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HANGKLIP HOTEL KEEPS ON ROCKING...

The old military buildings at the foot of the Hangklip mountain have seen many incarnations since they were turned into a hotel after WW2 - it had its heydays and its strange days but played a part in many people's lives in some way or another.

After the war, the site under the rock became the quintessential beach hotel with wild stories of dancing and merriment. In the sixties the hotel was a haven for fishermen and divers. Students flocked to the hotel during weekends and holidays to enjoy the quirkiness and freedom that the hotel offered.

To this day people from all walks of life return to the hotel to reminisce and share stories of first loves, ghosts, scandals and the eccentric characters that used to hang out (some still do!) at the hotel.

A. van der Vyver and Lorette Luckett bought the property in 1997 whilst living in London. For several years Paula and Madeleine van Bosch managed the hotel on behalf of the two owners. Paula and Madeleine oversaw renovations to the hotel and also started a new tradition – music events, with well-known artists such as Anton Goosen,

Koos Kombuis, Valiant Swart and Karen Zoid all drawing big crowds. Local favourite band Akkedis used to rehearse at Plankies on a regular basis.

Just over 10 years ago the landmark site was put up for sale by Van der Vyver and Luckett. Word reached them in London that a prospective buyer intended converting the hotel into private property. They were so shocked by the possibility that the hotel with its magical mountain, vivid views of the milky way and extraordinary sunsets all year long would be closed to the general public that they immediately took the hotel off the property market.

Subsequently Henry Roux and his team rented the Hangklip Hotel for 10 years. Henry had a great passion for the hotel, and brought back some much-needed glory. Lawns were planted, the chalets spruced up and the Hangklip Hotel became a popular setting for special events.

Lorette returned to South Africa ten years ago, but decided against becoming involved in the hospitality industry. She says she prefers painting people to working with them.

In 2016 Van der Vyver, or A, as he is called, returned to South Africa. He is a connoisseur of

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the theatre and ballet, and is an art lover who managed an art gallery in Notting Hill at one stage during his 33 years in London. He also attended a culinary school and is now resident chef at the hotel.

Both A and Lorette are keen to pursue their original vision of the Hangklip Hotel as a hub for music, theatre, visual arts and conversation - a place where young as well as established talent would be welcomed and nurtured. In order to realize their vision, A and Lorette decided to bring in two new partners. Both of them are

well-known in Pringle Bay - Liza Schaap and Ali Croucamp.

Liza has been associated with the Hangklip Hotel since 2003, when she joined the staff of Mrs. Van der Poll who rented the Hangklip Hotel at the time. Her passion for Plankies is legendary. Liza's experience, great memory and love for the Hangklip Hotel and its guests make her a valuable addition to the management team.

Ali moved to Pringle Bay in 2003 and ran the successful pizza/music/theatre establishment PeriGators until a few months ago when her lease agreement was

not renewed. Her pizzas and live music drew audiences from near and afar. Her migration to the Hangklip Hotel is one of the most exciting developments in our area.

The partners are in agreement that the character of the Hangklip Hotel should remain intact, even though extensive renovations will be carried out in the course of the next few years. Keep in mind that Rome wasn't built in a day.

Hopefully the imminent tarring of the road to the hotel will make the hotel more accessible to the public, and the heightened activity will generate some of the funds

needed to realize the owners' vision of the Hangklip becoming a destination that caters for foodies, music and art lovers, hikers, bikers, star gazers and lovers of the good life.

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Thursday night bring 'n braai, Sunday buffets, live music on Saturdays etc.

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PRINGLE BAY FESTIVAL 2018

By the Pringle Bay Festival Committee

The committee of the 2018 Pringle Bay Festival have great things planned and they are inviting the public to come forward with suggestions, comments and ideas.

The 2018 Festival is bringing with it big changes in the communities of Rooiels and Pringle Bay by campaigning for the reduction of all single use plastics in the area. This means encouraging all businesses (particularly restaurants and shops) to do away with plastic shopping bags, plastic takeaway containers, plastic straws and - whenever possible - plastic food wrappings.

The general public are asked to be aware of the damage that single use plastics are doing to

the environment right over the world and to become a part of international movements away from the use of any plastics that cannot be recycled or reused.

But enough about that - there is another article in this Pringle Post covering this in more detail.

The festival is - as all festivals should be - about having fun, bringing outsiders into our community and sharing our beautiful towns, beaches, rivers and mountains with them. Encouraging them to visit more often either on holidays or even investing in the area on a more permanent basis.

The 2018 festival will offer visitors a fabulous selection of live music including Watershed, Matt Carstens and many more. There

will be a second entertainment stage so it is a certainty that there will be something to suit your taste in music.

The Food Tent will be operating until 10pm with seafood potjies, spit braais, German fare, mussel pots and more.

The ever essential drinks will be available right across the festival to include a cocktail bar, champagne and oysters, wine tastings, beer on tap and the usual run of the mill drinks.

Children will be kept busy with a funfair, magicians, a skateboard ramp and petting zoo.

A variety of fast foods, exhibitors and vendors will be generously scattered across the Pringle Bay CBD and Magic 828

will be broadcasting live from the event.

Great prizes will be up for grabs, Art Zoo will be running a fantastic project to recycle waste collected from our beaches into works of art.

Make a date in your diary! The Pringle Bay Festival will be a two and a half day event beginning at midday on Friday, 27th April 2018 in the village with a half day beforehand of Beach activities starting on the Friday morning.

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CHAPTER TWELVE

PRINGLE PAST

CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (PART 2)

by Roger Makin

In previous Pringle Past chapters I've mentioned a variety of creatures, including leopards, baboons, porcupines, snakes, klipspringers, a vaalboskat called Thomas Pringle and a tame eland called Sandra. But such is the wealth of creatures great and small in our special part of the Animal Planet that it needs another chapter to cover the rest of those I've been privileged to encounter.

Not all of these are land-based. There's an occasional pod of seals near the kelp just off The Point, usually lying on their backs with their flippers in the air, or taking chunks out of an octopus and flinging it away before it clamps around the snout – then grabbing what's left before a thieving seagull snatches up “unconsidered trifles”. The seals can be distinguished from the lookalike kelp by the fact that they rise with each wave while the kelp disappears underneath.

Whales occasionally cruise past The Point, sometimes even just beyond the kelp, but usually far out, moving towards Hermanus. Very occasionally they breach or lobtail for our entertainment. I read somewhere that the Southern Right whale can be identified by its V-shaped blow, and I impress visitors by pointing this out. (I hope it's true.) The Brydes whale is easier to identify by its smaller size and fin.

Dolphins occasionally swim past The Point, usually in numbers. Years ago I had a sad experience when I came across five dead dolphins which had come ashore on the rocks at the end of what used to be called Secret Beach, the little bay before the main beach. (Much more recently, a Brydes whale did the same thing at the same spot). A happier experience was when I was swimming beyond the breaking waves at the main beach and a lone dolphin surfaced next to me.



By Di Slot

I saw Marylyn on the beach gesticulating wildly, so I swam back to her. “Shark!” she yelled, “Come out!” “I bet you an arm and a leg it's a dolphin,” I yelled back; and I won my bet.

Orcas are actually dolphins, I believe, though they're known as Killer Whales. Apparently, according to Stephen Fry on the TV programme *QI*, the Scandinavian name translates as Whale Killers, which is what they do on occasion. They're seldom seen in the bay, which makes any sighting memorable. One morning after an alcoholic evening I was laboriously trudging upstairs when I saw an orca leap clear of the water and come down with a mighty splash. As I rubbed my eyes and blamed a hangover hallucination, the orca obligingly did his leap again. I saluted his agility with a mug of black coffee.

Back on land, I share The Point with a colony of dassies. They often lie on the rocks in the sun, and occasionally come to the downstairs stoep to eat scraps of vegetables which we leave for them. One actually came upstairs once when we were having a braai on the deck, and bit a hole in the cushion with which I ushered him out. But usually they're shy, and scatter if I fly my black kite which resembles the well-named Dassievanger eagle. We enjoy

telling overseas visitors that the dassie's closest relation is the elephant, apparently because of the configuration of the bones of their feet. I'm not sure how true this is, but supporting evidence came when we were holidaying on the Greek island of Tilos, which is just off the Turkish mainland. There in the local museum were fossils of what the curator called “nano-elephants” (“nanos” being the Greek word for extreme smallness) which had been found on the island. These were the size of a large pig, and one could see the resemblance to a giant dassie. The theory was that they had swum across to Tilos from the mainland but because of the sparseness of the vegetation had remained small. We know elephants can swim, though I'm not so sure about dassies.

The dassies used to have neighbours in the form of rabbits. I believe that “form” is the word for the hollow in which a hare lives, and the rabbits used to copy this whenever one approached, by hiding in a bush and staying very still, unaware that their erect ears made them perfectly visible. Unfortunately they seem to have disappeared, probably due to predators, one of which was our rescue cat Liberty Hall. Early one Christmas morning as I was going upstairs I noticed drops of blood on the steps, and there in pride of

place among the presents around the fireplace was a dead rabbit, which was Liberty's contribution to the festive season. A surprise visitor once was a white rabbit which seemed to be somebody's pet as it was quite tame. It hung around The Point for several weeks and then disappeared, most likely the victim of a bird of prey with a taste for easy pickings.

Mongoose have always inhabited The Point. They were in residence when I had my first house built in the early Seventies, and one actually came into the house and had an all-out confrontation with my cat Rooi (rescued from the Rooi Els road late one night). The visitor scrabbled on the linoleum in his haste to get away while I grabbed a spitting-mad Rooi from behind. These days I often see the mongooses from the deck, and they regard this monster in the sky with interest before moving off. A couple of years ago I saw a whole family of youngsters playing “Catch Me Charlie” up and down my dry-stone boundary wall: a fascinating sight.

Other neighbours of mine are tortoises. One often suns himself on the front stoep in the afternoons. I occasionally see

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him crossing Point Road at a leisurely pace, confident that he has right of way. So confident is he that I once watched him amorously chasing what I presumed was a female tortoise, intent on coitus. His actions reminded me of the Sixties pop song "Why Don't We Do It In The Road?"

