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## PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (PBRA) IN A NUTSHELL

This association:-  
 " Started in the late 1960's by the first residents of Pringle Bay – is today a registered Public Benefit Organisation which exists to represent the interests of ratepayers and residents.

" Has always played a significant and influential role in development and environmental conservation in the Hangklip area - represents Pringle Bay on the municipal ward committee and other consultative bodies.

" Promotes and assists in development of local organisations which benefit the community – e.g. Volunteer Fire Fighters, Hack Group, Street Watch.

" Strives to preserve and communicate the traditional values of our urban conservancy – the values that differentiate and attract people to Pringle Bay.

" A proud history of dealing with significant challenges in our community e.g. Beach Restoration, Baboon Management, Safety and Security.

" Fund raises, drives development and co-ordinates use of public infrastructure e.g. Community Hall, Fire Station, Security Cameras.

" Keeps people informed through publications like the Pringle Post and Pringle Messenger.

" Is currently negotiating with the municipality for introduction of a Special Rating Area to facilitate provision of security, baboon management and road infrastructure. Read about us in the Annual Report on the back pages of the Pringle Post.

## PRINGLE BAY FIRE STATION FORMALLY OPENED



*Above: our new fire station.*

After six years, and many hours of hard work by Station Commander Clayton Francis and his team of volunteers, the vision of the Pringle Bay Volunteer Community Fire Fighters has been realised.

Said SC Francis, "It is truly a great milestone for us as volunteers, and for our community. Rocky, our fire truck, is beautiful in all his glory, and his house is finally in use. We can not yet use the words "all done", because when is one really ever finished?

We had an official opening on 29 September 2016, as well as a fun-filled open day



*Above: The Pringle Bay Community Volunteer Fire Fighters, from left to right - Dave Mellett, Clayton Francis, Vic Brooker, Louis Rossouw, Jeff Owen (Pierre Kruger and RCW Francis, not present)*

on Saturday 05 November to give the public the opportunity to come and see the station. The kids got to ride our famous Unimog, Rocky, and play in fire fighting foam.

There was a snake show and a wide range of craft and food stalls."

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### ARE YOU A PRINGLE BAY RESIDENT OR PROPERTY OWNER?

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PB ratepayers are invited to join by ticking the subscription box and sending an EFT payment. Be sure to include ERF number and Name in the bank's reference field.

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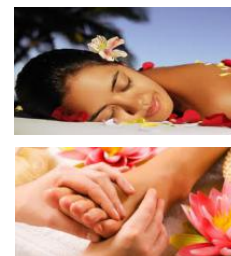
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## PRINGLE BAY FIRE STATION OPENED CONTINUED...

A fleet of fire and rescue vehicles were also on show at the public open day, and the community was treated to a range of fire and rescue demonstrations.

SC Francis added that the public must please assist them in avoiding fires over the coming festive season. "We are already experiencing a water shortage, so we must not also negatively affect our fauna and flora. Take care of the environment so that everyone has a getaway destination next year.

I ask this on behalf of the Pringle Bay Volunteer Community Fire Fighters and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Enjoy the holidays", said SC Francis.

The new fire station includes an office, kitchen, showers and bathroom

facilities on the ground floor, with emergency sleeping quarters on the mezzanine deck. The building and premises are ultimately intended for use by our own fire service and as an emergency centre for the area stretching from Rooi Els to the far side of Betty's Bay.

Rocky, who had been living out of doors for a long time, received an overhaul and is now parked next to the original fire *bakkie* at the new station, but provision has been made for multiple vehicles including potentially an ambulance and NSRI service.

We wish to thank Station Commander Clayton Francis and his dedicated team of volunteer community fire fighters for their selfless work over countless years. They are truly a team to be proud of!



*Above: Volunteer Community Fire Fighters of Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay, and further afield in the Overstrand at the official opening of the station. From left to right: Overstrand Division Commander Marlu Rust, who is in charge of the volunteers, Jeff Owen, Wendy Tawse (SC of Betty's Bay), Louis Rossouw, Mayor Rudolph Smith, Vic Brooker, Craig Niemand of Stanford, SC Clayton Francis, Jorika Rabe, Dave Mellet, and Edward Oliver. (Pierre Kruger and RCW Francis not present)*

*Below: top left - the fire station inside; top right - Rocky in all his glory, tucked away from the elements; centre - the future generation of fire fighters playing in the foam; bottom - the fire demonstration at the public open day*



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## SAVING THE BEACH – PROJECT FEEDBACK

### Winning the Environmental Conservation Award

In the June/July Edition of the Pringle Post you were briefed on the progress being made with the Pringle Bay "Save the Beach" Project. We are proud to inform you that the "Emergency" Phase of the Project has been concluded. The aim was to create a barrier on the foreshore and ensure that the sand is contained on or close to the beach. You will see that the new dune in the middle of the beach is now more than two meters high and moves from Northwest to Southeast or visa-versa, depending on the wind direction. The barrier was formed mostly by the North West Wind, but with helpful assistance and hard work from a wonderful team of Pringle Bay volunteers.

As an acknowledgement for the fine work being done, the Pringle Bay "Save the Beach" Project was awarded the Mayoral Award Floating Trophy for Conservation. Chris Geldenhuys, as the convener of the work group,

had the honour to receive the Trophy from the Mayor, Mr R. Smith on 4 October 2016, on behalf of the group. A fine acknowledgement for all the hard work. Deon Keet as motivator, encourager and financier, Laurie Barwell for consultancy and expertise in coastal zone conservation,

Dave Muirhead doing the diplomatic liaison between the ground work and the municipal authorities, Boudewyn de Vries and William Ferreira who contributed their time and expertise to maintain and repair the dunes and paths. There have been many other voluntary residents who spend hours sweating it out on the dunes to build and strengthen them. We raise our glasses in appreciation.

### NEMA Plan Approval

In the meantime the Pringle Bay Dune Maintenance Management Plan was approved by the Department of Environmental Affairs on 31 October 2016. This plan legalises moving sand from the dunes at the back of the



*Above: Chris Geldenhuys accepting the Mayoral Award Floating Trophy for Conservation on behalf of the the Pringle Bay "Save the Beach" Project.*

beach to the new dune formation on the foreshore together with stabilisation and rehabilitation of the whole system by planting appropriate vegetation. The plan also envisages construction of proper pathways to replace the existing temporary paths. The next phase of the project will cost a considerable amount of money and would best be done on a turnkey basis in order to avoid costly mistakes and possibly undo what has been achieved to date.

The Overstrand Municipality do not have funds available but are looking at possible external funding sources. So why should we do it? The answer is simple. We need a long-term barrier able to cope with rising sea levels and severe storm conditions. If this is not done there is risk of losing the beach altogether. It has already receded 120 metres over the last 40 years.

*Left: The current state of the new dune.*

Anybody with a couple of million to spare should contact Chris as soon as possible.

### Future Direction

Until clarity has been obtained on the way forward for implementing the new Management Plan the team will continue with the maintenance of the pathways and closing up possible blow-outs in the dunes. Our beach project has been managed in conjunction with a similar initiative in Betty's Bay who have also now received approval for their management plan. We have agreed that municipal resources be directed to assist in stabilising the dreadful situation in Betty's Bay until April 2017 when the South Easter dies out.

In the meantime all residents of Pringle Bay and their visitors should enjoy the beach and admire the dunes. But please stick to the pathways and stay off the dunes and inform all visitors to do the same.





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## JAN SCHUURMANS-STEKHOVEN

Jan Stekhoven passed away on the 8th of September, 2016 at the age of 92.

Jan was born in 1923 in Cape Town and spent his early years in Hout Bay – one of only two houses in the entire area and only accessible by donkey cart through the sandy terrain. He attended Simon van der Stel Junior School in Wynberg where he learnt how to speak Afrikaans, as Dutch was his mother tongue. From there, his father moved him to Bishops where he had to learn English very quickly.

He finished his schooling at Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool in Pretoria., and went on to study Geology at the University of Pretoria.

Jan's multilingualism was to have a positive impact on much of what he did, in particular, this skill was particularly beneficial for the community of Pringle Bay as he was able to bridge the many cultural divides that were prevalent when he joined the newly formed Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association in the late 1960s. Jan has been a father figure to so many of us, in so many ways.

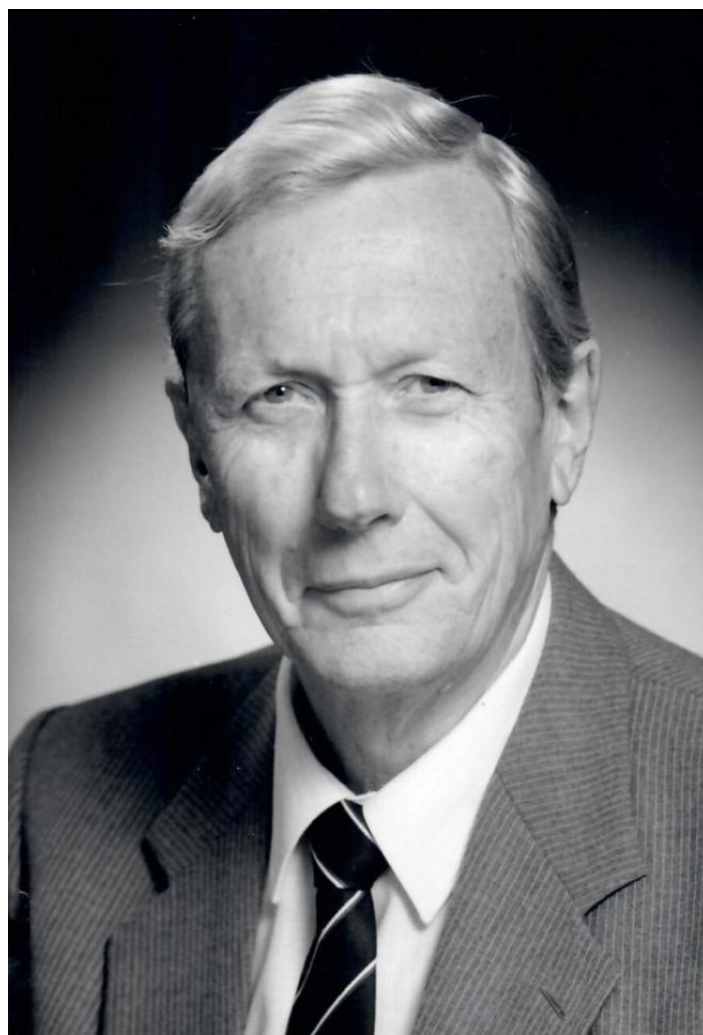
In his earlier years and early years of marriage to Ann, they used to go regularly with close friends angling off the rocks around Pringle coast line and often stay over at the Hangklip Hotel. This is how he

originally came across the small community of "Pringle Bay".

Jan's younger brother Julian Stekhoven was a doctor practicing as a GP in Sea Point. Julian had a patient who had two plots (erf 248 and 249) in Pringle Bay and this patient offered them for sale to Julian. Julian was preparing to move to Switzerland but thought that Jan would be interested. So it came to be that in early 1963 Jan and Ann bought erf 249 for GBP300 (R600) and in 1968, erf 248 for R3500.

They built a very simple "Lockwood" weekend and holiday home – it was the 7th house in Pringle Bay at the time. Bill Black had built his family holiday home in 1967 and he and Jan became the core of the just established PBRA. This was a vital function as the local authority was not really interested in the needs of this tiny township and the Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association had to fight to find a voice for the community that was starting to grow and needed services on a consistent basis.

Being fluent in both Afrikaans and English, Jan was able to develop a strong bond with ratepayers and local authority people alike. His warm and caring attitude for all the people with whom he



*Above: Jan Stekhoven*

communicated during his tenure as PBRA Chairman was what made such a huge and lasting difference for our beloved Pringle Bay. For 25

years he led the community in this capacity; and in harmony with the local authorities.

