

ENTERTAINMENT



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Gifted gardener styles birds

NATHANIEL Mokoena is a gardener with an artistic flair, he has turned his hand to creating beautifully decorative clay birds.

After shifting the sprinkler in one of his leafy Linden gardens, Nathaniel sat down to chat.

He comes from White River in the Eastern Transvaal where his wife styled and painted birds for decorations.

"When I had time I would help her, I was very clever at painting the birds," Nathaniel muses.



Pensive Nathaniel Mokoena

Since he settled in Johannesburg, Nathaniel has started to make his own birds.

He shapes the figures, hollows them out carefully so that they dry quickly and scrapes their

surfaces smooth with steel wool.

He then gives them to Roz Oates of Que Roz Pottery Studio in Linden, who fires them in her kiln.

The consistency of the clay that Roz gives Nathaniel is more to his taste than the river clay of White River.

The final stage of the process is the painting and this is very time consuming.

Nathaniel paints patterns based on the designs of guinea fowls, embellished with colourful swirls and twirls.

He enjoys making his birds and might expand to other creatures, for the moment, however, he spends much time in his gardens savouring the peace and the scents of flowers.



One of Nathaniel's decorative birds.

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Council is now ruining suburb

H. Cohen of Northcliff, writes:

caded like a fortress to traffic bound from east to west.

Should you happen to live either a short or long distance into Senior Drive, you are left to your devices as to how to

get home or to your destination.

One possible route is to turn back and try to get over the hill back to Senior Drive through Frederick Drive and Anderson Avenue where you can enjoy the bumpiest drive of your life down Anderson Avenue with a massive amount of bumps and more bumps.

The other alternative is to turn down through Blackheath into Mimosa Road and if you are

travelling in a westerly direction when you approach the most westerly end of Mimosa road by cutting back into Senior Drive and down through Juniper Street passing approximately 18 houses in the process (one wonders how the residents of Juniper are enjoying this additional flow of traffic up and down through their quite street).

I would further point

out that in my opinion it will not be surprising if there are accidents at that barricaded point, particularly with motor bike riders who are barely into the semi-blind rise when they have to turn sharp left.

There is a similar but less danger for motor cars which do sometimes travel at high speeds.

Do not lightly ignore this possibility.

Please let me know for whose benefit these

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