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PRINGLE BAY WINDGAT FESTIVAL 2011

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After a very successful 2010 Conservancy Festival held at the Pringle Bay Community Centre in 2010, the 2011 edition moved to the central business area of Pringle Bay, with a new name. The 2011 Pringle Bay WINDGAT Festival took place from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September. The event again included the Tru-Cape Kogelberg Mountain Challenge. Several roads in the local CBD were closed for both Saturday and Sunday to accommodate the seven large marquee tents which hosted a wide variety of arts and craft, food stalls as well as other musical performances and plays.

Musical performances at the festival included the band Hotwater, Sarah Theron, Barbara Kennedy, Bruce Copley and the Zwelihle Marimba Band (sponsored by RealNet Properties).

On Saturday morning, the well-known band Hotwater, sponsored by the Pringle Bay Chamber of Commerce, mixed it up with their cross over Rock-Jive-World-Pop style. The performance was a dynamic and often spontaneous interactive tapestry of songs from one of their three albums. On Saturday evening a filled marquee enjoyed a stellar "Storm in a D-Cup" show by well-known singer and Egoli actor Sarah Theron, sponsored by Pam Golding Properties. Her newly released CD includes Afrikaans folk songs that soothes the soul, silly tongue-in-cheek country-blues and greatest tributes on request. At the end of the show a long queue waiting for signed copies of her latest CD confirmed the appreciation of the crowd.

One of the huge highlights of the festival was the Pringle

House Primary Schools first ever performance of the Louise Smit pre-school environmental play "Rodney Rooipensie". Both performances of the play, sponsored by Lemon & Lime, were fully booked and hugely enjoyed by adults and children alike.

Other festival highlights included The Original Fire by Dr Bruce Copley, the Stony Point Penguin Colony Talk sponsored by Harbour Road (Kleinmond), the Pringle Mingle Puppet show sponsored by Pringle Bay Properties, several Boland Leopard Project events sponsored by Kacie Kimber Estates, the Slithering Fynbos snake and reptile talk sponsored by Seeff Properties, the Nia technique – experience the joy of movement, the Conservancy Natural History Book sale held at the Pringle Bay Bookshop and the Pringle Bay Then and Now Photo Exhibition sponsored by Pringle Bay Properties.

Besides all the shows and musical performances this years event also had a great variety of both food as well as arts and craft stalls. Food stalls included several burger and boerewors stalls, great seafood stalls, chips and many more. Mention must also be made of the efforts of all the Pringle restaurants to bring the festival outdoors and into the street. Also a big thumbs up to Drostersgat for

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a great beer garden as well as The Anchor Restaurant and Cove Centre for allowing us to use their parking area for the arts and craft stalls tent.

The Pringle Bay Conservancy, organisers of the event, would like to thank the following companies, organisations and individuals for the generous donations and support: Tru-Cape, Naturescapes, Jacques Ractliffe, Kacie Kimber Estates, Lemon & Lime, Pam Golding Properties, Clayton and Dimmie Francis from the Anchor Restaurant, Seeff Properties, Hangklip Bottlestore, Perigators, Drostersgat Pub, Pringle House Primary School, Bienkie Lees, Pringle Bay Bookshop, Sunra Mostert from Fynbos Enterprises, Pringle Bay Properties, Simply Coffee, Rawson Estates, @365 Restaurant, Rina Scholtz and the ladies from the local Ladies Club, the Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association, Dr Bruce Copley and Barbara Kennedy, the Pringle Bay Chamber of Commerce, John and Sheila Knight, Lindsay Knight, Sandra Mulcaire, the Pringle Bay Arts and Craft Route, Graham Utton, Trix Pienaar and Louise Smit, Mr & Mrs Gray, Harbour Road (Kleinmond), Stony Point Penguin Colony, Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, Boland Leopard Project, all the contributors to the Heritage Photo exhibition, Vic and Gail Brooker, Hannalie Quass, Hannah's View Guest House, Villa Marine Guest House, Blue Jays B&B, Johan Kriek, Thomas McMahon, Pringle Bay United Church, Morne Lloyd, Lorinda Lendia, ASK

and Overstrand Municipality. Special mention must be made for the following two individuals for their contribution in organising the 2011 Pringle Bay Windgat Festival. Kacie Kimber from Kacie Kimber Estates and Jacques Ractliffe spent countless hours, gave thousands of Rands and worked effortlessly in organising this great event. A statue should be erected for their efforts! Special mention must also be made of the efforts of Hannatjie Doorduyn and Ina Le Roux and the Pringle Bay Arts and Craft route for the contribution towards the festival.

To all those who helped but whose names were not mentioned, thank you very much in helping to make this event a truly great event.

Our 2012 calendar looks a bit different from the last two years ones. Firstly, the newly launched DESTINATION PRINGLE BAY will from now on take over the duties of organising the Pringle Bay Windgat Festival as well as other events mentioned below. Here is a sneak preview of the 2012 calendar:

- 31 March 2012
Hangklip Kleinmond
Tourism Indaba
- 8 & 9 September 2012
Tru-Cape Kogelberg
Mountain Challenge and
MTB Challenge Weekend
- 22 – 24 September 2012
2012 Pringle Bay Windgat
Festival (Heritage Day &
National Braai Day)

From the Pringle Bay Conservancy a final thanks to all of you!

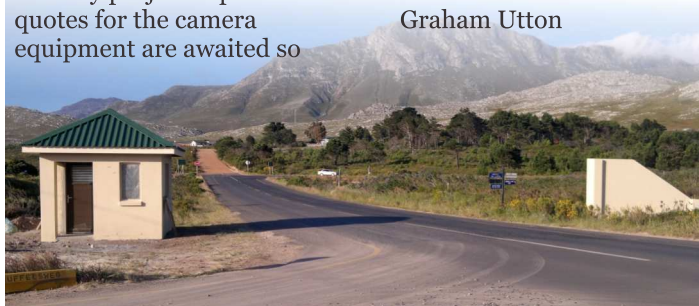
Bernard Heydenrych,
Jacques Ractliffe and Kacie
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SECURITY HUT UPDATE

The trenching for the ESKOM supply marks one of the final steps to the completion of the CCTV security project. Updated quotes for the camera equipment are awaited so

that a supplier can be finalised. For more on this topic please see page 5 on the PBRA Annual Report.

Graham Utton



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WHAT KEEPS YOUR RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION BUSY?

Community Hall:

The Ratepayers' Association is responsible for the management of the Community Hall. A 10 year contract has been signed with the Municipality. Negotiations have been slow. Signage is awaited. It is hoped that the business community will be willing to sponsor more trees in the grounds and approaches are to be made in this regard.