I've saved my favourites for last: the Cape Clawless Otters. Over the years I've often seen them on the rocks below my house, and noticed their droppings which are known as "spraints". (This is according to my Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary – a massive reference work in two huge volumes each weighing about five kilograms with minuscule print even smaller than the Terms and Conditions print on a dodgy prospectus.) These spraints are quite distinctive, as is the otters' clawless spoor in the sand.

There's a small spring with a pool below my house where I once spotted an elderly otter

having a wash. It was early morning and I was on my way to catch kreef, so I stood stock-still and watched him. He watched me in return, quite unafraid, dropped a few spraints, and then wandered off across the rocks.

Another meeting took place at the main beach, when I silently free-wheeled on my bicycle down the boat-launch boardwalk and surprised a family of five otters relaxing on the grass. They rushed into the water, except for the patriarch, who stopped and regarded me quizzically before following the others. And once, when I was swimming beyond the breakers, an inquisitive head with distinctive whiskers popped up next to me to investigate this intruder.

The late Ian Cushny showed me their holt on one of our hikes. "Holt", so my Compact (!) Oxford English Dictionary tells me, is the otters' den. This one was cleverly camouflaged and I'd passed it many times without noticing the entrance. It's not far from my friends the Slots' house, and

Di Slot has taken some superb photographs of the otters on the rocks below.

Recently, while walking to the end of the beach, I spotted a young otter in the surf trying to get back on to terra firma. Each time he came in, a dog without a lead barked at him and chased him back into the waves, while the dog's owner thought it a great joke. A clear case of a clawless otter and a clueless human.

Even more recently, in October this year, I was unexpectedly attacked and badly bitten by a dog without a lead while I was walking on the beach. When I remonstrated with the owner and told her it was compulsory to use a lead, her excuse was that "lots of other dogs" on the beach were without leads. I was tempted to take the matter further and probably will if it happens again.

In conclusion, as I hope these two Chapters 11 and 12 have indicated, I get along well with all creatures great and small with whom I happily share Pringle

Bay. But this is with the notable exception of any untrained, leadless, vicious dog running loose on the beach, and like St Peter's description of the Devil, "seeking whom he may devour".



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GROOM – PRINGLE’S BRYDE – The Tale Continues

by Alison Evans

After stranding on the rocks in Pringle Bay in late July, Groom, our Bryde Whale, has become a household name in our community. This epic drama has unfolded painstakingly over the last 3 months. The first weeks saw a hive of activity with all systems go to get him removed. After his tail fluke was removed, he floated out to sea and got caught on the rocks. The teams left and Josh Knauer (my fellow “whaleologist”) and I were left to our own devices once he washed back in on the next spring tide.

Most of the flesh had been removed – it was the underside that was still all intact and it has been this that we have been slashing away at to get to our precious bones that we need for the display that we so want to get up in Pringle Bay to honour this magnificent creature’s life, and to (hopefully) encourage and inspire future conservationists.

The original plan was for the municipality to take the whole carcass and bury it on the beach so that we could recover it in 18 months time or so – due to circumstances this didn’t happen and we were bitterly disappointed. In hindsight, this was the greatest favour that fate could have dealt us – having our whale on the shoreline has been the best possible outcome – even though it has been harder than hard to recover the bones. The water, the sand, the salt, the little beach bugs and the wave action has all worked for us, helping to strip away the remaining flesh (and a blanket of blubber), and leave us with some clean-ish bones – although many of these have been badly chipped and broken due to being knocked against the rocks – both while in the sea, and from lying on the rocky coastline.

Early on in the project we recovered the ribs which were mostly relatively loose, and with a good tug would come free. These, we then rubbed with sand to remove most of the remaining gungy bits. Our biggest project was the spine – we had to hack through the sinew and then saw our way through the cartilage between each disc. We initially freed up just 2 vertebrae and then made the decision to tie all the vertebrae bones together – for 2 reasons – one was so that we would have them tied in their correct order, and secondly, so that they would be safe. We looped rope through the 2 loose bones and then gingerly threaded it through the rest of the vertebrae – a sticky, smelly affair. I decided that I would begin to hack these bones free a couple at a time – 2 or 3 times a week, I would go and quietly saw through them with a hacksaw – if you are ever out there, wanting to chop up a whale – that is my blade of choice! All other blades just became blunt after a couple of cuts. Hard work – I was only able to cut through 3 at most on any one day – each one a serious workout of note!!

At the end of September, we went on holiday, and when we returned, we discovered that the 2 initial vertebrae bones that we had separated had been taken – someone had cut the ropes and removed them. When I think how much effort has been expended in the whole process – to have someone just come in and take them is just unspeakably disheartening.

Joselyn Mormile, a primatologist who is carrying out research on the Rooi Els baboons heard of our project and offered to get involved. Her help, knowledge and enthusiasm has been an amazing. She brought in her boyfriend, Tim and her sister, Gabrielle one Sunday and we all knuckled under and finished the job of freeing up the remaining bones.

All that was left was to let nature take its course and do the major cleaning for us. It was a worrying period because the bones were very vulnerable, and to lose a couple more, would have jeopardised the entire exercise. We put up signs so that people would realise that it was part of a project, and the community of Pringle Bay jumped in and gave our Groom their full support – I got calls about people removing bones – the community rallied around and we got a rib bone back. We are very grateful for that. Several times, I was questioned about what I was doing when we were working down on the rocks.

The sheer physical hard work has been one thing – the paperwork has been something else. I have applied for a permit from the Department of Environmental Affairs, and have had various meetings to get this permit approved. Desmond Lekay (Overstrand Municipality) and Fanie Krige (our Ward Councillor) are both very excited about our project and have been amazingly supportive – we will need council land for our display and they are helping me to get this permission. Tielman Niewoudt, Pringle’s engineer has very kindly said that he will do the technical drawings for our display – I would imagine that it will weigh quite a bit and will need a serious structure to hold it. The Pringle Bay Ratepayers have given our project their support. Special thanks also to Marius Alberts and his team who so gallantly carried all the vertebrae and one very heavy jaw bone off the beach and transported them for me. It saved me days of hard work.

Now that we have recovered all the bones that we can, and we have the buy in from all sources – it seems, finally, that we will get this process right – it felt like a never ending task for a while – and now suddenly the hard work is done – or is it.... We are still a long way off our target and will need as much help as we can conjure up to get this Groom of ours back together again.

Earlier this year, with the help of our baboon monitors, I recovered the skeleton of the male baboon who died in the mountains in April – we would like to get him displayed as well. Joselyn has also kindly donated the carcass of a baby seal to our cause.

One motivation for the permit was to encourage conservation in our area through education and I really believe that it would be fantastic if we could have as many of our “locals” on display as possible.




BIRDING – IN MY BACKYARD!



Cape Sugarbird



(c) Jenny Parsons

Southern Double-collared Sunbird



(c) Jenny Parsons

Orange-breasted Sunbird

Tweets from Jenny Parsons

Moving permanently to Pringle Bay 8 years ago made us so much more aware of our amazing natural environment! Being a small village surrounded by pristine fynbos and magnificent beaches lent itself to many walks (the dogs just loved it). We first noticed how the fynbos changes with the seasons and this also correlated with the birds we were seeing daily. So, the quest to identify fynbos and birds began...

After attending a "Flight for Birders" bird identification course – I was hooked! Birding has become a way of life. I started out by just watching birds in the garden, they are attracted to the natural nutrient rich fynbos and aloes. I then joined a Bird Club – Bird Life Overberg and now explore wherever I go.

Birding is a puzzle which tests your observation skills and patience, bringing a spirituality to all things bright and beautiful in my life...

My garden list is currently on 64 different species. Two endemic species of the Cape Floral Kingdom that are common residents are: Cape Sugarbird and Orange-breasted Sunbird. The Southern Double-collared and Malachite Sunbirds add bright splashes of colour. Other frequent visitors include: Cape Robin-Chat, Cape Bunting, Cape Grassbird, Cape Rock-Thrush, Yellow Bishop, Speckled Pigeon, Cape Bulbul, Speckled Mousebirds, Cape Spurfowl and Helmeted Guinea-fowl. Less frequent or maybe perhaps just a little shyer – Cape and Brimstone Canaries, Bar-throated Apalis, Karoo Prinia and both the Sweet and Common Waxbills.

Sitting quietly on my deck, early in the morning, listening to the dawn chorus and watching the birds has become so very special. The views of the ocean and mountains, possibly a whale or pod of dolphins in the distance must make Pringle Bay one of the most magical places on earth...

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Left is Brian Johnson's photo of the Pringle Bay boardwalk

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What are Single Use Plastics?

By Harriet Jaoa

Internationally people are demanding businesses to move away from Single Use Plastics. But what are they?

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One only needs to walk our beaches or paddle our rivers to find endless examples of mankind's lack of consideration for our natural world.

The reason SUP's are so damaging? Because they NEVER biodegrade. Your first plastic toothbrush that your mother bought when you were two years old? That toothbrush is STILL in existence out there somewhere. It will NEVER disappear.

Your clear plastic bags are often mistaken by the giant ocean turtles for jellyfish.

Plastic straws never decompose – plastic bottles don't either. Bottle caps, earbuds, and disposable nappies will forever pollute our world.

Balloons – those festive, colourful epitome of joy and celebrations? Swallowed up by fish and other animals causing a painful and very unceremonious death.



Why should we try and change the world? Well – if we don't who will?

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We can be proud of several businesses in Pringle Bay such as Hake Away and Lemon & Lime who have already stopped using plastic bags. Please support and encourage our local businesses – take your own bags when you go shopping. Say NO to the plastic straw; ask your local restaurant to serve your takeaway in your own container and please, please, please.....Bin Your Butts.....they take 25 years to decompose!

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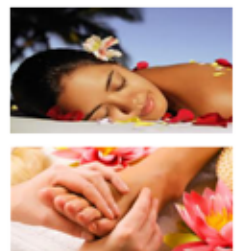
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COWS AND CAMPING

(From a collection of short stories entitled "Encounters with Animals" by Pringle Bay resident author, Robert Milne. The book itself is available at local outlets including the Pringle Bay Book Shop and Lemon and Lime Deli as well as from Amazon and Smashwords)

Not all of my animal encounters have been of the flesh and blood kind. In fact one of them had more to do with what they leave behind.