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## JAN SCHUURMANS-STEKHOVEN CONTINUED...

His achievements for our community are too many to relate here. However, two that bear mention are:

### 1. Public open spaces

A good example: in the early 1970s Jan arranged for the PBRA, for a nominal fee, to buy the school site that is now the wetland area on the landward side of Beach Road – between the Constants house on the corner of Beach and Hangklip Road and the ablution block at the boardwalk carpark. It is highly likely that a developer would otherwise have bought this large parcel of pristine land and the wetland would have become a residential area.

### 2. Clarence Drive

In the late 1970s, Jan, having such a good relationship with the local authorities, got wind of a plan by the Department of Public Works to route Clarence Drive (R44) through Rooi-El's and along the seaward side of the mountains between Rooi-El's and Pringle Bay. He quickly called for a meeting with them where they confirmed that this was the case as they considered that the incline up from Rooi-El's was too steep. Jan was able to convince them that this was not the case and today the existing route is living testimony to his efforts and extraordinary relationship

with the local government of the time.

It is unthinkable as to what the impact of having the R44 running from Rooi El's along the Pringle Bay coastline to Betties Bay would be today ....

Jan died after 5 weeks in hospital. He passed away peacefully and his children were privileged to be by his side.

Jan leaves many proud legacies for all of us. He is survived by Ann, his wife, his son, Andrew and his daughter Di, his grandsons Shane and Matthew, his granddaughters Jaime, Dominique and Natasha, great granddaughter, Sophia Grace and great grandson Memphis Breeze.

We are all deeply emotionally invested in our precious part of that little portion of paradise called Pringle Bay. Many of us have lived elsewhere in the world but are unanimous in thanking Jan for making this the spiritual home for our family - future generations included!

We miss our family patriarch very much. And we know that his spirit remains here in our treasured Pringle Bay and so loves on within all of us.

The Stekhoven Family  
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## A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

*Below: Erhardt, Mila and Sandi will always be a part of our village and our hearts.*

Dear David,

We would greatly appreciate it, if you, as Chairman of the Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association, would share this update with the amazing people of 'The Fund' that have contributed, supported and carried us through to this point.

Some sixteen months have passed since the terrible fire that took the lives of three much-loved members of our family and community. The loss of these delightful people, Sandi, Erhardt and our sweet Mila, is something that is incomprehensible and seems absolutely senseless. Yet, it is this terrible event that showed us how committed our community is to the wellbeing of its members and especially its young folk.

While the nightmare of the events of 1st June 2015 was slowly becoming an awful reality, our community rallied and took care of us, the ones left behind. It is doubtful that the magnitude of this can ever be grasped. Before the end of the day, there was a ceaseless coming and going at our home in Buffels Road. As word spread of the tragedy, the world came to our aid with love and kindness.

The boys, who were left with nothing but the clothes they wore, received everything and anything they could want.



Computers, for studying, blankets, linen and all manner of things, to set their lives up again. Even their sporting gear was seen to, wet suits, boards and more.

As a family, we received counseling, spiritual guidance and loving support from an amazing array of sources. The children of our community, who suffered this loss as deeply as we did, showed their care with flowers, farewell notes and messages, sent up in smoke at the Kleinmond Primary School, comforted by Ds Barry, a man of great sensitive insight.

So many, many people attended the Memorial Service, in brilliant warm sunshine, in Waldo's beautiful garden. Erhardt's bakkie, covered with Fynbos, ribbons and tributes, is a picture that will never be forgotten, nor will the sight of a bunch of white balloons ascending into



the blue, blue sky.

A fund was started by friends, family and strangers to see to the needs of the children.

The Community came together.

Tristan, the elder, is continuing his trade as a yacht builder.

Teagan very successfully completed her matric and is now studying Humanities at Stellenbosch. Sadly, these two suffered another loss when their Grandfather passed away recently.

Joshua, too, did his GED certification and is currently studying for SAT. He now also has his Driver's License, final proof that he is at the door of manhood. At this stage, like many youngsters his age, he has not yet discovered his calling or passion in terms of how he wants to earn his living.

He has worked at Lifeguard during the holiday season,



both locally and in Hermanus ; has gained the experience of fishing and discovered how hard it is to make a living this way. While he has the opportunity, he plans to do various courses such as Business Management, screen printing and a number of others. He has shown a particular interest in 'Non-destructive testing' and is looking for the appropriate courses.

Joshua is now living in Hermanus with his Aunt Heidi. There are more casual and/or permanent work opportunities available in a larger town.

All this brings me once again to thanking 'the world', all the known and unseen supporters. Your support has been a pillar of strength to all in our family.

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## ARBOUR DAY WITH PRINGLE HOUSE ECO SCHOOL

I was invited along with Anina Lee and Sheraine van Wyk from Whale Coast Conservation to join Pringle House Eco School in their celebration of Arbor Day.

The children would be planting indigenous plants around the new fire station in Pringle Bay. The enthusiasm was palpable as we watched the children from the age of 3 to 14 wielding garden implements with abandon. Watching the planting of dozens of aloes and other succulents around the perimeter of the fire station were numerous friendly dogs and a rather large sheep on the lookout for constant eating opportunities. After a while we all went back to the school for tea and a guided tour of their nature walk in the school's large grounds. These were rich in their diversity with lots of fynbos, mushrooms, alien plants, a wetland, caterpillars, frogs and evidence of many porcupines as well. We looked around the classrooms and were so encouraged by the high standard and variety of the work being done there. We saw many projects put together creatively and artistically using recycled "waste" both in the classrooms and outside in the grounds. Most shelving, fittings, storage units and desks were salvaged from dumpsters or built from materials donated by companies refurbishing their own premises.

The school is bright and colourful – the children motivated and absorbed in their activities. A stroll

around the outside of the school revealed climbing frames, jungle gyms and a play house all of which were home made from old tyres, branches and pieces of wood. The children were even involved in building the steps up to an outside classroom using old tyres, sand and stones. They had a simple vegetable garden with a few veggies and herbs but were struggling to keep the porcupines from eating their produce. The children had recently finished building a large compost heap in the corner of the grounds as well.

Numerous animals wandered around the grounds – rabbits, dogs, a couple of small pigs and my favourite - Montana a rather large sheep who imagines herself to be a dog. This school really has taken the message of zero waste to heart. Just about everything is reused, upcycled or recycled. The pupils are also extremely fortunate to have such enthusiastic, resourceful and proactive teachers and parents so willing to guide these young people towards a lifestyle which will hopefully stay with them forever and be of huge benefit to others as well as to the environment.

What a wonderful place to start your school experience, Pringle House Eco School really is a little taste of what life and school really should be about.

Fiona Matthes



Top and above left: Pringle House Eco School planting indigenous plants around the new fire station on Arbor Day. Above right and below: The bright, colourful Pringle House Eco School and grounds.



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## PRINGLE HOUSE ATTRACTS PEOPLE TO PRINGLE BAY

Pringle House School was started on a stoep eight years ago by a group of parents, to provide quality education in a unique environment for children in the Pringle Bay area. By the end of 2014 Pringle House had outgrown its premises in the village centre and relocated to spacious grounds at the entrance to Pringle Bay.

The school's first pupils have successfully moved on to high schools across the Western Cape. As committed to the high educational standard it started with, the school provides all round emotional, intellectual and physical development. Growing strongly, the school has forty learners from eighteen months to twelve years old, taught by five amazingly committed staff members.

Pringle House looks forward to welcoming new school Principal Heather Miller at the start of 2017. Heather Miller is a highly experienced educator with a passion for developing

balanced children in an eco-friendly environment. A member of the PTA says, 'we are lucky to have Heather join our community and will give her a very warm Overberg welcome.'

Pringle House emphasizes compassion, community and belonging together. These values are practically expressed in projects such as Elderly Caring Day, when children treat grandparents and other community members with home baked goodies and entertainment at the school, getting down and dirty planting a new garden at Pringle Bay's new Fire Station, many beach and wetland cleanups and combating alien invasive plants on the school grounds with the hugely appreciated help and hard work of the Pringle Bay Hack Group. Everyone in the school community, from toddlers and pre-teens to teachers and parents, plus dogs and Montana the sheep pitches in.

Pringle House is a registered Eco School affiliated with The

Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) and Whale Coast Conservation (WCC). The school's eco programmes create awareness and action around environmental sustainability in schools and surrounding communities. The children attend many of the environmental education programmes that WCC hosts and have great fun, like the Fernkloof Fynbos and Fire Festival, where children follow clues, answer questions and win prizes – all thanks to Sheraine Van Wyk and her team at WCC. Meanwhile healthy lunch boxes, vegetable growing and composting promote healthy living.

Low waste, recycling and reusing are priorities at Pringle House. The annual 'Trashion Show', where children showcase outfits made from recycled materials and host a fun filled fundraising dinner, fashion show and auction, is a popular Pringle Bay event. 2017 will see a NO WASTE Challenge and many other fun filled fund raisers.

Pringle House is self-funded

and receives no government grants or subsidies. Community support, especially from local businesses, community organisations and charities is the key to ensuring the sustained development of the quality, holistic education the school provides.

Support takes many forms: from donations, sponsorships, repairs and maintenance, gardening services, volunteering talent and time to helping to developing sports facilities. To get on board, contact Rob Pullock at email

[robert.pullock@outlook.com](mailto:robert.pullock@outlook.com).

In an April 2015 article, Estate Agents Pam Golding Properties wrote that 'Pringle House School makes Pringle Bay attractive to young families as well as other permanent residents.' Everyone benefits when the school and the community support each other.

Admissions for 2017 are open. Prospective parents can contact the school via email at [info@pringlehouse.org](mailto:info@pringlehouse.org) or go to [www.pringlehouse.org](http://www.pringlehouse.org) for more information.



*Above: Drumming circle*

*Below: Busi modelling her recycled outfit in last year's Trashion show*





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Ons weet nie wat ons mis om nie kinders van ons eie te hê nie... maar in Pringlebaai het die mees ongelooflikste kinders oor ons pad gekom! En ons beskou sommige van hulle as ONS kindertjies!

Kayla was die eerste kind wat oor my pad gekom het. As baba, nog nie eens 'n jaar oud nie, het sy op my skoot gesit op die walle van die Theems toe ek en Morris in Ierland gaan werk het en Zelda en Thomas ook 'n heenkome in Engeland gevind het vir 'n wyle. As 'n leerder in Kleinmond Laerskool is Kayla aangewys as die enigste Hoofleier in die skool. Normaalweg is daar 'n Hoofseun en Hoofdogter. In die geval was daar geen ander leerder wat geskik was om aan Kayla se sy te lei nie... 'n eerste in die skool se geskiedenis.

Kleinsus Danielle is 'n regte wouwater. As enige iemand gewonder het... Danielle is die een wat vrolik vreemd aantrek en op haar skaatsplank... ekskuus

"Longboard Tannie Kerneels", of fiets met haar ewe woelige maatjies ons vermaak. (Zelda staan vas dat sy niks met haar "dress sense" te make het nie). Oom Morris word gereeld aan die hand gesleep na die ou Asherberg klavier ca 1870 om TJOPSTICKS saam te speel... tot die klein pianiste se frustrasie omdat die ou klavier in Miems ietwat vals is. Danielle, ook 'n leerder van Kleinmond Laerskool, het die Carla Botes Trofee vir meeste empatie en simpatie met die medemens ontvang. Ook is sy die jaar aangewys as die toppresterder in haar klas met 'n pragtige punt van 87%. Albei die klein Elsies is ook baie begaafd in kuns en kultuur en raap pryse op by Eisteddfod kompetisies.

