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## Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

### BotSoc Talks, Nivenia Hall, HPG

- Saturday, 20th September "Indigenous Medicinal Plants" presented by Phakamani Xaba, who was stationed at HPG and is now based at Kirstenbosch, and is an authority on this subject.
- Saturday, 18th October Dr Sophie van der Heyden will speak on some aspects of genetics in marine biology.
- Saturday, 15th November Dr Mike Cramer will take us to Namibia to learn about the mysterious Fairy Rings.

At all talks a voluntary collection will be taken and the attendance register will be circulated. Please note that the purpose of the register is twofold, firstly to advise the HPG for their records of the number of people attending and secondly so that regular attendees can be contacted should any alterations to the programme be made or, as has happened, a visitor offers a talk at short notice. Liquid refreshments are also offered.

Contact Merrilee: 028 272 9314.

The **5th Annual Miniatures Convention** will be held again in Betty's Bay, from 8 to 12 September 2014. About 40 miniaturists will attend 5 days of workshops, and enjoy the tranquility of Betty's Bay. See p16 for more detail.

See p17 for '**Friends of the Hangklip Library**' events.



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## Betty's Bay Crime Situation

10 August 2014

This is being addressed to all our residents especially those permanently resident in Betty's Bay.

We are once again faced with a significant increase in property related crime. In July alone we had as many as 40 incidents of housebreakings and this is probably much higher if unreported incidents are also to be taken into account. Indications are that syndicates may be involved since stolen items are being moved very quickly out of the village to the Cape.

Way back in 2010 because of the high rate of crime in our village it had then become imperative that we establish a community based organization (Neighbourhood Watch) to assist SAPS in striving for a safe and secure environment. We created six zones across Betty's Bay which initially had a measure of success in reducing crime, however, over time enthusiasm has dwindled and only one of the zones is still effectively carrying out patrols. Some of the other zones have become inactive. We urgently need to revive what was once a very active operation.

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility not only that of Law Enforcement. Unfortunately, far too many of our residents do not adhere to basic security precautionary measures. Far too many houses do not even have adequate intruder alarm systems. Systems that were installed many years ago seriously need to be checked and upgraded. Far too many residents rely upon security providers to prevent crime, this will not happen. The mandate of Private Security is to react to alarm activations but only for their respective clients. They DO NOT carry out patrols of the village.

The objective of the NW is to create public awareness with regard to safety, crime prevention, protection of families and their property and to encourage the community to work in close co-operation with each other. Unfortunately, a NW cannot achieve its objective unless it has the support of the community especially in a village which is faced with so many challenges. These include:

- The response by Kleinmond SAPS to any emergency is likely to take anything from an hour and even longer taking into consideration that the police station is some considerable distance away and provided that there is an Officer immediately available to attend to a call out. The area covered is from Arabella to Rooi Els.
- SAPS are faced with serious manpower constraints which are likely to get worse. SAPS efficiency is determined by these circumstances and available manpower.
- Betty's Bay being a ribbon like development stretching for some 15km's and dissected by a Provincial highway makes it very difficult to manage.
- Permanent residents are predominantly elderly retired folk.
- Wardens of our NW are generally drawn from these elderly pensioners.
- For safety reasons patrols are not generally being carried out and we therefore have to rely largely on the 'ears and eyes' of our Wardens and the community at large.

- Wardens mainly cover the zones in which they live. Many areas are therefore not covered by the NW mainly because many of the houses are holiday homes which remain unoccupied for most of the year. Most of these houses have become the targets of break-ins.
- Repeat offenders are being released by the Courts on either suspended or short term prison sentences.
- Correctional Services are releasing offenders early on parole after serving only short terms of their sentences. Offenders are openly saying they are not afraid of being arrested and going to prison.

Despite letters by the Community Police Forum to the Cluster Commander and the Provincial Commissioner for increased visible policing, we have not even had the courtesy of a formal acknowledgement.