Security:

The security hut is well on the way to completion, but this too has taken longer than expected. Much of the work and materials have been donated, and attention is being given to the security of the hut and its contents, as well as the need for speed humps. There remains a shortage of funds.

Crime:

The committee receives feedback on crime in the area and is happy to note that crime in Pringle Bay is down, although Rooi Els and Betty's Bay have been less fortunate. Poaching remains a problem. The community watch is working well.

Fire truck:

There has been much

discussion around the need to buy and house a new fire truck with greater capacity than at present. Various options are being considered. This will be the Ratepayers' Association's next major project.

Waste management:

The trailer at the entrance to the village has been replaced with bins and the site is being carefully monitored. Should black bags continue to be dumped outside the bins, the committee is discussing the possibility of compulsory baboon-proof bins for every house with a reliable and consistent system of collection.

Roads and property development

The quality of the recent work on stormwater drains has given cause for concern, and attention is being given to improving the general look of the village, updating signage, and monitoring houses that do not comply

with legal construction requirements. The proposed plot clearing policy document relating to vacant plots is being clarified for discussion by the Ward Committee.

Pringle Peak development:

This is a large proposed development on the other side of the R44 between Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay, behind the smallholdings. The final scoping report has been studied and we have added our voice to the many objections. This will be a long

process, with room for wide consultation during the EIA (environmental impact assessment) stage. A public meeting is scheduled once the problem issues have been identified. We are liaising with our neighbouring villages, since we will all be affected.

Conservation

The Conservancy is now a separate entity, but we continue to have a close relationship and are identifying areas of responsibility.

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April/18. Chris' pa Pringle Bay (by Hawk Taken from the net

July 4/18. Penny docked from Ceramic

PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2011

We thank you, all our members, for your continued generous support and interest in the activities of the Association. We also thank the non-members who so generously supported the security and fire-fighting projects. It is truly encouraging to have a community who are passionate about their village.

Congratulations to our Mayor, Mrs Nicolette Botha-Guthrie on her re-election as Mayor of the Overstrand Municipality and a special welcome and congratulations to Lisel Krige our elected Councillor for Ward 10. We look forward to working with both of them.

This has at times been a busy year. Thank you to our Committee who were always prepared to go the extra mile. The committee's success this year is attributed to the interest and dedication of each member. Thank you to our secretary Sue for looking after our needs so efficiently.

With the election of the incoming Ward Committee we again said farewell to Ian Cushny who had held an ex officio position on our Executive. Ian, you can now enjoy the retirement you deserve.

Our Executive Committee

- Graham Utton – Chairperson, treasurer, membership and web site.
- Rina Scholtz – Vice Chairperson, Ladies' Club and Community Hall committee
- Eddie Roux – Waste Management, roads and storm water, small-holdings, building regulations and township development
- Axel Maier – Security, lifesaving and traffic
- Clayton Francis – Fire-Fighting

Co-opted members:

- Sue Folb – Secretary
- Mike Bisset – Pringle Post
- John Knight – Chamber of Commerce
- Bernard Heydenrych – Conservancy

Allan Griffin recently attended our committee meetings with a view to greater involvement in the future.

Overstrand Municipality

We wish to thank Area Manager, Cecile Jonkheid and her staff for their service and assistance given to the problems of our village. They are always available to us and assist wherever possible.

Other Forums

We continue to be represented at meetings of the Ward Committee, the Hangklip-Kleinmond Federation, the Community Policing Forum, Fire Wise, and other bodies. We liaise with the Ratepayers' Associations in Betty's Bay, Rooiels and Kleinmond.

We welcome the establishment of the Pringle Bay Community Watch under the chairmanship of Mervyn Gray and capable administration of Elli Wessels. The dedication of patrollers with late night patrols is a sterling example to all.

Portfolios:

The following are summaries of the most important aspects addressed by the Portfolio Managers in their reports.

1. Security – Axel Maier

This is an extremely demanding portfolio with little respect for private time. Thank you Axel for your dedication and sleepless night-shifts. A special thank you to ASK Security for your assistance with patrols and security matters far beyond your contractual mandate with your clients.

This has not been a quiet year with a significant increase in the number of break-ins and copper thefts with one resident being attacked and assaulted in her home. The community responded immediately by introducing the Community Patrol, which has seen, for a period, a reduction of crime in our village while other areas in our region continued with petty crime. Recently the

region has had an increase of break-ins at commercial properties where the criminal appears to identify weaknesses in the business security systems. We should learn from these experiences and ensure that our own systems are effective. There is still a serious call for homeowners to alarm their properties to avoid Pringle Bay being earmarked as a 'soft target'. Poaching continues to be a major activity on our rapidly depleting waters.

2. Membership – Graham Utton

Our paid membership is 276 members for the year. While a number of members did not renew membership, they continued to financially support our projects. As the largest community organisation in our area it is important that residents join and maintain their membership so that we have representation in our dealings with Council and others.

3. Roads - Eddie Roux

Roads are and will always be very important to the infrastructure of any town. However, it is also very often the source of complaints from road users who would prefer smooth tarred surfaces to the rugged natural roads of Pringle Bay. In this regard it is also worth noting that the cost of tarring roads is prohibitively expensive and nearly impossible, given the income generated from local rates and taxes, leaving no option but regular resurfacing the existing gravel roads. The roads are currently in relatively good condition with most streets having recently been re-gravelled and graded.

Earlier this year a section of Hangklip road, from the entrance off the R44 was re-tarred. Furthermore, there are plans to resurface the section of Hangklip road to the intersection with Falsebay road in order to restore the road surface following the storm water drainage project earlier this year. It also planned to proceed with

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development of a traffic circle at the Central road / Hangklip intersection – or the installation of some other form of speed control at this intersection. This is deemed necessary in view of the increase in traffic, as well as the alarming increase in speeding and/or ignorance of road traffic signs. Further speed control measures are being considered at the entrance to Pringle Bay.

4. Storm-water – Eddie Roux

Given the rapid development of Pringle Bay over the last few years and the historic poor town planning, storm-water and drainage will forever be a problem, with diversion of water from one area only causing a similar and often bigger problem further along the natural flow-path. So far there have been relatively few problems this year, largely due to low rainfall experienced over the winter months. A major storm-water drainage system, from the CBD down via Falsebay road, has been completed and this should most certainly have some positive effect on the surrounding areas. Unfortunately construction work did cause some other problems most of which have been or are in the process of being attended to by the municipality and the contractor.

