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NATURE

on your doorstep at 7 Dams

Life through the lens of

Danny Brink





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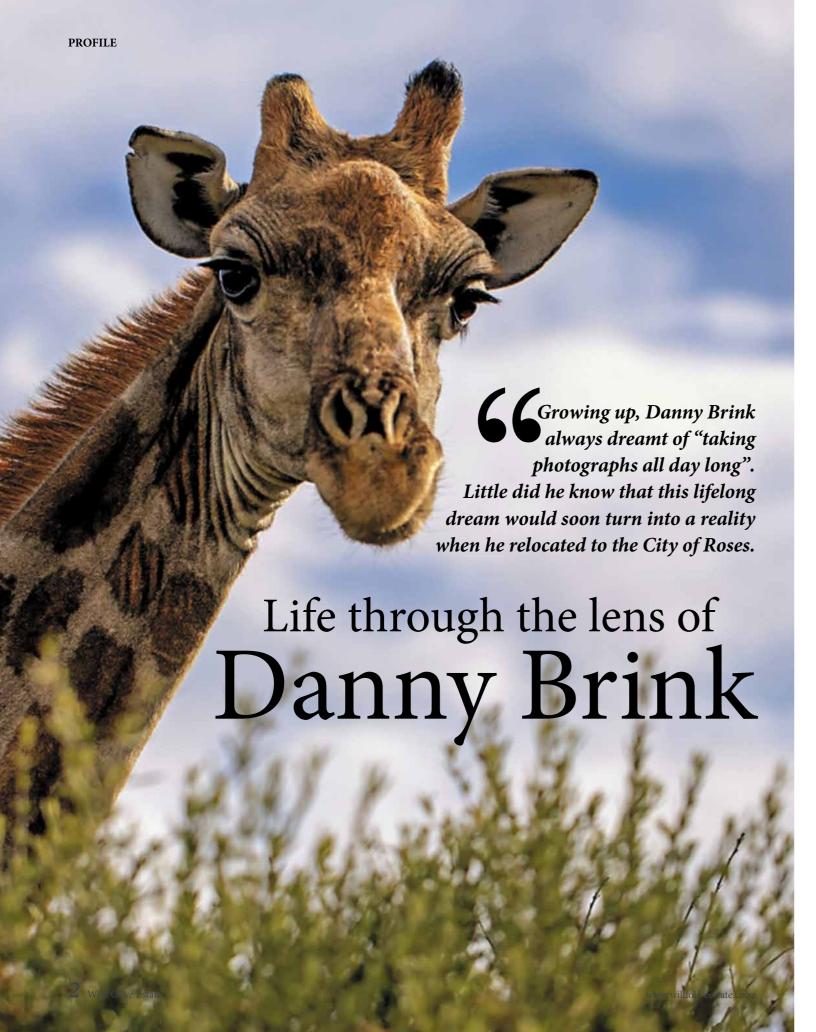
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BORN IN WELKOM in the Free State, the 42-year-old Danny moved back to Bloemfontein after residing in Johannesburg where he worked in telecommunications for Nokia's Level 3 Repair Centre for 13 years. "In 2013 my fiancée had an opportunity to relocate to Bloemfontein. We decided that was time to leave the hustle and bustle of Johannesburg and return to the Free State."

Upon arrival in Bloem, Danny decided to pursue his dream, photography. He realised that the demand for telecommunication technicians was a lot less than in Johannesburg. "I started focusing on chasing my lifelong dream of becoming a full-time photographer. I enrolled for a photography course presented by Prof. Gert Lambrecht's School of Photography, and soon realised that there was so much more to photography than I could ever imagine."

Danny described photography as an art through which, when combined with special moments, one can create a story full of memories that will last forever. Outdoor photoshoots had always been a favourite for him as an outdoor person. "I can spend hours in nature walking with my best friend (my fiancée) and our fur child, Chloe, the labrador," said Danny.

Photography is exciting in many ways, as according to him, not one day or any photoshoot is the same. "And I have the benefit of meeting people through photography," he shared.

Hence, moving to Wild Olive Estate was an easy decision. "I have the advantage of enjoying an amazing view of the Seven Dams Nature Conservancy. This offers opportunities of enjoying open spaces, blue skies, greenery and the most beautiful sunsets. We have developed a sense of community interaction in so many different ways, strangers have become friends. This is the perfect description of the community of Wild Olive Estate and Seven Dams."

Danny added, "Security in the estate is top notch, of course, and having the peace of mind that I am able to enjoy the outdoors and still feel safe, is another priority ticked in my living box."