Ons het ook baie sportiewe kinders in ons midde. Keathan was skaars 'n baksteen hoog, toe skop hy 'n rugbybal bo-oor die huis se dak. Byron het ook ontpop as 'n veelsydige sportman en presteer goed in krieket en rugby. Vir rugby het hy 'n trofee verower vir die beste onder elf speler in Kleinmond Laerskool. Byron het toe hy begin praat het vir Morris "Oom Morrels" genoem tot groot vermaak van almal!

In die Fisher en Gabriels huisgesin (Rene, Brian, Sumina en Franklin), onderskeidelike ouers van die sportiewe knapies, is daar ook vier pragtige dogtertjies. Sponsie is my mede Skerpioentjie. Met 'n

verjaardag viering het haar doopnaam, Sue-Andrea, trots op 'n baie mooi verjaardagkoek gepryk. Die ouer kinders en Sue-Andrea, aka Sponsie haarself, was verstom oor die vreemde kind wie se verjaardag dan nou gevier word! Selfs die skoolhoof het nie geweet wie Sue-Andrea is nie. So Sponsie sal dit bly!

Kelly en Taylin is ons babatjies en hulle is altyd so hartseer as ons vir "Nanna" (dis nou Rene) gaan haal vir haar werk as chef by Miems... en tog so bly as ons haar weer huis toe neem! Beide neem deel aan Pikkewyntjie Skool se jaarafsluitings konsert met die tema "Rock & Roll". Al wat ons deesdae hoor is tema liedjies uit die film Grease!

Ook in dieselfde konsert is Akura as voordanser. Akura is een van ons Miems Markie babatjies en wikkel sy lyfie tog te oulik! 'n Kind van min woorde maar met baie nie-verbale uitdrukkings!

Miems Markie het ook 'n klein entrepreneur... die 12-jarige Paul, wat sy eie biltong gemaak en by die Markie kom verkoop het. Paul is een die van mees gemanierde en hulpvaardigste mense wat ek ooit tee gekom het. Op 'n besige aand by Miems sal hy sommer begin tafels afdek. Paul, saam met Pa John en Ma Nicola, is vreeslik avontuurlik en, buiten fietsry en skaatsplank... oeps... alweer "longboard", het hy al quadbikes gery van 'n jong ouderdom. Paul kan motorfiets ry en ook motorbestuur. Hy't ook 'n gesonde belangstelling in wapens, is ook 'n goeie skut en het al elke moontlike bok wat mens kan skiet, platgetrek.

Suene, Keathan se sesjarige sussie, het 'n bekoring van haar eie... en glad nie op daai haasbekkie van haar geval nie. Suene het twee maatjies wat sommige Vrydae haar kom opsoek by Miems. Hulle vra "Waar is die GIRRRLL" met 'n pragtige Nederlandse aksent. Die twee is Henry en Monique van die Country Shop se blonde seuntjies. Davian, ook ses, en



Bo: Kayla en Danielle



Bo: Die Fischer en Gabriel spannetjie



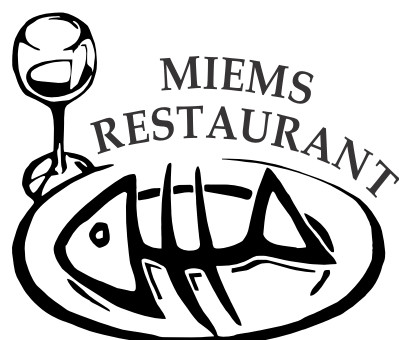
Bo: Akura - een van Miems Markie klein mensies



Bo: Paul uitgedos in sy volle "bike" mondering



Bo: Davian en Sebastian



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drie jarige boetie, Sebastian, kom maak gereeld 'n draai by die ander besighede vir 'n geselsie. Henry dring daarop aan dat die kinders Afrikaans magtig moet wees. Een van ons gereelde kliente vra vir Davian waar hy vandaan kom. Sy antwoord: "Holland". Die klient sê: "Dan is jy mos 'n kaaskop?", en Davian antwoord: "Dan is jy 'n spinnekop" (rockspider / afrikaner). Skerp sou ek sê!

Aan taalvaardigheid en skerpsinnigheid is daar nie gebrek aan onse klein Pringlebaai mensies nie. 'n Selfopgelegde taak van die Fischer en Gabriel kindertjies is om hul buurman se hek oop te maak as hy smiddae na werk tuis kom. Die beloning word dan op Sondae uitgedeel. Hulle "pay" in die vorm van lekkergoed en peuselhappies.

Maar toe op 'n dag is daar 'n vreemde vrou maar hulle maak nog steeds die hek oop vir die "TANNIE". Sy was nie baie geneë met die "TANNIE" titel nie en skree: "Ek is nie 'n TANNIE nie!" Suene laat nie op haar wag nie en hak af: "Is TANNIE dan 'n OOM"... en volg op: "Dis nie eers jou huis nie!"

Dit moet wonderlik wees om 'n kind in Pringlebaai te wees! Kyk bietjie in ons strate en ons strande hoe vryelik kinders veilig kan baljaar. As die skool 'n skaap vir 'n troeteldier het ....wat kan ek sê?

Natuurlik is daar nog kinderstories in ons dorp... ek ken hulle net nie so goed nie... maar dalk gaan ek uitvind!

Kerneels  
Kerneels Rosenblatt

*Onder: Die mensies in Pringlebaai se pret tydens Halloween.*



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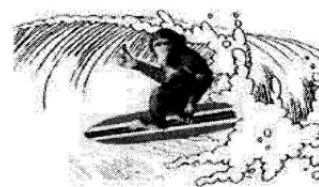
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## SPORE IN ONS OMGEWING - BOKKIES

By Boesman se watgat hoor hy nogal eenaardige aannames. Nou die dag kom 'n uitgemergelde, biltong-droeë, vogsoekende persoon by Boesman se watgat aan. Hy reken hy't 'n duiker op 'n klip sien staan naby die Hangklip Hotel. Boesman sê toe die enigste manier wat jy 'n duiker op 'n klip sien staan is as dit 'n wyfie duiker is wat vir 'n slang geskrik het... want Boesman het al vir Lena op 'n stoel sien staan as sy vir 'n muis geskrik het!

Boesman het nagte lank rondgerol en gewonder hoekom mense wat in 'n biosfeer woon nie die verskil ken tussen die paar bokkies wat hier voorkom nie. Daar is omtrent net vyf soorte wat hier voorkom. (Dit sluit natuurlik die strandbokkies uit!)

Die bokkies wat ons rondom Pringlebaai gereeld sien is die klipspringer, steenbok, vaal ribbok, grysbokkie en die skaamste van almal die duikertjie.

Die **KLIPSPRINGER** is 'n elegante klein gryserige bokkie met borselagtige hare. Sy koppie-vormige hoewe laat hom toe om van rots na rots te spring. Klipspringers se ratsheid op rotse is hul verweer teen roofdiere. Die bokkies boer teen die berg en dis die outjie wat Boesman se watgat besoeker op die pad na die Hangklip gesien het.

**STEENBOKKIES** is die bokkies wat meestal in die

dorp bly. Hulle is rooibruin met lang bene, groot ore en ramme het kort skerp horings. As jy in die oggend gaan stap en jy sien spoortjies, kan jy maar weet dis 'n steenbokkie. Dis die een wat oorkant Boesman se watgat sommer helder oordag sy verskyning maak, of oor die pad hardloop. Hulle is nogals nie skrikkerig vir mense nie en sal sommer doodstil staan en staar na jou. 'n Steenbok sal jy nooit op 'n klip sien staan nie!

Toe Boesman jare gelede hier aangekom het was daar 'n trop van sewe vaal **RIBBOKKE** wat gereeld teen Pringle Kop gewei het. 'n Paar is tot onlangs nog opgemerk in 'n tuin in Caeserweg... en selfs al het my vriendin Bessie onlangs een gewaar in dieselfde straat, wat goeie nuus is, is hulle dalk ook vinnig weg! Vaal Ribbokke is die grootste van die handjie vol spesies wat hier voorkom. Dis 'n vaal grysbok met 'n wit pens. Baie maklik om te identifiseer met sy wiegperd-aksie wanneer hy vlug en wollerige, spierwit kwas.

**GRYSBOKKIES** is baie skaam. Boesman kan nie sê hoe skaars hulle is nie want die enigste een wat hy nog gesien het het onder oorlede Syd Chaplin se Subaru se wiel gelê... ook oorle! Maklik om uit te ken... 'n rooi bokkie met grysbreë strepies amper soos Boesman se baard.

Boesman het nog nooit 'n **DUIKER** in ons omgewing

gesien nie maar miskien is dit omdat hulle nagdiere is en bedags onder bosse skuil. Duikers se kleur wissel van gewone grysbok tot rooiagtig met 'n wit pensie. Daar word vertel dat duikers tot nege jaar in gevangenskap kan oorleef maar hulle is geniepsige troeteldiere. Hy't sy naam gekry as gevolg van die manier waarop hy deur bosse duik wanneer hy weghardloop.

Wat 'n jammerte dat ons wildlewe al hoe skaarser en skaarser word. Boesman het nou die dag sy hand in sy sak gesteek en 'n pragtige boekie by die MIEMS MARKIE gekoop getiteld "Mammals of the Cape Province". Die eerste uitgawe was in die vyftiger jare en in die voorwoord praat die destydse Direkteur van Natuurbewaring, 'n ene D Hey, oor uitwissing van natuurlike wildlewe as gevolg van verstedeliking... daai tyd al! 'n Sprekende voorbeeld is die **BLOUBOK** wat eens volop in ons streek voorgekom het maar nou uitgewis is. En nog 'n jammerte is dat daar nie eers 'n voorbeeld op eie bodem van hulle bewaar is nie maar wel in Frankryk, Oostenryk en Swede.

En nou word Boesman aangehits om die groenstrook oorkant sy watgat "mooi" te maak want die natuurlike fynbos lyk te deurmekaar. Dit maak Boesman baie hartseer om te dink ons resident bokkie en al die ander wildlewe wat daar woeker sal 'n ander heenkome moet vind! En hoeka net gister het Boesman vanuit sy uitkyk punt 'n groot grysbok muishond uit die bos sien kom! Boesman wonder ook waarom mense behep is met netjiese reguit lyne en skoon erwe en Europese tuine, want kyk net op na die Berg waar jy gewoonlik jou hulp vra. Sien jy enige reguit lyne en geknipte bossies?

Boesman groet met die hoop dat ons bosbokkies die seisoentyd sal oorleef... maar met die wete dat ons verseker is van baie strandbokkies!

Groete  
Boesman



Bo: Klipspringer ram, en die koppie-vormige hoewe  
Onder: Steenbok ooi en ram



Bo: Ribbok ram en ooi  
Onder: Grysbok ooi



Bo: Duiker ram  
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## SEIL DEUR DIE FYNBOS: BOOMSLANG



Bo: jeugdige Boomslang

Onder: volwasse Boomslang wyfie (links) en mannetjie (regs)



Die indrukwekkende arboriale (boomlewendende) Boomslang (*dyspholidus typus*) is een van ongeveer 25 spesies wat ons in die Overstrand area vind. In alle waarskynlikheid is hulle een van die mees toksiese slange in die wêreld.

Daar is visuele verskille tussen geslagte van hierdie spesie. Manlike geslagte van die Kaap provinsie is meestal swart met n geel pens, in ander dele van ons land is die manlike geslagte groen. Die wyfies is nie so indrukwekkend soos die mannetjies nie, en is gewoonlik vaal bruin of donker bruin van kleur. 'n Ander kenmerkende morfologiese eienskap van hierdie spesie is hul groot oë.

