

# Retail convenience on your doorstep – exciting development at local shopping centre

## Rondebosch Village spokesperson

YOUR patience is about to be rewarded – there is more parking at Rondebosch Village. A major phase of the renovations of this local shopping centre is finished and additional parking bays are now available.

The centre owner, Acucap Investments Pty Ltd, a JSE-listed company, is pleased to announce the opening of a section of the new parking area at the centre. Although construction will continue until March next year, the current release of new parking will immediately ease the congestion.

As the hoarding starts coming down, customers will experience increased convenience and a top-class shopping experience, in the heart of their community.

Careful attention has been paid to the environment in which the parking area is located. The latest practices and procedures to preserve the natural surroundings during building and minimise the impact on the environment, especially the Liesbeek River, have been used.

Anchor tenants include Pick n Pay, Clicks, Nedbank and FNB, making Rondebosch Village your one stop for local convenience. There is something for everyone, whether you are 18 or 80 years old.

The centre has served the local community since the 1960s, and offers modern convenience combined with a friendly, neighbourhood atmosphere.

## Improvements for you

The mall renovation initiative, dubbed “Improvements for you”, focused on getting the basic, yet vital, details right. A key current development is the opening of the new parking area, with twice as much parking as before. An additional 205 parking bays will be available for your convenience. A new upper level parking area with direct pedestrian and trolley lift access to the mall will be complete early next year. The new parking area will give customers convenient and secure access to shops, restaurants, banks and other facilities on the upper level of the mall.

The parking will be managed and maintained by parking experts Afripark – which is currently doing a great job of minimising inconvenience during the building works. For added convenience, you will be able to get your car washed while you shop. An environmentally friendly car wash in the parking garage will use bio-degradable detergents and collect all waste water safely – taking care of your car and the environment.

Inside the mall, local favourite, Pick n Pay, is planning a substantial upgrade, due for completion early next year. The Family Store has been serving the local community for a decade and is celebrating its 10th birthday with a revamp. Pick n Pay’s fresh, modern, new branding will be introduced, and the store will be extended to allow for a bigger range of products, as well as wider aisles. A faster till operating system will be installed to provide a speedy service.

Additional convenience will be achieved through longer opening hours – until 10pm every night of the week.

## New additions

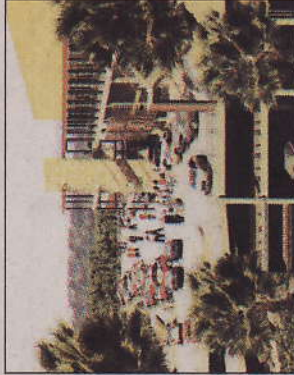
In the rest of the mall, the original cinema area has been converted to 1 000m<sup>2</sup> of office space, with views of Devil’s Peak and Table Mountain. The common areas of the mall have been upgraded, as well as new escalators installed. Five new tenants will be moving in downstairs, and two new shops will appear on the upper level. These newcomers, the anchor tenants mentioned previously, and the Woolworths located adjacent, offer a complete shopping experience on your doorstep.

In keeping with the theme of “Improvements for you”, the owners and property managers of Rondebosch Village have paid careful attention to improving accessibility for people with disabilities – from conveniently located disabled parking bays and ramps allowing easy access, to direct entry to the mall from the roof top parking, as well as a new trolley lift that makes it easy to move around the mall itself.

Mall security is a foregone conclusion. With CCTV cameras and 24-hour security, you can shop, eat and socialise in comfort and safety.

## A green approach

Acucap cares about the environment. Ongoing conversations with residents, developers, the city council,



local action groups and environmental experts have resulted in a sustainable, attractive and ecologically responsible solution to a complex development initiative.

During the planning phase, the cost and benefits to the community and the environment were carefully considered. The need for development was carefully balanced with environmental concerns and responsibilities to create a win-win outcome. It was incredibly important to preserve the trees and other plant life around the mall, which play such an important role in the overall aesthetics of the building.

The mall is adjacent to a section of the Liesbeek River and, at the outset, environmental assessments were made in order to consider the impact of the new walkway and structured parking next to the river. The two environmental impact assessments provided ample opportunity for interested parties to participate in the development process.

Acucap also consulted closely with Friends of the Liesbeek at all stages of planning and development to ensure this key local interest group gave its input and was satisfied with the developments along the river bank.

This is a great example of how, with some thought and careful planning, a successful commercial development can

offer value to the community and also look after the environment.

Careful landscaping has reinforced the canal edge to prevent erosion and damage while the parking decks, which are set back, still allow maximum light into the canal. Refuse management is in place to protect the environment and maintain the beauty of the surroundings. Waste disposal from the centre itself has been improved with the installation of an advanced refuse management system, while a new grease trap system will handle kitchen and cooking waste from the centre’s restaurants.

Environmental expert Dr Liz Day of the Freshwater Consulting Group, as well as civil engineers MH&A Consulting Engineers, took a look at preventing potentially harmful hazardous and contaminated waste water from spilling into the river and surrounding vegetation. They designed an innovative storm water filtration system to treat the runoff from the parking lot and car wash before it is discharged.

Centre management and the tenants look forward to welcoming you to the new-look centre, to experience the convenience and village vibe for yourself.

Visit Rondebosch Village on Main Road in Rondebosch.