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### Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

#### BotSoc Talk

Saturday, March 21st. An illustrated interaction between two horticulturalists, Jane Forrester and Jenny Berrisford, entitled **Gardening with Indigenous Plants**. Jane is horticulturalist at Harold Porter Gardens and Jenny recently retired from her business 'Jenny B Landscapes'. In the Nivenia Hall at 6 p.m. but check the posters in case of a change of venue.

#### Hangklip/Kleinmond

March	Big Blues Music Festival – blues music event
April	African X Trail – trail running sporting event

#### Hermanus

March	Visbash
April	Energy Expo (OCF)
	Camphill Fair
	Passion Play at the Old Harbour

#### Gansbaai

March/April	Kreef Derby
	Baardskeerdersbos Bazaar
June/July	Fees van die Ganse and Winter Fynbos Show

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**Additional Cell Nos.**       **079 894 1624**

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## Fire Fighters Thanks

During the recent run away fires which were experienced in Bettys Bay many residents came to the fore in providing refreshments to the gallant fire fighters battling the blaze. As you can appreciate the work of these firefighters is exhausting over such a long period of time and they require sustenance and drinks during breaks to keep them going.

To this end we wish to express our thanks to residents, too many to mention who came to their aid. In particular we would also like to thank Dougie of Centre Shop and Rachel of Mimo's for their generosity in providing refreshment free of charge in the middle of the night to sustain those fighting the fires.

*Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association*

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## Bettysbaai, Waarheen ?

'n Bietjie meer as 'n jaar gelede het ek en my eggenote sak en pak van Nelspruit na die mooie en – op die oog af, rustige - Bettysbaai verhuis. Ek is weliswaar nie die gewone 'inkommer' nie, want ek besit al vir baie jare 'n erf hier en het dikwels hier vakansie gehou. Bowendien is ek gebore en getoë in die Kaap – opgegroeï in wat destyds bekend gestaan het as Tiervlei en later toe Parow Valleï geword het.

My skryfhoekie hier in ons 'huisie by die see', wat 'n permanente woonhuis in wording is , is tans nog ingedruk midde in meubels in die eetkamer wat bedek is teen stof. Dit dien ook tydelik as slaapkamer met 'n slaapbank wat bedags weer opgeslaan word. Menige inwoner het seker ook al uitgevind hoe dit voel om tydens die aanbouproses in jou eie huis te kampeer. Die stryd teen die bousand en stof is eintlik maar 'n verlore stryd.

Name verander – veral vandag. Ons leef in 'n dinamiese samelewing - verandering is soms onafwendbaar en word dikwels onder die vaandel van vooruitgang aangebied. Dit laat my toe wonder – Waar gaan Bettysbaai heen? Hoe gaan hy verander?

Wil ons, die inwoners, verandering hê, en indien wel, watter ? Daar is 'n gesegde wat lui: 'Net nat babas sien uit na verandering', maar dit is tog so dat sommige veranderinge broodnodig is. Sommige veranderinge is werklik verbeteringe omdat dit probleme oplos of omdat dit aanpassings is wat deur veranderde omstandighede genoodsaak word. Sommige veranderinge bevoordeel net sekere groepe en benadeel miskien ander groepe. Die feit is dat veranderings met omsigtigheid aangepak moet word.

Besluite oor verandering vereis kennis van die moontlike gevolge en veral ook kennis van hoe dit verskillende groepe mense raak, nou en in die toekoms. Om hierdie rede gaan ek die lede van die BBBBV redelik dikwels raadpleeg om hul menings te peil en om beter insig oor sake te verkry.

Die beoogde nuwe toepad op die N2 wat deesdae kort-kort in die nuus is, sal gewis Bettysbaai en Clarence- rylaan se karakter verander, veral as dit as alternatiewe roete ingespan word deur verkeer wat die tolgeld wil vryspring.

