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## Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

**19 September** "A Paint and Mix Technique" by Derric van Rensburg. 10.30 at Art Café (next to Rainspider), Harbour Road, Kleinmond. Refreshments for own account.

**21 September** In the Pringle Bay Community Hall "**The Tanzanian Igamba Falls Controversy: snails versus hydro power**". **Speaker Prof. Richards Fuggle**. At all talks there will be liquid refreshments and a voluntary collection will be taken.

**28 September** **BOOK SALE** at Miems in Pringle Bay from 09:00

**6 September 6pm—9pm** Pringle House presents **Trash to Fashion, Junk to Funk!** A fundraising fashion show from recycled junk. In the Festival Tent outside the Pringle Cove Centre. Prizes for best entries.

**6-8 September Windgat Festival and Kogelberg Challenge, Pringle Bay.** Kogelberg Race, Fashion Show, Village Market, Arts & Crafts, Wine Tasting, Live Music, Kids activities, Guided Fynbos Walk, Best Potjie, Tru-Cape Best Bake and much much more!



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*Please send us your comments, sugges-  
tions, events and news.*

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## **Special Notice Inviting Nominations for Election to the Committee 2014**

The majority of our current members of the Committee have served anything from 2 to 5 years on the Committee and several have given timeous notice that they will not be available for re-election to the Committee in 2014.

Nominations are therefore being invited for election to the Committee of the Association.

Only members of the Association in good standing may be nominated.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded in writing by two (2) members of the Association and accepted in writing by the nominee.

The Committee shall consist of no less than (4) and not more than eight (8) members. We have the option to co-opt additional members to the Committee.

In terms of the Constitution the elected Committee shall at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting elect from its nominated members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other Officers as it may deem necessary.

The BBRA has grown in strength over the last years having established additional Portfolios to deal with Conservancy, Sand Dunes, Firewise, Security, Neighbourhood Watch, Volunteer Firefighters and Website not to mention other associated committees on which committee members also serve. The community is more and more relying on the BBRA for assistance and guidance in dealing with specific municipal matters. It is therefore essential that we give early attention to recruiting suitable candidates for nomination to the committee next year. We desperately need new ideas and energy to meet the challenges that lie ahead. The general appearance of Betty's Bay is wanting and the community will need to tackle some of these issues themselves.

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### **DANIE PRETORIUS**

Danie, past Vice-Chairman of the Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association, passed away on 6 August 2013 after a long battle with Cancer. He will be missed by all who knew him for his love and sound advice.

## From the BBRA Committee

### Increased Rates on Vacant Land.

We are finding ourselves in a precarious state of affairs. The budget and in particular the inclusion of a new property rate of 63.4% on vacant land has drawn a great deal of attention and the cause of much discontent. For example, a July account for an Erf valued at R430.000 shows an overall increase of 26%, equivalent to R100 per month. The reality is that on vacant beach front and mountain side land where properties are valued anything from R1mil to R2mil and more, owners can expect a substantial increase of between R400 and R500 per month. In addition these undeveloped properties are already being charged 'availability' tariffs for water (incl. infrastructure), sewage (incl. infrastructure) and refuse removal. The latter two are for services not even provided.

We requested the methodology used to determine the rates increase as it is our claim that they arrived at this unrealistic figure so as to generate additional revenue to balance the budget. The reasons given by the municipality for the introduction of a new category of ratable property of '*vacant land*' which will be rated more highly than the category '*residential property*' is inter alia, the following:

- To encourage property development.
- To encourage densification in line with the integrated development plan.
- It is preferable to the municipality to have properties within its jurisdiction which are developed and occupied.
- The need to encourage residential occupation of properties, as this is a municipality where many people seek to retire.
- The category of vacant land will be in line with the actual use and not just the permitted use.