To overcome these challenges ALL members of the community need to get involved, even if it is just with their 'eyes and ears'. ALL must get to know their neighbours, their personal particulars and whereabouts, their contact details, so that if anything untoward is observed then they can make contact with each other. This would apply to any emergency, such as, fires etc.

We have had lengthy discussions with SAPS on appropriate measures to be adopted by the NW in combating crime in our area. The general view is that our prime objective is to take every precaution to prevent incidents of crime and not to go get involved in confronting and arresting culprits; that is the function of SAPS. Our task is to keep our SAPS informed of suspicious circumstances. Visibility and communication are essential elements in achieving this objective.

Some constructive proposals have been put forward by members of the community to improve the security preparedness of our area. These have been investigated but have proved to be either too expensive or in many cases would require far more residents to become involved in the implementation and monitoring of such measures. There are just too few of us to manage this. Many of our residents have said that they cannot afford it or are not prepared to invest in the protection of their properties.

There was an encouraging turn out of residents at the recent de-briefing on the fire but unfortunately there appears to be a great deal of apathy when it comes to dealing with crime related issues. Despite repeated requests, residents, especially weekend visitors, are not taking the warnings seriously. Housebreakings are taking place whilst they are occupied. Front doors are found left open or unlocked. Garage doors are left standing open. Valuables are left in vehicles. We all need to be more vigilant and not become too complacent.

SAPS is requesting that an effort must be made to mark electronic equipment as in many cases owners are unable to identify stolen property and cases can therefore not be properly investigated.

We need to extend our database of email addresses so as to improve communications. In this way we will be able to communicate important and vital information on a regular basis especially to those who have holiday homes and live up country. It is also essential that

we be kept informed of any changes in addresses.

We are desperately in need of more, much more, permanent resident volunteers as NW Wardens. The more that are involved, the lighter the burden will be. All those prepared to offer their services are kindly requested to make contact with Dan Fick on djfick@mweb.co.za or 028 2729800 so that he can put them in contact with the respective zone coordinators.

Your comments are most welcome.

*Dan Fick*

*Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association*

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## **Beware Of New Carjacking Scheme**

*Beware of this new scheme that is now being used country-wide.*

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, lock your doors and just drive away. Remove the paper later.

This is a new way to do carjacking. When you climb into your car in a car park or where ever and you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window.

So, you stop and jump out of your car to remove that paper, which is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. Usually a handbag or purse with all your information, addresses and house keys are still in the car.

**PLEASE TAKE MORE PRECAUTION WHEN LEAVING CAR PARKS.**

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## **Dead Whale In Betty's Bay Marine Reserve**

A large whale was seen floating in the sea in the Sunny Seas area late on Friday. Sharks were having a feeding frenzy. Researchers came out on Saturday and took DNA samples and blood samples – by this time the whale carcass had floated onto the rocks in the Jock's Bay area. Now waiting for bad weather to take the carcass out to sea as recommended by the researcher. The whale is said to be either Brydes or Brutus, roughly 8 meters in length and was estimated to weigh around 15 tons.

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## **Some Relief For Battered Roads**

The poor condition of mostly gravel roads in the Hangklip area was a major point of discussion at the ward committee meeting of Ward 10 in Betty's Bay on Tuesday this week.

In an effort to address this burning issue, Cllr Lisel Krige requested senior officials to share the municipality's prospective plan of action in this regard.

The Kleinmond area's senior manager for operations, Mr Denovan van Rhodie, informed the meeting that an amount of R1,2 million was available on the budget for road repairs in the Hangklip area and that there were various options on how it could be applied.

Deputy director of community services Mr Mike Bartman then announced that a further R500 000 had been made available by the Mayor to assist in the crisis.

The option of using the municipality's own available work force and equipment as opposed

to renting in additional machines or a contractor was preferred by the ward committee as it would go the furthest towards addressing the situation. Approximately 14 km of the worst sections will receive attention in this way. In response to a question Mr Van Rhodie said the grader operator had been appropriately trained.