As die toepad 'n werklikheid word, sal dit die rustige karakter van ons dorpie skend, maar ook moontlik meer koopkrag vir sakeondernemings na die dorp bring. Hoër verkeersdigtheid skep ook die moontlikheid van meer padongelukke en bring meer padgeraas mee vir diegene wat langs Clarence-rylaan woon.

Net so is daar ander sake wat vir ons Bettysbaaiers van belang is of sal wees. Watter sake moet dringend aandag geniet?

Ek nooi u vriendelik om u waarnemings, vrese, menings en emosies aangaande Bettysbaai se toekoms en veranderings met my te deel sodat ek kan weet wat Bettysbaai se belastingbetalers as van kernbelang beskou en hoe hulle oor sake voel. Hoe voel die Bettysbaaiers? Moet ons dorp se karakter bly soos dit is, of soek julle verandering? Laat hoor gerus van julle.

Inwoners word genooi om my te kontak.

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*Rudi Perold, Voorsitter; BBBV*

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## Why Belong To The Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association (BBRA)

- The BBRA is the representative body for its members who have a vested interest in the future of our village.
  - The BBRA takes up issues on behalf of its members.
  - Although the Association has no direct power, the Association monitors and addressed issues on behalf of the village.
  - The BBRA has a voice, through an official representative, on the Ward Committee.
  - The BBRA attends meetings of other interested groups so that our collective efforts towards a particular goal are coordinated.
  - A free copy of the Buzz is available at various outlets every month! We do however appreciate donations towards the printing costs, thank you to those who make a donation when collecting their Buzz.
  - To combat growing crime in your neighbourhood, the BBRA has been proactive is assisting the Police in establishing a Neighbourhood Watch. The objective is to create a safe environment to protect your families and your property and to encourage the community to work together to fight crime! The BBRA is also represented on the Community Policing Forum.
  - The BBRA together with the Overstrand Fire Department have successfully established our own Community Voluntary Fire Fighting Team. By joining the BBRA you can help us to give these volunteers the support and equipment they need to keep our village safe in time of serious fires.
  - The BBRA has also established their own website, <http://www.bettysbay.info/> allowing us to keep in touch with our members on a daily basis and for the dissemination of important information.
  - A database had also been created, so that we can contact our members in a case of emergency.
  - Membership is not restricted to property owners only! Please support us by joining the BBRA.
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## The Wind Bloweth...

Hi, Folks!

Isn't the fynbos beautiful at the moment? Or perhaps just a bit more so than the rest of the year? I am referring to the blooming of the various shades of pink Ericas which cover our garden on almost three sides, and are a joy to behold on walks on the mountainside. Not

that there aren't any other beautiful flowers, but these unassuming little plants turn the whole mountain pink, and then bronze in autumn, making it my favourite season of the year. The wind and the seed bloweth and the heart rejoiceth! The bee labourerth energetically, and all's well with the world!

A member of the Lakeside Chapel makes a generous weekly donation of a bunch of fynbos – featuring Proteas, Pincushions, Leucodendrons (whichever is in season) and other little gems such as Ericas and others – for the arrangements which enhance the worship service on Sundays. They are a joy both to behold and to arrange, and that one bunch of flowers, given with love, warms the cockles of a multitude of hearts. Amazing how love multiplies when all else divides...

It's also remarkable how soft and sentimental the world in general becomes over the 14th February, St. Valentine's day. Even more so, how the price of red roses goes through the roof, and chocolate stocks quadruple in the shops. Ah, and the TV adverts feature glamorous models in equally glamorous evening gowns wearing their Valentine gifts of jewellery – the diamond-studded variety, of course, while accepting a decadent chocolate from a waiter at the exclusive gathering of carefully chosen guests... makes one want to throw up. But then, if you're "in love"...

