Friends of Tokai Park Annual General Meeting

7 September 2020, Zoom



Agenda



Part 1

- 1. Welcome & housekeeping
- 2. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes
- 3. Chairperson's report
- 4. Treasurer's report
- 5. Election of office bearers
- 6. Matters arising
- 7. Save the date: upcoming FOTP events

Part 2

- 8. Guest Talk: Dr. Tony Rebelo | Sand Fynbos Restoration at Tokai: What have we learned?
- 9. Questions
- 10. Close & Thanks

Part 1: AGM



1. Welcome & Housekeeping



Welcome!

Attendance: Please write the full names of those participating in the chat so that we can have a full attendance list.

Apologies: Any apologies?

Request for donations





BANK DETAILS

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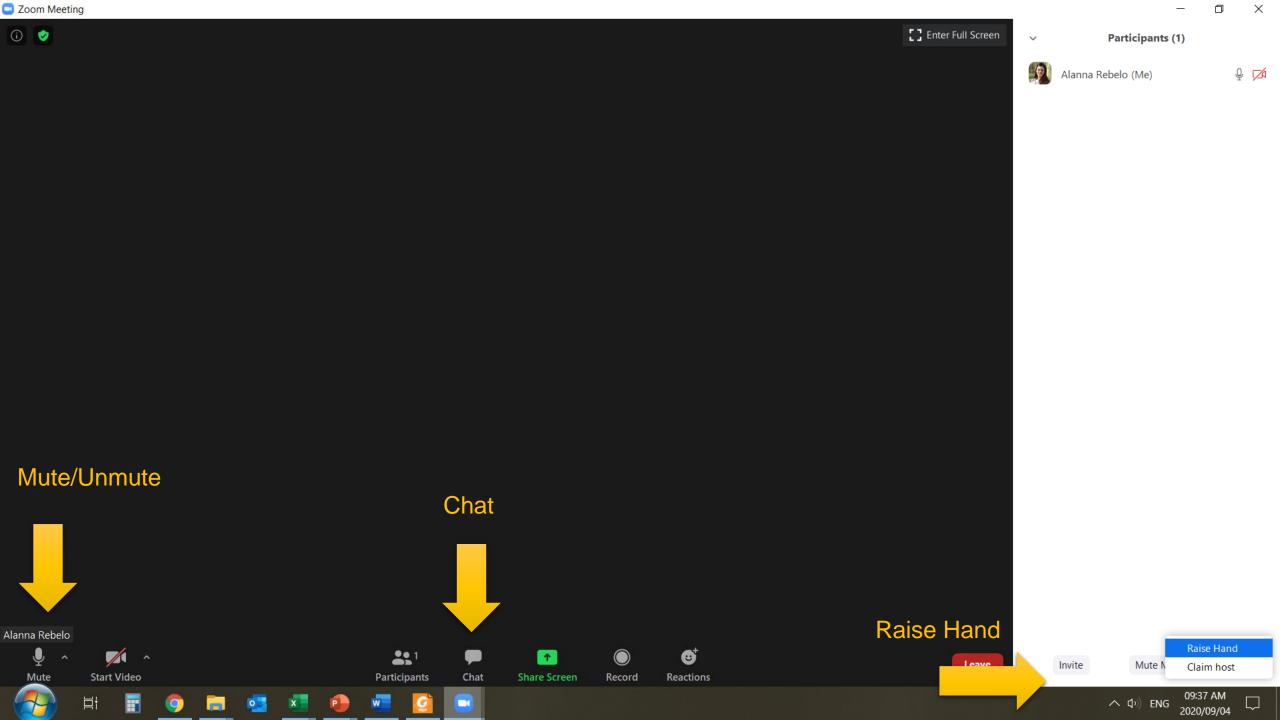
Zoom etiquette

Please note we are recording this AGM.

Donate to our conservation efforts with one snap!



PBO Exemption Reference Number: 930066728



2. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes



Our minutes are available on our website

https://tokaipark.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FoTP-AGM-Minutes-2019.pdf

Any corrections?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:

The minutes of this meeting will go up on our website later this week.



Notification of a talk is listed on this site's Events page, sent out to members and subscribers, or features on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram



Annual General Meeting 2019

All Friends of Tokai Park are invited to join our AGM on <u>Wednesday 3 April</u>at <u>7pm</u> at the CRC Hall. Tokai Road.