Daar is n algemene wanopvatting in verband met die slang se vermoë om mense te kan byt. Boomslange het wel giftande wat ver agter in hul monde sit, maar hulle is instaat om hul bek oop te maak tot ongeveer 170 grade. Met die vermoë om hul bek so groot oop te maak is hul meer as in staat om 'n byt toe te dien op die mens. Maar Boomslange is 'n baie vredsamese spesie wat menslikke kontak vermy, en dus is daar baie selde gevalle van byte op die mens.

Die gif toedienings meganisme van hierdie spesie

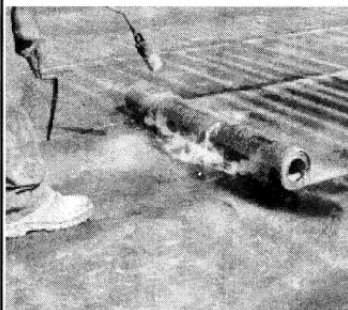
is baie interessant. In ander spesies vind ons dat die giftande hol is, soos 'n inspuiting naald. Boomslang se giftande is gegroef en die gif beweeg deur middel van kapilêre aksie teen die groef af tot op die oppervlak waar die byt toegedien was. Die basiese idee is dat die slang geweldig kou tydens die byt en die gif beweeg dan deur middel van hierdie kapilêre aksie tot op die wond en word sodoende in die sisteem opgeneem.

Die reaksie tempo van die gif is relatief stadig en in meeste gevalle word aanvanklike simptome eers baie lank (tot 12 ure) na die byt getoon. Die aktiewe komponente van die gif werk in op die bloed stollings meganisme, die bloed verloor dus viskositeit.

Boomslange is skaam diere wat altyd die hase pad sal kies. Hul is wel geweldige toksiese slange maar nie noodwendig gevaarlike diere nie, juis omdat hul altyd probeer om uit die pad te bly. Ons het waarlik indrukwekkende slang spesies in ons Fynbos bioom en hulle vorm deel uit van die diverse spesies wat ons area so interessant en uniek maak.

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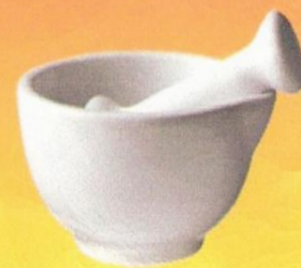
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## PRINGLE PAST, CHAPTER 11 - CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (PART ONE)

In the 48-odd years during which I've been a Pringler, I've had close encounters with a wonderfully wide variety of creatures, which is why I have decided to devote two separate sections to this fascinating experience of being a two-legged inhabitant in our special part of Animal Planet. I hasten to add that I am writing as an animal lover, not as an expert, unlike the anonymous Boesman, whose series "Spore In Ons Omgewing" continues to intrigue and inform me in every issue of The Pringle Post. We are lucky to have such a fundi in our midst.

I've already written about some creatures at length: notably "My Friends (not) The Baboons", in Chapter Ten, so I will spare readers a repetition of recollections of them. Thomas Pringle, aka Felis Lybica, the wild cat turned pampered pet, has also had a chapter to himself. Sandra, the eland formerly residing at the Hangklip Hotel, has had a couple of mentions in previous Pringle Pasts. And flocks of feathered friends have been nicknamed in Pringle Pastimes.

Snapshots by the "trap cameras" in the mountains are a vivid reminder of the wealth of creatures great and small who share our surroundings, and my only regret is that we didn't have such pictorial records many years ago. One of my favourites is a candid camera shot of a leopard, which always reminds me of my first experience, close to home, of this beautiful species.

Twenty years ago, in September 1996, a leopard came all the way down Point Road and was spotted (unintended pun) by my erstwhile neighbour Mickey Jefferies. It was an elderly, emaciated animal and probably came down from the mountains looking for some easy pickings, notably the families of dassies below my house. He was not at all aggressive and soon

disappeared. I wish I could have seen him.

This harks back to the so-called "Friendly Leopard" episode some nine years earlier in March 1987. As far as I can remember, our spotted friend had been fitted with a collar to track his comings and goings, which included the penguin colony at Stony Point, where he took to snacking off its inhabitants. (More recently, another leopard has been reported doing the same thing.)

Anyway, the "Friendly Leopard" was regarded as being decidedly unfriendly by a smallholder, Piet Rademeyer, who claimed that the intruder had killed two of his sheep and had a threatening attitude. The leopard was duly shot, in spite of him and his kind having been declared a protected species since 1974. For several years afterwards there was an anonymous piece of graffiti across the road between Pringle Bay and Rooi Els

reading "Save a leopard. Shoot a Rademeyer".

Another creature, this time a small one - which also seems to be threatened as opposed to threatening - is the porcupine. Perhaps this is because it is reputed in some quarters to be excellent eating (which is confirmed by Boesman). So rumour has it that some hunter-gatherers at night have indulged in a bit of off-road driving in order to run down this tasty nocturnal pedestrian. I saw ample

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evidence of this in my early Pringle days when I used to jog around the township and came across numerous quills by the side of the road, handfuls at a time, which still decorate my home. Recently, I was happy to find a quill by the side of my house, so I may well have a prickly neighbour (this time of the four-legged kind).

Boesman has already dealt in detail with the subject of snakes, and most Pringlers have stories to tell of close encounters with these. I used to have a rather antisocial attitude towards reptiles, until I watched helplessly as a cobra sheltering under my car was shot with a spear-gun by divers. My attitude was also changed when I read that wonderful poem by D.H. Lawrence, titled "Snake". I've never regarded them as my enemies ever since, and simply keep a respectful distance.

Many years ago, on arriving at my house one Friday, I surprised a puffadder basking at my front door. I had heard about him some time earlier from my cleaning lady, who told me she'd often seen an attractive diamond-patterned snake on my front stoep. "Don't mess with him, Mrs Kruger," I said. "He sounds like a puffadder." I phoned Bo Attwell of Bettys Bay, whom I knew as one of the masters from my schooldays, before he went to Rhodesia and became, I believe, a game ranger. Bo popped the intruder in a bag and relocated him in the mountains far away. Fortunately, he was not the homing kind.

Much more recently, I was inspecting my outdoor gas cylinders (just replaced after a robbery) when another puffadder emerged from between them and slid slowly over my feet, then hid in the long grass next to the wall.

This time it was the volunteer snake-remover Anton Willemse who obligingly did the capturing and relocating. I immediately went upstairs and poured myself an industrial-strength gin and tonic, only to see Jan Frederik the robin on the deck chirping furiously at a female boomslang, who'd climbed up by way of one of the razor-wired pillars and was regarding him with a beady eye. Eventually she slid down, carefully, the same way she'd come, and disappeared, as I calmed my nerves by downing my drink in a couple of gulps.

Our biosphere is home to a variety of buck, large and small. I don't often see them these days (and only occasionally at night) but their spoor is evident in the mud by the side of the gravel roads where I walk. My most momentous experience with these creatures happened one Christmas morning, when

three handsome klipspringers came all the way down Point Road and proceeded to strut their stuff on the rocks below our house. Watching them as they leapt gracefully from rock to rock, true to their Afrikaans name, we were convinced that Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar had magicked themselves into animal form and that the Three Wise Men had come to remind us of the true meaning of this special day.

Which, by a fortuitous coincidence, gives me the opportunity to wish everyone "Happy Pringle Holidays and a Blessed Christmas".

ROGER MAKIN

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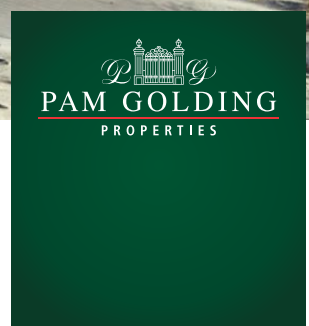
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## IT'S A PARADISE (A DOG'S VIEW)

I have lived in Pringle Bay for a couple of years now and I just need to tell all you furry dog friends out there about this great find!

There are many of us in this fun village, some live here permanently and some just come for weekends or holidays to visit and explore. We're a mixed bag doggie community and everyone is welcome. I have rubbed noses with handsome Retrievers, impressive Newfoundlands, energetic Border Collies, grumpy Pugs, not very playful Scotties, snooty Schnauzers, cheeky Dachshunds, gentle Labs - too many to mention. Most of us belong to the "mixed breed" category, and many of us have been rescued, like me. I'm not a snob and I talk to everybody, don't get me wrong. But between you and me, I do believe that we are the best!

Probably the most fun thing to do and the best place to meet the locals is at the long, wonderful expanse of a beach. Early in the morning or late in the afternoon are the perfect times to visit and you're

guaranteed to make new friends. Trot down to the river mouth at the end of the beach and you will be rewarded with a great swimming spot. And you can drink the water! Human children also like to swim and play there so just make sure that you don't run over their sand castles, or steal their balls, or go too close when they're swimming or playing. I know it's hard to understand, but there are some kids who actually don't like us! Can you believe it.

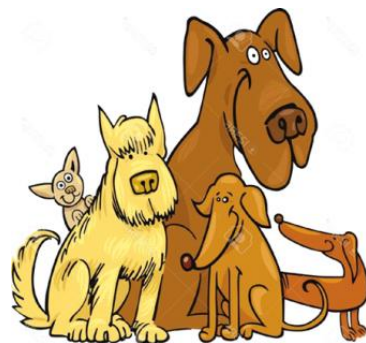
(A tip : make sure that your human always has a supply of poo bags in his or her pocket. We love to poo on the beach, but for some reason the humans don't like us to leave it there. Strange)

There is a friendly man in our town, his name is Chris, and once a month on a Sunday morning, he takes a group of happy humans and they go hacking, this means that they pull out all of the bad plants which we don't want, like Rooikrans. If you want to try your paw at this, go along and check out who's there, greet everybody politely, have a

good sniff around the fynbos (you never know what you might find) and then find a suitable bush and dig yourself a cool comfy spot in the shade and have a little nap. The humans will be sawing (it can get a bit noisy), pulling and cutting and digging. But you're not expected to do any work, so don't worry. Now here is the best part. After a while everybody stops to have a rest – and sandwiches arrive!! If you put on your best sad face and gaze longingly at a suitable target (you know how to do that) you will have a tasty treat. Hacking is fun!

(A tip : when you get home, make sure that your human checks out your fur for any pesky ticks, especially in the winter)

Now this is probably not your favourite thing to talk about, nor mine. But – we all know that sometimes we need a little help when we have aches and pains, or we need those stressful annual check-ups, or we just need our nails trimmed (a necessary evil). I found a very friendly human in Kleinmond and his name is



Doctor Dave. He doesn't shout, he talks in a soft and friendly voice, you'll like him, I promise. You'll be in and out before you know it.

Now I have to tell you about the interesting animals that live in our village. When you go for your regular walks, around every corner you will be sure to meet a busy Guinea Fowl or a Francolin, or two. They generally stay out of your way and prefer to scurry into the bushes. (Sometimes they pretend to be statues and think you can't see them, or smell them!) They can be quite loud, but don't let that deter you. Just keep your composure and walk calmly by.

Occasionally you will see a slinky, short-legged grey creature running across the

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road and heading into the bushes. This is a grey mongoose and they're really fast. Don't even try to chase them, it's not worth it, and it's not very civil. But a good sniff around in the bushes where they disappeared is always worth a stop.

When you enjoy your beach walks, watch out for some strange looking black birds with bright red beaks. A friendly word of warning. Do not even think about chasing these creatures – guaranteed you will be in BIG trouble! These are the Black Oystercatchers and they are very precious I'm told. You need to give them a wide berth. In the summer they come up the beach and make nests and lay eggs, you might see little roped off areas. That means stay away. So we'd better listen.

Now - and probably the most important - you need to know about our Baboon troop. They also live here. You will see them walking down the road, or they may even come into your garden to feed on the bushes. It's a good idea to tell your human if you see them, but do not go and investigate or ever try to pick a fight with them. You will lose, guaranteed! I know they smell interesting, but resist the urge. If you just go on your way, don't look left or right..... you'll be fine.

