**IMPORTANT NOTICE – CWMBACH COMMUNITY WETLANDS AND WOODLANDS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY**

ILLEGAL FISHING

It is illegal to fish from Cwmbach Community Wetlands. This is private property.

It is a **criminal offence** under Schedule 1, Theft Act, 1968 – ‘taking or destroying fish or attempting to take or destroy fish’.

Fishing at the Wetlands is NOT permitted because:-

* Fish are a vital food source for some local and visiting birds. Fishing would significantly reduce their feedstock.
* The birds can get entangled in discarded fishing tackle, leading to severe injuries, drowning or starvation.
* The Wetlands is private property.

NO SWIMMING OR OTHER WATER ACTIVITIES - BE WATER SAFETY AWARE

It is not permitted for people or dogs to enter the water at Cwmbach Community Wetlands.

The dangers of falling, slipping, tripping, being pushed or entering the water at your own will are:

* Death by drowning.
* Drowning by getting trapped by underwater vegetation, discarded fishing line or rubbish.
* Cold Water Shock (CWS) leading to panic, inhalation of water, leading to cardiac arrest.
* Contracting Weil’s Disease (Leptospirosis) – spread by the urine of rats in water and soil! This bacterial blood infection can be fatal to humans, dogs and other animals!