Join us for an evening of reflection on our achievements and challenges, a fantastic guest speaker on the Urban Caracal Projec followed by wine & cheese:)

Guest speaker: Dr. Laurel Serieys, UCT





Read or download the Minutes of our 2019 Annual General Meeting held at the Cape Research Centre, Tokai on 3 April 2019

Walks

Guided spring botanical and other walks, e.g. mushrooms, reptiles, night walks, are our favoured recreational and educative activity for interacting with the community at Tokai Park,





Dr Tony Rebelo

Chairperson

Anthony Hitchcock – Gone too soon





Arboretum Hacks









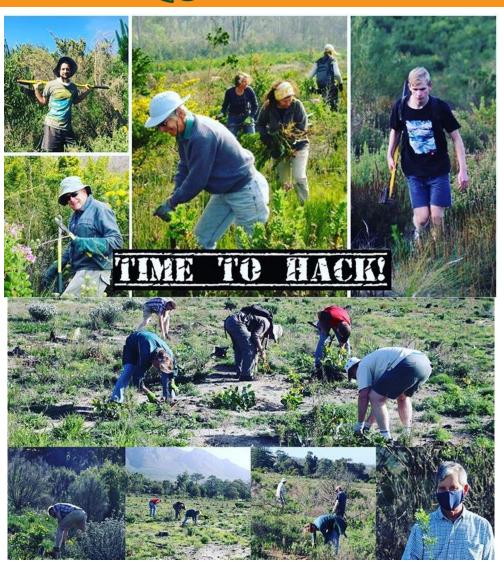




Tuesday Hacks, Saturday Hacks

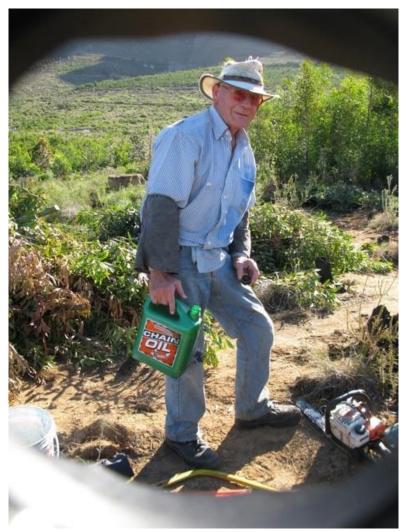


Mandela Day Hack | 18 July 2020





Chainsaw Crew







Special event: restoration in honour of Anthony Hitchock



As a tribute to our dear fynbos friend and colleague Anthony Hitchcock, some Friends of Tokai Park members planted Leucospermum conocarpodendron seedlings on 4 August 2020.

This active restoration was done using seedlings which were grown from seeds (germinated by Louise Nurrish) collected at Silvermine by Anthony himself. See the full album here: https://tokaipark.com/media/galleries/special-events/







Restoration programme

Future plans:

- Active in block A17b in 2021
- Hope to have the Prinskasteel Wetlands burned in 2021 for planting either in 2021 or 2022.

The plans for 2021 will be finalized later this season.









Spring Walks

September 2019

Next event: 3 October 2020





Night Walks

FoTP hosted 2 guided night walks through Lower Tokai Park: one on Tuesday 5 November 2019, and one on Thursday 27 February 2020, starting at sunset each time. Each evening hosted between 20 and 30 people.

Some of the fauna that were seen included Pygmy Mice, Chameleons, scorpions (*Parabuthus capensis*, *Uroplectes* lineatus and *Opistophthalmus capensis*), snakes (Mole Snakes and Slug Eaters), frogs and toads, spiders and insects galore, and the occasional bat.

Next walks (2020):

Tuesday 27 October (Lower Tokai Park)
Tuesday 3 November (Upper Tokai Park)







Heritage Issues





Media & Social Media

Two conference presentations (Megan Smith & Tony Rebelo) and one international award!

Conference presentations: Fynbos Forum & SER 2019





Society for Ecological Restoration Award to Dr Tony Rebelo –congratulations!