He said depending on the weather work could commence in October.

Mr Bartman conceded that much of the overall damage could be ascribed to lacking storm water drainage. Although a master plan exists for a network, the municipality's capital budget was currently too limited to include the execution hereof. It is however expected that a team of bricklayers will soon be deployed in the Hangklip area to remedy existing infrastructure.

A subcommittee comprising the respective representatives of the affected communities will help to identify the hot spots.

Cllr Krige said while the amounts would obviously not go far in restoring roads that had suffered much hammering during a heavy rainy season as well as several unexpected floods, she was grateful for the allocation and hoped that the gravity of the situation would justify further financial assistance if and when possible.

*Lisel Krige (Ward Councillor)*

## Lushof Lofte

*Deur Peter Joubert*

Vlakte blond, koppies hoog.

Plante ryg, maar baie droog.

Kleurskkelings wat Pierneef ongelooflik skilder,  
nou verstaanbaar in Karoolig saggies helder.

Stiltes wyd, voëlgesang,

Skapgeblêr, geen stadsgedrang.

Grongesonde geure van skaapmis en skoon stof.

Ontwakend, gee die stadsbedorwe neuse lof.

Eie Volk, eie Taal.

Lompe tong, --- eers vertaal.

Die Stadsjapies, verengels, deur oefning beloond,  
hul taalgebruik verbeter, vlot en tonggewoond.

Kinders loop Wêreldrond,

Wortels los, -- weer gegrond.

Ouers van Land vervreemd, middeljarig, en verloor,  
Vind gasvryheid, liefde, --- plaasmense wie bekoor.

Familie wyd verspry,

na jare weer gekry.

Sussie verwerp my Land, my hart met pyn verslind,  
by Niggie, wie boetie soek, die genesing vind.

PROPERTY OWNERS NOW TO BE CHARGED FOR USING FIRE BRI -  
**GADE'S SERVICES**

Notice 48/2014

Overstrand Fire, Rescue & Disaster Management have as of 1 July 2014 started implementing new tariffs. The following tariffs are applicable:

Extinguishing of fires:

Extinguishing of structural (all buildings) fires per hour per incident	R 1500
Extinguishing of structural (all buildings) fires per hour per incident (Indigent households)	Free
Extinguishing of veld and other fires per hour	R 500
Assistance at motor vehicle accidents and rescues	Free

Standby at fire scene:

Per hour for vehicle and firefighters	R 500
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Fire Prevention inspections:

Tank installation – per tank	R 300
LP Gas – per installation 48kg and more incl bulk tanks	R 300

Fire Safety:

1st and 2nd compliance inspection	Free
3rd and continuing compliance inspection	R 300

Events:

Inspection of location and issuing of Population Certificate	R 200
Standby at event per event for vehicle and firefighters	R 1000

Burn Permits:

Burn permit inspection	R 250
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All fires attended to, fire prevention or fire safety inspections conducted and burn permit inspections which have been issued will be billed accordingly, provided it happened either on or after 1 July 2014.

The relevant erf owner of the structural fire / veld fire will be billed accordingly on their municipal account. For all other tariffs, payment is required upfront before the necessary inspection and / or certificate will be issued. Proof of payment must then first be submitted before receiving such certificates.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Fire Department via email at either of the following : Chief Lester Smith: [lestersmith@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:lestersmith@overstrand.gov.za) or Meagan Raynard: [firesec@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:firesec@overstrand.gov.za) or telephonically on 028 313 5041/2

## The Wine Glass

Why is it that early morning coffee (filter or instant) tastes tremendous sipped from a mug; whereas espresso 'demands' a demi tasse? Tea whether Indian or China, seems to prefer bone china yet rooibos adapts happily to all beakers including a tin mug.