The timing of these increased rates especially during a seriously depressed property market will be detrimental to retired or about to be retired folk. The municipality however fails to address the important issue of whether our ailing infrastructure has capacity to sufficiently maintain and efficiently cope with such additional development they are now encouraging and the fact that it will place a further burden on the financial constraints of the budget.

The downturn in the economy and very scant returns on investments made investment in properties a better option especially for people in their retirement years. Many retired people acquired second properties to supplement their limited pensions as they do not qualify for government pensions. Furthermore, some purchased the land to protect the environment and in particular the biosphere reserve.

A recent national survey confirms that for municipalities to currently remain sustainable, maintain ailing infrastructure and improve on service delivery, they continue to raise rates from their main source of revenue which in our area is the small base of ratepayers. The 30% chunk on our budget for salaries is another major contributing factor which we simply cannot afford. We cannot be expected to subsidize the increasing migration of people and the creation of human settlements. This simply cannot continue unabated as services are becoming unaffordable for retired people. This formula is not sustainable. Alternative sources need to be created. Many people in the area who qualify as indigent households make no contribution to taxes but nevertheless have voting rights.

Councillor Krige has subsequently met with officials of the Finance Department in Hermanus. She is in the process of arranging a meeting with affected parties to discuss this matter further.

### **Relaxation and Departure of Building Restrictions.**

There are an increasing number of applications for building line restrictions to be relaxed. These are often to legalize encroachments of existing dwellings or to circumvent terms of Title Deeds. Of concern is that this trend is likely to increase as it has been mentioned that Province intends passing legislation permitting second dwellings on properties. The municipality is also encouraging densification. Obviously all this is to raise additional revenue. This will certainly change the face of the village as we currently know it.

### **Roads and Stormwater Infrastructure.**

Representation was made to Councillor Krige after the recent heavy down pours which caused flooding of many roads some of which became unsurpassable. Most of the roads no longer have storm water drains, either they are over grown or have filled up with sand over the years. Consequently, roads become streams or storm water drains. Some houses were also flooded. The Councillor was prompt in arranging a high profile municipal delegation from Hermanus to carry out an inspection. Consequently, an inspection report is to be tabled in Council emphasizing short to long term solutions. Consensus is that our roads which are predominantly gravel is in desperate need of upgrading and that there

is a lack of proper storm water infrastructure. As one can appreciate no provision has been made in the current financial year to undertake this enormous task.

### **Public Participation Process regarding a Proposed Controlled Burn.**

A group of concerned homeowners resident in the Sunny Seas area of Betty's Bay have made representations to the Municipality requesting a controlled burn of the area on the mountain side bordering onto their properties.

Motivation for their request is:

For ecological reasons; Fynbos needs to burn every 12 to 15 years to allow for regeneration before species are lost;

The area last burnt some 21 years ago. The burn in June 2010 was extinguished before the entire area could be burnt and as a result the area has become very dry and has the potential to turn into a disaster should a fire occur in the area;

If this is not attended to then the area burnt in 2010 could be totally destroyed should another fire occur;

This area has limited fire hydrant capacity and residents are concerned that protection of the infrastructure would not be possible should a fire occur.

An initial meeting was held in June 2013 with affected residents and various stakeholders such as Cape Nature, Nature Conservation, Overstrand Fire Services, Ratepayers' Association and Volunteer Firefighters to discuss the matter and establish a plan of action. A sub-committee was established which met in July and the following were proposed:

- A controlled burn to take place at an appropriate time along the mountain side eastward from the Botanical Gardens through to the western entrance of Seaview Road in Sunny Seas;

- Ensure consensus is reached with all stakeholders concerning the intent to burn natural vegetation on private and municipal land by means of a Public Participation process;

- Combine corporate resources and support structures to ensure effective fire management preparation and the implementation of the fire management plan;

- Ensure that infrastructure and property is afforded adequate protection;

- Arrange a pre burning meeting with stakeholders in preparation of the event.

