

Heavyweight hippo stops the traffic

Dave Savides

THE presence of an extremely large hippo grazing peacefully on the banks of the Mzingazi canal on Tuesday afternoon literally brought traffic to a standstill.

Although these creatures often make public appearances, locals never seem to tire of seeing them at close range and, of course, taking photos and selfies.

The hippo munched its way along the John Ross Highway from the Medway Road intersection – where the traffic lights were not working owing to cable theft, adding to the traffic congestion - towards the Arboretum robots.

Many members of the public seemed oblivious to the danger of getting too close to an animal in the wild, apparently under the mistaken idea that the hippo was ‘tame’, despite regular warnings from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife officials about the potential risks.



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Onlookers lined the highway to grab photos and take selfies

The hippo munched his way along the canal banks, apparently oblivious of the attention it was attracting

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