(A tip : ask your human to keep your food bowl inside the house. These baboons have no manners and may steal your meal, and you don't want them hanging around your house!)

Once you've lived in Pringle Bay for a while, you will quickly find that the wind blows in this town. Quite a lot. Now I'm a dog and the more the wind blows and brings intriguing smells wafting my way, the happier I am. And don't you just love the feel of the gusts lifting your fur? Anyway, I've learned that my humans feel differently and unfortunately don't enjoy taking me for walks in the south-easterly gale. So I've found a great walk at the Palmiet River bridge, which everyone will like, and the wind won't blow. Head up the trail from the car park and follow your nose through Fairy Glen. And – there's plenty of cool fresh mountain water in the streams to lap up when you're thirsty. Or, my favourite, a refreshing dip in the rock pools. You may even spot a fat bullfrog.

(Another tip : whenever you're walking on the mountain or exploring the fynbos, keep a sharp eye open for snakes, especially the dangerous Puffadder, who likes to laze in the sun. Yes, they live here, too.)

Who doesn't like a friendly coffee shop?! I must tell you about Simply Coffee for a relaxing break from all of that walking. You can lie in the shady courtyard, chat with the friendly staff, and enjoy a bowl of water. Take a look at the inviting fish pond while you're there – but don't mess with the Koi!

After your coffee stop, you may want to trot over to Ticklemouse, where they make the most delicious rusks and

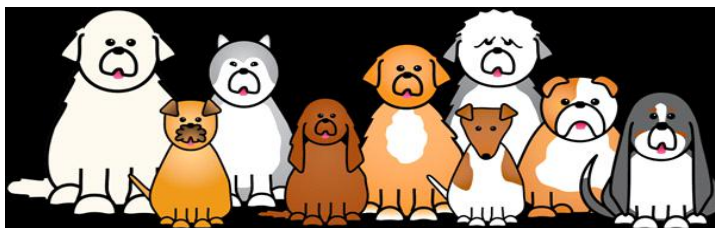
biscuits. If you mind your manners and are super polite, there's a good chance that the friendly lady will let you try one of the yummy rusks. Watch out for the opportunistic Francolins hovering outside, they've already cottoned onto this good find.

One of my favourite things to do after finishing my

dinner, is to lie quietly outside on the deck and watch the sun set on another happy day in Pringle. The Hadedas call loudly as they fly overhead to their roosting spot for the night, and the frogs starting croaking in the pond....

Pringle Bay is a dog's paradise.... Especially if you are a very well behaved dog – like me!

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**Die vraag is... hoe toer twee mense op 'n kleinerige "scrambler" vyf weke lank, deur ses lande en draft TIENT DUISEND kilo's plat met die enigste akkomodasie: 'N TENT?**

Elke reisiger, hetsy te voet, per fiets of motorfiets, kar, bus, trein of vliegtuig vind sy eie nering waarin hy gemaklik voel om 'n reis-ervaring so aangenaam of avontuurlik as moontlik te maak. Ons, op ons Moegperd\*, het met mogge-troffe vir ONS die mees gemaklikste en mees praktiese pakkasie saamgestel. Ons kan vir 'n kort trippie of 'n lange als binne 20 minute in of uitgepak en op of afgeslaan hê... in ons geval is die geheim: **TRAVEL LIGHT!**

Op ons lang Afrika-toer kies ons in Mosambiek, op aanbeveling van die *locals*, 'n kort pad seelangs van Maputo na Maracuene. Dit blyk toe 'n twee-spoor hindernisbaan te wees vir die plaaslike boerseuns met hul *quadbikes*! Ons ry die hindernisbaan soos niks... en toe tref ons sand! Reg voor 'n vol kroeg op 'n Sondag middag slaat ons amper in stilstande posisie neer! Ons eerste... en *touch wood* tot nou toe, enigste val!

Onder: Die hindernisbaan in Mosambiek



## OP REIS OP ONS MOEGPERD\*... MET ONS PAKKASIE

LES NOMMER EEN: 'n Gelaai *bike* met 'n drywer en *pillion* en bagasie (hoe lig ook al) doen nie sand suksesvol nie!

Geleer uit bogenoemde fout word 'n definitiewe besluit geneem toe ons die wonderlike oord genaamd Ngepi in die *Pan Handle* (Caprivi: Namibië) nader. SAND! Nee... die *pillion* stap! Morris moet die gelaai *bike* stuur met sy voete om deur die sand te kom. Sonder bagasie en hy alleen, doen hy maklik die sanderige spoor.

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Ons het verkies om sagte *paniers* te gebruik omdat ons meestal grondpaaie ry. Dit skud nie maklik los op slegte grondpaaie nie en ook neem ons nie duur elektroniese toerusting saam wat beskerming nodig het nie... waarvoor harde bokse meer geskik is en ook wel kan sluit.

LES NOMMER TWEE: Blou- apies in die Baviaanskloof word nie gestuit om "in te breek" in sagte bagasiesakke nie. Die sakke is nie bestand teen hulle venynige tandtjies en handtjies nie!

Ons is altyd twee op ons KLR en dit maak dit nogal *trickey* om te pak. Ons bagasie, sakke, inhoud, slaapgoed, kookgerei, kleren en tent weeg slegs 22kg!

Ons gebruik bergklimtoerusting wat kompakt en duursaam is. Matras (*self-inflatable*), slaapsak, opblaas-kussing, koplampies en ander beligting, kook- en eetgerei met gasbottel, en ons reën-broeke pas onderskeidelik in die



Bo: Waarskuwings-teken by Ngepi Namibië

twee kantsakke. Allerlei ander benodigdhede soos waspoeier, 'n wasgoedlyn en pennetjies, opwasmiddel, koffie en beskuit kry ook 'n plekkie in die kantsakke. Die *tailbag* bevat kleren (*ons glo aan: een aan die bas, een in die kas en een in die was*), stortgoed, medikasie, en natuurlik *cosmetics*! Baie belangrik ook 'n outydse haarkruller om *helmet hair* teë te werk en my nota boek vir storie-aantekeninge! Voor op die fiets, onder die windskerm, word 'n handige sakkie wat stappers gebruik,

vasgemaak. Dit bevat plek vir waterbottels, verkyker, voëlboek en allerhande snuisterye en snoeperye en baie belangrik 'n *Leatherman*! As mens 'n KLR ry is dit DIE belangrikste stukkie gereedskap naas *cable ties* om maklik berykbaar te wees. Ook het ons gevind is dit nogal belangrik om waterlose handwas seep en 'n *viser* skoonmaakprodukt by der hand te hê vir wanneer al daai nare goggas in mens vasvlieg.

Daar is wel 'n kontrepsie aan die raam van die motorfiets wat twee 2-liter bottels huisves. Dit is aangebring vir nood voorraad petrol. Dankie tog! het ons nog nooit nodig gehad om petrol daarin te karwei nie. Oral waar ons nog gery het was brandstof geredelik beskikbaar en die KLR het 'n lekker groot brandstoftenk. Nou word die bottels baie handig aangewend vir rooiwijn!... tot vermaak van elkeen wat wonder waarvoor die bottels is... veral petroljoggies en Europese reisigers!

Geen spaar onderdele word saam karwei nie aangesien ons pakkasie baie beperk is.

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## OP REIS... PER SPOOR VERVOLG...



Bo: Ons bagasie uitgepak soos wat Moegperd gelaai word

'Vertrou op die beste' is 'n goeie leuse! Net vir ingeval word 'n spuitbottel *tyre repair* aan die motorfiets se raamwerk met cable ties vasgemaak.

In Zambië nader ons 'n grenspos oppad na Namibië. 'n Magdom wit vliedertjies omring ons... pragtig!! 'n Formidabele polisieman stop ons met mening... vir die soveelste keer! In Zambië is daar meer padblokkades as in enige ander land in Afrika!

"Where you going?"

Ons is oppad huius toe via Namibië.

"Where you from?"

Makliker om te sê Cape Town as Pringlebaai.

"What! on this bike!"

Ja.. al die pad op die Moegperd.

"And what's this?" (Beduiet hy na die spuitbottel *tyre repair*.)

Dis wat ons gaan gebruik as ons dalk 'n pap wiel kry.

"Well...it seems that it has a hole in it."

O genade... nou sien ons eers! Die spuitbottel het op een of ander manier 'n *puncture* (excuse the pun!) gekry en die inhoud het soos wit vlinders oor ons gewapper!

"Do you have a spare tyre?"

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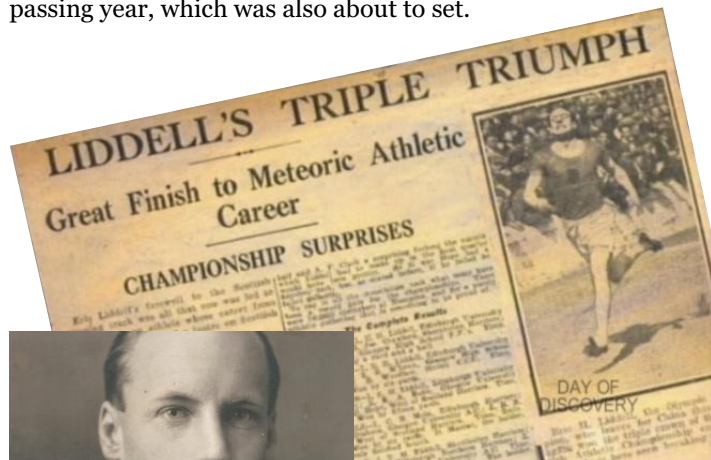
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## STOEP STORIES, BY BARRY CRYSTAL

I was sitting on my stoep, watching the sun set and imbibing some of my favourite amber elixir, reflecting on the passing year, which was also about to set.



### THE STORY OF THE PRANG IN PRINGLE

This story literally happened by accident. A charming lady named Samantha bumped my car when reversing out of the Bistro 365 parking. While exchanging insurance details, I noticed her surname was Liddell. When I told her the name was familiar to me, she said: "You must be thinking of my famous and favourite relation, Eric."

She went on to explain that Eric Liddell won a gold medal in the 1924 Paris Olympic Games, which formed the basis of the classic movie "Chariots of Fire". That wasn't the Liddell I was thinking of, but it didn't matter, as it proved to be a great bit of

serendipity in any event. Flushed with curiosity I went home and \*Googled 'Chariots of Fire'. I honed in on a section which featured the real characters on whom the movie was based, and bingo, there it was - the real Eric Liddell, and the memories of that great movie came flooding back. Specially Vangelis's haunting theme music, with the athletes running on the beach.

Two absolute strangers, Samantha from Rooi Els and me from Pringle, bump into each other and a memorable story is born. I could go on writing for hours but as I get paid by the word, the editor, Mike Bisset, wouldn't be impressed.

\*Google it up yourself under 'the real Chariots of Fire' - it's a marvellous documentary, beautifully narrated.

### LOVE STORY

This story, like true love, has no end. Our erstwhile Pringelite, the late Professor Brian Davies, motivated his devoted wife, Denise, to denote her fabulous Anneline Kriel cocktail dress to the Overstrand Hospice, who duly auctioned it off at a special Women's Day function at the Marine Hotel in Hermanus last year. It went for a handsome price, not only making a young girls matric dance dream come true, but also helping swell the coffers of a noble cause like Hospice.

For Denise, it was an act of love, and a tribute to Brian, who passed away some months before the function. But the story doesn't end there. The matriculant re-donated the Anneline original which was raffled recently, raising additional funds for Overstrand Hospice.

They say that living in Pringle Bay is the closest most of us will ever get to heaven, and if so, I'm sure Brian is



smiling knowing that there is no end to the benefits that Denise's little gold dress brings to others.

The fulfilment of their endless love story.



