are below

- In what decade was the internet created?
- What do you call the tall hat that chefs wear?
- What would you do in a velodrome?
- When a sailor says he is going to "splice the main brace", what is he going to do?
- What is the smallest wine bottle called?
- What would a phillumenist collect?
- Death by defenestration – how did you die?
- What two words did Pat Boone write in the sand?

The results were once again very close, with only 2 points separating the first three teams. Taking home the spoils were;

In first place with 34 points – The golden Oldies - John Cooke, Iain Jenkins and Jean Thomassen.

In second place with 33 points – Rosie's buds – Fred & Joan van Prooijen and Ab & Maureen Eyres

In Third place with 32 points – "I Can't Remember" – Dereck & Linda Mack and Don & Judith Tandy.

Answers to the Quiz questions.

- 1960's (only opened to the public in the 1990's).
- Toque.
- Bicycle racing.
- Have a drink.
- Piccolo.
- Matchbox labels and match-related items.
- Thrown out of a window.
- 'Love letters'.



At the regular Thursday morning Pickleball session at Umdoni Point, Olive Goll and Wendy Barton Hobbs congratulate Round robin winner for the day, Jess Bird.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

100 Club draws and weekly lotto

Recent 100 Club draws were notable for the absence of prize winners, and the snowball has snowballed! However, Compere Eddie Matthews kept Villagers entertained, and he is seen here with Mike Eley picking up a consolation prize earlier this year, and the 100 Club Draw team of Bernadette Harrison, Di Pieterse, Olive Goll and Stan Sim. The April Draw reversed the trend, and included three Vouchers from Salon Rhona, all of which were won

Likewise, the Weekly Bowls club Lotto draw was carried over several times until a lucky resident won a sizable jackpot, and so the cycle starts again.....



AQUA BRING AND SHARE by Don Tandy

To mark the end of the season, the Aqua groups (water aerobics) had a get-together at AMBC where everyone brought a plate of snacks which were laid out on a communal table for all to enjoy. And what a spread it was, seen below with Maureen Lottering, Colin McCall-Peat, Bev Brooks, Ab Eyres and Brian Brooks sampling the wares

Aqua was started in 2001 by 25-year resident Margaret Potter (pictured right), with Ansie Potgieter assisting, with an attendance of 8 swimmers in the first class. The number of participants has grown

somewhat over the years and now requires five separate sessions to accommodate them all. Margaret was also instrumental in the introduction of chair aerobics in 2008. She grew up in Brakpan/Benoni where she had 3 children followed by two grandchildren.



Bryony D'Oliveira, (pictured above with husband John), has been the convenor of Aqua for a few years, but has indicated that she would like someone else to take over - any volunteers?

Some of the Aqua'ers socialising and enjoying the treats.



Rose Boonzaaier, Anne Simpson (Water Rehabilitation convenor) and Noelene Venter



Andy Lottering, Averil Bennewith
John and Rosemary East



Richard St John, Jimmy Wilson, (Standing), Rob Binnekade, Conrad Klusener and John Cook (Front)

Bev Brooks and Anne Ward
(Right)



AMBC NEWS by Fred Hutchins

"Our 90th HRV Anniversary tournament was held on the 17th and 18th of May and what a celebration it was. The weather was perfect for bowling and the twenty four teams that had entered showed off their skills. Everything ran like clockwork and compliments about the sumptuous and tasty meals, the refreshment station, the running of the competition and updating of results, the greens and our facilities and the friendliness of our members flowed from all and sundry. It is times like this that makes one realise what a privilege it is to be a member of AMBC. A massive THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped make this special occasion such a success as well as the members of our neighbouring clubs for your continued support of our competitions.

AMBC are very grateful to HRV for their generous donation towards the day and the Mackay Kemp Trust for the new verandah awning that has made such a difference. Also to Gavin from C-Thru Glass for ensuring that the awning was completed in time for the tournament."



PIC 1 Winners Mike Eley, Helen Turk, Liesje de Rosner and Derek Hodge.

PIC 2 Session Winners : Ernest Chiole, Karen Chiole, Dave Coward and Cheryl Pretorius

PIC 3 Runners -up: Tommy Binks, Mike Madsen, Cheryl Mostert and Jill Hackland

PIC 4 Third Prize: Barrie Ainslie, Linda Upfold, Yvonne Connelley and Billy Smith



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Village Eagles Report by Stan Sim

The Village Eagles Golf Club played at the Umkomaas Golf Course on 6th May 2025. The golf course was still wet and as a result we played the short course twice, thank you to all for the effort made by the staff to make this possible. We had sixty players in attendance on a lovely morning for golf. The lost ball count was a low 48 balls, and the prize went to Clive Melville for his estimate.