In just a few weeks the ads will feature cute furry rabbits recommending Cadbury's, Nestlé's, Beacon's

or Lindt's creamiest, dreamiest chocolate eggs for Easter. Lindt's bunnies have the added attraction of a little gold bell, supposedly for free, as a reward for spending so much on the chocolate in the gold wrapper. I have a suspicion that members of the medical profession, the dental branch in particular, secretly smile at these invitations to indulge the sweet tooth... inevitably it becomes the decayed tooth which ensures job security...

Love – milk it for all it's worth. If you love your family you invest in certain hospital plans, medical schemes, education and retirement benefits, and the final gift of love – a funeral plan, to give your loved one the funeral of their dreams, when they are no longer able to dream and won't enjoy it, anyway. If you love her, give her a new expensive car for Mother's Day... if you love him, you can't show it better than with a bottle of the finest (local) whisky, brandy, or vintage wine, for Father's. If he's that irresistible, it is because some other girl gave him the stuff that makes him that way, last year.

Just think – if you don't claim from your Insurance policy for a specified number of years, they will pay back enough money for you to take your family of loved ones to Paris or Disney World; depending, of course, upon how much your rand has devalued and inflation has taken its toll. Also, the Parisians and Americans may not want South Africans to visit by then! What if someone broke into your home in the interim and stole that gift of love, her laptop and printer, cell phone, iPod, flat screen TV and the kids' collection of TV games and DVDs? You were all out visiting Granny, so they had time to lift yours as well – do you risk the company turning their back on the promised holiday of a lifetime? How much do they love you then?

So much for this month's (somewhat cynical) observation. During this morning's Church service it was pointed out to the children that they are like pebbles, each one unique and beautiful in God's eyes. Each child was given their own little pebble and asked to drop it into a glass of water which represented God's love. They observed that their little pebble

was always surrounded by, and immersed in the water, so, unlike St. Valentine's Day, whose "love" is confined to those few hours, God's immense love covers, surrounds and envelops His children all the time, forever.

We'll spoil our grandchildren with chocolate this Easter time because it is a grandparent's privilege and we genuinely love them for who they are, but we are grateful that they know the One Whose love is greater, wider and deeper than anything the world offers conditionally. Good choice, really.

*Beverley Green.*

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## **Betty's Bay Fire - 28 February 2015**

It has been an exhausting 4 days with crew running on 24 hour shifts, and due to limited resources, we were unable to post regular updates, but we are glad to announce that we have contained the fire and are in monitoring stages.

Thank you all for your kind and generous support! The offers of support and assistance have been overwhelming, and we are indeed very grateful.

Should you wish to assist us with other much needed operational costs, such as fuel, vehicles, uniforms, firefighting equipment, then please consider making a donation!

**BANKING DETAILS:**

Betty's Bay Rate Payers Association

ABSA Bank Hermanus

Branch code: 632005

Account number: 4066616439

Reference: Name & BBVCFF

*Wendy Tawse*

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## **Avril Nunn (a tribute)**

Avril Nunn, much venerated and admired in the Betty's Bay community, has died aged ninety two.

Avril was educated at St. Cyprian's school Cape Town where she was head girl in her final year. She graduated a chemist from Rhodes University, where she had met her husband, John. Both pursued careers in the field of chemistry, returning to Rhodes later, indeed Professor John Nunn has a laboratory named after him.

Retiring to Betty's Bay at the start of the 1980s they both immediately became involved in the community in many ways -even while completing the building of their house themselves. Avril will be remembered for her work in furthering the growth of Child Welfare in Kleinmond, for chairing the Betty's Bay Wild Flower Society and guiding its transition to become a branch of the BotSoc S.A. The society awarded Avril honorary life membership in 2002 an award of which she was extremely proud. It is entirely due to Avril's perseverance that the Kogelberg branch has its own constitution and control of its own finances. Both ardent conservationists, Avril and John hacked until physically unable to do so - Avril continuing even when wearing a neck brace and using a walking stick.