Whisky has its own short tumbler used also for before dinner brandy but after dinner a brandy balloon is preferred. Incidentally the narrow neck of the balloon concentrates the bouquet but especially the alcohol so, in order not to damage the fragility of your nose by inhaling only alcohol, a dash of water should be added to the spirit to release the complex aromas. Just a dash is sufficient, swirl the glass and note the difference. Did you know that professional tasters of cognac often use a blue coloured tulip glass? This is in order that the taster is not influenced by the colour of the spirit.

Yet little thought is given to the shape of a glass when wine is served.

Wine glasses are stemmed and are correctly held by the stem not the bulbous part. The advantage of this is that with a cooled wine there is no danger of the temperature being increased by the hot clammy hand holding the glass (nor is there any chance of a strong smell from the hand influencing the enjoyment of the aromas of the wine). Red wines like to be swirled gently and so the glass is larger than that for white wine and should never be more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. All wine glasses should narrow to the lip for the full enjoyment of the wine. Those round goblet glasses do nothing to enhance the wine and no amount of 'sniffing' will disclose the complexity of the wine. Thankfully the long narrow flute has replaced the shallow bowl glass in which sparkling wines used to be poured and the bubbles don't dissipate so soon and the delightful tingle adds to the festive occasion.

Purists recognise that the shape of the glass does affect their enjoyment of the wine. Certain glass companies like Riedel have designed glasses to bring out all aspects of a wine's complexity; and different wines respond better to a certain shaped glass. A wine glass should not be of coloured or tinted glass "C one wishes to appreciate the colour of the wine; and a cut glass will detract from the judgement of appearance (colour, brightness, clarity).

In the eleventh century, the Moorish poet Ibn Mujbar wrote a poem condemning coloured wine glasses. It translates as follows:-

*I certainly intend*

*Complaining to my friend*

*About this glass, alack*

*Garmented all in black.*

*I set therein to shine*

*The sunlight of the wine*

*The sun is sinking hence*

*To darkness most intense.*



*The beaker coloured so  
Denies the liquor's glow  
As envious hearts disown  
The favours they have known.*

The Moors did not clamp down on wine making in Spain but allowed the Christians to continue making wine and apparently some of the Emirs and Caliphs enjoyed the odd glass.

A fun tasting test is to assemble a regular wine glass (with a tapering neck), a bone china cup, a pewter or other metal wine cup or beer tankard, a throw away polystyrene cup and a plastic glass/cup. Add a bottle each of a cooled white wine, a room temperature red and a chilled sweet white wine and a friend or two. Using each container in turn and beginning with the dry white wine taste that wine from each container and note your impressions. Repeat with the red and then the sweet wine. You may be surprised by the results proving that the wines do prefer certain containers. Another evening choose different shaped red wine glasses (some are more bulbous than others) and a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon and a bottle of Pinot Noir and repeat the test (you can add other wines but for the beginner the difference the glass has is more marked between these two cultivars).

Viticulture and wine making during the dark ages was in the hands of the abbeys and convents. It was in the preparation of alcohol based concoctions to treat various ailments that herbal liqueurs were first developed. Benedictine was prepared by a monk of that order to treat coughs and colds! The most secret recipe for another liqueur, Chartreuse, is known only to three monks of the Carthusian order at any time and is reputed to be flavoured by 130 herbs. The recipe for Green Chartreuse is different to that for Yellow. Apart from treating ailments, liqueurs are also called 'digestifs' and are sipped after a meal from a very small glass as an aid to digestion.

Cocktails, now once more enjoying popularity, do have special glasses --the triangular shaped stemmed glass is for short cocktails not served on ice and tumblers for those cocktails served on ice, the goblet style is for egg based drinks; but all cocktails whether shaken or stirred should be served in glasses that have been chilled before filling.