### THE STORY OF PRINGLE MEETS PRINGLE

When two law exchange students from Columbia, Missouri, studying in Cape Town, noticed a place called Pringle Bay, they knew they had to go there. With a name like Travis Pringle, no wonder. We were intrigued to have them as guests. As expected, Travis and his girlfriend,

Grace, loved Pringle Bay. They did their homework and knew all about Rear-Admiral Thomas Pringle, who in 1795 commanded the Royal Navy's base in Simonstown. They even romanticized the story, by saying he fell in love with Pringle Bay, and named it after himself.

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## STOEP STORIES CONTINUED...

### SAD STORY

When Arthur Cowley, the doyen of Kleinmond, turned 102, the same age as the 1908 Adler, I drove all the way to Kleinmond and photographed him behind the wheel of the antique automobile. I wanted to publish the event in the Guinness Book of Records, but alas he passed away before it could be organised.

Within weeks, Shirley 'Valentine' Hanson, who has a talent for sourcing things, found Bridgette Tang, who was turning 104. We took the Adler to Somerset West, and drove her to her birthday party in the retirement village where she lived.

Now 4 years later, we have specially \*restored the car to take her to Miems to celebrate her 108th birthday, but sadly the fickle finger of fate struck and she passed away a few months ago.

Anyone know somebody alive, nearby, who was born in 1908?

\* See the June 2016 issue of the Pringle Post, 'The legend of the Phoenix'.



Top: Arthur Cowley behind the Adler wheel.

Above: Driving Bridgette Tang to her 104th birthday

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Albums with newspaper clippings, photos and other information on the very early years in the Hangklip area were recently donated to the 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.

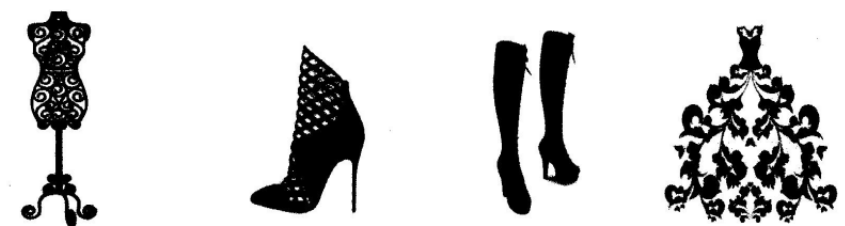
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### LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

The Friends of the Hangklip Library are looking for donations of articles, newspaper clippings, photos, documents, and more on the history of our area, from Rooi Els to Betty's Bay. This information will be preserved and kept at the Local Library in Betty's Bay for all and future generations to observe.

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Pringle Bay is situated within the buffer/transitional zone of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve (<http://www.kbrc.org.za/>) and it is important to think of the Biosphere as not only a floral kingdom but an entire ecosystem. The Kogelberg area was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO and Pringle Bay was awarded Conservancy status.

Visitors continue to visit our area because of the beautiful fynbos, beaches and the peace and quiet. However, so many fail to endeavour to abide by the simple rules of keeping our area clear of litter and adhering to the simple rules and regulations that exist.

We often experience extremely heavy rains and unfortunately many of our roads are affected. We would request all our visitors and community to please drive carefully, the municipality is really trying their best to correct the situation.

Here are a few hints for the preservation of this paradise:

### LITTER, WASTE AND RECYCLING

We have an active recycling programme. Please recycle where ever possible. The white plastic bags are for recycling - glass bottles, paper, plastic and cans. Black bags are to be placed in the baboon proof bins provided on the property. These containers should be placed outside the property for collection by the Municipality. Please do not place the black refuse bags outside the property - should there be no baboon proof bins provided it would be appreciated if the bags could be taken to the Waste Station

at the entrance to town. This will prevent dogs, mongoose and baboons ripping the bags and littering the area.

### PUMPING OF SEPTIC TANKS

Remember holiday periods are very busy months with many holiday makers visiting Pringle Bay, therefore please ensure that you make timeous arrangements to have your tank pumped - please do not leave it until the last minute.

There is a garden refuse dump site between Pringle and Betty's Bay, which should be used for disposal of vegetation. It is illegal to dump it at transfer site at the entrance. Building refuse must be taken to the transfer site in Kleinmond.

### BABOONS

Baboons will try to enter a house if they see or smell food inside. Please keep all doors and windows closed if nobody is at home. Note that it is illegal to feed the baboons, harm or shoot them.

### PETS

Leashes are compulsory when taking dogs for walks, even on the beaches. Please ensure that your pets do not constitute a nuisance or danger to fellow residents, birds and our precious wild life. When walking your dogs it would be appreciated if you would scoop the poop. Bags are available at our shops.

### FIRES

Fires can be a major hazard in our area - fynbos burns very quickly. We ask that you exercise extreme caution when setting and lighting fires and to avoid doing so at all times when the wind is strong. Please be extra careful to extinguish the fire COMPLETELY and not to let it die down on its own, as the slightest bit of wind can cause

a fire. Under no circumstances must hot coals be dumped in the bushes, this has been the cause of many fires in our area.

### FIREWORKS

NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED. Please do not discharge any fireworks or crackers in Pringle Bay. The unlawful discharge of fireworks is not only a fire hazard to the summer fynbos but also affects animals and neighbours.

### WATER

Please use water sparingly as this is a very precious source in the Western Cape.

### LIGHTS

Lights are a pollutant, negatively affecting not only your neighbourhood but also the fauna. Outside lights should not be left on all night. Relax and enjoy the stars!!

### NOISE

You have come to Pringle Bay for the peace and quiet. Please respect this. Sound systems should be for your ears only!

### SPEEDING

Many visitors to Pringle Bay, especially the youngsters, are often seen spinning their cars around corners on the sand roads. This is not only extremely dangerous but also aggravates the conditions of the roads, especially after heavy rains. We also request parents not to allow young children to drive - we know that the roads are quiet, but this is all the more reason why youngsters ride their bicycles, skate board or play games in the roads.

### BEACH & SAND DUNES

People are encouraged to help pick up plastic and other litter washed up on the beach after winter storms. It can be a fun activity for kids!

When on the beach,

remember that kelp washed onto the beach is a valuable resource that needs to be conserved. It is rapidly recycled by nature into the nutrients which form an essential part of the food chain that supports sea life including the muscles and kreek. Dry kelp along the edge of the dunes also plays an important role in embryonic dune formation and helping to stop wind erosion.

Please help to protect our sand dunes by adhering to the path ways and not creating new paths when you visit the beach. Please do not interfere with the natural growth on the dunes. Sand boarding can be enjoyed on the dunes in Silversands.

### SWIMMING

We request parents to please be extra vigilant when taking the family to the beach over the holiday period - make sure that you know where your children are at all times. Please swim within the area designated by the Life Savers and follow their instructions. They are there to look after your safety and to ensure that your experience on the beach is a happy one.

### OYSTER CATCHERS AND BIRD LIFE

We request visitors to please not interfere with the rare Oyster Catchers during breeding season. Areas have been demarcated where there are nests. Please keep children and dogs away.

### PROPERTY

We would also request you to please respect other people's properties. We have chosen not to have fences but that does not give anyone the right to walk through our properties.



## THE HANGKLIP ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR

The Hangklip Ecological Corridor between Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay was established over a 12 year period (between 1998 and 2010) through a wonderful collaborative effort between WWF-SA, the Kogelberg Branch of the BotSoc, Cape Nature, conservation conscious individuals, and the private sector. As will be explained below, the properties which were consolidated to establish this ecological corridor are now in the ownership of WWF-SA who facilitated the land purchases through fund-raising and many hours of intensive negotiation. The land thus consolidated is now managed by Cape Nature as part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. Had this corridor not been established, Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay would have merged progressively through urban creep, to the detriment of the biodiversity and incredible beauty of this region and of existing property values. The story of the 12 year collaborative effort which led to establishment of the Hangklip Ecological Corridor had both exciting and sad facets. Very few people living in Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay are aware of this far-reaching initiative and perhaps this is a story which needs to be told.

In 1998 Ursula Huyssen, an enthusiastic member of the BotSoc, discovered to her dismay that a smallholding known as 'Koppie Alleen' near the cutting of the road between Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay, was in the market for purposes of property development. This smallholding was registered as Erf 162 of the original Hangklip Farm 559 and has an area of 94 ha. Consequently the Kogelberg Branch of the BotSoc asked me whether WWF-SA could help. At that stage I was no longer CEO of WWF-SA, but was still closely involved with the organisation. Had I known what this request would entail over the next 12 years and the magnitude of the funds which

would have to be raised, I might not have had the guts to take it further.

When I brought the matter to the attention of WWF-SA, it was immediately agreed that property development between Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay would be of immense detriment to the ecological integrity of the area and that it should be prevented - if at all possible. Long hours of negotiation with the owners of the smallholding, Mr and Mrs van Schalkwyk, followed. These discussions went hand in hand with an intensive effort to raise the necessary funds. Eventually WWF-SA was very fortunate in that Mrs Rita Brodie of London and her family, donated a generous and substantial sum which enabled the purchase the 94 ha property. Two conditions were attached to this donation. Firstly, the land purchased should be named in honour of Bernard Brodie, Rita's late husband who was a great nature lover and a WWF benefactor - hence the name 'Bernard Brodie Link Reserve'. Secondly, the property should be registered in the name of WWF to prevent alienation at a later stage. A memorial plaque to Bernard Brodie was erected on a beautiful rocky outcrop high on the property which, at the time, could still be reached by means of a 4x4 vehicle on a rough jeep track. It was my privilege to take Rita Brodie there to unveil the plaque. Understandably a few tears were shed.

WWF-SA does not have the capacity of administering large tracts of conservation land and Cape Nature was therefore approached with a request to take on this responsibility. Fortunately they agreed to do so and to manage it as part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve.

The next chapter in this saga was an attempt by a Mr Esterhuizen to develop chalets on a strip of land immediately to the west of the Brodie Link Reserve under the pretext of being labourer's cottages. The land concerned has an area of

22 ha and is registered as Erf 559/115. Protracted negotiations followed.

Eventually WWF-SA bought this land as well and added it to the Bernard Brodie Link Reserve.

Everyone thought that this was the end of this project. Then in 2005, 294 ha of land registered as Erf 559/160, comprising a major portion of the eastern flank of Hangklip Mountain including the iconic Hangklip Peak, unexpectedly came on the market. This was as a result of the sad passing of its owner, Mr John Mudge who was another great nature lover. His family were not in a position to keep the property and had to sell. Pam Golding Estate Agents informed me of intense interest in this land - again for purposes of property development. Had such development taken place, all efforts to prevent urban creep between Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay would have been negated. WWF-SA was therefore approached again and agreed to guarantee the necessary bridge funding, on condition that an equivalent amount was raised elsewhere.

After much head-scratching and scurrying around, I was very fortunate to meet Ben and Karen Marais at the home of Municipal Councillor, Louis van Heerden. Ben and Karen referred me to Ben's brother, Simon, who headed Allan Gray Financial Enterprises in Australia. The Marais family are dedicated to conservation of unspoilt natural environments and I was told that Simon had a particular love for the mountains of the fynbos region of the Western Cape. Simon had founded a Trust to enable support of charitable initiatives and, at the suggestion of Ben and Karen, WWF-SA approached him about the matter. This led to the donation of a very meaningful sum of money as a contribution towards acquisition of this 294 ha property. However, there was still a shortfall between the market price and the now available funds. After much further discussion the Mudge

family agreed to lower the price on condition that the money was transferred immediately. My friend and predecessor as WWF-SA CEO, Frans Stroebel, was most helpful in these negotiations. WWF-SA was now in a position to purchase the 294 ha property and to add it to the Hangklip Ecological Corridor - again with the stipulation that it is registered in the name of WWF to prevent any future efforts of development in the conservation area thus created. This addition to the Hangklip Ecological Corridor and the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve was registered in 2006.

