

Wingfield squatter concern

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Squatters have occupied land in the Wingfield area, and the Goodwood Ratepayers' and Residents' Association says it fears more could follow if the authorities fail to act.

Faizel Petersen, the association's chairman, says the squatting is part of a wider malady, including frequently heard gunshots.

"And with the silly season upon us, drunken driving on Jakes Gerwel Drive will increase, as will crime with the increase of vagrants in our area and criminals targeting our homes.

Mr Petersen is particularly concerned about the increase of squatters along both sides of Jakes Gerwel Drive.

He says squatters have set up home on the corner of Betsie Verwoerd Street and Frans Conradie Drive in Tygerdal. And at the junctions of Totius and Smartt roads in Goodwood Estate. There is also a makeshift structure near Northlink College across the N7 from Townsend Estate.



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■ The City provides the settlement next to Olympic Park with standpipes and chemical toilets.