5. Refuse – Eddie Roux

Removal of household waste has for many years been a major problem which in the last few years was further compounded by the rapid development and a significant increase in permanent residents. Whilst the trailer at the entrance to the village was not the ideal solution, the lack of co-operation from the local residents and sometimes non-local residents often resulted in the trailer and the immediate environment being in shocking condition and posing a definite health risk to users. Illegal dumping of building rubble, garden

refuse and other non-domestic waste also further hampered effective management of the trailer and the environment. Non-compliance furthermore also resulted in baboons gaining access, further adding to the problem. The trailer has recently been replaced by a new system of large bins, but sadly early experience shows no improvement over the trailer. What has become clear, however, is that the situation can be greatly improved if each resident will endeavour to ensure that waste is put into the bins; that the bins are kept closed at all times and that all users refrain from dumping any other waste and/or rubble in the area.

6. Township Development - Eddie Roux

This portfolio was inherited by Eddie due to the ongoing shortage of committee members and is rather challenging. With many active building sites, it is difficult if not impossible to keep a finger on the pulse and pre-empt some possible problems. The key issue in most cases being to prevent things from going astray rather than trying to get it rectified later – which in most cases is impossible. With the help of Kleinmond offices and the Building Inspector at least one potential problem has been identified and appropriate action taken.

It is also each resident's responsibility to be eyes and ears in the area and report potential problems to the Ratepayers Association.

7. Security Camera Project – Axel Maier

We extend a vote of thanks to Pat Dewil and his committee who piloted this project from infancy. The project was handed back to the Ratepayers after successfully finding local contractors willing to largely build and finish the security hut at their cost. The benefit of going this route is the substantial cost saving which can then be applied to improved and more sophisticated equipment.

We are very grateful to all who have contributed to this

project. We continued to experience obstacles and delays. Municipal contracts and requirements, ESKOM approvals, played their part. We need to appreciate that the generous contractors who freely gave of their time and many materials needed to meet their own business commitments before attending to the hut. All contractors and materials suppliers who participated in the building construction will be thanked and acknowledged at a function in the New Year. We will also list them and

their contact details in the next Pringle Post. A special thanks to Eben Cloete, Werner Willemse, Shaun Mattheus and Brendon Bircher. Keith Moss, you are special, your generosity limitless.

The completion of the hut is at last in sight with the installation of internal roller shutters, plumbing, and steel lined ceilings being the last items. The ESKOM supply and the hut's distribution board and plug outlets are expected to be connected early in December.



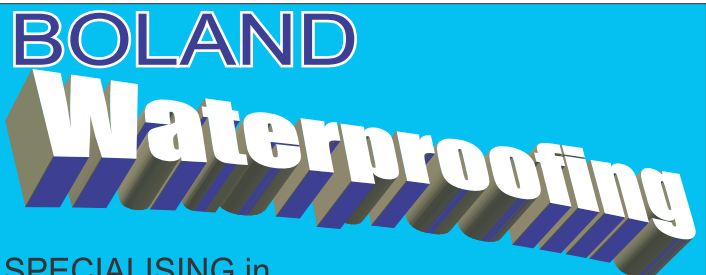
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Our regular attendance of the monthly meeting ensures that the village is in regular contact with SAPS and has up-to-date information regarding the prevalence of crime and SAPS priorities. A special note should be made of how fortunate we are to have Axel Maier in our village and the regular and very 'visible policing' in a SAPS vehicle that he is able to do. Our neighbouring villages do not have this same high policing profile.

9. The Pringle Bay Community Hall – Rina Scholtz

The hall has been used regularly on a daily basis for fitness classes, bringing in a small income. Two wedding and a 60th birthday celebration were booked. Small meeting groups and

seminars have been accommodated. The hall was also used at the recent Conservancy Festival for two events, namely the Leopard project and Bruce Copley's musical adventure. The third Craft Market will be held mid-December. White cloth has been purchased for draping at events such as weddings.

A Contract between the PBRA and the Municipality was concluded whereby the PBRA leases the hall for a period of ten years and assumes responsibility for supervising the management of the Hall. A separate bank account has been opened to channel all receipts and disbursements. The ESKOM supply account has been transferred to the PBRA which will result in savings of some R3000 per year due to the lower tariff available to the private sector.

At present income just

covers expenditures and work will be needed to promote this facility.

A special thank you to Rina and the ladies of the Ladies Club who run and manage the Hall so selflessly.

10. Fire-Fighting – Clayton Francis

This has been a good year for the fire-fighting team with relatively fewer fires. Nevertheless, they assisted with one house-fire, eight veld fires and attended four car accidents. The purchase of a 4x4 fire truck and the construction of a sufficiently large shelter for such a vehicle remains the short-term goal. Current plans are to purchase two garages to be placed in tandem. An area is to be cleared to provide a helipad.

The firefighting team has ongoing responsibilities and meets once a month for specialized training. We are

greatly indebted to these men and the sacrifices they make.

Because Pringle Bay is so heavily vegetated and therefore a serious fire-hazard, there is an enormous responsibility to make its inhabitants "fire-wise". The clearing of plots and eradication of Rooikrans trees and other alien vegetation is an urgent and ongoing exercise

It goes without saying that the search for future and younger fire-fighters to take over is ongoing. A team of five is essential, and prospective members need to be trained

11. Smallholdings – Eddie Roux

The Small Holdings Portfolio is very important in that this covers rather large pieces of land that could be obtained by developers for housing projects, hotels, resorts and the like. Whilst it

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brings with it some positive business aspects, it could also lead to the demise of the natural environment and the peace and tranquillity of Pringle Bay, which in many cases was what has drawn people to the area.

There is at present a landowner who is planning to develop a Hotel, Spa, Restaurant and Conference facility against the lower slopes of Pringle Peak – this will include approximately 100 one and two bedroom self contained units. The PBRA has met with developers and lodged objections against the re-zoning of the property. The final scoping report has been released for comment. The consultants have communicated that public meetings will only be held during the environmental impact assessment stage of the application.

Thank you Eddie for your hard work and willingness to

tackle any task. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

12. Conservancy**– Bernard Heydenrych**

Early in the year the Pringle Bay Conservancy decided that their interests would be better served by being independent with their own constitution. An inaugural meeting was held and an Executive Committee elected. Bernard continues to serve as a co-opted member for conservancy. PBRA offers assistance whenever needed and wishes the Conservancy every success in their endeavours.

Details of the Conservancy's activities and achievements are published in each edition of the Pringle Post.

13. Coastal Setback Lines

“The development of setback lines is a tool to protect coastal public property, private property and public safety; to

protect the Coastal protection zone; to preserve the aesthetic values of the coastal zone; for any other reason related to the integrated coastal management; to prohibit the building, alteration or extension that are wholly or partially seaward of that coastal setback line.”

After publishing a detailed report on proposed coastal setback lines and causing much concern with land owners, the consultants informed that the process would be restarted after re-examining the criteria used to establish the proposed lines. We await with interest the revised proposals.

14. Pringle Post

We welcome Mike Bisset to the team. He has done a sterling job and is introducing new features which will have additional interest for locals. Thank you to Pat and Mariana for their passionate

involvement in the Post.

