

Rivonia evolves each day

FOLLOW-UP

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It has been a year since the formation and inauguration of the Rivonia Wide Residents Association in response to the community's need to reflect on the changing needs of the evolving community.

Adrian Hinchcliffe, a representative from the residents association, responded to Sandton Chronicle's request to follow up on the fledgling association a year since its establishment.

Hinchcliffe painted a picture of Rivonia in its infancy.

"Less than 50 years ago, Rivonia was a small village, north of Johannesburg, today it is a bustling suburb that has grown quickly," said Hinchcliffe. "It has a commercial centre, various business parks and schools, as well as diverse residential communities found in apartment blocks, boomed areas, complexes and freestanding houses."

Hinchcliffe said the decision to form the association was brought about

by key people involved in the previous association moving away from the suburb. The bigger goal for the association remains to unite the smaller residents associations in Rivonia. "There are several smaller residents associations in the various boomed areas and our ambition is to bring them, and the communities they represent, together. Given the size of our suburb, we would appreciate greater participation from more community members.

Hinchcliffe concluded with a reflection on the evolution of the Rivonia community.

"Rivonia has been identified by the city's town planners as an area for densification, and while we believe this is necessary for the greater good and growth of the city, Rivonia Wide is focused on ensuring this is done in a way that is legally compliant and properly managed.

"We have several types of members, from active volunteers to financial supporters, both residential and commercial. Given the size of our suburb, we would appreciate greater participation from more community members."

Details: rivoniawide.org.za.