REGIONAL AWARD - Tony Rebelo

Dr. Tony Rebelo of the South African National Biodiversity Institute has worked successfully towards the restoration of the unique Cape Flats Sand Fynbos habitat and its critically endangered plant species at Tokei Park. His program uses a noteworthy application of holistic and structured restoration methods including the baseline assessment of seed banks and species' gaps, benchmarking with reference data, management of invasive species, re-introduction of missing species, and ongoing monitoring. Additionally, the program receives active participation from the local community members, facilitating ecological awareness and stakeholder commitment. (Photo via SANBI)

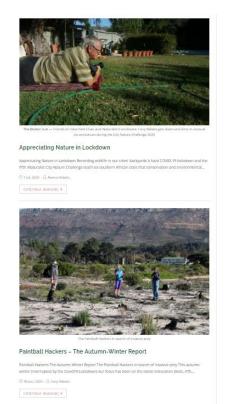
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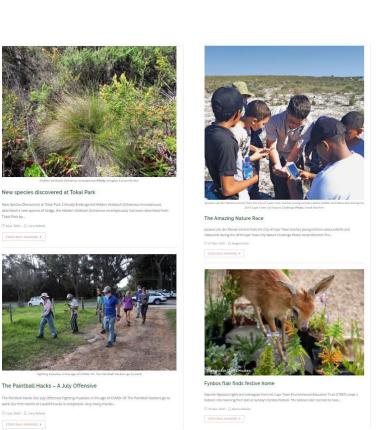


Media & Social Media

We have written and published 7 blog articles for our website to date. Constantiaberg Bulletin: 3 articles about FOTP, Cape Times: 1 article about FOTP, Cape Argus: one article by FOTP, News24: 1 on the nature of lockdown.

Website blog posts









Media & Social Media

Constantiaberg Bulletin





Fynbos



Newspapers





Cape Times



4 March 2020 – Pupils to learn about fynbos in its natural habitat

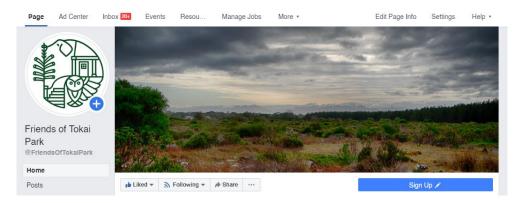


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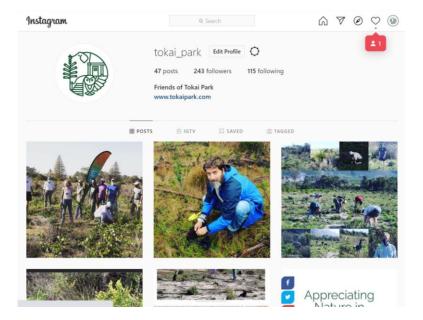
Facebook: 1929 followers

Twitter: 39 followers

Instagram: 243 followers







We need help maintaining these, especially Twitter and Instagram, who can help?