Best Lady was Stella Scott with 47 individual points and Barry Ainslie took the men's prize on 41 points. The winners on the day were Sam Dwyer, Harry Podmore, Barrie Ainslie and Steffi Podmore on an alliance score of 96 points. We also had Derek McKechnie shoot a hole in one of the par 3 fourth hole well done Derek. The longest day and collecting the Stones Trophy was Robert Symons, Eddie Matthews and Dave Whitfield on 76 points. The results were calculated by Stan [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

Sim, Alistair Eyres thank you for the effort. Eddie Matthews presented the results, and this went without a hitch. On the fines side Jeremy Boyd was the master today and this was well supported. We thank all our sponsors for making this an enjoyable day.

Our next game will be held at Scottburgh Golf Club on 3rd June 2025. See you all there.



Best Man Barry Ainslie and Best Lady Stella Scott



Hole-in-one player Derek McKechnie



Winners l to r. Sam Dwyer, Steffi Podmore, Harry Podmore and Barrie Ainslie



Longest Day: Robert Symons, Eddie Matthews and Dave Whitfield (Not shown)



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SA Drivers Alert! 5 New Road Rule Changes You Must Know Before July 2025



The South African government is introducing major changes to road regulations starting July 2025. These reforms aim to reduce accidents, enforce stricter penalties, and encourage more responsible driving habits. All motorists—private or commercial—need to be aware of these rules to avoid fines or license suspensions.

The new road rules are part of a nationwide campaign by the Department of Transport to curb road fatalities and enhance compliance. From license renewal procedures to zero-tolerance on phone usage while driving, several changes are coming your way.

Key focus areas:

- Harsher penalties for distracted driving
- Mandatory advanced driver testing for certain vehicles
- Speed limit adjustments on national and provincial roads
- Technology-based enforcement using AI cameras
- Changes in license renewal periods
- Motorists should take note that non-compliance can result in hefty fines, point deductions, or license suspensions.

Here's a breakdown of the five most important new rules that will come into effect starting July 2025:

New Rule	Description	Who's Affected	Penalty for Violation
Zero Phone Tolerance	No mobile usage while driving—even on hands-free.	All Drivers	R5,000 fine or 3 license demerits
Speed Zone Adjustment	Revised speed limits in urban and rural areas.	Private & Commercial Vehicles	R2,500 fine or speed awareness class
Mandatory Eye Tests	Eye test at every license renewal, regardless of age.	All Drivers	License renewal denied
Advanced Driving Certification	Required for driving large/heavy vehicles or towing trailers above 750kg.	Truck/Bus Drivers, Caravan Owners	R10,000 fine or license suspended
Smart Surveillance Camera Expansion	AI cameras introduced for speed, seatbelt, and signal monitoring.	All Road Users	Varies – up to R7,000 per offense

These changes are legally binding and will be enforced with immediate effect from **1 July 2025**.

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New Speed Limits in Urban and Rural Areas

The speed limit regulations are being adjusted to reduce road fatalities in high-risk zones:

Area Type	Old Speed Limit	New Speed Limit (From July 2025)
Residential Streets	60 km/h	50 km/h
Urban Roads	80 km/h	70 km/h
School Zones	60 km/h	40 km/h
Rural Roads	100 km/h	90 km/h
Highways (Urban)	120 km/h	110 km/h
Highways (Rural)	120 km/h	Remains 120 km/h
Construction Zones	Varies	Strict 40 km/h enforced

Speeding fines and point penalties will automatically apply for violations above 5 km/h over the limit.

What Happens If You Break the New Rules

A detailed penalty system has been rolled out alongside the rule changes:

Offense	Fine Amount	Points Deducted	Immediate Action
Mobile Use While Driving	R5,000	3	Warning or License Review
Failing to Renew License on Time	R2,000	1	License Suspension after 30 days
No Eye Test on File	N/A	N/A	License Application Rejected
Speeding (5-15 km/h over limit)	R1,500	1	Notice Issued
Speeding (15+ km/h over limit)	R3,000+	3	Fine + Mandatory Speed Class
Driving Without Proper Certification	R10,000	4	Vehicle Impound or Suspension

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