15. Financial Report – Graham Utton

During the year R180 000 was received by PBRA. R50 000 was received by Firewise toward the fire truck, R18 000 by way of donations to the Firefighters, R71 700 to the security fund and some R22 000 from membership fees and Pringle Post revenues. Thank you to all our generous benefactors.

Expenditures are detailed on the financial report. Security expenditures of R38 000 were paid,

Conclusion

A new year is upon us, with challenges and changes.

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Graham Utton
Chairman

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2010

Number of attendees 91.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

Mr Graham Utton, Chairman, welcomed all present and in particular expressed his appreciation to Councillor Louis Van Heerden for attending the meeting. It was noted that Mr Van Heerden intended to retire at the end of his current term.

Apologies were recorded from Hannalie Quass, Chairperson, who could not attend the meeting as she was away with her family celebrating her birthday. Mr Utton wished her well in her celebrations. Apologies were also recorded from the following members:

Marius and Renee Theron
Edwina Burger
Geoff Banwell
Greg and Vida Holtman

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The following additional items were put forward:

- 2.1. Monthly Rates Bill
- 2.2. Traffic Control on the R44
- 2.3. Potholes

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

HELD ON 19th DECEMBER 2009

The minutes of the 19th December 2009 AGM meeting were confirmed after being proposed by Marius Ungerer and seconded by Ian Gleeson.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Community Hall

The Community Hall was run during 2010 by a committee consisting of representatives of all the organisations in Pringle Bay. However Graham reported that the Municipality had requested that the management of the hall should fall under the auspices of the Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association (PBRA). The Association was in the process of negotiating the terms of the agreement with the Municipality as it varied from the original proposals made when the hall was handed over.

4.2. Tarring of Roads

At the last meeting a request was made that the principles used by the PBRA for prioritizing roads to be tarred be made available on the web site. This had not been done as the Committee was in the process of reviewing the processes. This will be put on the web site once this has been finalized.

4.3. Masbaai Launch Site

Gladys Roberts enquired about what had happened to the Hangklip Boat Club's application to register the Masbaai Launch Site. Ian Gleeson explained that an objection to the application had been lodged which was still being considered by the Provincial authorities.

5. SECURITY

Pat Dewil was invited to address the meeting.

Pat reported that a committee of loyal members had been formed to consider matters of security and community watch managers had been appointed and the community watch established and is operating.

A lot of work had gone on in regard to the erection of the security building and cameras. However the Municipality's approval has taken longer than expected. Plans had been submitted but had to be changed. It was discovered recently that the proposed building would be on the Pringle Bay water supply pipeline. A meeting was held with Chris Harding on 23rd December and it was agreed to move the building to the other side of the road. The plans have had to be resubmitted and should be approved by the end of January. The Municipality is 100% behind the project.

Another major problem with this initiative is the fact that the donations and pledges received are some R60 000 to R70 000 less than what is needed. Pat made an appeal for money to be pledged and gave the assurance that the money would not be required until the building works commenced.

The meeting heard that as soon as the formalities had been completed, building operations will commence despite there being an insufficiency of funds. It was hoped that by the end of 2011

there would be enough funds to complete the project.

Mr Cabanac asked how the camera system would work. Pat explained that the system is very sophisticated and would be able to look after the communities requirements for ten years. It allows the remote monitoring in real time by volunteers, it can identify and alert when cars with suspect number plates enter the village and can track vehicles entering and leaving the village. Brian Berkman asked whether the cameras could monitor pedestrians. Pat responded that it depended how the cameras were mounted.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson's report had been distributed to members. The following items were highlighted by Graham:

6.1. Overstrand Municipality

The PBRA has built up a good working relationship with the Municipality and will continue to strive to keep this up.

6.2. Refuse Trailer

The Municipality would like to remove the trailer which the PBRA does not find acceptable and objections to this move would be pursued on behalf of the members. Members were asked to report any illegal dumping of rubble, car parts, etc. and also to report people rummaging in the trailer. Names of people to contact will be provided on the web site.



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PBRA AGM MINUTES 2010 CONTINUED..**6.3. Fire Wise**

Last year fund raising for a fire tender was put on hold to focus on the security requirements. In 2011 fund-raising would be focused on the need for a new 4 x 4 vehicle.

6.4. Aesthetics, Building Regulations and Township Development

The meeting heard that Councillor Louis Van Heerden had, with the assistance of Honor Breyer-Menke, drawn up Building Requirements for Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooi Els because of their uniqueness as 79% of the properties are on wet lands and there are problems with dunes. Councillor Van Heerden explained that the Municipality had accepted it as an official document, which makes recommendations but is not enforceable by law. The document will be made available to all persons wishing to submit building plans.

Mr Ian Gleeson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Van Heerden for all his support and interest during his 10 years in office. The meeting gave a resounding ovation.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report had been distributed to all members. No objections were raised.

8. REAFFIRMATION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING MANDATES

The mandate to oppose subdivisions, rezoning and change of title conditions for Pringle Bay Erven and KBR Smallholdings, when in conflict with or departing from the existing structure plan, was unanimously approved.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chairman advised that the Committee consists of a number of volunteers who give up their time and money enthusiastically to serve the community. There are a number of people not available for re-election, viz: Hannalie Quass, the Chairperson, who has many other commitments, in particular Kids Can, a

welfare organisation in Kleinmond where she is involved in literacy for under privileged children. Hannalie had put her heart and soul into the PBRA. The meeting expressed their appreciation to her. June Koopman, the Secretary, who had always been there and produced well prepared minutes and would be missed. The meeting also gave her a round of applause. Appreciation was also expressed to the following members leaving the committee: Roux Kritzinger, who had done an excellent job in caring for roads, storm water and refuse matters. Johan Kriek, Pringle Post. Honor Breyer-Menke, Aesthetics, Building Regulations and Township Development and Paul Spencer, Wind Farm.

Graham Utton, Axel Maier and Eddie Roux were available for re-election. Rina Scholtz, Mervyn Gray and Clayton Francis had made themselves available and they were all unanimously elected. Bernard Heydenrych would continue to handle the Conservancy portfolio.

The Chairman encouraged members present to nominate a person willing to fill the role of secretary as a co-opted member.

10. GENERAL / ADDITIONAL ITEMS**10.1. Sewage Levies**

Mr Goodson had sent a letter to the PBRA about the difficulty in understanding the new sewage levies. Mr Van Heerden agreed that it was also not clear to him and he had asked the mayor for an explanation and why sewage is linked to water consumption. He had a reply which still does not adequately explain the reasoning. Mr Van Heerden warned the members that septic tanks will be phased out and all houses would be required to have conservancy tanks. He also advised that septic tanks should be pumped out at least once a year to avoid them silting up and to avoid them soaking into the wetlands. Eleven extra tankers have been hired by the

Municipality over the holiday season. Mr David Marais expressed his anger that Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooi Els have to fund the Hermanus sewage system, but as Louis explained we all fall under the same Municipality. The Chairman undertook to approach Mr Zybrands, Regional Manager, to get clarity on the situation.