Apart from having a fond love for photography, Danny also enjoys doing community work. He shared one of his most special moments when he was part of the Demi Lee Moore fundraiser for a 5 year-old cancer patient. "I believe you are born with two hands: one to give and one to receive," he said.

When Danny is not out and about photographing or enjoying the outdoors, he enjoys playing Playstation 4. "We all have our inner child that we need to connect with every once in a while. I have a deep passion for technology, so I am always on the lookout for those creative tools and applications to keep me busy," he concluded.

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WODAC oversees

Architectural compliance and inplementation of the guidelines

WILD OLIVE DESIGN and Architectural Committee, mostly referred to as WODAC, is mandated to guide new designs and enforce the architectural as well as the landscape guidelines. The objective of the guidelines is to fulfil the vision of a development that understands and respects the beautiful landscape of rocky outcrops and grasslands so unique to the Free State by building structures that blend in with the unique habitat.

The importance of quality design, along with exceptional construction quality of buildings and landscaping cannot be overemphasised as the biggest contributor to the estate's vision. Since inception, WODAC has found multiple times that designs and construction did not meet the required quality and this, in some instances, caused repeated plan submissions for the same property before obtaining approval, causing a lot of frustration to the members of the Owners' Association.

Repeated plan submissions were mainly caused by designers not applying the guidelines or where there were major conceptual issues in the design. The designers need to take note of the very specific building widths, fragmentation and ratios specified in the guidelines to encourage simplicity, good proportions, intimate scale, a spatial relation with exterior spaces and courtyards,

proper detailing and sustainability.

WODAC will only accept plan submissions from professional architects or senior technologists with proof of SACAP registration to be presented.

The estate architect, Property Commerce, can be contacted to assist with the design of the property, or WODAC can provide a list of designers who are accredited by the committee. Using a non-accredited designer could potentially cause repeated plan submissions as referred to earlier

The committee has completed an audit of the estate and is in the process of finalising revised guidelines with the objective to guide designers to present A-grade designs for their clients. The high standard of design is key to increase and protect the capital investment of our owners.

Plan submission procedures will also be split into smaller phases in order to guide the design through effective communication with the committee or the estate architect.

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LIFESTYLE MUST BE DESIGNED TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW
TIPS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO SHARE FOR THE INTERIOR OF YOUR DREAM HOME.

HELENA OLIVIER

OPEN PLAN

Long gone are the days when the lady of the house was hidden away in her kitchen. Spaces that interact are a reflection of how the family unit has evolved and induce – ironically – more intimacy between family members.

Paint and paperhanging

If you do follow trends, changing the wall colours and textures is an easy way to update your home's interior. Wallpaper has become popular again, with beautiful contemporary designs available to satisfy a variety of tastes.

Quality over quantity

Avoid clutter and overstimulated spaces by investing in one or two beautiful pieces of art or furniture. These items will form a base from which your interior design will manifest organically.

Rhythm

Repetition of a theme will draw the eye, while encouraging the user to explore the room in an organised manner. Rhythm brings about variety and unity simultaneously. Use this method to introduce a particular atmosphere or style to your visitors.

Stairs

An impressive flight of stairs not only exhibits movement and dynamics in a space, but it can also be an artistic centrepiece. Therefore investing in a well-designed staircase will save you the costs and effort of decorating the adjoining spaces.

Textures

Juxtaposing various textures will add dimension and interest to your room. Examples: a knitted throw on a leather couch; smooth metal pendants against a stone cladded wall; a fluffy rug on a marble floor.

Unity and harmony

These design principles encompass the others in that it can only be achieved when all the other elements in a space work well together. It is a subjective and subtle perspective on what has been achieved through applying all of the above.

Vertical gardens

This is a rather new and underestimated trend: to create panels or whole walls from plants. Especially for townhouses and flats, where access to green spaces are **limited**.

Window dressing

Do away with grandma's curtains and explore the world that roller blinds can offer you.

But if you would like some softer edges, ask your architect to incorporate recesses into your ceilings to hide the curtain rails.

This will create an edgier look.

eXhale

Do not clutter. Breathe.

You

In the end, your home should be a testimony of you. Do not feel intimidated by magazines or your next door neighbour's alienated taste.

Zen

In Japanese culture, Zen refers to the practice of meditation to achieve enlightenment and harmony. In interior design, this translates into a unity between the space and the elements that encompass it. It is not a design rule per se, but is mostly associated with minimalism, simplicity and pure lines.

Minimalism requires discipline and focus, but you will soon learn the benefits of leaving the chaos and hustles of everyday life at the doorstep.

