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Feathered frenzy



PICTURE: TREVOR HARDAKER

This Foraging Rufous-tailed Scrub Robins (*Cercotrichas galactotes*) caused a stir in birding circles this week when it appeared at the Zeekoevlei Nature Reserve this weekend. The species usually migrates from Somalia, Syria and Israel into Africa, normally as far as Kenya but turned up at the reserve this weekend which attracted 257 excited birders to the area. See story on page 10.

# Danger drive

KAREN WATKINS

Southern Cross Drive has become a racetrack, according to the Constantia Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (CRRRA), which claims there have been 29 accidents on the road since January 2015; nine of them so far this year.

Asked where these statistics, which are posted on the association's Facebook page come from, CRRRA committee member Chris Rousseau said he doesn't know but that he witnessed a crash on Tuesday July 19. He saw a minibus taxi come down Southern Cross

Drive from Rhodes Drive and smash into a wall across from Monterey Drive. Two ambulances arrived, but he doesn't know if anyone was hurt.

The 3km stretch of road runs from the junction of Brommersvlei Road uphill past Parish Road to Rhodes Drive.

When mayor Patricia De Lille visited the Alphen Centre in June, at the invitation of Ward 62 councillor Liz Brunette, Constantia resident Rob Maspero urged the mayor to do something about speeding in the area ("Mayor faces tough talk," Bulletin June 16).

Ms Brunette, who is on the City's transport portfolio, told those who packed the hall that Transport for Cape Town (TCT), the City's transport authority was looking at alternative speed-control measures and planned to build raised intersections.

On its Facebook page, the CRRRA says this is nothing new. Three years ago, it says, the City developed plans for a raised intersection at Monterey Road, but to date, nothing has been done.

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