It is essential that the Municipality, property owners and voluntary firefighters work together to reduce the fire risk. A public meeting was held on **Saturday, 24 August 2013 at 10h00** in the **Crassula Hall**. Report back in next issue.

### **Membership.**

It is surprising the number of residents who prevail upon the Association for assistance in municipal matters despite the fact that they are not members of the Association. We nevertheless assist where we can. The Association is represented on the Ward Committee where it continues to engage the municipality on all aspects affecting the village. Whilst our Association has the largest membership of any ratepayers association in the Overstrand Municipality, our membership has shown a decrease of some 30 members over the last year mainly due to non-payment of annual fees which currently stands at R55 per member per year. The stronger our membership the more influence we will have in pursuing our objectives. Residents are encouraged to become members.

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## **FOURTH ANNUAL MINIATURES CONVENTION - BETTY'S BAY 9—13 September 2013**

Once again the Miniature Convention will be held in Betty's Bay. It will take place from 9 - 13 September in the Crassula Hall.

We work in 1/12th scale dollhouses.

We have delegates coming from as far afield as Johannesburg, Durban and of course Cape Town and the Overstrand area.

Workshops will be run from Monday morning until Friday lunchtime.

The public is invited to attend our Open Evening on Thursday, 12 September from 19h30 onwards. There will be displays of superb miniature work as well some items for sale.

If you are interested in seeing the workshops we are going to do you can look at the website [www.miniconvention.weebly.com](http://www.miniconvention.weebly.com).

If you would like more information please contact Isa Lindstrom on 0827427866 or at [isalindstrom@sonicmail.co.za](mailto:isalindstrom@sonicmail.co.za)

## The Wind Bloweth...

Yesterday the wind *certainly* blew... blew the spray off the breakers, the leaves off the trees, the property agents' boards off their supports... yes, happening to glance upwards while chatting on the phone, I was surprised and amused to see that the back section of our garden was for sale! And today it's blowing harder and gusting more strongly, to 57 knots, according to my resident meteorologist, and still gaining in velocity. The windows rattle, the bathroom trapdoors bang, and the For Sale sign dislodges itself and disappears en route to Kogelberg. 100km per hour... only the wind is exempt from the speed limit through Betty's Bay.

Try climbing into, or out of, the car on such a day, particularly if your arms are full of groceries! Open the door, and the full force of a gust slams it back in your face. Wait until the wind subsides and exit fast, and if you weigh less than 100 kilograms the wind blows you back to the vehicle you've just vacated. Someone we know maintains that the Stormers are good at Rugby because they are brought up running against the Cape wind. (Judging by their performance this season, they should be out training today!)

The wind changed our holiday habits before our retirement. We enjoyed camping in a bow tent... an extremely well-made, durable little tent, large enough for the two of us, easy to erect and fold away.

We always loved the Cape, and one year we chose Noordhoek Caravan Park as our holiday destination. We really enjoyed a few days of beautiful weather, the farm animals residing in the park, long walks on the beach, and cheering the athletes on as they ran past our little patch of heaven en route to the finish line of the Two Oceans Marathon. In the weeks prior to our departure, George had concocted his version of a camping cupboard, somewhat akin to the old-fashioned clothes horse, on which to hang our clothes. It stood, rather precariously, on a slight slope next to his side of the bed, but by and large served its purpose.

Then one moonlit night we extinguished the lamp as usual, and went to sleep. Hours later, about midnight, the tent began to move slightly in the breeze. The wind picked up and increased its force until it sounded like a runaway train approaching at speed from across the sea. The canvas slammed against our heads as the Northwester headed for the mountain, bounced off it, and returned to slam into the opposite side of our abode. It tossed us to and fro for hours, relentlessly pounding the walls of the tent. The camping cupboard, unable to stand against the elements, came crashing down over us, the wooden structure covering George, and the clothing simultaneously covering both of us. Panic seized me as, struggling to free myself from the layers of clothing, I called out to him in the darkness and he didn't respond.