Following this purchase in 2006, I took Simon Marais up the mountain to see the extent to which his Trust had contributed to the establishment of the Hangklip Ecological Corridor. When he saw that 69ha of land (Erf 161 of Hangklip Farm 559), was situated directly between the Bernard Brodie Link Reserve and the eastern flank of Hangklip Mountain, he asked that we launch new negotiations with a view to also adding this land to the ecological corridor. It was established that the property belonged to Mrs Gemma van Schaardenburgh, a lovely lady who ran a pottery and art studio on the smallholding. Understandably she was not keen to sell and to move out of her house, but she loved that land so much that she wanted it to be preserved for conservation in perpetuity. After many hours of further discussion, she and her family, she agreed to sell as long as WWF gave her a life-usufruct to continue living there. The Trust chaired by Simon Marais, generously donated another substantial sum which, in 2010, enabled WWF-SA to purchase both the land and the house on it. Gemma continued living there.

With that the Hangklip Ecological Corridor project reached its conclusion. It was one of the longest but most



## THE HANGKLIP ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR

exciting land acquisition projects in the history of WWF-SA, especially as the properties concerned are situated in the heart of the internationally famous Fynbos Plant Kingdom of the Western Cape. While the actual prices paid for the individual properties concerned cannot be made public, it can be said that the total sum enabling the establishment of the Hangklip Ecological Corridor was very close to R11 million. If one adds the existing Municipal Conservation Land and the Seafarm Conservancy to that purchased by WWF-SA, the total functional area of the ecological corridor stretching from the top of Hangklip Mountain to the sea, is over 1000 ha.

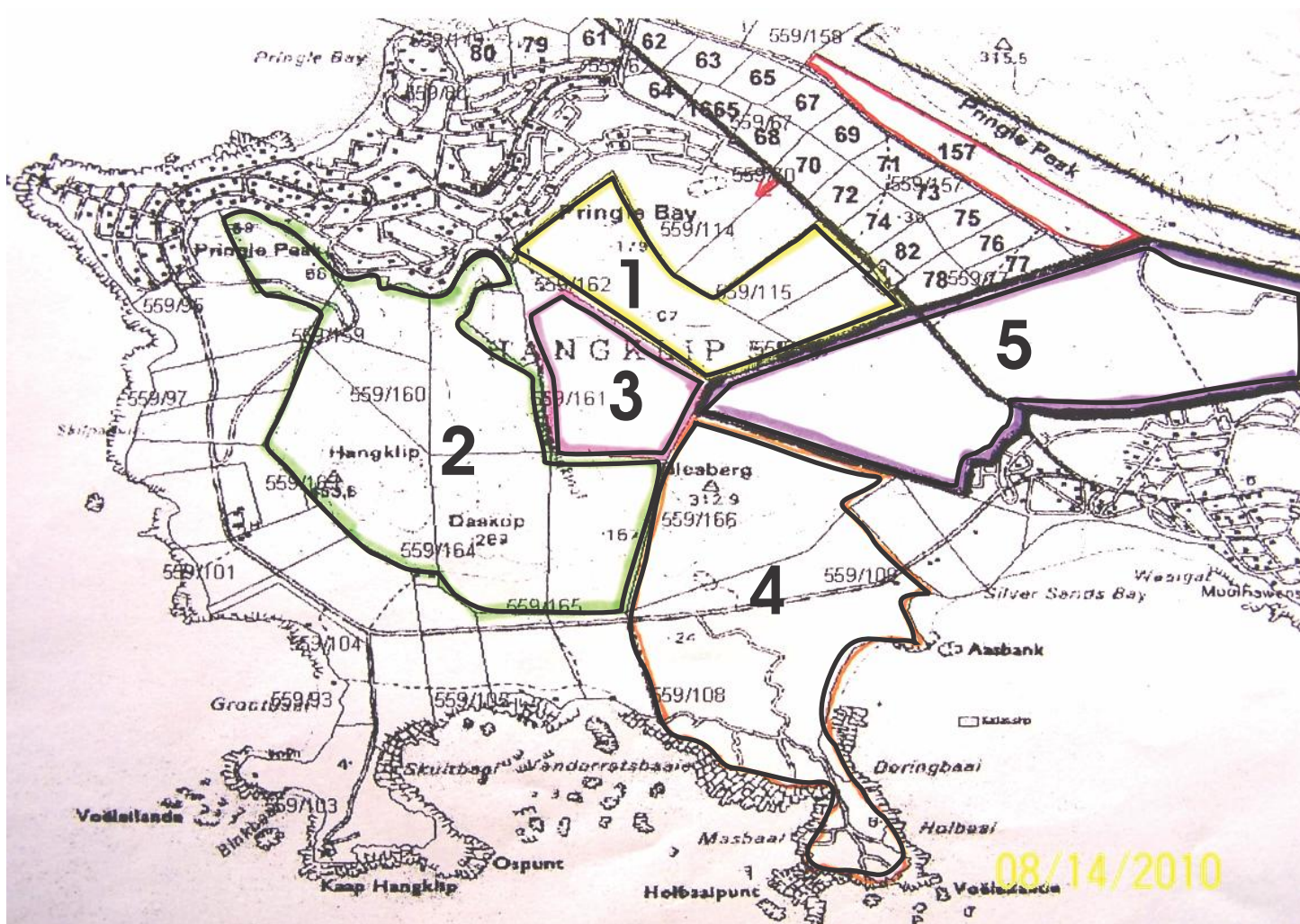
But there is a sad side to this story. The late John Mudge will always be associated with the eastern flank and the Peak of Hangklip Mountain and it was not easy for his family to part with that land. Gemma

van Schaardenburgh did not have the pleasure of continuing living on her property for long as she succumbed to cancer. Then, Simon Marais very unexpectedly passed away at the age of 51 also as a result of cancer, which he fought with immense courage. WWF-SA remains in touch with his wife, Corena, and his family and the intention is to erect a memorial plaque for him at the place where he asked us to try and complete the jigsaw puzzle through acquisition of the smallholding owned by Gemma van Schaardenburgh. That plaque will overlook both the Hangklip Mountain and False Bay – a truly magnificent place.

Story told by Allan Heydorn  
September 2015

The map below indicated the various stages of the WWF-SA Hangklip Corridor Project, as it appeared in the 2010 WWF-SA Hangklip Corridor Project Report, written by Dr. Heydorn (available on request). At the time the total functional area of the HCP was approx. 1068 ha.

- " Area 1: Brodie Link Reserve, acquired 1998-2001 (94 + 22ha = 116ha)
- " Area 2: Mudge Property, acquired 2005-2006 (294ha)
- " Area 3: Portion 161 / HangklipFarm 559, acquired 2010 (69ha)
- " Area 4: Seafarm Conservancy (259ha)
- " Area 5: Municipal Conservation Area (±330ha)



# PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

## 1. Introduction

The past year has once again seen continued housing development, increased tourism and higher property values in Pringle Bay. Many people are attracted to our nature-orientated, low density environment and the vibrant social life of the village. One of the greater frustrations we face is convincing newcomers and ex-city dwellers to respect the values that make Pringle what it is. There is no need for unshielded external lights and high walls; if anything these contribute to increased crime due to the glare and hiding spaces that hinder street watch activity; wildlife is also negatively affected as are neighbourly relations. Some people trample over the dunes despite notices asking them not to and residents cut lawns over weekends with no thought for weekenders trying to escape the noise of the cities. Unfortunately Overstrand municipal by-laws do not recognise the Hangklip villages as being any different to the mini city of Hermanus. It is an ongoing challenge to convince local authorities of the need to differentiate and give recognition to this unique urban conservancy lying between Hangklip and the Kogelberg Reserve.

Major achievements this year include completion of the new Fire Station and of the emergency stabilisation phase of the project to Save the Beach. Perennial problems are crime and baboon management. We are grateful that there is at last support for a Neighbourhood Watch which is headed up by Dylan Lotheringen.

## 2. Special Rating Area By-Law

Last year we informed you of our request to the municipality to introduce a by-law that would permit the introduction of special rating areas. This by-law has recently been gazetted. It enables a community to collect additional rates in order to extend municipal services. The levy collected by the

municipality would be transferred to a section 21 company that is managed by the community. A full business plan and budget is required which spells out exactly what is proposed over a 5 year period. Approval is required by a majority of affected ratepayers and is subject to periodic audit and renewal.

We believe that within Pringle Bay a small special levy should be used to fund baboon management, security and infrastructure development (e.g. storm water drainage). Unfortunately as a local authority the Overstrand municipality does not have constitutional power to control baboons (wild animals) and therefore cannot allow introduction of a levy for this purpose. We have requested the mayor to investigate possible delegation of power from provincial authorities. In the meantime we are proceeding with discussions to move forward with introducing a levy.

## 3. Portfolio Reports

### 3.1 Executive Committee.

I would like to record thanks to our stalwart committee which has remained largely unchanged over the year.

Mike Meyer took over as Treasurer at the beginning of the year and Ilse Meyer has been responsible for Secretarial and Membership duties for the last two years. Since we were unable to find a new Chairperson earlier in the year I agreed to continue in the role. However I am delighted that Zirkia Fourie has indicated a willingness to take over for 2017 subject to the PBRA constitution election procedures. I have agreed to support Zirkia during a hand over period and have indicated to the committee my willingness to continue with the process relating to Special Rating Areas.

Participation on the committee offers an opportunity to get actively

involved with the people and affairs of our village. There is much that needs doing – we need volunteers to share responsibilities and continue to maintain a strong and effective committee.

The committee has recommended that the annual membership fee be increased to R80 to help meet anticipated costs with getting a special rating levy in place.

### 3.2 Conservancy.

Congratulations to Chris Geldenhuys on winning the Mayoral Award for Environmental Achievement for the work done in stabilising our beach and restoring the fore-dune system. Chris is the first to explain that this was a team rather than a personal effort.

The Beach. Chris has provided a separate report with feedback on the beach project. I would like to formally record thanks to all those who have helped get this project off the ground. In particular our consultant Laurie Barwell, helper and financier-in-chief Deon Keet and Liezl de Villiers from Overstrand municipality who has at last managed to get formal approval from the provincial environmental authorities for the Beach Maintenance Management Plan.

Alien Vegetation. The hacking group has grown over the last year with a regular attendance of over 20 people. It provides a valued environmental and social activity on the last Sunday of each month. Morning sandwiches and teas are sponsored by the Mini Mart with chilled refreshments at the end of the morning's work. Hacked Rooikrans is recycled for use on the beach to aid fore-dune formation and plug blow holes and old footpaths.

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.

There is ongoing concern at implementation of the Overstrand Fire Clearance policy which has resulted in many empty properties being stripped of fynbos and with no poisoning of alien invader species. This results in rapid regrowth of the aliens and leads to destruction of the indigenous fynbos. The matter has been taken up with the municipal Exec and there is hope for a more positive solution in the Hangklip areas.

### 3.3 Fire Fighting

Clayton Francis heads up the proud team of Pringle Bay Volunteer Fire Fighters. Special congratulations and thanks to Clayton on completion of the new Fire Station which bring to fruition his vision and hard work over the past 6 years. There have been many frustrations during this time but the end result is a tribute to our community. The station was officially opened by the Mayor on 29th September followed by an Open Day for the community on 5th November.

The building structure was funded as a Ward 10 project with Betty's Bay, Rooi Els and Pringle Bay all contributing their share of Ward funds over a four year period. Exterior and interior finishing and construction of showers, kitchenette, control office, mezzanine sleeping quarters etc was driven by Clayton using voluntary donations from the business community and the Hangklip ratepayer associations.

The PBRA agreed to provide a loan from discretionary funds to complete the work. The outstanding balance needs to be recovered from future contributions to the Fire Fund.