The tulip shaped sherry glass, common in Spain but less so here, is called a copita and is longer than 'our' sherry glasses. Sherry, when bottled is ready to drink and dry sherries, should be kept chilled when opened or consumed in one sitting! Port glasses are also tulip shaped and should not be too small but are smaller than wine glasses and should only be partially filled (to allow for the appreciation of the colour and bouquet).

Whatever glass you use for your wine, appreciate the skill of both the viticulturalist and the oenologist for the pleasure you derive from their offering.

*Merran Silberbauer.*

# Emergency Contact Numbers

Overstrand Emergency	24 Hours	028 313 8111
Fire Department	Control Room	028 312 2400
	Marlu Rust	082 776 9287
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Police	Emergencies	10111
	Charge Office	028 271 8219
	Station Commander	082 778 6793
	Sector Policing Officer	082 522 1831
Security Providers	Safe Security	028 272 9110
	Response	082 410 7845
	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	
Ambulances	Provincial	10177
	ER24	084 124
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	Dr Van Niekerk	028 271 4227
	Dr Morkel	028 271 4227
	After Hours	082 653 6355
	Dr Greeff	028 272 9999
	After Hours	082 659 9437
	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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	Hermanus Medi-Clinic	028 313 0168
	Vergelegen Medi-Clinic	021 850 9000
Child Welfare	Kleinmond	028 271 4044
Veterinarian	Dr Dave	028 271 4183
	After Hours	083 440 5191
KAWS	Animal Welfare	028 271 5004
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	After Hours	082 927 5240
	After Hours	082 868 4267
	Kleinmond Pharmacy	028 271 3320
	After Hours	082 652 4309
Optometrists	Obermeyer	028 271 3119
	Optical Eyes	028 271 5684
Municipality	Betty's Bay	028 272 9263
	Kleinmond	028 271 8400
	Fire & Water	028 313 8111
	Law Enforcement	028 313 8111
		028 271 8466
	Traffic	028 313 8111
	Sewerage Removal	028 271 8435
	Hermanus	028 313 8000
Seawatch	Betty's Bay	028 272 9532
	Mike Tannett	082 994 9300
NSRI	Gordons Bay	021 856 1992
	Hermanus	028 312 3180
Electricity (Eskom)	Electricity	021 859 5304
	Emergencies	08600 37 566
General	Councillor Lisel Krige	028 272 9533
	Betty's Bay Post Office	028 272 9363
	Centre Shop	028 272 9230
	Penguin Place	028 272 9257
	Tourism Bureau	028 271 5657
	Hangklip Community Care Centre	082 378 1614
	Fire Extinguisher Service	083 741 9914

## The Wind bloweth...

Just over a fortnight ago we headed north to visit members of the family, and also spend a few days in the Kruger Park, which used to be a large part of our lives while living in the Lowveld. It proved to be a trip down a much longer than expected memory lane...

So much has changed (how often we use that phrase) – but it is so true! Even the familiar territory seems larger and busier than when we were there last, a couple of months ago. Our children and granddaughter are so busy that even weekends are hectic, and one wonders: “Didn’t they have the sense to learn from their parents?” But at least an hour or two of their Saturday is spent ice skating, which they maintain relieves the stress of the week... something we never got around to, partly due to the fact that when we lived in the city, the shopping centre housing the ice rink didn’t exist!

In order to reach the Kruger Park we had to pass through Witbank (now with a new, unpronounceable name) and almost impassable due to the streets’ potholes. All of you who complain about the state of Betty’s Bay roads should attempt those, which will scare you to death and generate a letter of gratitude to the Overstrand Municipality! My brother and family had many horrifying stories to tell concerning the crime rate and their constant battle with neighbourhood break-ins – we hope that Dan’s appeals in our area are not falling on deaf ears – we don’t want that sort of crime level here.