Tokai Biodiversity Gateway Project



Dr Alanna Rebelo







Nature Week 9-13 March 2020

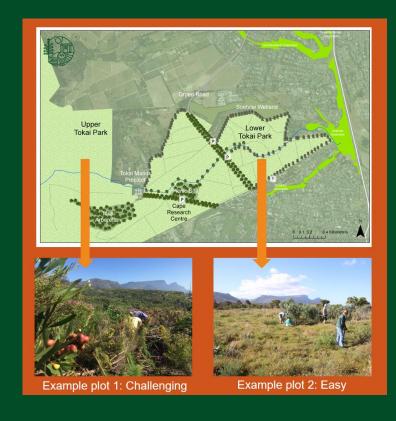




Fynbos Festival 15 March 2020



Adopt-a-Plot Initiative April 2020 onward

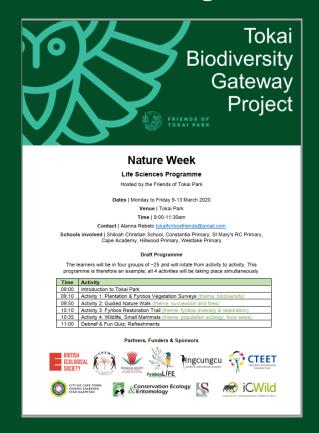


NATURE WEEK

Volunteer Training



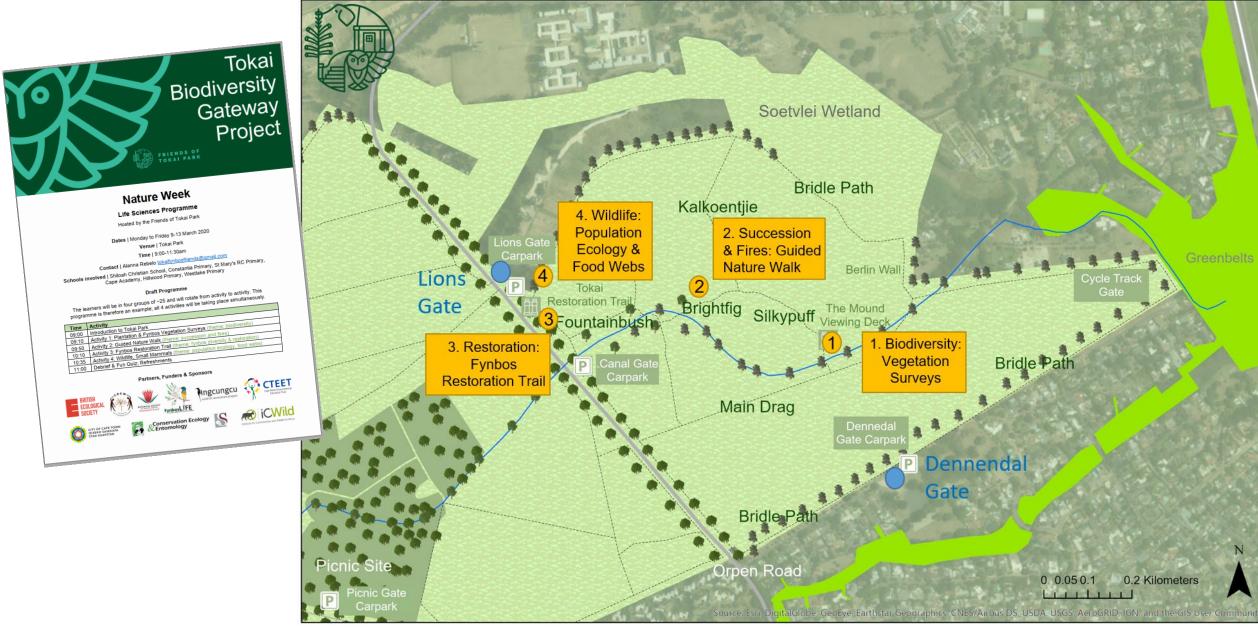
School's Programme



School's Hacking



NATURE WEEK: School's Programme



NATURE WEEK: School's Programme

Base 1: Biodiversity Veg Surveys

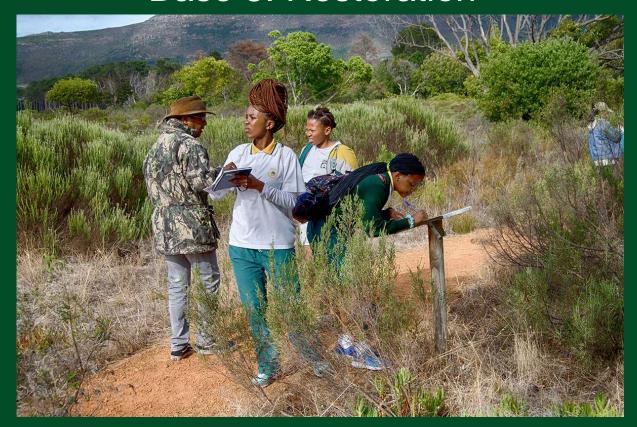


Base 2: Succession & Fires



NATURE WEEK: School's Programme

Base 3: Restoration



Base 4: Wildlife



Nature Week

Friends of Tokai Park, British Ecological Society, CTEET and sponsors | March 2020





































































NATURE WEEK: School's Programme

Debrief & Quiz







NATURE WEEK: School's Hack













TOKAI PARK













3. Chairperson's report



Website



Mike Golby

Committee Member



FoTP Website Report 2019/20

Product of 2018 Media Strategy

- comprehensive Web-based communications platform
- two-year, in-house build
- March 2020 launch

Objectives

- articulate FoTP vision: biodiversity, community, heritage and safety
- publicise FoTP member and other activities
- engage wider public