10.2. Traffic Control on the R44

Ms Ellie Wessels expressed her concern at the lack of traffic control on the R44

with a resultant increase in motor vehicle and motor cycle accidents. Pat undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Police Forum on which the PBRA had representation.

10.3. Potholes

Boudewijn De Vries had noted that potholes had been marked with painted white stripes but nothing had been done about them. He was reassured that the repair of these would be rolled out in 2011.

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In closing, the Chairman wished to express his appreciation to Rina Scholtz and the members of the Ladies' Club and Community Hall Committee for their unfailing willingness to care for the hall, ensuring that it is clean, opening and closing it for the various functions and

for arranging functions; the fire fighting team, the security team and the zone managers who get on and do what is necessary; Bernard Heydenrych for his dedication to conservation and to the raising of funds for the security building and the fire tender; Mervyn Gray for his

initiative in arranging meetings and pamphlets regarding the baboon problem; all the other committee members who have done their part in making 2010 a successful year and lastly to the members who had given their time to attend the AGM.

The meeting endorsed this with resounding applause.

It was agreed that the AGM would be held at the same time next year and Pat Dewil encouraged all members to read the web site to enable them to keep in touch with the activities of the PBRA.

COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM ADVISORY

At the recent meeting of the Kleinmond Community Police Forum (CPF) a concerned member of the community who is also a member of a Neighbourhood Watch, expressed concern about reports of delayed reactions by private security providers to alarm activations at residential premises. This matter was also subsequently reported on in the local media.

Whilst the CPF recognizes the good work being done by all our security providers and certainly does not wish to prescribe in any way to them as to how they should conduct their businesses, the Executive of the CPF nevertheless undertook in the interests of the community to meet with all the stakeholders to address any problems that may have arisen. A very constructive meeting was subsequently held with all stakeholders. Whilst we do not wish to apportion any blame, it nevertheless also remains a responsibility of each and every member of the community to ensure that they have adequate security to protect their families and

properties.

Under the auspices of the Kleinmond Community Police Forum and our respective Ratepayers' Associations we have over the last two years been very proactive in establishing community safety structures to work in close co-operation with both SAPS and local Private Security Providers.

This was considered necessary because of an increase in incidents of theft and housebreakings in the Overstrand. The aim of this initiative was to safeguard our community against criminal activities and strive for a safe and secure environment. The objective being to create public awareness with regard to safety, crime prevention, protection of families and their property and to encourage the community to work in close co-operation with each other.

To achieve this ALL members of the community need to get involved, even if it's just with their 'eyes and ears'. All need to get to know their neighbours, their particulars and whereabouts and their contact details so that in the event of any

emergency whether it be for medical reasons, major fire disasters, incidents of crime, etc, we will be able to make immediate contact.

Residents need to take all precautionary measures necessary to secure their properties. We need to be particularly alert to anything suspicious and out of the ordinary. Housebreakings are taking place even whilst houses are occupied. Front doors are being left open or unlocked. Garage doors are left standing open. We all need to be vigilant and not become too complacent. Some residents have already taken the initiative of organizing neighbours in their streets to improve communications and be alert to strangers.

In the light of the recent spate of crime in our area and in particular the recent armed robbery of a Guesthouse Owner, it is not unusual nor surprising for elderly folk especially those living alone to be showing signs of anxiety and concern about their safety.

The perception that private security companies have extensive powers which include law enforcement and crime prevention is not warranted as this is the sole function of the SAPS. As private security service providers they cannot take over the responsibilities of the SAPS and/or Municipal Law Enforcement and can only assist SAPS if requested by SAPS in an emergency situation. They are allowed to enforce the **common law rights** of their contracted clients on their protected properties. In essence the

contractual agreement between them and their clients allows them to act on their behalf:

- In the case of alarmed properties which are monitored by security companies; and
- Where an 'armed reaction' agreement is in place, the activation of an alarm initiates their 'right' or mandate in accordance with their contractual agreement.

Some security companies have 'rightful access' to properties where the owners have given them the necessary authority to gain entry to their sites. In the case of a 'monitoring only' client, the client specifically instructs the security service provider as to who is to be contacted in case of an alarm activation, but more specifically **does not** allow the service provider the right to act on his behalf at the site of alarm activation.

As can be seen from the above, the 'mandates' which the respective companies have, is based on the contractual agreement they have with their clients and does not give security service providers much protection under the law other than recognition that they are officially appointed to enforce the rights which that party has in common law. Security service providers have no rights above those of the general public and hence no protection under law especially off contracted sites.

It is essential that ALL incidents of crime are reported to the SAPS. By not reporting instances of crime gives the impression that we are a 'crime free' area which will not assist our cause in demanding improved visible policing and

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COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM ADVISORY CONTINUED...

service delivery from the Province.

There have been incidents of criminal activity in our villages which have not been reported to the SAPS, CPF or NW. One happens to hear about this through the grapevine. In this way we cannot be affective. How many people are aware of illegal drug and liquor activities but simply say nothing and the same applies to illegal poaching. They simply turn a blind eye. The SAPS need feedback so as to remain proactive.

As house owners we cannot expect the SAPS alone to protect our assets and lives;

we as house owners also need to take the necessary precautions to ensure that our properties are safe and protected. Homeowners must have security alarm systems installed and if already installed to ensure that they are activated when away for any length of time. Systems should periodically be tested and upgraded where necessary. Crime has changed over the years and criminals have become far more professional so alarm systems which are not up to standard might no longer be affective.

What has emerged is that systems have never been checked or tested since they

were installed many years ago. They need to be checked, serviced and upgraded by your service provider. Detectors have been found to cover only certain areas in the house. All areas especially where TV's are located need to be protected by detectors. Control panels also need to be protected i.e. should be covered by a detector. Time delays must not be too long. Some houses have been found to have alarm systems but are not linked to any service provider. Some owners have security signs outside their houses but have no systems installed. ALL homeowners need to ensure through their service providers

that their systems are adequate and in full working order.

Remember, that only your own precautionary measures will protect the lives of your families and properties and one should not depend entirely on a handful of willing and dedicated police officials to always be there in the time of a crises; they might just be somewhere else.

Dan Fick
Vice Chair,
Hangklip-Kleinmond
Community Police Forum

PRINGLE BAY - SOFT TARGET?

