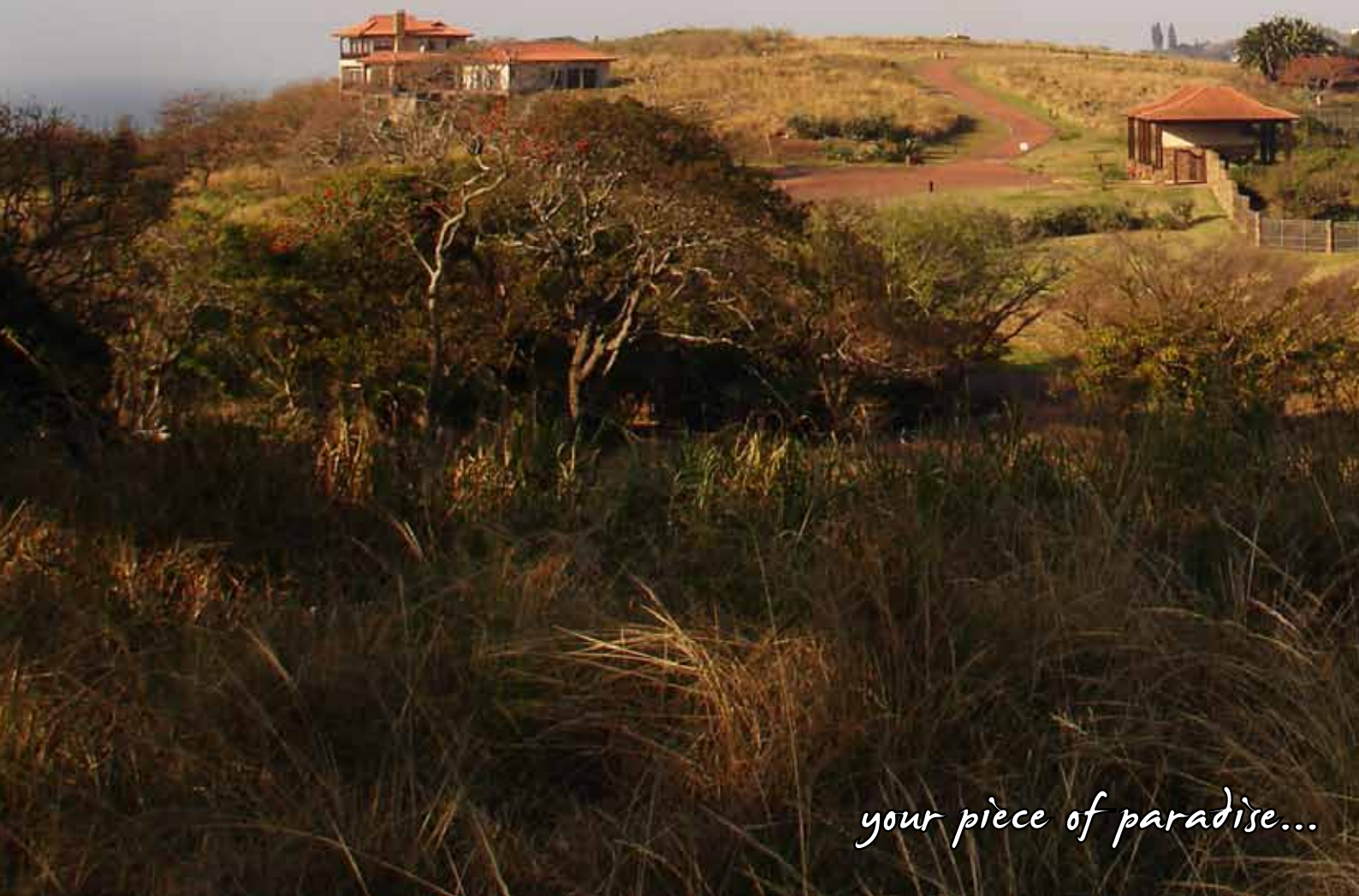


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ESTATE DIRECTORS *Letter*



Development on the Estate is moving steadily forward- twelve homes are either in the process of construction or completed thus far.

The remaining four residential stands have been registered and the Estate now has the full contingent of two hundred and twenty two owners of residential stands on Ekubo Estate.

In addition to the aforementioned, of the three Development Stands registered thus far for Sectional Title development, one is in the process of construction, with two show houses completed to date. The second Development Stand comprising nineteen Sectional Title Units has submitted plans which are in the review process. It is anticipated that construction will commence early 2011 on this development.

Plans for additional houses as well as the second Sectional Title development have been presented for appraisal by the Design Review Panel Members, indicates a renewed confidence in the Property Market on the South Coast and Ekubo Coastal Estate -'Jewel of the Lower South Coast'.