Many years ago a friend of mine was a very keen long distance runner who later developed into an extremely good athlete. She introduced me to most of her fellow runners at the running club and as a result I met a great number of new and interesting people. One of the peculiarities of very fit people, especially runners, is that they tend to approach life with a sense of urgency, as if the proverbial stop watch is ticking away and they are trying to achieve a personal best time in many of the things they do. The result is that when they are not training or racing or talking about both, they party furiously and are often rushing off to try some new pastime. This of course can result in a huge amount of fun and unless you are also very fit, major fatigue.

This extreme fitness and mania for personal accomplishment, together with a subconscious feeling that time is precious and as much mileage as possible must be crammed in before the gun goes off, tended to keep social activity in overdrive. Mix this with post-race refreshment, adrenaline and the flush of achievement, real or personal and you have a formula guaranteed to produce many an adventure or scandalous story, depending on the participant's situation. This was never more so than when out of town at a weekend away race.

Being such a sociable crowd and hating an inactive void many an additional weekend away was organised, simply to have as much fun as possible, before the dreaded Monday morning loomed. Being very fit also helped as it meant that little if any allowance had to be made for recovery time before work started for the week.

One of the first of the weekend jaunts that I recall, started on the day before New Year.

One of the crowd being a Forrester by trade, lived in a Forestry Department cabin in the forest, on the slopes of Table Mountain. Being fairly central on the Cape Peninsula it seemed a good place to meet up. We also all rather liked the setting. We must have been about 15 strong in an assortment of vehicles with others traveling directly to the venue.

Our destination was the Hotel at Cape Hangklip at the eastern entrance to False Bay, about an hour's drive from Cape Town. We met in the forest about midday and confirmed that we had all the required equipment including, tents and sleeping bags.

The plan was to see the New Year in at the hotel and afterwards camp in the hotel grounds, in a sort of field come informal campsite, that the Hotel would occasionally make available when requested. As the trip by car would only take about an hour, we were in no rush and a number of the party started sampling their liquid refreshment. Eventually we left several hours later and drove slowly down to Muizenberg and then along the False Bay coastline to Gordon's Bay, the picturesque little harbour town nestled in the eastern corner of the bay. The weather was magnificent and to stop and sit under the trees on the veranda of the old hotel near the harbour and sample their light meal menu, was a must.

With shadows lengthening we piled back into our vehicles and continued the journey on down the bay toward the eastern headland at Cape Hangklip. So named because when you looked up at it from its southern base it towered over you and seemed to hang right above you or even move toward you. This eerie effect was heightened when the north wind blew, driving scudding clouds over it in a southerly direction.

The road winds its way along the mountain range that forms the eastern rampart to the bay, sometimes at sea level and sometimes

climbing to the top of ridges to give magnificent views out over the bay and on that evening the views were even better with the sun starting to set behind the mountains, across the bay on the western side. How could we pass by such an amazing display of nature's incredible beauty, on this closing of the old year? We just had to stop at one of the many lookout points and toast the closing of the old year, symbolised by the brilliant red fireball setting across the water, that turned the colour of burnished copper in its rays. The younger members of the party of course did not take this moment too seriously, unlike some of the older ones who became quite nostalgic or was it just "dronk verdriet" the melancholy that sometimes overcomes some people when they have imbibed too deeply.

On we went in the deepening twilight. Loud music on the car sound systems and the thought of the revelry to come, soon restored everyone's spirits to raucous conviviality.

Not far from our eventual destination the road cuts inland over a very steep ridge before entering a long valley that opens out and affords access to the eastern headland of False Bay. Some roadwork's were in progress on the ascent and about halfway up we came upon a middle aged lady who for some reason or other had decided to make a three point turn and had managed to reverse her car into the recently excavated ditch at the side of the road, where it was well and truly stuck.

Our noisy cavalcade came to a screeching stop and out bounded the hordes. The poor woman was enveloped in alcoholic bonhomie and assurances of rescue fantastic. The conveyors of which then proceeded to sit on the front of her car to watch how her nominated saviour, being me, would achieve this feat. Fortunately design by accident come to my rescue, as their combined weight on the front lifted the rear of the car and gave the front wheel drive plenty of traction, which enabled me on starting the vehicle, to drive it out of the ditch as easily as if it were a perfectly normal manoeuvre. Loud cheering all round. Having completed the three point turn, we assisted our damsel in distress, back into her vehicle, after offering her all sorts of beverages to calm her nerves. These she hastily declined and disappeared with screeching tyres at high speed, much to our chagrin.

We did eventually arrive at our destination after consoling ourselves for a while over her lack of manners. It was however totally dark by then and no one was in the mood to pitch tents, so we unanimously decided to do it later when we needed to go to bed.

We repaired instead to the hotel which boasted a quaint and fortunately well stocked bar with a pool table and adjacent

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entertainment room with an enormously powerful jukebox. The Hotel itself had always been a bit rustic to put it kindly, the main accommodation being several rough and ready semi self-catering chalets in the hotel grounds but at that time, it was well known for its, excellent seafood platters, the ingredients for which they acquired mostly from the fishermen and snorkelers that frequented the place.

One of the current popular songs at the time had something to do with farm animals, the Moo Moo song I think it was called. One of our party for some reason took a great fancy to the tune and proceeded to feed coins into the machine for the rest of the evening, repeating his favourite number every ten minutes or so until even we had had enough and threatened him with dire physical consequences if we heard it again.

A few of us repaired to the bar and decided to educate the locals as to the niceties of pool. Fortunately having imbibed enough by this stage to give me my famous but short lived tunnel vision, I was quite deadly for a few minutes and we were just starting to gain some grudging acceptance from the locals when my playing partner, a mad, loud and lovable large chested Scottish lass, put the cue ball into space and through the window into the car park, in a fine display of power and enthusiasm.

The black ball also flew off the table and struck one of our opponents in the groin. This saved us from physical injury as everyone was too busy laughing at his discomfort, together with a reluctance to approach my Scottish friend who still with the cue in her hand, nearly injured several more people during her graphic description of what went wrong with her shot. In the end we were none to politely precluded from further pool playing and retired to the entertainment room and the farmyard music. It was an omen that I would have done well to have paid more attention to.

Revelry proceeded unabated punctuated by bouts of exhibitionist energy from the overfit rabble. Our forestry friend, as he was wont to do after a few beers, decided to demonstrate his sporting versatility and test his readiness for future Tri Athlons. He proceeded to climb fully clothed into the hotel swimming pool and do a few lengths of crawl. This was more literal than one might imagine. He ended up spending most of the night comfortably ensconced there. The only drawback was that it was only about six inches deep, being the kiddies pool, and contained a liquid of green pea soup like texture. He was left looking like a walking celery stick and smelling like a Turkish drain. No amount of showering seemed to help. We all agreed however that his aquatic feats were of international class.

Sometime in the early hours of the morning we started to think about laying down our weary heads. On the way back to the camping area we rescued one of our number from the phone booth where she was busy dialling all the numbers in the book, to wish them a happy new year. She then proceeded to her car, walked into its roof racks and woke up in the morning with a lovely black eye.

Being an intrepid and experienced outdoor type myself, or at least an experienced fisherman, I took careful stock of the weather and wind direction before attempting to pitch my tiny canvass tent. I did this by taking a long look at the night sky. I was however forced to do this flat on my back, as looking up at the sky and the mountain with its huge hanging rock peak, with the clouds scudding over it made me quite dizzy, as it looked for all the world like the crouching mountain was moving and about to fall down on us. It can have this effect on you in the cold light of day too I might tell you.

A spell of contemplation on my back enabled me to decide our best course of action, to save us from what was clearly impending heavy rain. I therefore cast about for a nice piece of higher ground to pitch my tent, as the field was sure to become waterlogged and muddy in any kind of downpour.

Finding a small oval rise I proceeded to pitch my tent and we squeezed into it and fell sound asleep, amid the chaos of none to

practically orientated or coordinated athletes stumbling about trying to pitch tents in the near total dark. Many of them could not be bothered and simply decided to sleep next to their vehicles on the grass.


Several hours later the rain arrived and proceeded to teem down none too gently in the dark. We however slept perfectly warm and dry in my tent although after a while the mound that we were camped on, seemed to become softer and more comfortable.

Probably just the effect of our bodies finally getting a respite after the New Year's Eve revelries.

It was fairly late in the morning when we finally stuck our heads out of the tent to see around us, a semi waterlogged field come campsite, with most of the badly pitched tents and open air sleeping arrangements abandoned in the wet and mud. All the drowned rats appeared to have moved in to one huge tent that someone had brought along and which was still relatively dry inside, although now resembling an overstuffed sardine tin. We were at first rather smug as we lay there above the muddy mess in my tiny tent on the mound, until we noticed that the ground was getting softer and more pliable, by the minute. In fact the surface as we pressed on it, seemed to be slowly breaking up and as it did so, we become aware of a growing rather unpleasant smell. Suddenly it all became nastily clear. The field was most of the time home to several cows. The hotel had kindly put then in an adjacent area, mowed the grass and raked all the grass cuttings and cowpats into a large flat mound to provide space for us to camp. I never did quite get the smell of cow dung out of my tent or quite live down the teasing I got as a result, partly due apparently, to the crowing I had done in the dark the previous night, about my camping expertise enabling me to find a high dry area while the others were going to wallow in the wet and mud.

Fortunately they made room for us in the large tent where we greeted the New Year with a large greasy take away breakfast from the hotel, washed down with large quantities of surplus pink cream liqueur, that someone had acquired from the sponsors of one of the races.

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OP REIS OP ONS MOEGPERD*.... WAT 'N FEES!!!

“River Republic 2-4 December Round the Bend” Lees die plakkaat wat wonderbaarlik teen MIEMS se venster verskyn het! Ek vervies my op die daad. Het hulle nie eers die ordentlikheid om te vra voor hulle iets adverteer nie en wat de hel is dit?

En net toe stop daar 'n klein karretjie met twee jong meisies voor MIEMS. Hulle is jammer dat hulle so voorbarig was om die plakkaat sonder toestemming op te plak maar hier is hulle nou om te kom verduidelik. “Caitlan” stel sy haarself voor. Nuwe feesbestuurder vir verskeie musiekfeeste en ander feestelike geleenthede vir die maatskappy wat hulle so pas oorgeneem het. As ons die plakkaat vertoon en hulle *event* adverteer kry ons twee komplimentere kaartjies na die River Republic musiekfees by die Round The Bend Camp by die Breede Rivier naby Swellendam, kampplek ingesluit. Jippee!! Ons het hoeka gedink hoe gaan ons ,ons 30ste huweliks herdenking vier! River Republic sal dit wees! Slegs 500 feesgangers word toegelaat. Ons is bevoorreg!