### 3.4 Safety and Security

Axel Maier has been responsible for security for the last 11 years which must be something of a record for service to a community. Unfortunately crime in the Hangklip area has continued



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to increase during the year with two disturbing incidents taking place in Rooi Els.

The Kleinmond SAPS station is seriously understaffed and not able to support the type of sector policing that was done in the past. However a strong Community Police Forum has been re-established with active neighbourhood watch groups being formed in Betty's Bay and now Pringle Bay. It is intended to model the PB Street Watch on the very successful Kleinmond Street Watch. An inaugural meeting was held on 14th October when sector co-ordinators were identified. They will constitute the founding committee under the leadership of Dylan Lotheringen. Active canvassing is currently underway with the intention to record contact information for all developed properties and encourage everyone (resident, weekenders and swallows) to participate as the "eyes and ears" of the community.

The PBRA committee agreed to review the existing camera system. Although it is still effective in preventing drive-in crime there are opportunities to increase electronic surveillance in our area by making use of modern technology to provide support to Street Watch groups.

The Hangklip Safety and Security forum under the direction of Neville Michaels (Overstrand Director of Safety and Security) continues to play an effective role in co-ordinating community resources including local and provincial traffic police, the SAPS, municipal law enforcement, fire and environmental services, Cape Nature and the various ratepayer associations. A joint operational grid plan is prepared for the prime holiday periods to manage joint deployment of all available resources. Law enforcement issues are identified and dealt with during the course of the year.

### 3.5 Baboon Management

Baboon monitoring was stopped at the end of September when the funds collected during the previous 12 month period were exhausted. There was insufficient financial support to continue the initiative. Use of "Virtual Fencing" has been investigated as a more effective long term alternative to monitoring. A full report was distributed to PBRA members. Whatever solution is adopted will require ongoing support and funding that is unlikely to be sustainable without a special rating levy. Funds built up for monitoring in earlier years have been retained as starter capital for a Virtual Fence solution in the future.

The baboon WhatsApp group started by Mike Meyer has proved very effective in communicating whereabouts and animal activity. The troop is currently quite docile and well behaved. Unfortunately this is likely to change as they learn to forage for human food and interact more with people.

### 3.6 Member Communication

Mike Bisset, Mariana Serfontein and Shirley Hansen continue to do a sterling job in producing the treasured Pringle Post.

The electronic Pringle Messenger keeps members up to date with community affairs, matters discussed and actions taken by the committee.

A long outstanding item has at last been completed – a new brochure dealing with guidelines for living in Pringle Bay. This will be distributed to new property owners by local estate agents and is also available from the delis and Simply Coffee. Thanks go to Ilse Meyer for co-ordinating the project and to Mike and Sue Schalit for the creative and production work.

Ilse and Mike Meyer are also working on a new website for community use. The intention is that it will become self-supporting through sale of

advertising. The committee has agreed to fund the initial development.

### 3.7 Infrastructure – roads, storm-water

Tony Thacker has looked after this portfolio for the last four years. The relatively poor rains this winter helped to prevent severe damage to the gravel roads. Potholes and erosion points are regularly communicated and attended to by the municipality. Tarring of Buffels Road is listed as a priority on the new Ward municipal development plan should funds become available. Should we get approval for a special rating levy a component would be used for development of storm water drainage as a precursor to improving the roads.

Two requests tabled at the last AGM to improve vision at the intersections of Gerald and Hangklip and Buffels and Hangklip have been dealt with.

### 3.8 Urban Development.

John du Toit deals with zoning, building issues and objections. It is part of our mandate to oppose rezoning and subdivision and participate in public processes. These can be very drawn-out processes. There has not yet been any response to the objections tabled to the proposed development on the R44 opposite the entrance to Pringle Bay.

### 3.9 Community Hall

Sue Visagie continues to look after the hall and keep it spotless. It is in daily use by various exercise groups but we would welcome more Saturday events to generate additional maintenance revenue.

### 3.10 Fire Tragedy

The funds collected to assist the youngsters affected by the tragic fire last year are administered as a trust. The December issue of the Pringle Post contains an update and note of thanks from the family.

## 4. Treasurer's Report

### 4.1 Discretionary Funds

The Nedbank M-24 investment account was switched to a Moneytrader account which pays significantly higher interest (R6882 in 2016 as opposed to R3498 in 2015).

Bank charges are very high these days and I implore members not to deposit small amounts of cash into our bank account. A cash deposit of R50.00 attracts a deposit fee of R11,32. Rather contact me and we can come to some kind of collection arrangement.

R10,000 was donated to the Community Policing Forum following an area -wide appeal for funds to upgrade the Kleinmond Police station.

The annual membership subscription has been increased to R80.00 because we anticipate an increase in general admin expenses in 2017 to support the process of establishing a Special Rating Levy.

Membership increased during the year but there are still many ratepayers who do not belong to the Association and we will continue efforts to grow our membership.

### 4.2 Non-discretionary Funds

Baboon Management Fund. The fund currently stands at R64 645 (includes the opening balance of R54 000 from prior year reserve). The committee decided to halt monitoring at the end of September following an unsuccessful appeal to continue with the programme. A commitment was given to members to return contributions made from October onward should the money not be used for baboon management. Negotiations are in progress with the municipality to establish sustainable methods of managing baboons. The accumulated reserve is being retained for possible use in funding Virtual Fencing.

Firefighters and Firewise Funds. Funding to complete the new fire-station

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was drawn from both the Firewise and Firefighters fund which have now been collapsed into a single fund. The committee agreed to provide a discretionary loan up to R14 000 to the Fire Fund in order to complete the station. This will be recovered from future voluntary donations. We wish to record thanks to the many donors who have contributed to this project including the Ratepayer Associations of Betty's Bay (R10 000) and Rooi Els (R6 000 – not included in the year end balance). It is pleasing to see continued public donations which will be used for equipment in respect of the firefighters and/or the running of the fire station. Thank you all who contributed to this worthwhile project.

• Security Fund. The outstanding debt on the CCTV installation has been decreasing due to public donations. The equipment does however need maintenance and additional cameras as well as upgrades are envisaged for the new year.

• Beach Fund. This fund contains a contract reserve of R 25 000. Use of funds will be reviewed following final approval of the Beach Management Plan at the end of October.

• Hack Fund. This fund is administered on behalf of the Pringle Bay Hack run by Chris Geldenhuys. The money is used for purchase and maintenance of the equipment as well as petrol and oil. Chris has been successful in getting donations from land-owners whose erven were cleared from invasive vegetation.

### 5. Conclusion.

Seasonal greetings to all. Enjoy your time in Pringle Bay and thank you for your continued support of the PBRA.

Kind regards  
Dave Muirhead  
Chairman  
November 2016




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# PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION PRINGLEBAAI BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING

SARS Reg # 901/138/16/3

## Annual Financial Report

Year ending 31 October 2016

## Finansiële Jaarverslag

Jaar geëindig 31 Oktober 2016

### Funds available

Savings account	64,005.19
Nedbank Moneytrader account	142,882.00
Cash	555.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>207,442.19</b>

### Fondse beskikbaar

Spaarrekening	
Nedbank Moneytrader rekening	
Kontant	
<b>Totaal</b>	

	<i>b/f 2014/15 o/b 2014/15</i>	<i>Income Inkomste</i>	<i>Expenditure Uitgawe</i>	<i>Balance Soldo</i>	
<b>Discretionary funds</b>	<b>108,448.42</b>	<b>29,427.05</b>	<b>-21,180.08</b>	<b>116,695.39</b>	<b>Diskresionêre fonds</b>
b/f 20145	108,448.42			108,448.42	o/b 2015
Subscriptions		11,760.00		11,760.00	Ledegelde
Pringle Post		13,931.00	-7,634.04	6,296.96	Pringle Post
Interest/bank fees		3,736.05	-854.33	2,881.72	Rente ontvang/bankkoste
CPF Donation			-10,000.00	-10,000.00	GPF Donasie
Web Support			-1,823.36	-1,823.36	Webwerf
Gen Expenses			-868.35	-868.35	Algemene Uitgawes
Interest Moneytrader a/c		6,882.00		6,882.00	Rente Moneytrader rekening
Interest reallocated		-6,882.00		-6,882.00	Rente toegedeel
<b>Non-discretionary funds</b>	<b>130,398.62</b>	<b>270,560.52</b>	<b>-310,212.34</b>	<b>90,746.80</b>	<b>Nie-diskresionêre fondse</b>
<b>Baboon Management Fund</b>	<b>54,261.47</b>	<b>194,780.20</b>	<b>-184,396.29</b>	<b>64,645.38</b>	<b>Bobbejaanbestuurfonds</b>
b/f 2015	54,261.47			54,261.47	o/b 2015
Donations/other		190651.00	-184,396.29	6,254.71	Skenkings/ander
Share of Moneytrader interest		4129.20		4,129.20	Moneytrader rente toegedeel
<b>Firefighting Fund</b>	<b>34,515.33</b>	<b>31,517.52</b>	<b>-84,802.97</b>	<b>-18,770.12</b>	<b>Brandbestrydingfonds</b>
b/f 2015	34,515.33			34,515.33	o/b 2015
Donations/other		31,517.52	-84,802.97	-53,285.45	Skenkings/ander
<b>Security Fund</b>	<b>-17,871.07</b>	<b>17,110.00</b>	<b>-12,544.16</b>	<b>-13,305.23</b>	<b>Sekuriteitsfonds</b>
b/f 2015	-17,871.07			-17,871.07	o/b 2015
Donations/other		17,110.00	-12,544.16	4,565.84	Skenkings/ander
<b>Enviro/Conservancy Fund</b>	<b>52,370.95</b>	<b>16,795.50</b>	<b>-18,200.47</b>	<b>50,965.98</b>	<b>Omgewings/Bewareafonds</b>
Beach BF/Donations/other	43,970.72	7,610.00	-18,200.47	33,380.25	Strand skenkings/ander
Cons BF/Donations/other	8,400.23	7,465.00		15,865.23	Bewarea skenking/ander
Share of Moneytrader interest		1,720.50		1,720.50	Moneytrader rente toegedeel
<b>Community Hall Fund</b>	<b>-1,798.40</b>		<b>-1,000.00</b>	<b>-2,798.40</b>	<b>Gemeenskapssaalfonds</b>
b/f 2015	-1,798.40			-1,798.40	o/b 2015
Donations/other			-1,000.00	-1,000.00	Skenkings/ander
<b>Trust Holdings</b>	<b>8,920.34</b>	<b>10,357.30</b>	<b>-9,268.45</b>	<b>10,009.19</b>	<b>Trustgelde</b>
b/f 2015	8,920.34			8,920.34	o/b 2015
PB Hack donations/other		9,325.00	-9,268.45	56.55	PB Hack skenkings/ander
Share of Moneytrader interest		1,032.30		1,032.30	Moneytrader rente toegedeel
<b>Total (all funds)</b>	<b>238,847.04</b>	<b>299,987.57</b>	<b>-331,392.42</b>	<b>207,442.19</b>	<b>Totaal (alle fondse)</b>

# PRINGLE BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

## PRINGLEBAAI BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING INFORMASIE

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### Committee Portfolio / Komitee Portefeulje

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

### 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.  
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### Bank Details / Bankbesonderhede

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### 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 bydraende 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 082 491 0771 or email [chairman@pringlebayratepayers.co.za](mailto: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 082 491 0771 of per epos aan [chairman@pringlebayratepayers.co.za](mailto: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](mailto:membership@pringlebayratepayers.co.za) or [info@pringlebayratepayers.co.za](mailto: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.

Voorsien ons asb. met die volgende inligting: naam, van, fisiese adres, selfoon nommer, e-pos, tipe inwoner (permanent / naweke / vankansie).

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