



## **BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND**

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Director Community/Protection Services  
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### **River Patrol and Control, Bushmans River Mouth**

Dear Sir,

We have started the procedure of establishing honorary river control officers. We have been working with Roget Fox and Joseph Abrams. The first patrols were done with Joseph over the Easter weekend and were successful and greeted with approval by 90% of the river users. All in all, a big step in the right direction.

There are, however, some short comings in that we need to inform the public of the by laws and create a data base of all licenses. We can help in this regard and the matter has been discussed with Roget Fox.

Another matter is that the license identity numbers need to be larger and clearer. It is very difficult to determine the license number on a moving boat. It is essential be able to read the number easily. We also need to put Ndlambe Municipality stickers on the ski zone boards on the river.

The ski jetty is in an awful state and parts of it are threatening to drift off into the river. This also reinforces the complaints of many and that is "What happens to all of the money paid for use of the river?" The upgrading of facilities requires urgent attention. We also need to look at alternative launching sites because of the congestion at the slipway. We have spoken to Fanie Fouche about the problem but have not seen the IDP or Coast Care programme regarding these matters as yet.

There are only five members of the Ratepayers Association actively involved as "honourary officers" at present but more people have come forward since seeing the presence on the river.

We thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Yours faithfully,

Johann Smuts  
Chairman Bushman's River Mouth Ratepayers Association

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