Vrydag oggend laai ons die Moegperd* met ons standaard pakkasie tent en al . Drie dae van voluit musiek in 'n lowergroen omgewing le vir ons voor. Ons ry via Hermanus met die plan om agter –stofpaaie te toer oppad Breede toe. Net voor Hermanus wag ons by 'n rooi verkeerslig en twee lane van ons af is 'n vragmotor vol doodskiste! Ek tik Morris op die *helmet* en skreepraat: “ Dis nie 'n goeie teken nie”. Op daai oomblik trek 'n klein karretjie met 'n jong meisie in die laan langs ons in, draai die passasierskant ruit af en skree vir my: “Where you going?!” . “Rock Festival Swellendam” . Antwoord: “ See you there”

Ek skreepraat weer toe die verkeerslig groen toe oorslaan: “ Hoe *weird* is dit?”

By Round The Bend se kamp terrein, tent opgeslaan, *bike* geparkeer in die parkeer area en hier storm 'n jong meisie op my af! “Ek ken my mense!” Dis die meisie van die verkeerslig! Hoe't sy geweet dis ons? My vlegsels het ons weggegee! Ons raak net daar *buddies* en jol die naweek saam. Ons loop ook

ander Pringlebaaiers raak! Grant & Yolandi en Janine & Tarren en ons eie , jongste plaaslike *muso* ,Matt Caarstens (Marietjie van “Dorpskombuis” faam van die MIEMS Markie se kleinseun) tree ook op! Die *band* TUIN tree ook op en van die verhoog af kondig sy aan dat hulle die fees moet kortknip want hulle moet Pringlebaai toe vir 'n optrede! Plankies toe. Hoe *weird* is dit?

'n Paar weke later verskyn daar weer uit die bloute 'n plakkaat teen MIEMS se venster. Die slag is dit UP THE CREEK! Yea! Weer komplimentere kaartjies! Ons was al twee maal van te vore by die groter fees ook op die walle van die Breede Rivier saam met 'n handjie vol Pringlebaaiers. Einde Januarie pak ons toe weer die Kawa en ry in konfooi saam met 41, JA een en veertig ander Pringlebaai en omliggende vriende saam, met wie ons 'n laer trek op die klipperige terrein tussen 2800 ander *rockfans* . Veertig ongelooflike bands speel oor vier dae op drie verskillende *stages*. Die *River Stage* is 'n groot aantrekkingskrag want dan is dit *everything that floats* dag en dan speel en dryf almal in die rivier op opblaas speelgoed. *Ek praat van volwasse mense wat hierdie fees bywoon!*

Maar o wee! Die Breede het opgedroog. Daar's min water en baie sandbanke. Uit die bloute breek daar 'n ongekende donderstorm van *note* uit! Die barre kampterrein is 'n stroom modderwater wat almal se tente(die wat nie daktente en fensie kampgerei het nie) deur drink! Dit sous katte en honde vir 'n hele dag en 'n nag maar reen of te nie : die fees gaan voort... en wat 'n wonderlike seening! Geen feesganger kla nie, almal is maar net te bly vir die boere wat die droogte moet trotseer en Matt Carstens trek vroegoggend die hele *crowd* kostent toe vir 'n *treat*. Hy kry 'n staande ovasie met sopnat *fans* maar tereg soos die *MC* (nog 'n oulike jong



Top: Anything that floats @ Up the Creek.

Above:Pringle Bayers @ Up The Creek Music Festival.

meisie) aankondig: “The rain brought everybody together”. En wie het die reen en die fees saam gesmee? Mense from *all walks of life*. Buiten al die lekker Pringlebaai pelle ek het geweet ons verkeersligmeisie van River Republic sal daar wees, afgetrede proffesionele mense wat besluit het hulle word weer hippies, 'n duitse vrou wat Das Reich permanent verlaat het vir ons Reen-boog land en elke jaar UTC* doen, 'n Surinaamse toeris wat per toeval by UTC* opgeland het en nadat ons land en sand in Afrikaans gesels het, oortuig was dat hy met elke besoek aan Suid-Afrika, 'n musiekfees gaan bywoon.

Soos 'n wonderwerk wat die sluise van die hemele geopen het is die rivier Saterdag met *everything that floats* VOL! Ons kan dryf ! Ons het wonderlike musiek ervaar, *great* mense

ontmoet, nuwe pelle gemaak ... en eens klaps is dit Sondag en om vier uur moet ons oppak.

Dis nie noodwendig om op jou Stofdonkie te spring en lang grondpaaie te ry om so 'n heerlike musiek samesyn mee te maak nie. Dis net meer avontuurlik maar reg onder ons neuse, onder die formidabele Hangklip word musiek gemaak .Hetsy Jazz, Blues, Rock, Folk of Trans.

In die woorde van die legendariese Piet Botha: “Ons doen kwaad aan niemand ...ons *travel* en ons speel kitaar”

Tra la la

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*UTC Up The Creek Music Festival.

Pringle Bay Beach and Dune Management Plan Update

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEACH AND DUNE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESSING DESPITE DROUGHT

By Laurie Barwell

The good news is that despite the lack of winter rainfall the implementation of the Pringle Bay Beach and Dune Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) is progressing!

The MMP was approved by the authorities in 2016 and is to be completed in 5 phases ideally over 2 to 3 years. The key objective is to reinstate the natural beach and foredune volume of sand that forms the natural buffer against sea-storms and especially to combat future sea level rise and climate related changes.

Beach sand has been gradually lost to the system due to the development of Pringle Bay town which effectively cut-off the sand supply to the beach from the historic dunefield. Of significance is that the position of the waterline of the typical summer beach moved landwards at a rate of almost 3 m per year totalling 130 m between 1938 and 1987, as determined through historic aerial photo analysis.

Pringle Bay is categorised as a 'pocket beach' system and relatively little 'new' sand is brought onto the beach (either from the sea or from the river). This means that the sand on the beach and dunes is finite and is all that is available to combat the forces of the sea now and into the future!

It is the high velocity northwesterly winds (during

the winter months) that move significant volumes of wind-blown sand off the beach and dunes towards the village. Uncontrolled sand blown eastward off the beach and foredune is essentially 'lost' to the pocket beach system, resulting in a gradual reduction in the sea-storm buffering ability of the beach and dune system. This will result in the continued and significant loss of beach area if left unchecked.

The eastward blown sand has formed the high mobile dunes that, if left as-is, will continue moving slowly towards (and over / into) the houses, roads, parking areas and the established wetlands. Although some of the sand is returned to the beach by the opposing south-easterlies prevailing during the spring and summer months, the net dune migration is towards the east. More detail of the prevailing natural processes can be found in the two management reports available on request from the Ratepayers Association.

Because humans have changed the functioning of the natural system (through stabilising the natural dunefield for development), human intervention through active management (guided by the MMP) is needed to restore the balance in the sand system. The key to restoring and sustaining this balance lies in keeping the sand within reach of the coastal processes, that is, on the beach and in the dynamic foredunes

where it is stored in readiness to counter high energy storm erosion.

The first phase of the MMP focused on the middle section of the beach and consisted of packing branches in strategic places to stop wind-blown sand from moving inland off the beach and foredune. The branches were obtained from local hacking activities. Phase 1 was ably carried out by local resident and volunteer, Mr Chris Geldenhuys and his team of energetic labourers during the period up to May 2017.

In the 18 months they managed to keep an estimated 10 000 cubic metres of sand within the beach and foredune area. This equates to around 1500 truck loads of sand - all done by combining human power (packing sand-trapping branches in strategic places identified in the MMP) and the natural wind energy that moves the sand. Significant progress has also been made with the establishment of the planned stormwater detention area that will in time develop into a coastal wetland and attractive educational focus as per the MMP. Work is now needed to open an effective stormwater drainage channel from the existing stormwater pipe outlet to the detention area. This is required to channel stormwater from the public parking area to the new wetland.

The post-winter beach and dune profiles survey done on 29 October 2017 show that the position and profile of

the new foredune is rapidly approximating the design profile. In the MMP the design top level of the foredune is 6 metres above the benchmark of Mean Sea Level (MSL) and the foredune base width is designed to be 40 m to 45 m back from the +2 m MSL contour line on the beach. The actual dimensions are approximately + 5m MSL top level and a base width of between 20 m and 35 m. An aerial photo analysis for the period March 2005 to May 2017 shows that the position of the sea level wetline has stabilised and moves within a band of 5 m, at the southern end of the beach, 15 m in the middle section and 25 m at the northern end next to the estuary mouth. This holds for both the winter and summer periods.

Observers would have noticed that the beach is at its widest at the end of summer (April) and significantly narrower by October as a result of the erosion by high energy winter storm processes. In fact the position of the western wetline changes within a band of 30 m at the southern end of the beach and 80 m at the estuary end of the beach. (A youtube video describing the coastal processes can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5vcWnLehWw>).

No branch packing will be done on the foredunes during the period up to May 2018 as

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the south-easterlies will assist in moving sand westwards from the foredunes back onto the beach as planned. The kelp washed up on the upper beach is a natural sand-trap, forming a micro climate and nursery area for dune vegetation. Furthermore, valuable natural fertiliser is provided as the kelp dries out and is naturally broken down through a process of microbial biodegradation thereby enhancing vegetation growth. The removal of this free natural product should be discouraged as indicated in the MMP.

The core activity of Phase 2 is the mechanical movement of the accumulated sand in the high dunes back onto the beach during March and April 2018. This is dependent on sourcing funding to do this. If no funding for Phase 2 is found, this important long-term management action will have to be undertaken at a later time.

Phase 3 of the MMP needs to be undertaken in May and June 2018 and requires continued branch-packing to again trap the eastbound sand blowing off the beach in winter to build up the foredune to the required +6 m MSL level. Planting of dune vegetation (as per the MMP) should commence in July 2018 and continue until the end of September at the latest. The normal winter rainfall will enable the vegetation to grow and become established as a naturally functioning foredune within one or two seasons. The continued use of the demarcated beach access pathways by beach-goers is encouraged. It is also important to keep people off the new foredunes so-as to protect the fragile young dune plants that are easily damaged by human trampling.

