

# Steps to becoming a member

We have developed this guide based on feedback from people who were recently involved in the Korinderie Ridge application process. Although the process for becoming a member is outlined in “the Rules”, this document aims to provide more structure and clarity. We’re striving to improve the application experience for both existing members and any new potential members. We welcome your feedback.

There are 4 stages of the approval process, they are:

## **a) Discovery and establishing interest**

During this stage, an interested person gathers information and decides whether they want a deeper understanding of the Ridge. This will include a visit or two and being allocated a liaison person. Your liaison person can answer questions or will point in you in the right direction.

## **b) Getting to know one another and the lifestyle**

This stage takes time. It may include numerous visits or living on the Ridge for a period of time to understand the challenges. You may wish to attend meetings, experience workdays or arrange cups of tea with individual households. Your liaison person will coordinate your visits.

## **c) Feedback**

When you have spent time with all members and feel ready to apply, let your liaison person know. They will speak to the community and get a sense of whether more time is needed. Your liaison person may return with questions or seek to resolve any concerns raised by the group. Although you can apply at any time, your liaison person will guide you on the best time to apply.

## **d) Application and vote**

An application form is completed and submitted to the Secretary in accordance with the Rules. You may choose to submit an expression of interest with your application that tells us a bit more about yourself, what your plans would be if you were approved. There may be something else you’d like the members to consider when deciding your application. A decision must be made within 6 months from the date of application. To be approved for membership, you must have 80% yes vote at a general meeting.