Chaos reigned. The wind howled, arms flailed, clothing flew in all directions as we tried to extricate ourselves from the offending wooden structure. Eventually George's voice came through above the roaring wind, reassuring me that he hadn't perished in the storm... what a relief! I was afraid that the wooden structure had killed him! The following morning the campsite resembled a battlefield, and to our astonishment, our brave little tent was the only one still standing. One pole was slightly bent and all the ropes and pegs were in the tree above us, but she stood proudly among the debris of everyone else's wreckage. Every caravan had had its tent either shredded or blown away.

This experience was something we have often chuckled about in hindsight, but it was the last time we braved the elements under canvas. A colleague of George's, duly warned, purchased our camping gear and, as far as we know, has enjoyed many a getaway since. I suspect that heaven was inundated with frantic prayers that night from petrified campers, fearing their lives would end before daybreak. The storm remains a vivid memory, as unforgettable as it was terrifying.

Perhaps it's our age and senior citizen status, but more and more of our friends and acquaintances seem to be caught up in, or have passed through tough to violent storms of life recently. The Lakeside Chapel lost its pastor and his wife through Cancer within just five months of each other, others have had strokes, knee or hip replacements, heart attacks... families are grieving or struggling to survive. But through it all, there are wonderfully supportive people who climb in and fill the gap, who are there every time help, support and encouragement are desperately needed. Jesus said: "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) and through these special people, He always is. God bless the hearts and lives of those through whom the sun always breaks through the storm, and we live and laugh again.

Beverley Green

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## Friends of the Library/Vriende van die Biblioteek

**Library hours:** Mon to Fri 9h00 – 16h00

### EVENTS for 2013

**19 September: Derric van Rensburg, an artist, "A paint mix & technique".**

10h30 at ART CAFé (next to Rainspider) in Harbour road, Kleinmond. Refreshments for own account. Be sure you do not miss this morning!

**28 September: BOOK SALE** at Miems in Pringle Bay from 9h00.

**17 October: Chantal Witthuhn from La Femmetique, (Fashion & Image stylist) on “Complete your makeover”. 10h30 Betty`s Bay Library.**

### **Join the Friends of the Library / Sluit aan by die Vriende van die Biblioteek**

Your ideas, suggestions & talents make this organization a successful group of people coming together, sharing ideas and offering cheerful fellowship. We support the Library & librarian by helping to maintain an efficient service to the community.

Annual fee of R25 pp or R30 per family. This can be paid at the Library.

Become involved with **The Local History Collection** at the Hangklip Library, Betty`s Bay. If you have any articles/newspaper clippings/ photographs of the Hangklip area - PAST or PRESENT, we would be very grateful to receive them to include them in this Collection; appreciation for your help & expertise too.

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### **PIKKEWYNTJIENUUS/PENGUINKIDZ NEWS**

Oeee, alla julle het sieke gedink ek het die gat gevat oorlat ek so lank laas vir julle nies vertel het. Neee sien, so word onse juffrou toe mos soe siek. Ons het vir ons almal ampe in a koma geskrik, ek dink sy oek. Haarse tikker soos sy seg het mos beslyt hy is moeg, kapoet en sat vir alles en da beslyt hy mos om n aanval te kry. Myse ma kry oek elke nou en dan n aanval as myse pa soe laat by die hys kom en hy het biekie gekyer het. Shieeee, dis n lelke gesig, myse ma se mond is al van vroeg mirrag af so 300 bar opgepomp en hoe later hoe kwater. Sy begin brom, almal moet net die pad vat anners kry tjy sommer n oorveeg en dan kry sy die aanval as myse pa by die deur instap!