The physical facts on site leaves one with little doubt that elements of the first phase of the implementation of the MMP are highly successful.

This is mainly due to the oversight and ongoing efforts

by the dune management team who deserve their well-earned recognition. Ratepayers and their family members are encouraged to join in, lend a helping hand and ensure that the picturesque Pringle Bay pocket beach is sustained for future generations to also enjoy.

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SUCCESS STORY OF THE HACKERS OF THE KOGELBERG BIOSPHERE

By Chris Geldenhuys

The purpose of this article is to enlighten the residents of Pringle Bay and the greater Kogelberg Biosphere of the activities of the Hack Group.

The purpose of the Hack Group is to eradicate, or at the very least, to limit the growth and spread of invasive alien vegetation in the area with a view to protecting the natural fynbos. That is being done by cutting down and poisoning or uprooting alien plants and trees. Many of the trees are too thick to cut by means of a hand saw and for that a chainsaw is used. The vegetation that is targeted consists mainly of Rooikrans (*Acacia cyclops*), Port Jackson (*Acacia saligna*), Pepper wattle (*Acacia longifolia*), Australian Myrtle (*Leptospermum laevigatum*), New Zealand Christmas Trees (*Metrosideros excels*), Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*), Pine trees (*Pinuspinaster*), and many others listed in the schedules of the relevant conservation legislation.

The Hack Group meets once per month (last Sunday of the month in Pringle Bay) and targets chosen areas in Pringle Bay. Currently the Pringle Bay Hack Group consists of 40 registered members. Not all members report for every monthly hack, but the general attendance per hack varies between 19 – 24 members on a hack day. In addition some members, in conjunction with members of the Bettys Bay Hack Group and Rooi Els, form a Wednesday Hack, every Wednesday morning. They hack where the threat is most urgent within the Kogelberg Biosphere area. For the untrained eye the success of the hacks is not always clearly visible, but there are a number of real success stories. We wish to illustrate two cases.



Top: Photo of Edward Silberbauer at the unveiling of Ed's Valley on 22 November 2017. Above: hackers in 2004 eradicating the exotics one-by-one.

The first example of the Hack success is the story of Ed's Valley. Twenty years ago there was a massive Pine forest north of the R44, just east of the Avril Dump location. First Cape Nature cut it down and then a dense Port Jackson forest developed in the same valley. Roundabout 2004 a veld fire swept through the valley and then millions of small seedlings started to grow in a very dense manner. The Wednesday Hack, then about 5-8 members, undertook to eradicate that Port Jackson threat. Sometimes they had to go down on their knees and pluck the seedlings one by one! It took them 138 hacks to eradicate that exotic infestation, but they managed to clean the whole valley from invaders. Since then the Wednesday hack visits that terrain every November month, just to ensure that there are no more exotic seedlings and to destroy any new growth. Now the valley is covered by pristine Fynbos! Due to this unique effort the Kogelberg Branch of the Botanical Society of South Africa saw it fit to name that Ed's Valley, in

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honour of Edward Silberbauer, who was the convenor, motivator and inspiration to save the Fynbos of that specific piece of valley!!!

The second example is the story of the Pine Forest. The farming plot area between Rooi Els and Pringle Bay was seriously invested with a fast spreading Pine forest. It gave a false sense of privacy and safety, but the real fire danger and threat to the Fynbos was not realised. After the February 2017 Rooi Els fire, the residents came to realise the life threatening danger, and the Wednesday Hack Group volunteered to cut down the forest. With a Wednesday attendance, varying between 8-12 members, it was estimated that the project would last about 18 – 24 months. The task commenced on 6th June 2017 and every Wednesday, as the weather allowed, the pines were hacked. In August 2017 the Hack Group realised that the adjacent plot owner tasked a private company to eradicate the pines on their plot as well. That support helped the Hack Group considerably. A breakthrough was achieved on 1st November 2017 when the last of the main forest was cut down. Although the main part of the forest is down, there is still a lot of work to be done to clear the lone standing pines on the periphery of the original forest. It is surely inspirational and wonderful to see how the Fynbos seedlings are recovering after the fire now that the pines are eradicated.

All credit must go to the few Wednesday Hackers, namely Ed Silberbauer, John Whitehead (unfortunately John passed on since), Tom Dreyer, Frik Potgieter, Jan Joubert, Ulli Niemann, Claude Moine, Mike Robinson, Willem Stiglingh, Chris Cadman, Richard Smeda, Natalie and Bernard van Wulven, Jeannie Harning, Carol Wilson, Selwyn Botha, Sandy Middleton, Robert Schaefer, Ivan and Ria Staegemann. Congratulations guys, you are honouring your environment!

These are only two examples of a number of hack successes. It is essential that all residents of the Kogelberg Biosphere take note of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (NEMBA) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of October 2014. It is our duty to ensure that we secure our heritage, the Fynbos, for the generations to come. There are some stiff penalties for land owners who do not comply with the eradication of invasive exotics. The sooner you address the invasion, the easier and cheaper it is to address!

Any person who wants to become involved in the fight against the invading exotics is welcome to liaise with either of the Hack Convenors, namely Chris Geldenhuys in Pringle Bay (082 900 8299) or Frik Potgieter in Betty's Bay (084 600 9891).



From the top: the pristine Fynbos in Ed's Valley, free from any exotic infestation; the Pine forest before the hack and after the forest is gone!

PRINGLE BAY BABOONS - Times are changing

By Dave Muirhead (incorporating an article written by Melanie Goslin 13 years ago)

18 JUNE 2004, 07:41AM

Residents urged to baboon-proof their homes

It's early morning in Pringle Bay and the baboons are on the move.

They spent the night on the koppie above the town and now, after grooming and play-wrestling among the rocks, they move towards the coastal plain to forage for food as their ancestors have for thousands of years.

But life is not as it was for their ancestors. Hundreds of houses have mushroomed in the traditional foraging range of the Pringle Bay troop. There is plenty of high-calorie food in these houses, which, if doors or windows are open, present easy-pickings for these opportunistic animals. A loaf of bread or an apple pie will provide more calories than a day's foraging.

This is the crux of Pringle Bay's "baboon problem" - and many residents are fed up. The animals

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trash houses regularly, breaking open bottles and packets, defecating and urinating as they eat. They have even learnt to rattle sliding doors off their rails, which fall down and smash. Even when they play, they are destructive, breaking gutters and TV aerials.

As we follow the troop, we see many of the residents are ready for them. A woman peers from a window, her three dogs on the steps below. She's as alert as they are. The baboons move on.

Down the road another woman rounds her house with a catapult in her hand. She's on guard, her windows are shut and there's no way the baboons will get into her house.

Further on, at the Ticklemouse bakery, a flustered woman exclaims: "The bloody things got into my bakkie. You must just smell the stink!"

Others in the troop gambol up a roof and then tumble down and eat bitou flowers and berries from guarrie plants.

There's a commotion in one road. A woman, clutching her hysterical dog under her arm, lobs sticks at baboons which have overturned a dustbin.

"Don't these people know they can't leave rubbish outside? It makes me so mad!"

Residents' reaction to the baboons varies. In research done by Overstrand on 39 residents, 80 percent regard baboons as "a problem". However, 80 percent said they were prepared to "baboon-proof" their properties. This doesn't take much, according to Bryan Davies, who lives just beneath one of the troops' sleeping places. "We love the baboons and feel privileged to live with them. If baboons do get into the house, we blame ourselves," Davies said.

Not everyone agrees. In the past three weeks, two baboons have been shot, presumably by angry residents.

THIRTEEN YEARS LATER

Baboon Tracking System – up and running

The morning scenario described by Melanie Goslin has changed significantly. Baboon movement on the mountain is watched by the Pringle Bay Monitors on an Ipad. A couple of monitors move to intercept the troop before they descend on the village and quietly persuade the animals to head back to the Hangklip valleys where there is abundant food but not always the tastiest choice.

The tracking system has revealed that the animals utilise a far greater range than was previously known and choose to spend much of the day grazing and sleeping on and around Hangklip rather than the urbanised coastal plain. It is suspected that preferred grazing areas are influenced by seasonal vegetation and climate cycles. This is one of the aspects that the

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Research Team of the Baboon Action Group will be studying.

In the meantime the debate still rages among human occupants – the so called “Baboon lovers” and “Baboon haters” i.e. those who believe the animals should be able to roam freely around the village and those who would prefer not to have them around.

The newly formed Baboon Action Group has adopted a mission reading as follows: *To encourage and promote the harmonious coexistence of local baboon troops with the residents, business operators and visitors of Pringle Bay; through research-based knowledge, natural feeding practices, and interventions that are environmentally and conservation friendly.*

The immediate objectives of the group which supports the team of monitors is to:

Keep the troop wild and alive

i.e. retain the natural sense of human fear, prevent malicious or inadvertent harm from or to humans, prevent human food addiction, prevent development of raiding behaviour and subsequent euthanasia

Allow humans to enjoy life in Pringle without constantly being “on guard”

This is particularly pertinent in the holiday season when there are many additional visitors, summer residents, and families with children.

Environment Monitoring becoming a reality

Use of the tracking system enables our monitors to keep tabs on the animals while undertaking additional environmental activities. It is still early days but the intention is to expand the function to patrol and remove invasive alien regrowth in fire-burnt areas and on municipal verges and do the weekly inspection and repair of the dune footpaths to the beach. Training of the monitors is in progress.

The municipality has been requested to allow the old fire vehicle garage to become the monitor shelter which will then be used for storage of equipment and promotion activities. The building is ideally located behind the village in an area earmarked for environmental use and may in future include the display of a whale skeleton. The Overberg Grootbos Foundation have been approached for a grant to refurbish and equip the building as a base from which to expand the role and scope of environmental work done by the monitor team.



Our current Baboon Monitoring team. From the left: Joseph van Wyk, Emile Smith, Waldo van Niekerk, Shaun de Bruin.



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Issued by the PBSW Management Committee

Pringle Bay Street Watch (PBSW) wishes to thank all residents who have completed a membership application form and to play your part in community safety. Membership is free and open to all owners (permanent, weekenders, swallows) and tenants. Members who are 'eyes and ears' play an incredibly important role in keeping neighbours, and all who are involved in the PBSW, informed when suspicious people or vehicles enter their area. 'Eyes and Ears' members do not require police vetting. To date, 235 residents have joined the Watch.