Mandatory controlled burning of certain sections of the Estate has resulted, not only in various colourful indigenous flowers reappearing, but also the Estate wildlife in their abundance attracted by the appearance of resultant greenery. With the wonderful weather at this time of the year in particular, the beautiful beaches bordering the Estate as well as the 'Eco' friendly environment within Ekubo Estate, 'Your Piece of Paradise' is an apt description.

On recent spontaneous exploration of the South Coast, I was pleasantly surprised by the number of places of interest and beauty on our doorstep. There is from hiking in the Umtamvuna Nature Reserve, mountain biking trails for enthusiasts as well many more leisurely activities and outings for the not so energetic. The Magazine will be featuring some of these interesting and beautiful places in this area in future editions.

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EDITORS NOTE

Welcome to another edition !

How blessed are we that we are mid winter and are only now really feeling the cold, and just as we get all our winter woollies out the temperature will turn again and summer will be on it's way again ! Living in KZN, we need to remember often how blessed we are with this weather ! how many can say "summer all year round?"

In this edition we get to chat to terry and hear how the development on the estate is moving steady, can you believe there are currently 12 homes in the process of being built or either completed thus far. Katie Allen teaches us how to create the ultimate living room. We get to visit the The Umtamvuna River and Nature Reserve , we get to understand why people are Living the Dream on Ekubo by TJ Architects and then we touch on the Progress within the estate

We hope you enjoy the read as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you.

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"I think over again my small adventures, my fears, those small ones that seemed so big, all those vital things I had to get and to reach, and yet there is only one great thing: to live and see the great day that dawns, and the light that fills the world"

- Native American saying -

ULTIMATE

by Katie Allen

LIVING ROOM



Make your living room into the ultimate place to relax and unwind!

Your living room areas are probably the most important in your whole home. It is where you will spend most of your time, certainly most of your leisure time, so it is important to create a room where you will be happy to relax, have fun and entertain friends.

Comfort and practicality are important factors for you to consider - your seating, TVs, hi-fi's, computers and other AV equipment, and storage for books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, etc.

Katie Allen Décor and Design will help you create a stunning room you can't wait to spend time in...Katie says "It really is important that you get your living room right. You will be spending a lot of time in there - and hopefully showing it off to friends and neighbours - so you want to create the right impression."

So while you are planning your new home on the beautiful Ekubo Estate consider some of the following: Firstly, what styles do you like for decorating your living room? Will it suit your lifestyle?

Secondly what is the style of your home? Your answer to these questions may help you find a starting point for the project. Then you will need to consider furniture. To keep your living room from looking cluttered, only include the items of furniture you really need. Take stock of the furniture you already have. Do you have too much? Too little? Are you fed up with your furniture? Can you buy new? Or re-upholster or paint furniture that you already have? Remember to check your best layout for your room and the space you have.



Most importantly in any room you should have a focal point. Does your room have a focal point? That is, other than the TV? The TV is clearly the natural focus for most people's attention when they are in the room.

But just think, how many magazine photo-shoots or TV make overs, ever have the TV as the main focal point to the living room? The TV may be practical, but it's not really pretty, and does not create an attractive focal point for decorating living rooms around.

A great idea for an attractive focal point for decorating living rooms is a really great picture or print. While we may live in a warm climate there are still winter nights to consider, a fireplace also makes a really good focal point, and it is actually far more relaxing to watch a fire (even an artificial one) than to watch TV. Consider fitting a fire when decorating living rooms, if your room doesn't already have one. These days there are lots of types of fire which you can consider, even if your home doesn't have a chimney, or gas flue.

Once you have answers to the above you can then turn your attention to details such as colour schemes, lighting and accessories. When choosing your living room style and living room decorating idea, consider each and every aspect of your room carefully. Think about unifying factors for your room, colour, soft furnishings, and the shape, form and style of your furniture. Choose every single item that you bring into your room, carefully, to make sure everything goes well together. You may need to be quite brutal and honest with yourself, and discount anything which detracts from the overall effect.

Follow the above and your living room will have lasting appeal while providing a perfect place to relax and enjoy.

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All trails and tours start from the 'Umtamvuna Nature Reserve', which is situated next to the Old Pont Caravan Park.

Pleasure cruises up the beautiful 'Umtamvuna River' are available and can be arranged at the Wild Coast Casino.

Living The Dream

ON EKUBO COASTAL ESTATE



The owners of the featured house, a retired couple (who are certainly not leading your typical 'retired' lifestyle), appointed TJ Architects in 2007 to design their new home.

In addition to this, the house has been designed to fulfill the requirements of a family holiday home, when children and grandchildren visit.