Having left Nelspruit for Pretoria in the days when the town was small, we were only too pleased that the road bypassed the booming city Nelspruit has become. Our memories date back to the years when we were in our twenties, with a wide circle of close friends who used to do most things together. We even had a gold-prospecting claim in Kaapschehoop, where we spent time finding gold dust in the rock crevices over weekends; many a time we would load the dog, a makeshift tent, the baby and the prospecting pan into the car and head for the hills. We had great fun bumping up a forest road to reach the spot – today a smart new signposted tarred road turns off the main highway, and our hallowed ground no longer exists.

We arrived at Malelane Gate after spending about two hours waiting for other vehicles to pass one way or the other at roadworking sites, many of them at the site of flooding last summer. It was an unfamiliar road, but it was wonderful to experience the mountainous terrain we used to take for granted in our youth! We remembered travelling in a group from Nelspruit to Malelane at night after our friends’ wedding, just to decorate their car... crazy in retrospect, but so much fun at the time. Petrol cost relatively very little at that time, too, and life was carefree before the advent of parental responsibility!

Large areas of the Park are being block-burned at present, a very necessary activity in conservation, and we were amazed at how many animals return to the charred, even smouldering areas to forage for food. What is also very interesting is that windmills and artificial waterholes are being removed in order to return the area to its original state; at last a move to conserve nature first, and the interests and demands of tourists second. Most of the animals had little ones and all of them seemed perfectly healthy and content, charred veld and all. The largest problem at this time of year, however, seems to be the overpopulation of the mammal *Homo sapiens*, which in the present season seems to migrate from Europe, with a few species from the East. They tend to move around at high

speeds in 2-storey high khaki vehicles, which congregate en masse around every individual bird or animal, and have a high capacity for speedy, blind-sighted reversing, endangering all indigenous species. Another tendency they have is the overpopulation of the grazing areas and waterholes, and are particularly raucous after sunset.

We chose to travel the old road we used many years ago to return to Pretoria, and here we recognised the old landmarks and thrilled at the quality of road and farms alike. Sadly, few of the friends in our original circle have survived, and driving past their farms wasn't easy. The memories, however, will last a lifetime, however different the road we travel may be. There is something both comforting and encouraging about the constancy of nature – the sunrise and sunset at given times, the constant supply of food and shelter for the creatures God made and cherishes, and the evidence of His Lordship over all. Jesus said "I will be with you always," and it shows.

*Beverley Green*

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## **Flight 270**

***A Serial In Thirteen Episodes***

*Episodes 1-3 published in previous Buzzes*



### **Dramatis personae:**

Chief Pilot:	Captain Mamat Mungsi b 1961
Sweetheart:	Mei Mei Hong
Her Father:	Lee Hong
Imam of Al-Alidayh Mosque on Penang Island:	Shaykh Ibn Sina
Instructor on Bayan Penang International Airport:	Paddy
Penang Minister & Friend	MayangTeuku
Mamat's wife	Aisyah Mussa
Co-Pilot	Jamal Hamad bin Tengku
Military Radar recruit	Abdul Haqq

### **Episode 4: Fishing**

Whenever he could, Mamat helped with the fishing. The enterprise flourished

as his father came more and more reliant in Mamat's knowledge and skill, particularly in going offshore to find new fishing fields with Mamat's navigation skills. Soon his father could buy a second boat, which Mamat Captained when he was not flying.

Mamat attained his radio license and his and night-flying endorsement. After **only 10 hour's instruction and the regulatory 500-mile navigation exercise completed, Paddy deemed him fit and signed his Private pilot's License. He was now free to fly passengers, hire an aircraft (with his Father's signature as he was not yet 21).**

Mamat bought two citizen-band radios and got Paddy to check him out on old Cessna 152 with a high wing and, then somewhat questionably, hired it and flew out over the Malacca Straits searching for shoals of fish. It was virgin territory; he found a large shoal very soon and directed his Father to the shoal. It was a record catch.

They acquired bigger and faster boats and based them at Teluk Bahang and Gertac Sanggol, the western ports.