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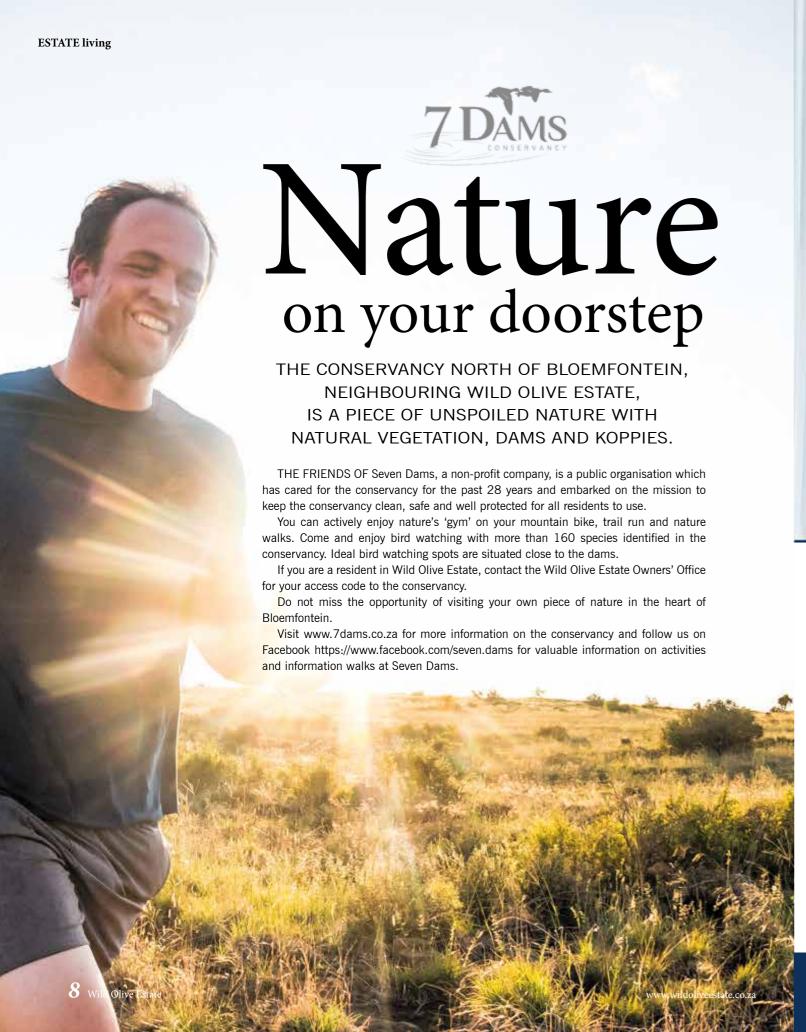
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INDOOR PLANTS DON'T just look good. It may seem far-fetched that greenery can have such an advantageous effect on such a simple yet important thing such as our daily lives. Indoor plants enhances the overall appearance of a space; not only do indoor plants add color and liveliness to your space, but they also change physical aspects of the environment in pleasant ways.

They've been shown to boost a person's moods, reduce stress that may be going on in your life, and focus on the here-and-now. They increase creativity and eliminate air pollutions this making a healthier, happier lifestyle. The benefits of indoor plants are of paramount importance for indoor environment quality.

Common toxins that plague our indoor spaces:

Formaldehyde – commonly found in tissues, serviettes, wood products and synthetic fabrics

Benzene – commonly found in adhesives, lubricants, vehicle exhausts and detergents **Ammonia** – commonly found in cleaning products and fertilizers

Trichloroethylene – commonly found in paint, varnishes and household cleaners

Benzene – commonly found in adhesives, lubricants, vehicle exhausts and letergents

Xylene - commonly found in nail polish, tobacco smoke and paint

It's true when they say Plants Make People Happy with that said here's Indoor Plants to consider to get you started:

ZZ plant (Zamioculcas zamiifolia)

The zz plant is one of the hardiest plants for indoors and the best choice for a corner in the house. It can live without direct light and it's a slow grower, making it a good choice if you want to keep it on the desk at the office or at home to brighten that corner.

Pothos plant (Epipremnum aureum)

The pothos, which is much tougher than it looks, and can handle pretty much any home condition you throw at it. A nice tip is to let the pothos's vines grow over filing cabinets, walls, or any other accourtement to make things feel a little less cold.

Snake Plant (Sansevieria)

Similar to the ZZ plant it's a good low-light plant, and it's a succulent so it doesn't need to be watered often." Also, the snake plant grows vertically, so you don't need to worry about it taking up prime spot in the house.

Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum)

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Always topping lists of best air-purifying plants, the peace lily is another low-light plant that would do well in a home "it's one of the few flowering low-light plants," The peace lily is a pretty easygoing plant, but one thing to keep in mind is that it "doesn't like dryness," and it's best to water when the soil is slightly damp. "It will tell you when it needs water; it starts to wilt over the rim of the pot.

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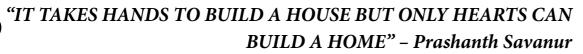
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Avonia Creek in Wild Olive Estate is a combination of five single-story and five double-story houses. All houses have been designed by our in-house architects. The houses complement modern urban lifestyle with an emphasis on the indoor/outdoor flow and ensure comfort in every room.

The first phase of the development has recently been completed and houses occupied, with the second and third phase already underway.

Our construction team, with combined experience of more than 40 years in construction and the building industry, has again delivered to the promise: to build the houses in time, within budget, and to the highest standards.













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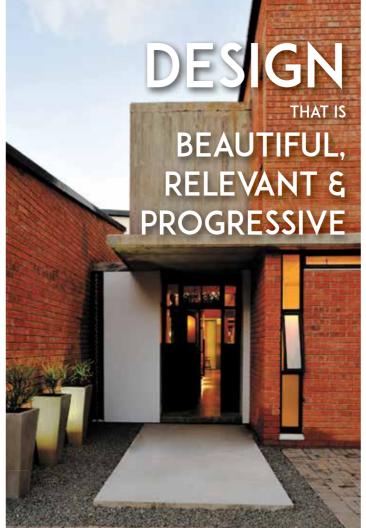


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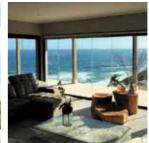
This has indeed improved the safety and security of our residents, estate, staff, visitors and stakeholders. We do not take shortcuts on the integral security measures of the estate. The Wild Olive Estate security fencing is armed with thermal cameras with night vision capabilities, including accurate behaviour analysis such as line- crossing and intrusion detection with high accuracy.

We are dedicated to providing easy-to-use, highquality camera surveillance systems in Wild Olive UPS and NVR were made and we can proudly say that the CCTV monitoring centre can now view part of 7 Dams Conservancy and communal areas. We would still like to encourage our residents, tenants and visitors not be lulled into a false sense of security and neglect to take precaution. Residents should secure their personal belongings, homes and complexes. It is critical for our residents to report any suspicious behaviour/actions to our security.

National Security & Fire is our security service provider responsible for securing our communal areas. However, they have a responsibility to provide response when the need arises. We encourage our residents to make use of our 24/7 emergency services number which can be contacted on cell number: 082 880 4606.









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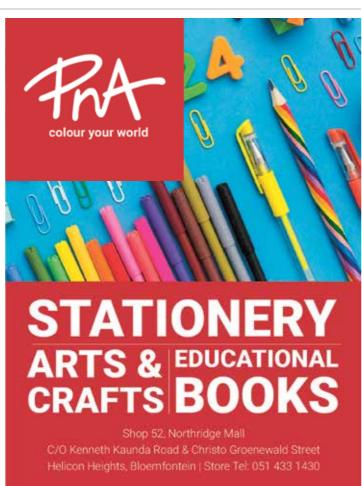
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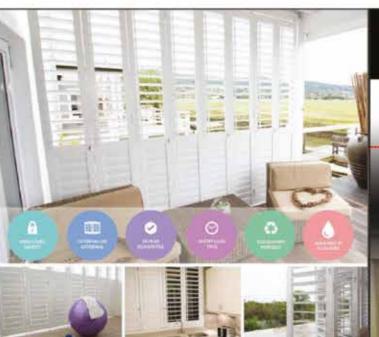
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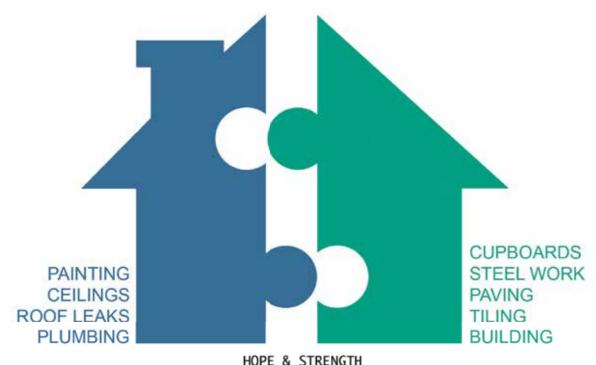


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