A lasting memorial to Avril stands on the mound that once was the Betty's Bay municipal rubbish dump. Recognising it as an eyesore at the entrance to the village, Avril fought

tirelessly to have the dump closed and succeeded. The hack group started referring to the area as "Avril's Dump" and sought municipal permission to give it this name officially. With great fondness the sign was prepared and set up by the Betty's Bay hack group in 2008, addressing her as Princess Avril of the Dump Avril always found this most amusing. In 2013 the Overstrand Municipality, having in earlier years elected Avril their Woman of the Year, handed her the Mayor's Award for Excellence in recognition of her service on the Ratepayers Association committees, ward committees and the Overstrand Advisory Forum. Her work for the Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association is well documented and most especially with regard to her portfolio of Water/Waste and Sanitation. Only a few days before her death she asked if the water in Bass Lake (Malkopsvlei) is being tested regularly for ecoli and asked that someone check up on that.

A committed Christian, Avril pioneered the establishment of the Anglican chapel of St Francis in Betty's Bay where she was a member of the choir, had served on the Council and was an active lay minister until she moved to Somerset West.

Fond of documentation but not of filing, she leaves a wealth of historical information in all fields of our area. A chance remark would lead to "Yes I've got that - but where did I put it?".



Avril approached life with joy and great courage and was never daunted by the vicissitudes of her life asking "Who said life should be fair?"

To her three surviving children and all the families, we say that it has been a privilege to know Avril.

*Merran Silberbauer*

## Flight 270

Episodes 1-8 was published in previous Buzzes

*A Serial In Thirteen Episodes by Peter Joubert*

### Dramatis personae:

Chief Pilot:	Captain Mamat Munsib 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 9: Despairing

Mamat did not. He took leave, went to China and followed every lead he and his friends could gather. He was unsuccessful. After months of frustrating effort he had to stop.

In anguish he went to the Al-Alidayh Mosque and prostrated himself in front of Shaykh Ibn Sina, his old mentor. Ibn Sina was now in his eighties and Mamat poured out his soul, asking for help and enlightenment.

“Shaykh, I have been less than perfect as a Muslim for a while, and I am trying to retain my faith in Allah, but a horror that has befallen me. Please help me”

“Tell me, my son”

Mamat pours out the whole sorry story in tears, angry frustration and unrequited love. The Imam is silent for a long time, Mamat waits patiently. Then”

“My son, vengeance is Allah's right, not yours. You must not think that way. Allah sees all. Allah knows all; He knows what is in your heart. Love of Allah comes first. He may grant us some love in our lives, and you have had a portion. He has his reasons, who knows what He has in store for you?

You must accept, accept and live your life”

“Shaykh I cannot – I'd rather die”

“To die is easy, but suicide is a great sin. You would lose Allah and He would lose you”

“Life without her is unbearable”

“All Life is bearable. Pray for help; go on living a Muslim life. You will find peace and perhaps another love”

“I must avenge myself on Mei Mei's Father”

“Vengeance will destroy you as well and all hope of paradise”

“It is so hard”

“Go with Allah, my son”

In despair he considered suicide; was that a greater sin? However, he still had a hope against hope that he would find Mei Mei eventually.

He threw himself into his profession and accumulated flying time. His skill and judgment



were so good that he never had an accident. His pleasing, humorous and easy personality endeared him to bosses and colleagues alike. Mamat learnt to hide his anguish, overcome depression and despair to some degree.

They again sent him to Seattle to take the flying instructor course and took up the post of Chief Pilot and Airline flying instructor.

Some years into this phase of his life he came to train a young man, Jamal bin Tengku who was very bright and enthusiastic. He came from a Malaysian-Kelantan community, but did not seem to care very much about Islam.

Mamat became famous for his adages he tried to inculcate into the juniors he was teaching:

Keep your amount of take-offs equal to your amount of Landings.

There are old pilots, here are bold pilots, but there are NO old, bold pilots.

As a pilot, only two bad things can happen to you, and one of them will.

One day you will walk out to the aircraft knowing that it is your last flight.

One day you will walk out to the aircraft not knowing that it is your last flight.

