

# Safe and Sound

Thorburn has been involved with the estate as security partner since its early days. This has allowed for an in-depth understanding of the vision for the estate and an inconspicuous integration of security systems. **WORDS BY LOUIS DE JAGER, SECURITY AND RISK MANAGER**

The quality of life our residents are afforded can mostly be attributed to them not having to be concerned about crime or their safety while inside the parameters of the estate. Our country remains an ever-changing risk environment and security that is holistic and makes use of the latest technology, is of paramount importance. Equally important is for security systems to remain unobtrusive.

The challenge is the sheer size and complexity of the estate. Aside from the barrier protection for the 15.5km perimeter and access control across six main points, Thorburn also provides 24/7 security for the residential areas, the Pearl Valley Hotel by Mantis and Camelot Spa, conference rooms and function venues, Val de Vie Evergreen and commercial facilities.

An additional three wellness centres, two delis, three restaurants, equestrian facilities with over 100 stables, a polo club and polo fields also require observation. Throw in the Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, 300 hectares of parks, fynbos and wildlife reserves, farms and lakes, and you start getting the picture of what needs safeguarding on a daily basis.

Even with all the complexities and daily demands of such a huge dynamic and constantly

evolving estate, it remains a rewarding experience working with Thorburn. Staff training, risk assessments and continual upgrades on the existing security offering means that the latest and best in technology and tactical security is implemented. Thorburn has created a holistic ever-evolving integrated safety and security matrix that not only prevents unwanted elements from entering the estate, but also maintains control of unwanted behaviour within the estate.

With the festive season upon us, we appeal to all parents planning on spending their holiday at home, to be aware of their child's whereabouts. We are seeing far too many transgressions from the younger generation that resides on the estate.

New strategically placed cameras now monitor 'hotspots' where juvenile delinquency is taking place, specifically around The Yard, where malicious damage to equipment is rearing its head. With the warmer evenings upon us, the nocturnal movement of not only animals, but children also, are increasing. Zero tolerance will be granted towards vandalism and unlicensed driving by our younger residents.

Let's show our gratitude and respect towards the Thorburn team. It is after all thanks to them that we sleep soundly at night. **V**