Geliggik is myse juffrou nou terig en sy lag al weer vir al onse goete. Daar is net een ding wat ek nie lekka verstaat nie. Laaste wiek toe seg n antie vir myse juffrou, sy moet nou haarse kinnners op hulle se regte name noem. Skielik is JJ nou sommer John en Stacy is nou Anastacia. Juffrou seg toe vir ons dis nou hulle nuwe regte name en almal moet hulle so noem. JJ klap n dowe oor as juffrou vir hom John seg, tot sy haar vererre en weer seg JJ. JJ seg vir ons hy ken nie darie naam nie en wiet mosie juffrou praat met hom nie!. Nou het al die kinnners inie skool beslyt hulle wil nuwe name he en myse juffrou seg sy sit nou met haarse hande in haarse hare. Shieeee, groot mense is darem snaaks, ek het gekyk en gekyk maar ek siet nie dat sy met haarse hande in haarse hare sit nie. Neeeee, seg sy dit beteken sy wiet nie meer wat om met ons aan te vang nie. Nou hoekom moet groot mense altyd eers silke snaakse dinge seg, ek seg praat stryt dan kan onse kinnners mos oek verstaat!

So waar as parramanel tjulle mense moet kom kyk hoe flippen mooi lyk onse skool. Almal het so hard gewerk, antie Gloria en Oom Peter het hulle go af gewerk soos myse juffrou seg. Nou wat is n “go”? Daar gaat ons al weer. Mi-skien kan een van tjulle se mense dalk met myse juffrou kom praat dat sy plyn Afrikaans praat met onse kinnars asb. ons like dit nie om heeldag te wonner nie. Nou moet ek gaat slap want dit was weer een van darie dae wat myse ma n aanval gehad het. Ek willie n oorveeg he voor ek gaat le nie. Mooi loep almal van tjulle en hou darie skelms weg van tjulle af. Ek seg ons moet somme leeus aanhou om hulle almal op te vreit!

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## **PLEASE PROTECT**

### **OYSTERCATCHER BREEDING AREA**

#### **OUR OYSTERCATCHERS ARE ENDANGERED**

##### **BECAUSE HUMANS ARE ENCROACHING ON THEIR HABITAT**

Oystercatchers live on our beaches in the inter-tidal zone (i.e. between the low and high tide mark); the living area available to them is extremely limited. They nest between the High Tide and the dunes. They start laying early in November, the chicks take 32 days to hatch. If their eggs or chicks are destroyed they will go on trying to bring up a family until the end of March. It takes them about three weeks to lay another batch of eggs. They usually lay 2 eggs, sometimes 3.

It takes 45 days before the chicks can fly. During this time they are extremely vulnerable to people and dogs because they cannot run fast and they cannot fly away. The chicks leave their parents at approximately 90 day from hatching.

The youngsters migrate Westwards around the Cape coast—being chased from territory to territory until they reach the West coast. When they know that they are out of the breeding areas they join “clubs” of other youngsters and “hangout” with them until they find a mate. The pairs return to where the female was brought up, where they find their own territory to bring up their family. They live for approximately 35 years and mate for life.

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Security Providers	Safe Security	028 272 9110
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	ASK Security (Office)	028 272 9500
	24 Hour Emergency	082 951 1892
		071 135 9029
	Sandown Bay Security	028 271 5633
		028 271 3306
		028 272 9575
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	Dr Morkel	028 271 4227
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	Dr Greeff	028 272 9999
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	Dr Moses	028 271 3152
	After Hours	078 417 5628
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	After Hours	082 861 0616
	Dr Engelbrecht	028 271 3662
	Dr Visser	028 271 5321

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Child Welfare	Kleinmond	028 271 4044
Veterinarian	Dr Dave	028 271 4183
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KAWS	Animal Welfare	028 271 5004
Pharmacies	Albertyn Pharmacy	028 271 4666
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	After Hours	082 868 4267
	Kleinmond Pharmacy	028 271 3320
	After Hours	082 652 4309
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Seawatch	Betty's Bay	028 272 9532
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	Emergencies	08600 37 566
General	Councillor Lisel Krige	028 272 9533
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	Centre Shop	028 272 9230
	Penguin Place	028 272 9257
	Tourism Bureau	028 271 5657
	Fynbos Service Centre	082 719 6200
	Fire Extinguisher Service	083 741 9914

