



**NEWS LETTER / NUUSBRIEF**  
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Summer holidays have come and gone – and before we know it, it'll be Easter. Is it just me – or does time just hurtle by these days? Thank goodness for the wonderful rain we had in December – since then there's not been much and once more we are eking out what's in our tanks.

Na die AJV van BRRAG is die komitee hersaamgestel en dr. Dirk Meiring as nuwe Voorsitter vir 2011 gekies. Hy vervang regter Lötter Wepener wat - met onderskeiding – 'n aantal jare as voorsitter gedien het. Die komitee self het nie veel verander nie en verteenwoordig 'n sunstansiële korpus ervaring om belastingbetalers van ons dorp met wysheid te lei. Meiring het wye bestuurservaring gedurende sy professionele loopbaan gehad. Hy glo in konsultasie en konstruktiewe gesprekvoering. So sal ons dan met Ndlambe in voortgesette gesprek tree waar moontlik en vertrou dat sommige van ons navrae mettertyd sal aandag kry. Baie komplimente is ontvang vir die algemene voorkoms van die dorp en ons wil dit beklemtoon dat dit grotendeels te danke is aan die werk wat BRRAG doen in die vorm van Koos Kooij se tuindiens wat ruim befonds word deur lidmaatskapfoeie en donasies. So "maak ons die verskil" – en dit is goed om te sien dat dit erkenning ontvang.

So – laat die fondse aanhou inkom sodat ons met die goeie werk kan voortgaan!

Our local businesses all reported a good summer albeit a little more conservative than in the past. Guess we're all feeling the cost of living pinch! Supporting local business is a way of guaranteeing that they will continue to thrive and it is in all our best interests if they do so. Be it from baked goods at Pops, beer at Preston's to appliances at Anne's, breakfast at Red Apple or paint at Builders Warehouse – all these hardworking people are at our doorstep and

***"We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil"***

save us a tremendous amount of time and trouble by delivering the goods literally at our doorstep.

Ons hoop almal wat die nuusbrieff lees is vir die komende munisipale verkiesings geregistreer. Onthou - 'n wyse man het eenmaal gesê "mense kry die regering wat hulle verdien". Dit is elke landsburger se plig om te stem - ongeag wat die uiteindelijke of moontlike uitkoms sal wees. Enige een kan ook vasstel of hy geregistreer is - slegs deur jou ID-nommer na 32810 te SMS en jou status sal aan jou gestuur word.

Crime unfortunately still remains to plague us all – we urge all homeowners to remain vigilant and not be lulled into any false sense of security. Keep outside doors locked, cars empty of possessions and be aware of your neighbours. Did you hear about the considerate burglar a few weeks ago? A visitor to Bushmans was woken in the night to see someone fleeing from his house with a bag containing personal documents, cell phone etc. He immediately phoned his own cell phone to have it answered by the burglar who said that he burgled because he "was hungry". And then – after requesting that the thief just take the money, but "please leave me my bag and wallet with licence etc" the burglar told him he'd leave it outside Robot Furnishers – which is where the victim found it!!!!!!!

Guess there is hope for humanity after all.....

VOETNOTA: As al die vakansiegangers en nie-permanente belastingbetalers weg is en ons ry deur die dorp is die hoeveelheid tuinafval op die sypaadjies 'n skokkende gesig. Sal diegene wat dié brief lees en weet hulle het oortree, asseblief met die munisipaliteit reël om die afval te verwyder?