

AGM & NOTICES

Our AGM is on Tuesday, 28 December at 09h00 in the town hall. We will be short and sweet. See you there.

WE NEED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS. If you are available to assist, please advise us at wepener@mylaw.co.za

The Estuary Care AGM is on 30 December @ 10h00 in the Kenton town hall.

KOS Rotary club will be holding a Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday, 19 December on the East bank of the Bushman's River at 19h00. All are welcome.

Annual Contributions

Your committee decided that annual contributions should be raised to R 20 per month so that we can attend to more projects on behalf of members. Please bring the correct amount along to the AGM.

Bridge

Finally the bridge is open once more – A new committee has been formed, headed by Simon Oliver and Rem Gilfillan of Kenton to oversee the rehabilitation of the bridge area. Alien vegetation has been removed and the plan is to replant with indigenous trees. All donations will be gratefully accepted – contact us by email to learn which species are needed.

Reclaimed beach

We reclaimed a large portion of the beach to the north of the car park where most of the grass has now been removed. A big thank you to all our donors without whose contributions this project could not have been embarked upon.

Thank you to the following donors who contributed to our coffers. All contributions are gladly received (see our bank details on our website <http://www.brm.org.za>). This assists us with the numerous projects to keep our Village clean and beautiful. Please remember that we employ a gardening service to maintain the open spaces in our town without which it will be in a sorry state.

Donors: (since the last newsletter)
Verschoor T
Ferreira IS
Potgieter, Nell

Above is the latest list – apologies if anyone is missing!
We are not able to do the things in town without the generous donations by members.

Rates Withholding

The Ndlambe municipality has issued summonses against the ratepayer group in Port Alfred who failed to pay rates. The outcome will be interesting but members are cautioned not to follow the non-payers of Port Alfred as it can have dire consequences for property owners should they fail to pay rates. In any event, what a lovely excuse for the municipality which is lately claiming an inability to supply proper services because of a lack of funds!!

River Car Park

The River car park has been a mess for some time. BRRAG, together with Estuary Care, have put up the funds to resurface the car park so that one can walk there!!!. The municipality (Richard Pote – director of Infrastructure) is supplying the sub base. We have had the design done by a practising engineer, Pieter Strauss, who we thank for the kind and generous assistance. If you are happy about this development, please place something in our bank account with your name and "car" as a reference. The project commenced a bit late but will be complete by mid December. Please be patient during the few day of construction work – the result will be great!!!

Tennis Courts

BRRAG has at last heard that Ndlambe is prepared to lease the tennis courts to us. Unfortunately they are only prepared to give us a four year lease – this is just not good enough as we cannot spend capital of many thousands just to have a 4 year lease.

WATER SCARCITY

Please take care when using water, there is still a scarcity and we need to use water moderately. Although Albany Coat Water Board has now been taken over by Amatola Water Board. According to Amatola the previous poor water quality resulted from the RO plant water being mixed with borehole water from the Diaz Cross well field. AW will be redirecting the borehole water through the RO plant in the future to sort out this problem. The plan was to have this in place before Christmas (2010) but we are still awaiting the final word on this issue. In plain English: our tap water should improve when someone at Amatola gets it right.

Shop

Pops De Klerk has upgraded the shop nicely. Please support her as she has to keep going throughout the year and depends on our holiday support.

BUSHMAN'S CRAFT MARKET

The annual craft market will be at the town hall and gardens on 18 December 2010. There will be numerous stalls, including baubles, sandals, clothing, tide clocks, treats, paintings, pottery, cheeses, plants and herbs, woodwork, Christmas decorations and much, much more. Please support our local community.

Security

Thank you.. to all local residents participating in our security efforts. They have been patrolling around Bushman's and Riversbend (in conjunction with Hi Tec) at the critical hour times nearly every night, but we advise that front and back doors should be kept locked at all times, even in the day to avoid petty pilfering. There are now four cameras in our area – one at the entrance to Riversbend, one at the Bushman's entrance, one at the bridge and one at the slipway.

Until next time

The BRRAG Committee