The boats in the North West could overnight there and get to Aceh straits by morning, even if it meant returning in the early hours. Later, even bigger boats would stay at sea in the Aceh Straits to be directed by the fish-spotters in the morning.

Their prey was Wahoo, various Jacks, Mackerels, Barracuda, and of course the Tuna.

The South Western boats easily did the journey to the North Sumatra coast and back in a day.

**They fished the shallower waters of Sumatra's East coast, for Pomfret, Seabream, Mullet, Perch and Sargo.**

The rewards were great, pristine fishing grounds (At least for the sophisticated methods they could now use). The spotter flights shaved hours of the time it took to find shoals. The Japanese demand for Tuna grew and grew.

For the next three years Mamat studied furiously worked incessantly and flew at every opportunity.

He soon acquired an Instrument Rating (Allowing him to fly in cloud under Instrument flight Rules) and went on to attain the very difficult **Commercial Pilot's License.**

The smart young man also went to business school. The bank loaned him money and he set up a fish-spotting company. He bought the old Cessna and another. And soon most fishermen were hiring him to scout for fish. His Father now owned a small fleet of boats and the family prospered even more.

Mamat found the pristine fairly shallow waters North of Aceh on Sumatra, between that island and the Andamans, rich pickings for the fishing fleets. He started making real money.

But he never forgot his initial vision – to fly the world.

*Episodes 5 –13 to follow*

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## The Annual Miniatures Convention

Reprint

The 5th Annual Miniatures Convention will be held again in Betty's Bay, from 8 to 12 September 2014. About 40 miniaturists will attend 5 days of workshops, and enjoy the tranquillity of Betty's Bay. Our little seaside town is fast becoming the Miniature Convention Capital of South Africa, with delegates coming from Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and many other places. If they never knew of a place called Betty's Bay, they do now!

Delegates will do 8 hours of workshops every day, mainly in 1:12 scale. They do scale models of items, and convert it to 1/12th of the real size. Items covered in the workshops include flowers, furniture, baskets and accessories. By now the workshops are booked, and delegates are looking forward to a week filled with high quality workshops, good food and good company, surrounded by the beauty of Betty's Bay.

Residents are being invited to see the exhibits at Crassula Hall, Crassula Avenue, Betty's Bay, at 19:30 on Thursday 11 September 2014. There will also be sales tables, where only handmade miniatures will be sold. For more information, see the official Convention website, at:

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### **EVENTs in 2014**

**Theme/Tema: “WINE & MUSIC Evening” / “WYN & MUSIEKAAND”**

**Programme; Talk by Marius Malan on wine & beer making.**

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**Raffle & Lucky Draw during the evening.**

An evening of entertainment to enjoy the company of friends with lots of fun!

*\*\*All funds go toward the Friends of the Hangklip Library\*\**

**Date/datum:** 18 September 2014

**Time/tyd:** 18h30 for 19h00

**Venue/Plek:** Crassula Hall, Betty’s Bay

**Tickets/kaartjies:** R60 pp (Contact/Kontak: Lezette 082 3983446)

**Snacks** will be provided. Each table will have a bottle of white/red wine. Coffee /tea.

Should you wish, please bring your own beverages.

**Theme: “Hospice; palliative care” with Dee Back & team of medical helpers from Hermanus.**

**Date:** Wednesday 22 October 2014

**Time:** 10h30

**Venue:** Betty’s Bay Library

### **LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION / PLAASLIKE GESKIEDENIS VERSAMELING**

We are working on this Collection, ‘*Past & Present of Hangklip area*’ to be held at the Betty’s Bay Library. This Collection includes past history of Rooiels, Pringle Bay & Betty’s Bay. A Database has been created for this purpose.

► **We would appreciate any donations of any articles, newspaper clippings, photos, past editions of BUZZ or Pringle Post etc to expand this Collection.**

► Your help & expertise in maintaining this Collection; dates for working on the Collection will be advertised on the notice board at the Library. You are very welcome to join us!

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