Being a Street Watch that is accredited with the Department of Community Safety (DoCS), we are required to be independent and not aligned to any interest group or political organisation. We presently have representation on the Kleinmond Police Joint Communications Committee (Jocom) and the Kleinmond Community Police Forum (CPF).

On a weekly basis PBSW submits a report to the Jocom that outlines incidents that occurred in the previous week as well as areas of concern that PBSW wishes to bring to the attention of the police. The incident report is shared with members on our website and includes any relevant feedback from Jocom. Through our partnership with the police and other law enforcement agencies, our members participated in 10 roadblocks at the entrance to Pringle Bay where the vehicles of builders, service providers, visitors as well as residents were inspected.

PBSW has undertaken regular patrols over weekends and this is proving to be successful. During the past quarter there has only been two attempted break ins. We need more volunteers to join the patrol team or as a responder - who responds if a crime is in progress. Volunteers are also required for trauma counselling. Patrollers, responders and trauma counsellors are required to be vetted by SAPS to ensure that the community is protected

against persons who may have an active criminal record. PBSW commends all our members in building a community of care and concern for each other.

PBSW is forging a positive relationship with the Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association (PBRA) and will continue with discussions on the viability of the offer to take over the CCTV Surveillance System. The Watch is also discussing Licence Plate

Recognition (LPR) cameras with SAPS and linking with other Watches to learn from their experiences of operating a CCTV surveillance system.

Once our bank account is open, we will inform the community so that donations and sponsorship can be provided for equipment and running costs.

The Street Watch belongs to all of you and thus requires your

support and participation to keep our area safe. Visit our website (www.pbsw.co.za) and like us on Facebook (Pringle Bay Street Watch).

The PBSW Management Committee wishes all residents a safe and joyous holiday season.

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THE UNEXPECTED LUNCH GUEST

Neighbours down the road - Liz and Roy Melville - were sitting and enjoying the balmy weather at lunchtime on Sunday 10th of September when they spotted the bird on the telephone pole.

This was below their house in High Level Road in Pringle Bay.

The Jackal Buzzard was so preoccupied with it's own lunch (a Rock Kestrel) that it allowed Roy to get up quite close for these wonderful photographs

Thank you Roy - for sharing a special sighting of one raptor eating another!

Thanks to Jenny Parsons for the words and confirmation of the birds.

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TER NAGEDAGTENIS AAN OU PIETA

By Kerneels Rosenblatt

In die vorige uitgawe van die Pringle Post het slegs 'n foto en 'n kort brief ter nagedagtenis van Ou Pieta verskyn.

Ons wil graag staaltjies uit sy lewe met hierdie huldeblyk deel.

Almal het hom geken as Ou Pieta.....die kaalvoet man wat die hele dorp vol stap met 'n klein hondjie genaamd Jakkals kort op sy hakke.

Ou Pieta of te wel Pieter Muller is na 'n kort siekbed op die ouderdom van 78 in Maart oorlede.

Ons het, in 1996 toe ons MIEMS oorgeneem het vir Ou Pieta leer ken saam met sy vrou Jeanette. Daar is gereeld langarm danse in die ou Miems gehou en Pieta en Jeanette het altyd lekker saam geskoffel.

Van dans gepraat..met Gert, sy buurman en jare lange pel se 80ste verjaardag viering het Pieta en Gert saam gelangarm in die straat voor Miems. Selfs Morris was ook vir 'n dans gepra wat hy nie geweier het nie.

Pieta het groot geword op 'n plaas tussen Franshoek en Villiersdorp. Hy was 'n kranige stapper en het meeste van die staproetes in Suid-Afrika meer as een maal voltooi. Die bekende Vis Rivier Canyon in Namibie was verseker sy gunsteling en hy's een van die min mense wat ons ontmoet het wat dit *easy peazy* laat klink het.

Pieta was lief vir sy wyntjie en het toe ons hom leer ken, het Laat-Oes wyn gedrink..vandaar sy bynaam by Drummond Arms in Rooi-Els "Latoesie". Jakkals, sy hondjie, het hom oral vergesel en by Miems altyd agter Pieta doodrustig in die sonnetjie gesit totdat hy daai derde glasie bestel.. dan begin sy onrustig rondtrippel en staar pertinent na Pieta asof om te se: "Dis tyd om te gaan!" Jakkals kon definitief tel!

Pieta kon altyd vreeslik lekker lag vir die geskerts om die kroeg en sal elke keer se : "Ai, die lewe is darem lekker as mens nog kan lag!"

Sy befaamde gesegde was : "Life is good if you don't weaken...so don't weaken!"

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Friends of the Hangklip Library. These documents are precious and invaluable historical documents covering our area in particular.

There is no doubt about the considerable importance of public libraries in the provision of information, education, promotion of reading skills, as well as the

establishment of a reading culture. We would therefore like to extend a sincere invitation to all, old and young, to support the Friends of the Library with your enthusiasm and membership.

In this way we shall be able to give our public library that much needed extra support. We would really welcome the involvement of more of the younger parents in our communities.

The library is situated at the Municipal offices opposite the Refuse Removal site in Betty's Bay. Hours are:

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Have you seen these birds in your garden?

By Jenny Parsons



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1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During 2017 the PBRA had a successful year and we were able to conclude a number of important projects.

This was made possible by my team that has been very active and enthusiastic to make sure that our goals were met and our projects concluded.

I wish to thank all of the committee members for their support and active assistance throughout the year -

Dave Muirhead for guidance in introducing me to the finer nuances of the chairmanship and for sharing the load. Also a big thank you for his endeavours with the baboon monitoring and management project.

Mike Meyer for doing an excellent job of handling the finances of the association and keeping us solvent.

Ilse Meyer, our secretary, for handling the enormous amount of paperwork involved and for assistance with the organization of various functions i.e. the Fireman's Ball, amongst others.

Clayton Francis for once again running our fire station very effectively and keeping our homes and property safe during Pringle, Rooi Els and Betty's Bay fires. Clayton was also of enormous help with upgrading our community centre and improving its appearance.

Ashley Rensburg for keeping our fingers on the pulse of all municipal matters which affect us, which is often a rather thankless job.

Chris Geldenhuys for the handling of the dune management program and the hacking of alien vegetation.

Dylan Lotheringen for handling all security related matters.

Mike Bisset for the compilation and publishing of the Pringle Post which keeps our ratepayers up to date with the happenings in and around Pringle Bay and the activities of the Ratepayers' Association.

My aims for 2017, as Chairman, were :

1. To reach out to our residents and to establish an improved relationship between our community and the PBRA
2. To improve the aesthetics of the entrance to Pringle Bay i.e. the appearance of the Community Hall and area around it.
3. Turn-in lane from R44 into Pringle Bay – Hangklip Road
4. Welcoming new residents
5. Improvement of the storm water system

Projects completed :

- 1) Community Hall Make-Over : The community hall has been better identified by sign writing on the front façade and the same has been done for our fire station. A wall which will contain

information has been erected and the signage is in the process of being completed. Trees have been planted and a sprinkler system has been installed to improve the area around the hall and decorative pots have been placed to improve the image. Trees were donated by the Overstrand Municipality which also served as a celebration of Arbour Week.

- 2) The Fireman's Ball : this was held to thank our volunteer fire fighters for their selfless work during the Pringle and Rooi Els fires.
- 3) Bring and Braai : was arranged to welcome new residents to Pringle.

Projects carried over to 2018:

- 1) The improvement of the storm water system
- 2) The turn-in lane into Pringle : the latest information provided by the authorities is that it is the top priority for implementation during 2018.

It is also necessary to thank our Ward Councillor, Fanie Krige, for his involvement and support during the year.

We have received excellent co-operation from the officials at Overstrand Municipality, in particular from Desmond Lakey and Donovan van Rhode, and heartfelt thanks go to them and their team.

2. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

2.1 Conservancy

2.1.1 The Dune Project

Although the Overstrand Municipality obtained approval from the provincial environmental authorities for the Beach Maintenance Management Plan, the second phase of the plan cannot be implemented mainly due to lack of funds. The aim of the second phase is to reinforce the fore dune, by pushing forward the sand dunes, being caught up against the first row of houses. In the meantime the new dune has been strengthened and reinforced by the packing of branches and by the maintenance of the pathways. With the correct height obtained, the establishment of new/natural vegetation will start in the next rainy season. Hacked Rooikrans is recycled for use on the beach to aid fore dune formation and plug blow holes and old footpaths. The public is again requested to help protect our sand dunes by adhering to the pathways and not creating new paths when visiting the beach. Please do not interfere with the natural growth on the dunes.

2.1.2. Alien Vegetation

* **Hack Group.** The hacking group has grown to a regular attendance of over 20 people on a specific hack and a total of 40 members. It provides a valuable environmental and social activity on the last Sunday of each month. Morning sandwiches and teas are sponsored

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by the Mini Mart with chilled refreshments at the end of the morning's work. A special word of thanks goes to Peter and Joyce of the Mini Mart for their generous support and for donating the Hack's tea refreshments for the past three years. Their generosity has motivated and re-energized the team during that much needed break. Thank you very much and we hope that Peter and Joyce enjoy a well-deserved rest. And we're hopeful that the new Mini Mart owners will continue this generous tradition.

*** Problem Areas.** Our fynbos is steadily being overrun by Australian Myrtle which is a category 1 invader plant. Legislation requires it to be removed and destroyed. Everyone can help by learning to identify this plant and removing it whilst still young. Seeds have a lifespan of more than 60 years. Certain areas in the Pringle Bay environment are seriously infested by exotic invaders. The Department of Environmental Affairs has been approached to treat this as a case study and to issue directives to clear these problem plots/areas, as per the NEMBA Articles, which legislate alien vegetation management. This process will be monitored closely.

* One of the latest projects of the Pringle Bay/Betty's Bay Hack Group is the **elimination of the pine forest** other side of the Buffels River, on the way to Rooi Els. By the time of the final hack report, the pine forest will be gone. A stern job by the hackers!

2.1.3 Overstrand Fire Clearance Policy

Despite efforts and appeals from the PBRA, The Botanical Society, and the different Hack Groups, to stop or alter the current clearance policy, it was re-submitted at the beginning of 2017 and is still as destructive as it was. Fynbos is being destroyed within the town boundaries. The PBRA received multiple complaints about the seemingly indiscriminate way in which verges have been cleared, an example being alongside Hangklip Road. This situation is highly unsatisfactory and it seems that nothing we do makes any difference to the custodian of this policy, namely the Fire Chief. Any further suggestions to get this policy altered would be appreciated.