Pilots can be divided into two classes --- those who have landed wheels-up and those who are going to.

In flying, the most important judgment is not to take off.

The most important maneuver is the 180 degree turn.

Remember, your capacity and the aircraft's capacities are always secondary to fuel capacity.

The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it is on fire

Remember that gravity is not just a good idea, it's the LAW. AND, it's not subject to repeal!

Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory!

It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than to be up there wishing you were down here!

You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck!

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment!

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself!

Keep thy airspeed up, lesseth the earth cometh up from below and smiteth thee.

The emergencies you train for almost never happen. It's the one you can't train for that kills you.

Confidence is what you had before you tell yourself that you should have known better.

There ain't nothing so useless as altitude above you, runway behind you, or the gas that's already gone.

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

Jamal Tengku learnt quickly and heeded the lessons to a point. He was somewhat dare-

# Emergency Contact Numbers

Overstrand Emergency	24 Hours	028 313 8111
Fire Department	Control Room	028 312 2400
	Marlu Rust	082 776 9287
	Wendy Tawse	082 442 8005
	Fires in Reserves	082 783 8585
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
Doctors	Dr Du Plessis	028 271 4227
	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
Dentists	Dr Duvenhage	028 271 3467
	After Hours	082 861 0616
	Dr Engelbrecht	028 271 3662
	Dr Visser	028 271 5321

Hospitals	Hermanus Provincial	028 312 1166
	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
Pharmacies	Albertyn Pharmacy	028 271 4666
	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

devil and impetuous. Mamat thought he had a long way to go before he would be ready to Captain a ship.

Jamal did not mind too much. He was earning a good salary as a co-pilot and his ambitions were secondary to having fun, having many girl-friends. His very good looks assured success in this department.

### **Episode 10: Ageing**

The years passed and when Mamat was in his early forties, the memory of Mei Mei had faded somewhat. Normal urges returned. At another party he was introduced to a very lovely young woman wearing a Hijab. She was flattered that this famous, handsome man seemed to be interested in her. A very formal courtship ensued despite her being much younger than he. Her father approved of this wealthy, well respected and respectful young man with a responsible job, and in time was happy to give his blessing.

They had a traditional wedding. They chose a comfortable house in an up-market part of Kuala Lumpur, and settled into a comfortable married life. The difference in their ages didn't seem to matter so much as Mamat was away flying the world so often and anyway did not have much interest in the things the young Aisyah held dear. She gathered her own group of young people and enjoyed the freedom from parental supervision to explore all the delights of the vibrant city. She entered a much relaxed and a freer lifestyle than the one she had grown up in.

There was a fly in the proverbial.

A year went by and Aisyah was not pregnant, and another year. They consulted a Gynaecologist and an Urologist, neither found anything wrong. The couple were informed that one in seven couples had difficulty in conceiving, which did not seem to be very helpful. They did some simple investigations such as excluding diabetes and thyroid problems. Both were told to stop smoking, neither took alcohol, neither was overweight. Mamat was never an anxious person and his calm experienced competency did not seem to add much stress. Perhaps he did not get as many erections these days, but when he did performance was acceptable to both. They offered only reassurance and information about fertile periods.

“Don't worry, keep trying.”

The third and fourth year passed. They were referred to the prestigious Johns Hopkins Fertility Center in Baltimore. It was a distressing time. A stream of overworked, tired physicians and helpers performed dozens of tests, X-rays, scans and examinations.

Aisyah had to endure having her fallopian tubes sandblasted; Ovaries peered at with peritoneoscopes and bits biopsied, Her Uterus scraped raw. Mamat was required to give a sperm sample:

“How”

“What do you mean ‘How’?”

“I mean; how do I do it”

“The usual way”

“What is the usual way?”

“You know”

“No I don't!”

“You masturbate into a container and we look at your sperm under a microscope

and do some tests on it”

“I can’t”

“What do you mean, can’t?”

