



Friends of Helderberg Nature Reserve

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Dear FHNR Members

MEMBERSHIP AND EARLY RISER ENTRANCE

This year membership renewal for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 will take place from 1-31 March – both online and at the Visitor's Centre. Please make use of the online method if you are able to do so, easing the workload for the duty volunteers. Bring in your card and proof of payment to receive the current coloured membership sticker.

THERE WILL BE NO GRACE PERIOD ALLOWED BY THE CITY – FROM 1 APRIL UNRENEWED MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO PAY THE CITY GATE ENTRANCE FEE. NO VERBAL ABUSE/HARASSMENT OF CITY OR SECURITY STAFF WILL BE TOLERATED IN THIS MATTER AND ANY MEMBERS GUILTY OF THIS WILL FORFEIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

Membership cards must be shown on each entry to the Reserve and cannot be used by anyone other than the member.

EARLY RISER ENTRANCE

In an effort to make the early entry to the Reserve accessible to more members, we are trying a new system this year. There will no longer be a physical key. Paid-up members will have the option to purchase a "key" at the Visitor's Centre from 1-31 March. The coloured sticker on your membership card will be endorsed with ER to validate your entry to security at the gate. The member with an ER endorsed sticker will be able to have one other paid-up member accompanying them. (No longer a specific nominated walking partner).

Both the present key and the new system will work in tandem until 30 April 2024 after which the lock will be changed.

WHILE THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF ER ENTRIES AVAILABLE THIS YEAR, WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER CAREFULLY BEFORE PURCHASING ONE. GATE STATISTICS TAKEN FROM MAY TO DECEMBER 2023 SHOW THAT 125 – OUT OF 350 – MEMBERS DID NOT USE THEIR KEYS AT ALL AND BY SO DOING PREVENTED OTHER MEMBERS FROM ENJOYING THE PRIVILEGE.

Penny Clifton-Smith
Chairman
