



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND

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When I was prevailed upon to serve as chairman of BRRAG – our taxpayers' organisation – I was really not aware of the full extent and volume of the committee's work, the number of other structures existing in Ndlambe and the resulting myriad of meetings involved in battling for the interest of rate payers. Neither did I know exactly how much of each committee member's time goes into these activities. I would therefore, on behalf of all rate payers of Bushmans (and not only the enrolled and fully paid up members of BRRAG) sincerely like to thank this small but valiant band for their genuine endeavour to keep out town neat; ensure safety; tend to the interest of every resident (holiday maker or permanent); keep an eye on the optimal delivery of municipal services; in short: BRRAG is serious that the quality of life in Bushmans must be acceptable to everyone.

From time to time we share information with you through our Newsletter. It will be clear to you that our biggest frustration is the level of delivery of municipal services. We will have to bear with this fact but it entails that BRRAG has to take on expenses to ensure an acceptable lifestyle for everyone in Bushmans. This means that we cannot rely on membership fees alone. However, **membership fees** are also important and it is sad to see the amount of membership fees outstanding and the number of property owners who are not yet members. More than this, we need people who are willing to give **donations** or to finance certain projects. When you drive through the town again, look out for the reinforced galvanised grids over the storm water drains - all the initiative and financing of a holiday maker/resident who was worried about the real danger of the rusted and broken manhole

Toe ek myself laat ompraat het om as voorsitter van BRRAG – ons belastingbetalersvereniging – te dien, was ek werklik nie bewus van die volle omvang van die volume van BRRAG se komiteewerk, die aantal ander soortgelyke strukture wat in Ndlambe bestaan en die gevolglike magdom van vergaderings wat met belastingbetalers se sake stoei nie. Ek het ook nie werklik geweet hoeveel tyd van elke komiteelid in hierdie werksaamhede in beslag geneem word nie. Ek wil dus namens alle belastingbetalers van Boesmans (en nie net namens die ingeskrewe en opbetaalde lede van BRRAG nie) werklik opreg vir hierdie Gideonsbende baie, baie dankie sê. Hulle is opreg in hul strewe om ons dorpie netjies te hou; almal veilig te laat slaap; na die belange van elke inwoner (vakansieganger of permanent) om te sien; om toe te sien dat munisipale dienste optimal gelewer word; in kort: dit is BRRAG erns dat die kwaliteit van lewe in Boesmans vir ons almal aanvaarbaar is. Ons deel van tyd tot tyd mededelings met u in ons Nuusbrief. U sal daaruit aflei dat die grootste frustasie die peil van lewering van munisipale dienste is. Hierdie feit moet ons mee saamleef en dit bring mee dat BRRAG uitgawes aangaan om ons almal se strewe na leefbaarheid te verwesenlik. Dit beteken dat ons nie net op ledegeld kan staatmaak nie. **Ledegeld** is egter ook belangrik en dit is hartseer om te sien hoeveel mense is nie lid nie en hoeveel lede se ledegeld is nog uitstaande. Maar meer as net dit: ons het mense nodig wat bereid is om **skenkings** aan ons te maak of om spesifieke projekte te finansier. As u weer deur die dorpie ry, kyk na die versterkte en gegalvaniseerde mangatdeksels en die splinternuwe roosters op die stormwaterpype. Alles die inisiatief en

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grids to everyone using the sidewalks and roads. Are the sidewalks neatly mowed and is the entrance to Bushmans (and other open areas) also in a satisfactory condition? Yes, the sidewalks are usually maintained by the residents, but the larger areas are subcontracted by BRRAG for mowing. And so I can give many more examples, but what they all have in common is: it costs money.

We try to live up to our motto: “We make a difference”.

Please become one of US!.....

finansiering van ‘n vakansieganger/inwoner wat bekommerd was oor die werklike gevaar van die geroeste en gebreekte mangatbedekkings vir almal wat paaie en sypaadjes gebruik, ingehou het. Is die sypaadjes netjies gesny en is die ingang na Boesmans (en ander oop ruimtes) ook in ‘n toestand wat ons almal tevrede stel? Ja, die sypaadjes word meesal deur die huiseienaars gesny, maar die groot grassnywerk word deur BRRAG uitgekonnekteer. En so kan ek nog ‘n hele klomp voorbeelde noem. Al hierdie voorbeelde het een ding in gemeen – dit kos geld.....

Ons leuse is nie verniet”Ons maak die verskil”nie.

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