

Bushmans River Preservation Trust

Dear Bushman's Ratepayers,

I address you on behalf of the Bushmans River Preservation Trust which is in the process of being registered at the Masters Office in Grahamstown.

The object of the Trust is to preserve, maintain and enhance the Trust's assets and to promote the conservation of the natural environment of the Bushmans River situated in the Province of the Eastern Cape by raising contributions from the residents located in the Bushmans River area and elsewhere and in particular to encourage sustainable recreational use of the Bushmans River which will facilitate appreciation and use of the River.

It is common knowledge that the Estuary of the Bushmans River is silting up dramatically and in particular, the channel on the Bushmans River side of the main island between the launching pad and "Green Island." This channel was dredged approximately 30 years ago but unfortunately it has become extremely difficult to use this channel unless the tide is relatively high. I have spoken to experts and the most economical way of opening up this channel and giving home owners and other persons the opportunity to re-use this channel, is to dig a channel with mechanical equipment which will be 5 metres wide and 2 metres deep at low tide. We therefore envisage that this project will require two phases which I summarise as follows:

1. Obtaining statutory consent to the dredging activities. For this purpose, a summary of a report submitted to us by an Environmental Management Expert is enclosed indicating what will be required to include in a report which will ultimately and hopefully result in a favourable Record of Decision permitting us to proceed with the dredging activities. The anticipated costs of obtaining this report will be in the vicinity of R70 000.00. As a first phase, we will need to raise funds to cover these costs.
2. As a second phase, if and when a favourable Record of Decision has been handed down to us permitting us to proceed with the proposed dredging, we will need to consider how the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism intends regulating these activities whereupon we will have to call for quotations to undertake the dredging/excavation work and a second phase of fundraising activities will be required.

We therefore appeal to you to kindly make an initial contribution of R2 500.00 to cover the costs of obtaining the Record of Decision of approximately R70 000.00. These funds can be transferred directly into the Trust account of Boqwana Loon & Connellan, details as follows:

Standard Bank, Account No. 080277217, Branch code: 050417

Kindly quote the following reference number G35716 when making payment. The funds will be invested on your behalf in an interest bearing account and payment by you to Boqwana Loon & Conneellan Inc. indicates to the said Attorneys that you have consented to the investment of such amount in terms of Section 78(2)(A) of the Attorneys Act. We assure you that should insufficient funds be raised to cover the costs of the first phase, all amounts paid by you together with interest will be returned to you.

Yours faithfully,

John Bowes