“Masturbation is a sin”

“You’ve never masturbated?” – incredulous.

“Never”

Thinks:-

“We can’t really use a condom, because that affects the tests rather badly”

“I can’t use a condom”

“Why not?”

“It’s a sin”

“Really?”

“Yes, I’m a Muslim and sex without the chance of procreation is not permitted”

“You mean, like a serious Catholic?”

“Yes”

“Well there’s a thing” -- scratching his head

“I suppose we could try to get a sample immediately after intercourse”

“I don’t think Aisyah would be very happy with that – she’s very shy, but I’ll ask

her”

The next day:

“We’ve discussed the problem. Aisyah will help me masturbate, perhaps Allah will understand”

And here started the slide from Islam for Mamat and Aishya.

All for nothing.

They found no abnormalities. Courses of Clomifene were prescribed, letters written, referrals to Gynaecologists in Kuala Lumpur with suggestions for follow-up, Knee-chest post-coital positions suggested, temperature charts to follow.

All the fun went out of sex and still she did not fall pregnant.

Another year passed more visits to Johns Hopkins resulted in hormone and both in vivo and in vitro attempts.

Aisyah’s ova were viable. Mamat’s sperm was more than adequate, but they would not fertilize her ova.

The couple suffered from a rare condition where her ova inactivated his sperm. Neither was at fault. They could probably both have children with other mates, but not together.

Mamat started doubting Allah. Aisyah wept and wept.

They drifted into the ‘smelly slipper’ stage of marriage.

IATA – the International Air Transport Association rules gave Mamat much free time. He could fly only

190 hours in any 28 consecutive days, spread evenly; and 60 hours in any seven consecutive days.

In practice that meant he had, on average, some 10 hours a day to play.

Aisyah had her own interests and objected to him mooning around the house on ‘off’ days. They did socialize, for Mamat found it difficult to enter her youthful circle and she was

# Using too much electricity? Here's how to save!

## ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

1 line = 100 watt. A frying pan therefore uses 1 500 watts (15 lines).

1 000 watt per hour = 1 kWh = 1 unit of electricity.

### HOME:

Hair drier (400-1000 W)		600 watt
Hair curlers		400 watt
Hi-Fi		100 watt
Infrared lamp		300 watt
Electric Blanket		100 watt
Lights (average 10x75 W)		800 watt
Radio		100 watt
Vacuum cleaner		600 watt
Iron (600-2 000 W)		1 500 watt
Television (66cm colour)		300 watt
(48cm colour)		80 watt
(66cm black and white)		70 watt
Floor polisher		400 watt

### KITCHEN:

Dishwasher		2 800 watt
Stove (3 000-8 000 W) depending on use		
2 plates and oven together		3 000 watt
Frying pan		1 500 watt
Frier (rotating)		1 400 watt
Toaster		1 100 watt
Coffee filter		600 watt
Kettle (1 500-3 000 W)		2 000 watt
Coffee grinder		300 watt
Microwave oven		1 500 watt
Juice extractor (large)		300 watt
Juice extractor (small)		100 watt
Food mixer		200 watt
Freezer		600 watt
Waffle grill		800 watt
Warming tray (Salton)		900 watt



**HEATERS:**

Oil		2 000 watt
Fan		2 000 watt
Ceramic/Capil		1 500 watt
Panel		1 100 watt

**LAUNDRY:**

Washing machine		800 watt
(1) Not heated		
(2) Automatic		
(a) Heated		2000 watt
(b) Wash/dry motor		800 watt
Tumble drier		3000 watt
Geysler		3000 watt

**GARAGE / WORKSHOP:**

Battery charger		600 watt
Drill		500 watt
Grinder		300 watt
Soldering iron		300 watt
Welder (portable and single phase)		3 000 watt

On your appliance you will see the number of **WATTS** that the appliance uses. This number is usually stamped underneath or at the back of your appliance.

An iron for example uses **1 500 WATTS**.

This is **1,5 KILOWATTS**.