Current status

- we have the tools needed to meet our objectives
- a short-term focus on core restoration and conservation activities
 - -- our status as a WESSA affiliate and PBO

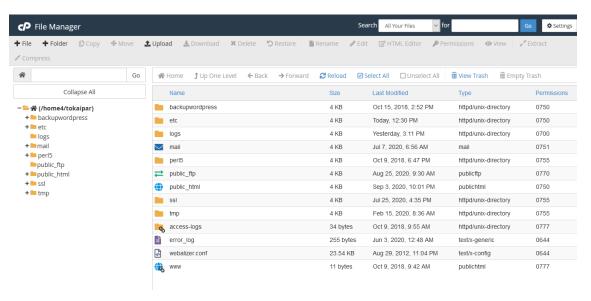


"...play a strong role in shaping conservation practices throughout South Africa, proactively engaging with the challenges and opportunities presented by our country's unique natural heritage and the social and economic systems that depend on it."

WESSA

• 2020/21

- solicit contributions and participation
- expand site to cover all aspects of community, heritage and safety at Tokai Park
- engage our broader membership and the public



Expenditure

- Donated: domain registration, hosting to September 2020, security, design, layout, content development and maintenance
- Borne: domain registration and hosting to 2023

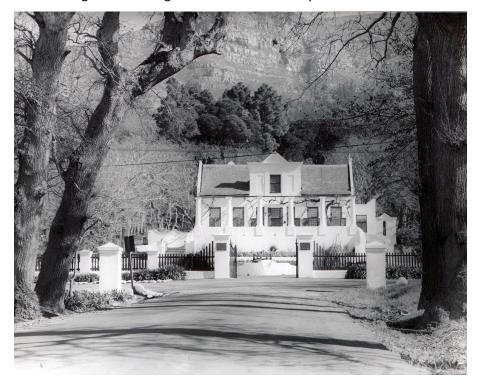
• Gross: R8 260,18

• SEO plugin: (R1 389,29)

• Net: R6 870,89

The Year Ahead

• Our history before, during and after colonial times will engender in the greater Tokai community a desire for Tokai Park's sustainable conservation in perpetuity



Attaining balance on social media and our website

"For those who seek to build sustainable brands, social media should never take the place of the website as the ultimate destination of the brand. ... [E]stablish and cultivate relationships on social media, and then lure them home: the website."

Search Engine Watch

- The bottom line: Our Facebook page needs to cede its dominance of SEO to a content-rich website. How do we achieve this? We must:
 - eschew static pages for dynamic pages
 - avoid static parent-child page hierarchies
 - publish news to the blog
 - engage the public, and
 - build a team of authors, contributors and administrators



Thank you

Only those who build a website will know the labour that went into it.

I therefore ask the Committee to record my unbounded thanks to our Secretary, Alanna Rebelo, for the many hours she took from her incredibly hectic schedule to build this site with me.

Alanna has my deep gratitude for her many hours of copywriting, advice, assistance, insights, suggestions, guidance, research and encouragement.

Mike Golby

FoTP Website Administrator – September 2020



4. Treasurer's report





Jay Cowen

Treasurer

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R 13 048

CASH FLOW FOR YEAR 1st March 2019- -- 29th February 2020

Funds brought forward from prior year end 28th Feb '19: R 2 779

INCOME:

Donations (general) 450 Snapscan 241 Donation for hacking 5 000 CTEET grant 12 450

British Ecological Soci

Funds at Standard Bank: R 52 313

EXPENDITURE:

(221) Cash float:

R 52 092

Total funds held =

AGM expenses Advertising - Facebool

Catering at meeting

Printing Bank charges 496 Hacking expenses 2 013 3 496 Banners 250 Snapscan set-up

Sundry expenses 30.....(7 605)

NET INCOME FOR PERIOD 49 313 CASH FLOW FOR PERIOD: 1st March 2020- -- 20th July 2020

Funds brought forward from prior year end 29th Feb '20: R52 092

INCOME:

348 Snapscan

Event income CTEET grant

Interest

Funds at Standard Bank: R 12 889

Cash float: 159

Total funds held =

EXPENDITURE:

Project expenses:(foo

educational materials.