For many years Pringle Bay has enjoyed relative safety from the greedy hands of local scavengers. Break-ins were few and far between; doors and windows were left comfortably open and dogs were encouraged to sleep at night, not bark incessantly. In fact, there were very few tell-tale blue alarm lights, and burglar bars were almost unheard of.

Unfortunately this changed some years ago, and locals, especially residents were suddenly surprised by stories of houses being completely cleaned out. ASK warning signs went up rapidly and local talk of where the latest break-in had taken place was lively and intimidating. Residents

realised then that Pringle was under siege from fairly well organised groups who would take out several houses in a row, assisted by vehicle backup. We had to face the reality that the "professionals" had marked Pringle Bay as a 'soft target', where the pickings were good quality, valuable and easy.

The response was slow but effective. The Neighbourhood Watch was established a couple of years ago and *the decline in local break-ins was noticeable.*

Each night smallish groups of dedicated individuals take to the roads in conjunction with the local Security Company and alongside an active and

cooperative police patrol. Each couple spends two hours in various strategic positions around the village. They are completely non-confrontational, but connected to the Security Company's waveband by radio, they watch and listen from various vantage points, reporting anything unusual that would normally go undetected, to either the Police or the Security Company patrol. This is immediately followed up by the appropriate agency, who check occupants of any strange, unidentified vehicles and the vehicles themselves.

This is not difficult work; it specifically avoids any potentially dangerous situations, but performs the invaluable task of providing eyes and ears where they are needed most. It does, however, require a number of villagers to dedicate themselves to this activity once or twice a month.

Their work is relatively unrewarded; they don't encounter any insurgents first hand, and there is no direct contact with any criminal activity. Their reward lies in the knowledge that the burglary rate in Pringle Bay is *now about as low as it has been in years....* those close to the action believe that the PB Neighbourhood Watch is having an effect and that the

town of Pringle Bay is *no longer being viewed as a soft option.*

However a major frustration lies in the knowledge that this Neighbourhood Watch is being carried out by those few who care for the community and its future. There are many others who could easily become involved, but for some exasperating reason cannot find it in themselves to help with a couple of hours of their time once or at most twice a month. We **do** need extra help and call on all those who haven't already, to offer their assistance in this exercise and in this way help to ensure that Pringle Bay in the years to come becomes increasingly difficult to take advantage of.

We will never eradicate the menace of uninvited assaults on innocent homes, but we can surely go a long way to reducing it *if everyone is involved.* Please consider your positions very carefully and offer your time to this essential cause. You may sign up with Elli Wessels at 083 708 3113, or by email with Mervyn Gray on: mgray4453@gmail.com

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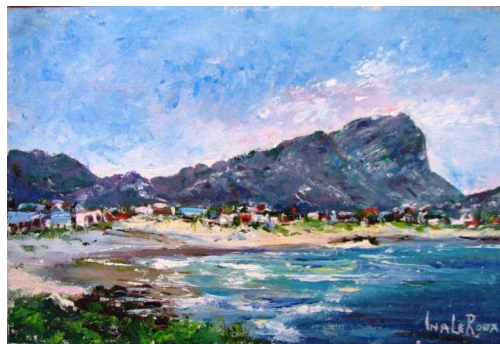
with an open invitation to commit thefts. Precautions that can be taken to eliminate such temptations are basic and if universally applied could materially reduce losses by theft and burglary.

Due to a significant increase in incidents of crime this year it is considered essential that homeowners take appropriate steps to protect themselves against any criminal activity. To achieve this we need to:

- ✓ Keep a list of emergency numbers prominently displayed at or near the telephone;
- ✓ Never open a door to an unexpected visitor;
- ✓ Avoid walking alone, particularly in isolated places;
- ✓ Arrange with reliable neighbours for reciprocal surveillance when away from home for any length of time;
- ✓ Leave lights on when away somewhere at night. As our areas do not have street lights we need to take special precautions as criminal elements are easily able to remain concealed;
- ✓ Ensure that residences are easily approachable and free from concealed means such as shrubbery and trees;
- ✓ A watch dog is a good early warning system especially if kept close to the owner or inside the house;
- ✓ Be familiar with your environment. Be constantly on the look-out for suspicious looking characters or vehicles and do not hesitate to report them to the SAPS;
- ✓ Ensure that Erf numbers are clearly and prominently displayed for emergency purposes;
- ✓ Ensure that all windows can be properly locked and are burglar proofed;
- ✓ Ensure that exterior doors are fitted with adequate locks;
- ✓ Never leave door keys hanging in the door;
- ✓ Don't leave spare keys lying around in your house. Place them in a safe place;
- ✓ Firearm owners must ensure that their firearms are kept safe at all times. Firearms must always be under your direct control or locked away in a firearm safe;
- ✓ in a firearm safe;
- ✓ Never leave ladders, axes and spades outside. These are potential housebreaking tools and weapons;
- ✓ Ensure that an intruder detection system is connected directly to a security company providing a 24 hour service. Ensure that the system is always activated when away from home;
- ✓ When out walking always make sure that your cellphone is concealed. Never leave cellphones lying on a seat in the car
- ✓ Be alert at all times to any strangers, perhaps disguised as workmen or vendors, who may be loitering in the neighbourhood. Also be aware of job seekers;
- ✓ Look out for suspicious vehicles that cruise the area at intervals and who may be keeping houses under observation. People and/or vehicles giving rise to suspicion should be reported to the SAPS, along with the fullest possible personal and vehicle descriptions;
- ✓ Ensure that front and back doors are not left open or unlocked;
- ✓ Keep garage doors closed and locked;
- ✓ Ensure that valuable items are not left on seats in cars parked at unprotected and isolated areas. Rather keep them locked away in the boot;
- ✓ Never leave car keys in the ignition when away from the car;
- ✓ Keep a list of the make, model and serial numbers of electrical appliances and other valuable equipment should it be required for investigation purposes.

Dan Fick

PRINGLE BAY ART AND CRAFT ROUTE PRINGLEBAAI KUNS- EN HANDWERK ROETE



A painting of Pringle Bay done by the local well-known artist, Ina le Roux

During the long weekend of the 16th to 18th December, local artists will be opening their studio doors once again in the picturesque little coastal village of Pringle Bay!

Move in and amongst the inhabitants of the picturesque little town of Pringle Bay. As you visit them at home and at the Village Market, look into the souls of the many artists and crafters who live here and share in their love of their surroundings which is inevitably also their inspiration. Through all of this you will be able to experience the passion of those who know no other way of spending their time, but being creative.

The uniqueness of a small town is mirrored in all works being exhibited. The detail of each piece will inspire the visitor and even if you do not buy; you will take something home in your heart.

Come, meet the artists, witness the creativity and share in the inspiration – without doubt you will want to come back again!

Brochure and map will be available at the Village Market as well as various local businesses.