The house comprises four spacious bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, a study, open plan lounge-dining-kitchen-braai patio, plus a living room and four garages. Large sea-facing decks on ground and first floor, including a pool and garden access, completes the dwelling.

TJ Architects applied a fairly symmetrical plan shape, which supports the Architectural Design Guidelines

of the Estate and this suited the narrow site, with the ocean view across the narrow width of the site.

Entrance is gained from the West across a small, landscaped courtyard, flanked by a sheltered courtyard to the North. This leads into a double volume entrance hall with an immediate view of the ocean's horizon.

During the design process, TJ Architects, in conjunction with the input of the owners, paid careful consideration to the position and incorporation of the classical furniture and art of the owners, throughout the building.

TJ Architects are indeed proud and privileged to have been involved with turning the dreams of the owners, into this beautiful home.



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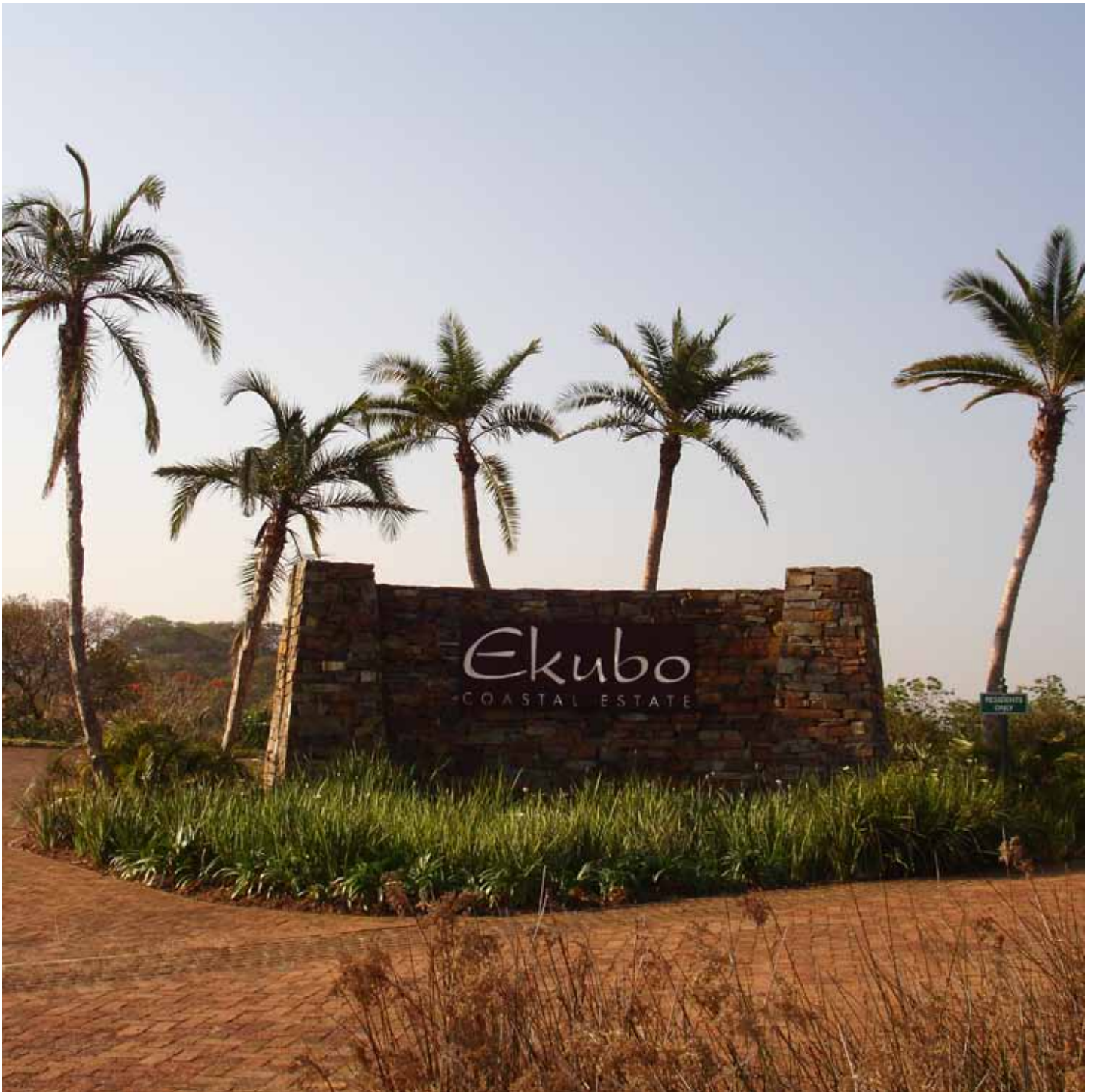
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