(To change **WATTS** to **KILOWATTS** move the comma three spaces to the left, i.e. 1 500 = 1,5 kilowatts)

You then multiply the number of **KILOWATTS** by the price of one unit of electricity, for example 40 cents. (1,5 x 40 cents = 60 cents)

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bored with aviators talking shop all the time.

He tried gliding. The sensation of whispering through the air like a bird was compelling, but there was a cark of care. He had spent half a lifetime practicing what to do if his engines stopped; now it was mandatory to land without engine, every time he ascended. Enough was enough, even for an aviation geek.

Mamat converted an outside room into a playroom for himself; He rediscovered the wonderful joy of model aeroplanes that His father had denied him as a boy.

Father:

“What is this?”

“It is a kit to build a model airplane out of a light wood and paper and it will fly”

“No. you must do your chores to help your mother – see how your sisters work.”

“But Father, I can do it at night after prayers and supper”

“No, you will be too tired to help with the fishing tomorrow”

“But Father”

“No, it is sinful and an abomination in the eyes of Allah, and that is final!”

“Yes Father”

Now he could play for hours fitting balsa spars to the template, cementing them, covering and doping to stretch the paper and then launching the miniature aircraft.

Mamat started with a simple glider, progressed to rubber-powered models and small motorized aircraft and finally graduated to radio-controlled examples. He joined a club and competed in the various events. His professional skill was transferred and he acquired new expertise.

As a further distraction Mamat bought a commercial flight simulator and loaded it with the programs of several ‘planes, including those on his license. He downloaded all the airports he normally flew into as well as several hairy ones that he probably would not ever have to approach.

Flying became his professional life as well as his recreation.

“Mamat you can’t stay cooped up there all day and every day!”

“Aisyah, I’m not harming you”

“But we must do some things together”

“OK what?”

“Anything, I’m bored”

“Let’s go and see you father and your young sisters”

“No, No. all he will do is lecture me on my sinful ways and try to force us into the

Mosque”

“Well we could probably both do with a bit of religious adjustment”

“I don’t feel comfortable with Islam anymore”

“That’s why we should go”

“Forget it”

Mamat Sighs. He recognizes that they are drifting apart. The difference in their ages and aspirations is too big to bridge. They slip further into a comfortable but unexciting phase in their marriage. The fires of youth die down in him as he nears fifty, Aishya’s begin to roil – she is ripe and luscious and knew it.

See <http://www.bettysbay.info/PDFs/Articles/FLIGHT27O.pdf> for full serial.



## Friends of the Hangklip Library/ Vriende van die Biblioteek

Library Hours: Monday to Friday 9h00-16h00

### EVENTS for 2015:

Please join us! Kom gerus saam!

17 March: **TRAIN TRIP from Strand to Kalk Bay**

Meet at Strand Station at 9h00; the train leaves 9h15.

Pensioners travel FREE between 9h00 & 15h00 on a Tuesday.

Strand – CA takes an hour & a half; CA to Kalk Bay an hour & 20 minutes.

**LUNCH in Kalk Bay for your own expense.**

If departure from CA is after 13h00, train ticket is R12.

You are welcome to join us! Kom gerus saam! CONTACT: Penny 028 272 9940.

16 April: Talk about **Our local BIRDS** by Justin van der Hoven.

Time: 10h30 in Library, Betty's Bay.

18 June: **Make Cards with Manda Malan.**

Time: 10h30 in Library, Betty's Bay

Please bring: sharp scissors, craft glue with nozzle, pritt, damp cloth, 2 x sheets paper towel, old glossy magazine, ruler.

16 July: **A BONSAI morning at Café El'Orá**, Village Centre, Betty's Bay at 10h30.

A Talk about the art of BONSAI: how to prune a bonsai plant.

Tea & Scones for own account @ R40.00

### **More events to follow in next month's Buzz**

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- Annual fee of R25 per person OR R30 per family. This can be paid at the Library.
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