2.2 Fire Fighting and Rescue

The team would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay and Rooi Els for the great support that has been given throughout 2017. Especially with our two major veld fires. When push came to shove you provided hot meals, snack bars, water, cold drinks and many more things which made life easier for the fire fighters on the line.

To the medical staff who were always there, ready to wash out eyes, put in eye drops and give oxygen – you were great!

To the ladies in the kitchen, what can I say, if there were any heroes, it would be you guys. Always a hot meal if you went out for the night, or arrived back in the morning. Always a full tummy.

There are too many people to thank and I would hate it if I left somebody out, so thank you everybody!

We are always on high alert. Please feel free to report any kind of smoke which makes you feel uneasy, it is best to catch it while still small.

This is a summary of the team's activities for the year to date :

Medical call out (1) – assisted a gentleman with chest pains

Motor Vehicle Accident (1) – a vehicle struck the barrier on the R44

Veld fires (10) – addressed 3 fires in Betty's Bay, 1 near Arabella, 2 in the Kleinmond area, 1 in Pringle Bay caused by fireworks, and one near the Centre shops. February saw a major fire in Pringle which required fire fighting and management for 4 days. In April another very large fire occurred between Pringle and Rooi Els, which lasted for 3 days.

False alarms (2) The public is requested to report smoke immediately but to please make very sure that it is smoke related to a fire.

2.3 Safety and Security

The 911 WhatsApp Group that contributed to the start of the neighbourhood watch initially, has subsequently become a standalone means for those residents who have joined it to call for help at any time of the day or night, and those who are available to help will do so.

This group has also been used to make people aware of suspicious persons or vehicles that are on the move in Pringle Bay, including persons who have trespassed or intimidated residents under the pretence of looking for work. This channel has also been used to great lengths during the fires we have had.

Anybody who would like to join this group, please get in touch with Dylan Lotheringen on 084 644 4144.

At the beginning of the year the License Plate Recognition (LPR) camera system experienced a major outage which necessitated us having to buy and rebuild a new server. At the same time the CCTV system was cleaned and serviced. Unfortunately the CCTV system also suffered an outage in the latter part of the year, which means we currently run both the LPR and CCTV systems on the LPR server. Both systems have been operational for the major part of the year and have proven their worth in helping SAPS to investigate crimes which occurred in our village. It is also an effective method of tracking the local poachers

There were a number of break-ins during the year but the incidents have lessened significantly in the last few months, and this reduction is mostly attributed to the establishment of the Pringle Bay Street Watch. The PBRA and the PBSW maintain regular communication.

2.4 Baboon Management

Baboon monitoring was restarted in November 2016 following public demand and successful fund raising campaigns during the year. Donations were received from 247 contributors including many who are not members of the PBRA. Efforts are being made to expand the contributor base and spread the financial burden. A Baboon Action Group has recently been established with very good support from the community. Different task teams are dealing with Promotion and Fund Raising, Monitor Support, Refuse Management and Research. Members of the group include Cape Nature rangers and a UCT doctoral research student.

Funds set aside in earlier years have been used to collar the alpha male and female and install an electronic tracking network. It is hoped to provide public access to the data. The early outputs are very positive and are expected to lead to more effective monitoring, which should enable the monitors to undertake more extensive environmental work such as removal of alien vegetation regrowth in fire-burnt areas.

2.5 Membership

We are pleased to report that our PBRA membership stands at 269 at the end of the 2016/17 financial year. Although not where we'd like it to be, nevertheless it is a healthy 18% increase over the previous year so we are encouraged. We attribute this growth to the exposure and positive response we received at our Pringle Bay Festival stall, as well as to our continual sharing of important information, via the Messenger and ad-hoc email communications, and the creation of awareness of our activities and goals.

We strive to keep the community informed of key events and developments but we acknowledge that we may miss something from time to time. We therefore welcome constructive feedback in this regard.

We are fortunate to have many creative, loyal and generous members who give of their time and resources for the benefit of the whole community. *We thank all of you most sincerely for your support.* Our association's strength and effectiveness lies in its membership base and we will continue to look for opportunities to grow our numbers.

Should anyone have queries regarding their membership, please send an email to secretary@pringlebayratepayers.co.za

2.6 Municipal activities

The PBRA is in constant communication with the Kleinmond Municipality regarding issues which affect our community as a whole. We ensure that our priority items are logged and do our best to ensure that they are addressed appropriately. We also conduct regular follow ups.

This is a high level summary of some of the key issues dealt with during 2017. (A detailed breakdown of all activities is available from the PBRA on request)

Issues resolved or clarified :

- Damaged/burnt recycle bins at the waste station were replaced
- A regularly serviced ablution facility was provided for the attendant at the waste station
- Additional signage and directions to beach / parking erected
- Burnt out Pringle Bay entrance sign replaced
- Edward Street speed bump created
- Pringle Bay Road Report August 2016 – multiple potholes repaired and intersections improved
- Inspection of ablution facilities at main beach parking conducted, area sanitised by cleaning contractor and additional bin provided
- External lighting complaint – clarified that municipal by-law does not govern lighting on private properties
- Issues unresolved or ongoing :
- Ablution facilities at the little beach on Hangklip Road
- Shortage of parking at Anne Road beach entrance
- Storm water outlet at main beach parking
- Overgrown warning signs and street names
- Outstanding actions from 2016/17 Road Reports (potholes, road damage)
- Water leakage due to aging infrastructure

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 Discretionary Funds

Subscription income has nearly doubled due to the increase in the membership fee as well as the number of subscribers.

The bank interest payable has increased due to changing to the Moneytrader investment account last year but bank charges have also increased. I would still like to reach out to members who do cash deposits to rather contact me and I can collect and bank the money on their behalf.

R1,200.00 was paid to the Community Hall in respect of the monthly committee meetings - this is reflected under the Presentations/awards/donation money.

Web support entailed spending some money this year as we contracted a web developer to design a website pilot (i.e. total revamp of the existing Pringle Bay website), we also paid someone to update the important content on the PBRA website, which was no longer current or correct.

3.2 Non-discretionary Funds

- *Baboon Management Fund.* The fund currently stands at R88 510,85 (includes the opening balance of R64 645,38 from the prior year reserve). The expenditure of R219 322,21 includes R36 470,00 being money paid to HWS (Human Wildlife Solutions) for the Virtual Tracking installation. The monitors were provided with boots and weather-proof jackets and will also be getting a reflective vest for easy identification. There were only minimal breaks in the baboon management and monitoring program this year. The municipality has to date not been willing to provide any kind of monetary help nor have they indicated that it would change in the future.
- *Security Fund.* The LPR (License Plate Recognition) camera server had to be renewed at the beginning of the year and both systems (LPR and CCTV) have been serviced and re-aligned. In mid-year the CCTV camera server also died and at present both systems are running off the LPR server. The CCTV camera system has been offered to the PBSW but would require a server to be operational.
- *Hack Fund.* This fund is administered on behalf of the Pringle Bay Hack and is utilized for the purchase and maintenance of the equipment as well as petrol and oil.

4. CONCLUSION

Without the ongoing support and generosity of our members, we would not be able to achieve what we do. Thank you very much.

We wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season – enjoy Pringle Bay.

Kind regards

Zirkia Fourie

Chairman

November 2017

PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2017

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Year ending 31 October 2017

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Cash	2 870,80
Community Hall Maintenance Fund	9 164,33
Total	336 788,17

Fondse beskikbaar

Spaarrekening	
Nedbank Moneytrader rekening	
Kontant	
Gemeenskapssaalonderhoudfonds	
Totaal	

	<i>b/f 2016/7</i> <i>o/b 2016/7</i>	<i>Income</i> <i>Inkomste</i>	<i>Expenditure</i> <i>Uitgawe</i>	<i>Balance</i> <i>Soldo</i>	
Discretionary funds	116 695,39	38 520,27	-19 618,50	135 597,16	Diskresionêre fonds
b/f from Oct 2016	116 695,39			116 695,39	o/b van Okt 2015
Subscriptions		20 850,00		20 850,00	Ledegelde
Pringle Post		13 940,00	-9 418,60	4 521,40	Pringle Post
Interest/bank fees		3 730,27	-1 077,54	2 652,73	Rente ontvang/bankkoste
Web Support			-7 462,36	-7 462,36	Webwerf
Presentations/awards/donations			-1 420,00	-1 420,00	Toekennings/Donasies
Gen Expenses			-240,00	-240,00	Algemene Uitgawes
Interest Moneytrader a/c		10 254,87		10 254,87	Rente Moneytrader rekening
Interest reallocated		-10 254,87		-10 254,87	Rente toegedeel
Non-discretionary funds	104 409,11	461 731,02	-364 949,12	201 191,01	Nie-diskresionêre fondse
Baboon Management Fund	64 645,38	243 187,68	-219 322,21	88 510,85	Bobbejaanbestuursfonds
b/f 2016/7	64 645,38			64 645,38	o/b 2016/7
Donations/other		237034,75	-219 322,21	17 712,54	Skenkings/ander
Share of Moneytrader interest		6152,93		6 152,93	Moneytrader rente toegedeel
Firefighting Fund	-18 770,12	109 712,40	-51 563,62	39 378,66	Brandbestrydingfonds
b/f 2016/7	-18 770,12			-18 770,12	o/b 2016/7
Donations/other		109 712,40	-51 563,62	58 148,78	Skenkings/ander
Security Fund	-13 305,23	33 454,00	-37 753,16	-17 604,39	Sekuriteitsfonds
b/f 2016/7	-13 305,23			-13 305,23	o/b 2016/7
Donations/other		33 454,00	-37 753,16	-4 299,16	Skenkings/ander
Enviro/Conservancy Fund	50 965,98	31 513,97	-16 454,30	66 025,65	Omgewings/Bewareafonds
Beach BF/Donations/other	34 240,50	19 974,00	-16 454,30	37 760,20	Strand skenkings/ander
Cons BF/Donations/other	16 725,48	9 489,00		26 214,48	Bewaarea skenking/ander
Share of Moneytrader interest		2 050,97		2 050,97	Moneytrader rente toegedeel
Community Hall Mainten. Fund	10 863,91	34 042,00	-35 741,58	9 164,33	Gemeenskapssaalonderhoudfonds
b/f 2016/7	10 863,91			10 863,91	o/b 2016/7
Income/Expenses		34 042,00	-35 741,58	-1 699,58	Inkomste/Uitgawe
Trust Holdings	10 009,19	9 820,97	-4 114,25	15 715,91	Trustgelde
b/f 2016/7	10 009,19			10 009,19	o/b 2016/7
PB Hack donations/other		7 770,00	-4 114,25	3 655,75	PB Hack skenkings/ander
Share of Moneytrader interest		2 050,97		2 050,97	Moneytrader rente toegedeel
Total (all funds)	221 104,50	500 251,29	-384 567,62	336 788,17	Totaal (alle fondse)

PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

PRINGLEBAAI BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING INFORMASIE

SARS Reg. # 9101/138/16/3 | www.pringlebayratepayers.co.za | Posbus / PO Box 409, Pringlebaai / Bay, 7196

Committee Portfolio / Komitee Portefeulje

" Anti Poaching / Anti Stropery Clayton Francis	Chris Geldenhuys	" Medical Emergency / Mediese Nood Clayton Francis	Water Paaie, Stormwater Ashley Rensburg	Mike Meyer
" Chairperson / Voorsitter Zirkia Fourie	" Hangklip Federation / Hangklip Federasie David Muirhead	" Membership / Lidmaatskap Ilse Meyer	" Secretary / Sekretaresse Ilse Meyer	" Ward / Wyk Zirkia Fourie
" Community Hall / Gemeenskapsaal Sue Visagie	" Firefighting / Brandbestryding Clayton Francis	" Pringle Post / Pringle Pos Mike Bisset	" Security / Sekuriteit Dylan Lotheringen	" <i>See member contact details on Useful Numbers insert.</i>
" Conservancy / Bewarea	" Ladies Club / Dames Klub Sue Visagie	" Roads, Storm	" Treasurer / Tesourier	<i>Sien Nuttige Nommers bylaag vir lede kontak besonderhede.</i>

Annual Fees

Subscription: R80. Pringle Post (printed & posted): R40.
Payment can be made in cash, by cheque or by electronic transfer (bank details below). Should you wish to make voluntary contributions, please indicate the specific cause as beneficiary reference (such as baboons, conservancy, firefighters, security) Kindly send a copy of your payment to the treasurer. Thank you for your support.

Jaarlikse Fooie

Ledegeld: R80. Pringle Pos (gedruk & gepos): R40.
Betaling kan gedoen word in kontant, per tjek of elektroniese oorplasing (besonderhede onder). Indien U vrywillige bydraes wil maak, dui asb. die spesifieke saak aan in die begunstigde verwysing (o.a. bobbegane, bewarea, brandslaners, sekuriteit). Geliewe 'n kopie van u betaling aan ons tesourier te stuur. Dankie vir u ondersteuning.

Bank Details / Bankbesonderhede

Nedbank Ltd, Tel: 028 271 8160 | Kleinmond Branch Nr. / Tak No. 131505 | Universal / Universele EFT 198765
Savings Account / Spaarrekening No. 2315001714

Pringle Post

The Pringle Post is available to members of the association by email. We welcome contributory articles for the Pringle Post, informing the community on the happenings in and around town. Please forward your news to the Editor.

Many thanks in advance!

The PBRA encourages freedom of expression. However, the views expressed in these articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the PBRA and its members.

Pringle Pos

Die Pringle Pos is beskikbaar per epos aan lede van die vereniging. Ons verwelkom hydraende artikels vir die Pringle Pos, om die gemeenskap in te lig oor die gebeurtenisse in en om ons dorp. Stuur gerus U nuus aan die Redakteur.

By voorbaat dank!

Die belastingbetalers-vereniging bemoedig vryheid van spraak. Let wel dat die standpunte gelig in hierdie artikels is nie noodwendig die standpunte van die vereniging of sy lede nie.

The Pringle Messenger

The Pringle Messenger is our monthly newsletter distributed by email to keep members up to date with the latest news.

If you want to receive this newsletter you must be a paid up member and need to provide us with an email address.

Die Pringle Messenger

Die Pringle Messenger is ons maandelikse nuusbrieff wat per epos versprei word om lede op datum te hou van die jongste nuus. As U die nuusbrieff wil ontvang moet U 'n opbetaalde lid wees en moet U ons verskaf met 'n e-pos adres.

Community Service

The Association is only as strong as its members and its Executive Committee. We regularly need new committee members to replace those who have had to leave. If you are available to serve on our committee for a year or two, please let us know by contacting the Chairman on 083 556 3345 or email chairman@pringlebayratepayers.co.za.

Gemeenskapsdiens

Die Vereniging is net so effektief en sterk soos sy lede en die Uitvoerende Komitee. Ons het gereeld nuwe komitee lede nodig om die te vervang wat moes bedank. Indien u bereid is om u kundigheid te deel en op die komitee te dien vir 'n jaar of twee, skakel gerus met die Voorsitter op 083 556 3345 of per epos aan chairman@pringlebayratepayers.co.za.

Village Warnings & Alerts

To better our village security, we would like to appeal to all ratepayers (not only members of the association) to notify us / update their contact details, even if you do not want to join the association. Your information will remain confidential and only used for general alerts and/or security updates.

Send an email to membership@pringlebayratepayers.co.za or info@pringlebayratepayers.co.za

Waarskuwings & Verwikkelinge In Ons Dorp

Vir beter sekuriteit in ons dorp wil ons graag 'n beroep maak aan alle belastingbetalers (nie net lede van die vereniging) om ons in kennis te stel van hul kontak besonderhede, of veranderinge daarvan. U inligting sal vertroulik bly en slegs gebruik word vir algemene waarskuwings en/of sekuriteits verwikkelinge.

Stuur asseblief responsie aan membership@pringlebayratepayers.co.za of info@pringlebayratepayers.co.za.

If you live or own property in Pringle Bay, and are not a member of the PBRA, please provide us with your contact details, to be used for purposes of security and/or important communication. Email us for a membership application. All details will be kept confidential.

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USEFUL NUMBERS | NUTTIGE NOMMERS

PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION PRINGLEBAAI BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING

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Treasurer treasurer@pringlebayratepayers.co.za

Community Watch communitywatch@pringlebayratepayers.co.za

Conservancy conservancy@pringlebayratepayers.co.za

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CHURCHES IN THE AREA / KERKE IN DIE AREA

Pringle Bay United Church

Circle Road, Pringle Bay

Sunday Service: 09h00

Bible Study: Tuesdays 09h30

The Rev. Gavin Graham 028 273 8172

Secretary: Dal Botha 084 700 1727

Lakeside Chapel

Lakeside Drive / Wheeler Road, Betty's Bay

Sunday Service: 09h30

NG Kerk, Gemeentesentrum

Disaweg, Bettysbaai

Sondagdiens: 09h00

The Anglican Chapelry of

St Francis of Assisi

Twist Street, Betty's Bay

Advent Carol Service 19h30, 18 Dec

Christmas Day Service 07h00

Sunday Services 09h00

Bible Study at 2746 Lipkin Rd,

Betty's Bay

Women's Fellowship Guild: 10h00 every

third Tuesday

Janet Meyer 028 272 9875 or 084 581 1298

David Bossenger 028 272 9996 or 076 285 3983

Roman Catholic Church

Twist Street, Betty's Bay

Saturday Mass: 17h30

Advent Carol Service 19h30, 18 Dec

GENERAL NUMBERS / ALGEMENE NOMMERS

Emergencies & Rescue

Overstrand Emergencies 028 313 8980

Overstrand Municipal 028 313 8111

Emergency 24hrs

Protection / Fire

Emergency 24hrs

Sea Rescue (NSRI)

Mountain Rescue

Netcare 911

Cape Town Emergencies

24hrs

Pringle Bay Clinic

021 480 7700

060 490 0874

Municipality

Law Enforcement 24hrs

Hangklip-Kleinmond

Hermanus

Electricity - Eskom

Water/ Sewerage

028 313 8111

028 271 8400

028 313 8000

086 003 7566

028 271 8435

Pringle Bay Fire Fighters

Clayton Francis

Vic Brooker

072 129 9788

084 384 0776

Police / Law Enforcement

Kleinmond

Axel Maier PB

Municipal - Kleinmond

ASK Security PB

Accidents - Rescue

PB Street Watch

- Ramon Singh

028 271 8200

083 286 4144

028 271 8400

028 273 8695

021 937 0300

028 273 8833

Ambulance

Provincial Services

EMO Strand

ER 24 SomersetWest

Ambumed

10177

072 996 6337

084 124

072 018 3478

Hospitals

Busamed Private Hospital

(Strand)

Vergelegen Medi Clinic

Hottentots Holland

Hermanus Provincial

Hermanus MediClinic

021 840 6600

021 850 9000

021 850 4700

028 312 1166

028 313 0168

Doctors & Chemists

Dr Audrey 060 490 0874

Dr Greeff Bettys Bay 028 272 9999

Dr van Niekerk Kleinmond 028 271 4227

Albertyn Apteek Kleinmond 028 271 4666

Pringle Bay Clinic 060 490 0874

Environment

Nature Conservation 028 271 8420

Hack Group - Chairman 082 900 8299

Aquatic Club PB

- Andrew Stekhoven 083 227 3340

Sea Watch (Anti-poaching)

- Mike Tannert 082 994 9300

Clayton Francis 072 129 9788

Wildlife and Pets

Animal Welfare (KAWS) 028 271 5004

Dog Control 083 516 5535

Wildlife in Distress 24hrs 028 271 8449

072 652 2346

Snakes In The House

Francois van Zyl PB 083 271 8809

Dan Van Graan PB 083 463 9178

Johan Cloete BB 028 273 8902

083 460 2123

Veterinarian

Dr. Peter Dave 028 271 4183

083 440 5191

Post Office

Pringle Bay (Agency) 028 273 8821

Betty's Bay 028 272 9363

Kleinmond 028 271 3100

Gas Supplies

Rene 082 772 5594

Gas Flame 028 212 1599

PRINGLE BAY COMMUNITY HALL

A beautiful and well equipped community hall in Pringle Bay is available for hire.

For more info and bookings please contact

Sue Visagie on 028 273 8224