Gedurende die langnaweek van 16 tot 18 Desember open die plaaslike kunstenaars van die prentjiemooie kUSDorp, Pringlebaai, weereens hul deure vir die publiek en u word hartlik uitgenooi om hul drempels te betree (asook sommige uitstallers by die Village Market), en hul sielsvreugde te ervaar in die pragtige omgewing wat hulle noop om uiting te gee aan 'n onweerstaanbare drang om te skeep. Deur hul te besoek sal u ook hul passie ervaar om hul kreatiwiteit uit te leef.

Die uniekheid van 'n klein kUSDorp word weergegee in al die werke wat tentoon gestel word. Die detail van elke werk sal die besoeker inspireer en al koop u niks, sal u steeds iets saamneem in u hart.

Kom ontmoet die kunstenaars, ervaar die kreatiwiteit en deel in die inspirasie – u sal sonder twyfel graag wil terugkom!

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SNAKE ID AND INFORMATION

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The snake is without a doubt one of nature's most skilful predators. For instance, a rodent, once it disappears down its network of burrows,

is safe from most predators – except from snakes. With its long elongate, limbless body a snake can easily move through the burrows and not only kill an individual rodent, but in many cases eradicate an entire rodent family in one session.

What to do when you come across a snake:

- Always leave snakes alone.
- Stand still. No snake will come and attack you. If you are a fair distance from the snake, approximately four meters or more, retreat slowly. Snakes never chase people.

Excerpts of the guide compiled by Jaco Uys of the Environmental Resource Management Department, City of Cape Town



- Do not tamper with dead snakes, as some of them feign death. The body may be turned sideways or upside down with the tongue hanging out.
- If the snake is in your house or garden please call your nearest Nature Reserve (See Useful contacts) with the following information handy: contact number, description of snake and if you have a visual of the snake. This will, in most cases, ensure that the person coming to collect the specimen can do so as quickly and safely as possible. Snakes move quickly and can disappear in seconds and for this reason NO snake handler will respond to a call if a visual of the snake is not kept.

bitten on the lower leg or ankle, often when accidentally standing on a snake.

- Do not walk barefoot at night when in the veld or camping. Most snakebites occur just before, or within two hours of total darkness. This is when nocturnal snakes and people are very active.
- Keep your eyes open and watch where you are going. When mountain climbing, do not put your hands in places that are out of sight. When collecting firewood, don't reach into holes, burrows or hollow logs.
- Do not step over logs and large rocks, as a snake may be sunning itself on the opposite side. Rather step on to them.
- Do not allow the accumulation of rubble, building material, thick vegetation or other materials around your home – these could serve for refuge for snakes and their prey.

How to minimize the chance of snakebite:

- If you are in the veld, wear stout shoes or boots and long trousers, preferably denims. Most victims are

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SPORE IN ONS OMGEWING

Meeste Pringlebaaiers bly hier omdat hulle van die natuur hou... weg van die stadsgejaag en "suburbia". Ons bly immers in die Kogelberg biosfeer.

Wanneer mens gereeld stap, hetsy strand toe, op die sand, erens in die bos of in die berg, kan diere-spore vir mens 'n ongelooflike aanduiding gee van watter fauna in ons omgewing lewe.

Nie te lank gelede nie, is twee verskillende luiperdspore hier, in Pringlebaai, gewaar! 'n Volwasse spoor as ook die spoor van 'n jong luiperdjie. Die ma en kind was oppad uit die dorp langs die Buffels Rivier, berg se kant toe. Paar jaar gelede is 'n enkelloper se

spore gewaar naby die hardware winkel in iemand se tuin. Swannie het 'n gips afdruk gemaak van die spoor (ingeval iemand sou dink Swannie is 'n visserman).

Vroeg oggend stappers kan gerus op die uitkyk wees vir spore van die nagtelike besoekers. Dit mag ook help om hulle minder raserig te maak... die stappers bedoel ek.



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2. Loop altyd om 'n spoor totdat dit op sy duidelikste uitstaan, dit het te doen met die rigting waaruit die lig daarop val. 'n Groot hond- en 'n luiperdspoor kan baie maklik verwar word maar moenie vrees nie: daar is twee maniere om te onderskei, sonder om jou kat en hond se pote in 'n bak meel te druk. Die sketse hieronder wys die duidelike verskille uit:
 - a. 'n Hond kan nie sy naels intrek nie, daarom behoort die naels sigbaar te wees... behalwe as dit

Ed se resies hond is wat sy naels stomp hardloop op die teerpad.

- b. Dan is dit nog steeds nie 'n probleem nie, want 'n kat het drie kussings en 'n hond het twee.
- c. Net 'n laaste wenk: indien die spoor vreeslik vars lyk, hardloop so vinnig moontlik in die rigting van die kussingtjie... maar net as dit 'n hond is.

Indien enige navrae bel vir Boesman by 082 826 0886.

Hou jou oog op die grond en laat weet wat jy sien.

Groete,



Boesman



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Pos moet asb. gerig word aan die Redakteur.

MUNISIPALE BLAPSE!!

1. Munisipaliteit Overstrand se Brandweer Hoof rig aan almal met onbeboorde erwe 'n skrywe **om erwe skoon en netjies te hou**. Een van die redes vir die versoek is: "om toestande te vermy wat knaagdiers (en gevolglik ook reptiele soos slange) lok.

HALLO! Hoe bedoel Meneer nou?? Ons bly immers in 'n Biosfeer!

Maar ook moet Meneer die Brandweer Hoof erkenning kry vir die feit dat hy in dieselfde skrywe aanbeveel dat die "gebruik van 'n trekker met 'n



Gevlekte ooruil kuiken

bossieslaner om erwe skoon te maak nie aan te bevele is nie maar dat die metode vir die afmaak van plantegroei omgewingsvriendelik moet wees en verkieslik met handgereedskap". Jammer dat nuwe voornemende Pringlebaaiers hulle nie hieraan steur nie!

Tydens die "skoonmaak" van "n erf is 'n gevlekte ooruil nes ontdek met 'n ma en twee kuikens. Uile leef van knaagdiers en slange waarvan die populasie natuurlik beheer sal word indien die habitat van uile en ander wildlewe onversteurd galaat word.

2. **Man-gate** (manholes) meerdere male oorgebou.

Wie betaal vir DIE grappie? Kan iemand verduidelik?



Die man-gat by die Minimark

BABOON MATTERS

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the comments under the 'baboon matters' piece in the last issue of the Pringle Post, and agree fully with all the sentiments. Sadly of course, those of us who regularly read the Post are probably already observing

all the rules regarding those furry vandals who seem to take an ongoing delight in destroying our gutters, downpipes and whatever else they can lay their paws on.

There is however another and more serious aspect to all of this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED...

