



## Rosendal Town Committee proposals regarding traffic and animals, children, and pets in Rosendal

The Rosendal Town Committee (RTC) notes public concern and discussion RE speeding and observance of stop signs, and how this relates to the prevalence of animals, children and pets in our streets.

1. **Speeding:** Speeding and failure to stop at stop signs is prevalent. This includes vehicles not slowing down for stop signs and crossing intersections at high speed. This is against the law and also dangerous. It is not conducive to public safety or good relations between residents. Laws need to be obeyed and RTC urges all residents to do so.
2. **SAPS:** RTC has written to the local SAPS noting the issue and requesting enforcement. Dihlabeng Municipality is also being requested to install traffic calming measures, including signs about speed limits, the presence of children and animals in the area, and speed bumps. It is also recommended to change from a 60km to a 40km speed limit in town and for this to be posted clearly.
3. **Children:** As Rosendal does not have pavements, there is no easy alternative to walking on or near the road. It is certainly recommended to walk at the roadside and not the middle of the road. Parents are kindly requested not to allow young children to walk in the road. It is normal, and desirable, that older children ride bicycles and walk the streets—this is a large part of the character of the town as a safe and friendly community.
4. **Dogs and animals:** The relevant by-laws of Dihlabeng require pet owners to control them while on public space—meaning roads or public parks—and to not allow them to roam freely in public. Dogs roaming the town unattended causes anxiety where dogs are threatening and is an inconvenience to drivers. Dogs “fence fighting” and antagonising other dogs kept at private residences is a further issue. It is recommended that owners observe the relevant bylaws and take reasonable measures to control their pet. The same applies to other animals, including livestock, left to roam town or being brought to the stock yards.
5. **Farm vehicles:** Rosendal is a working farming town and farmers provide the bulk of local employment. Farm operations are dispersed, and farm managers often move equipment and themselves between different sides of town, often several times a day. However, the same laws regarding traffic apply to everyone and should be observed equally. In regard to heavy farm equipment and 18-wheel milk trucks, moving these through town has obvious risks and should be done with caution, at or beyond a minimum observation of the law.

The RTC is active in many areas of the town and would like to continue to make a positive impact. The committee is open to input and participation by all residents who can join it as a member or office holder at the Annual General Meeting, held each January. We have long urged more residents to do so to ensure participation and representation is as broad and meaningful as possible. There are currently 9 exco members and 8 ex-officio members.

Thanking you,  
Rosendal-Mautse Town Committee