## **Oystercatchers continued:**

### **What can you do to help?**

1. Put your dogs on leads through the breeding areas which are well sign-posted.
2. Be aware of where the breeding Oystercatchers are. One parent Oystercatcher will be standing guard either near the nest or the chicks.
3. Keep away from their nests. Sit well away from them. It is an offence in terms of the Seabird Act to disturb them.
4. Don't allow your children to chase or throw stones at the adult birds or the chicks.
5. When the chicks hatch the parents take them away from the nest and put them into clumps of kelp close to the sea. This is where the chicks hide while the parents feed them.
6. If you are sitting too close to the kelp where the chicks are hiding, the parents cannot get to feed them and the chicks could die from dehydration and starvation. Please be aware of where the chicks are hiding by watching the adult birds behaviour.
7. When humans or dogs approach chicks they panic and run. If they run into the next door Oystercatcher territory, the parents in that territory will kill the intruding chick.
8. If adult Oystercatchers are flying and screeching around you, you are too close to their chicks. Please move away as quickly as possible. This could be when the chicks are coming ashore with the incoming tide.
9. Please do not pick up the chicks, they are not lost—they are waiting for their parents to come back to feed them.
10. Fishermen in particular, please be aware of the behaviour of Oystercatchers around you. If there are agitated birds in the area, you may well be in danger of causing chicks to drown on an incoming tide. When adult birds sense danger, they call to the chicks and the youngsters run under boulders or into gullies to hide. The young will only come out of hiding when adults indicate to them that the danger has passed.

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### **Chamber of Business.**

At a recent meeting of the Association at which the Councillor was also present, it was felt that there is a need for the business sector in Betty's Bay to seriously give consideration to establishing a Chamber of Business in line with those that already exist in other villages. It is felt that it is important for the business sector to forge stronger links so as to collectively deal with wide ranging changes that are taking place. A representative of the Chamber could also serve on the Executive of the BBRA. Councillor Krige would in any case be glad to meet with all business owners to discuss matters of concern. An invitation has already been sent out to those that are already on our database. We await the response.

### **Stony Point Project.**

We attended a meeting on the progress of the development of the project. Of great concern is that inadequate provision has been made for visitors parking and that tour busses are known to have left without tourists being dropped off because of the lack of parking. We foresee that during peak periods adjacent roads will become congested. This will cause great disruption to neighbouring properties as the roads in question are too narrow to allow for both parking and passing traffic. It is also likely that tourists will be forced to park on the verges of neighbouring properties.

### **Crime.**

The many incidents of theft out of vehicles and from unlocked houses remain a concern. The majority of these cases can easily be described as sheer negligence on the part of the owners especially when valuables are left in vehicles which in some cases were left unlocked.

The message of securing valuables and securing ones homes from unlawful access is not getting through to our residents and/or their visitors. Far too many incidents over the last couple of weeks involve the failure of occupants to adhere to simple precautionary measures of securing their properties. Far too many people are entertaining elsewhere on their properties whilst doors and windows are either left open or unlocked. Residents need to take more responsibility for the safety of their properties. Far too many residents retire for the night and leave windows open and alarms switched off. Quite a number of housebreakings are taking place whilst owners are in residence.

There have been far too many incidents of theft out of vehicles where cameras, laptops, cellphones, wallets are being left in vehicles in full view of opportunistic thieves.

## Incident of Fire.

We had another veld fire which threatened neighbouring properties in Disa Road. The fire was caused by the occupants throwing braai coals into the bush. House was rented out for the weekend to a group of 12 visitors who held a party throughout the weekend. Our Volunteer Firefighters were quick on the scene to extinguish the fire. Once again they need to be congratulated.



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