I read in the Argus(July 23) that Cape Nature/Cape Town have now put down a third baboon for, and I quote, "raiding houses and becoming too brazen". This action, unpopular in many quarters, was deemed necessary to avoid the possibility of any harm befalling people who come into contact with these particular specimens.

What then of us in the Overstrand? The one that recently walked into our

lounge despite there being a number of adults and children present, certainly has lost all fear of humans and most definitely can be described as having become "too brazen." Why then are we so complacent? What are we and the authorities in the Overstrand waiting for. Will we wait to act, or more correctly, re-act, only once an adult or a child has been seriously injured?

Dr Elzette Jordan, City of

Cape Town veterinarian and part of the Baboon operational team refers to the these particular animals as "having become unmanageable and a threat to humans." Everybody in Pringle Bay, and the Overstrand authorities, are fully aware that there are baboons who fit this description active in our community. So why do we do nothing?

Surely our association needs to put pressure on the

authorities to work with us to identify the problem animals and take steps accordingly, unpopular as this will no doubt be. What are we waiting for? Local authorities such as Overstrand can not avoid their legal responsibilities in this regard. Cape Town has acted and continues to do so.

Why wait for a tragedy to happen?

Roy Melville.

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Fires!

When the wind blows (which is nearly every day) the probability of fire increases dramatically. NEVER make a fire when the wind is very strong and please NEVER leave it unattended. Only use designated braai areas and NEVER make a fire on the beach. Flying sparks have been known to set fire to the fynbos with devastating effects. Fires MUST be put out with both sand and water as exposed coals can be re-ignited by the wind.

Dunes

Our shifting dunes are in trouble. Houses have blocked the path of the north-wester, which used to return them to their place of origin. We are currently doing our level best to stabilise

the dunes so please keep to the footpaths and do not make new ones—tempting as it is when the beach is just on the other side!

Fynbos

Without a permit you may only feast your eyes on the magnificent biodiversity that surrounds us. Please, do not pick or remove plants and please be careful where you walk to avoid trampling on seedling.

Wildlife

There is a R500 fine for feeding baboons. Close windows on leaving your house, and if your home is in a baboon frequented area, keep an eye peeled for visitors! If a baboon drops in, do not get between the animal and its line of exit. Banging on something loudly, e.g. a spoon on a pan, may encourage an exit. pan, may encourage an exit.

Marine Life

Permits for fishing, crayfishing and for collecting mussels and other sea life may be obtained at the Post Office. Please do your bit to keep our pristine beaches clear of litter and fisherman's debris. Report poaching activities and people overstepping bag limits to Seawatch —082 994 9300.

Pets

Unleashed and unruly dogs cause havoc with the wildlife whether you are walking on the beach, taking a country stroll or fishing. Dog owners, please carry a poo-bag with you and clean up after your dog. Please ensure that your dogs have ID tags and cannot wander off your property, day or night.

Light Pollution

Any lights shining beyond the perimeter of your property is prohibited by law. Please, put on outside lights only when absolutely necessary and do not leave them on at night. Besides destroying the night sky visual, lights also destroy the natural biorhythms of both flora and fauna.

Refuse

New legislation says that bags may not be left on the side of the road, or put out in advance, as this is an open invitation to a baboon invasion as well as dogs and ibis. Place bags in a secure and baboon-proof bin situated inside your property boundary. If you miss collection, bags must be placed in the trailer at the entrance of town.

Belangrike Inligting

Brande!

Wanneer die wind waai (feitlik elke dag) word die waarskynlikheid vir brande heelwat groter. Moet NOOIT tydens sterk wind vuurmaak nie en moet die vuur asseblief NOOIT sonder toesig laat brand nie. Gebruik net afgebakende braaiplekke en moet NOOIT op die strand vuur maak nie. Vonke het die fynbos al aan die brand gesteek, met vernietigende gevolge. Blus brande met sowel water as sand, want die wind kan blootgestelde kole weer laat opvlam.

Duine

Ons waaisandduine is in gevaar. Huise sper die noord-weste wind af, wat die duine altyd teruggeskuif het. Ons doen tans ons bes om die duine te

stabiliseer. Gebruik dus asseblief net bestaande voetpaadjies en moenie nuwes skep nie, al is die strand net aan die ander kant!

Fynbos

Sonder 'n permit mag jy die pragtige biodiversiteit om ons net met jou oë bewonder. Moet plante asseblief nie pluk of verwyder nie, en kyk mooi waar jy loop, sodat jy nie saailinge plat trap nie.

Wild

Daar is 'n boete van R500 as jy bobbejane voer. Maak vensters toe as jy nie in die huis is nie, en hou dop vir harige besoekers as die omgewing 'n gereelde bobbejaan-kuierplek is. Sorg dat jy nie tussen 'n bobbejaan in die huis en sy ontsnaproete staan nie. As jy hard op iets slaan, byvoorbeeld met 'n lepel op 'n pan, sal die bobbejaan

waarskynlik die wyk neem. nie. As jy hard op iets slaan, byvoorbeeld met 'n lepel op 'n pan, sal die bobbejaan waarskynlik die wyk neem.

Seelewe

Kry permitte vir hengel, kreefduik, mosselpluk of die vergaar van enige ander seelewe by die Poskantoor. Help asseblief om ons strande van rommel en hengelafval skoon te hou. Meld stropers en mense wat meer uithaal as wat hulle mag by Seawatch aan (082 994 9300).

Troeteldiere

Losloper- en onbeheerde honde saai verwoesting onder ons wild, ongeag of jy op die strand stap, deur die fynbos wandel of vis vang. Neem 'n landmyn-sak saam. Sluit honde asseblief ook snags toe.

Ligbesoedeling

Geen regstreekse lig mag kragtens die wet buite jou eiendomsgrense skyn nie. Skakel buiteligte asseblief net aan as dit absoluut nodig is, en skakel snags af. Ligte verdof nie net die prag van die naghemel nie, maar beïnvloed ook die natuurlike bioritmes van sowel diere as plante.

Vullis

Volgens wetgewing mag sakke nie langs strate gelaat word nie, want dit lok bobbejane, sowel as honde en Skoorsteenveer-voels. Sakke mag nie vooraf uit gesit word nie. Plaas sakke in 'n veilige bobbejaanbestande houder binne die grense van die eiendom. Gebruik die vulliswa by die ingang van die dorp indien jy versameldag gemis het.

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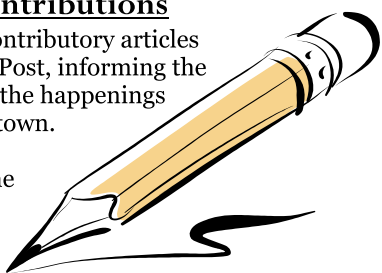
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