Bus hire 24 JUU Environmental educator 10 000 Fynbos Life Donation (Fynbos Festival) 1 000 Bank charges

120..... 53 799 Hacking expenses

NET EXPENSES FOR PERIOD = $(39\ 044)$

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD R 13 048

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD R 52 092

4. Treasurer's report



Any questions?

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:



Current



Our Team

Meet our committee



Dr Tony Rebelo Chairperson



Dr Alanna Rebelo Secretary



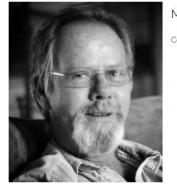
Jeremy Gilmore Committee Member - Youth



Vard Aman



Jay Cowen



Mike Golby Committee Member



Committee Member



Outgoing

We wish to officially thank **Emile van Rooyen** for the years he has served on the committee.





Incoming

We are looking for more team members to join our committee! If you have a passion for lowland Fynbos conservation in general, and Tokai in particular, please contact us.



Incoming

We are delighted to welcome **Michael Hyde** as a new proposed member of our committee

Mike is a life-long resident of Tokai and a retired electrical engineer who has a special interest in South African social and natural history (birding and the Cape's indigenous flora, in particular). His interest in Tokai lies in the heritage aspects of the Park, the Arboretum in particular, and restoration of the upper slopes (Mike is very involved in FOTP's hacking efforts).

Accepted?

Proposer:

Seconder:



6. Matters Arising

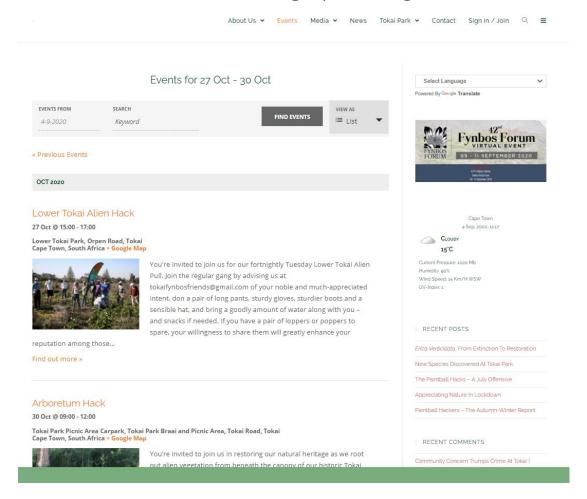


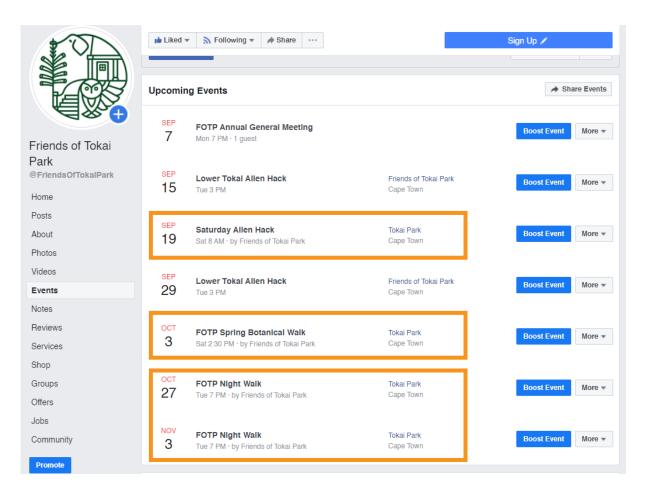
Are there any matters that participants would like to raise?

7. Save the date: upcoming FOTP events



We have some exciting upcoming events:





Part 2: Talk



8&9. Guest Talk & Questions



Sand Fynbos Restoration at Tokai: What have we learned? Dr Tony Rebelo

We have now been restoring Fynbos at Tokai for 15 years. How are we doing? What have we discovered? What do we still need to do? Join us for a nostalgic trip as we explore how Tokai has recovered and what has been achieved.





10. Thank you and closing





- 1. Tokai Park has exceptional biodiversity -over 450 indigenous plant species alone
 - 2. Some of these species' continued existence depends on Tokai Park
 - . Your money goes directly to conservation efforts (no one draws a salary)

Saving biodiversity has never been made so easy. Make a difference this new year and start 2020 with a good footprint.

Donate to our conservation efforts with one snap!

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