**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROOIELS CONSERVANCY TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE at the entrance to PRINGLE BAY at 11 A.M. ON MONDAY 5TH APRIL 2021**

#      1 Opening and welcome

Welcome to the 2020 AGM of the Rooiels Conservancy. Thank you to the present committee and to all of you for taking the time to attend today. Please note that Coffee and Tea will not be served due to Covid restrictions and that we have a time limit due to another booking to follow.

#      2 Apologies

I have received apologies from Martie Hattingh, Dave de Klerk, Ian and Shirley Richter, Brian and Lesley Henley. Are there any other apologies?

#      3 Acceptance of Minutes

Are the minutes of the 2019 AGM accepted?

#      4 Annual Report

Firstly, let me thank the following people for all their hard work and dedication

Thank you to the present committee, Ivan, Ian, Mike and Wolfgang.

Dick and Jill Lockley for running the hack group for many years. Dick handed over a very well run operation to me and certainly left some big shoes to fill. We certainly miss you on the hacks, Dick.

Mark and Linda Butler for providing the hack store to house the equipment.

Thank you to all the residents that assist with the hack on Saturdays, some even arriving with their own chainsaws.

Thank you to John Charalambous for arranging all the beach and estuary clean ups and supporting the dune rehabilitation.

Thank you to Eldie Brink for re-regeristering the nature reserve and having it registered on the protected areas act.

Thank you to Dine van Zyl and team for clearing the excess wood from the natural areas, reducing the fire load.

Thank you to Joselyn Mormile for her invaluable technical input with regard to living with the baboons. Also for sharing her Phd research data.

Thank you to Kay for producing the ‘Living in Rooiels” brochure, which has proved to be very valuable to new residents and weekend visitors.

There are many more people in the village to be thanked, too many to mention. Thank you for all your support.

**Hacks** – We have on average 18 people per hack, each person pulling out an estimated 30 trees per hack. Over a 12 month period this equates to 6480 as a conservative estimate. This is one of the main functions of REC – to maintain the natural fynbos as much as possible. Anuta has been invaluable to us mapping out the alien infested areas. She also gets owners consent where possible to access properties where alien trees need to be removed. Thank you Anuta.

**Village Maintenance** – Wolfgang kindly repaired the paths and many other maintenance issues in the village as well as erecting the wildlife signs along the R44. Thank you Wolfgang.

 John Charalambous has designed and printed signs for the village bins and they will soon be installed. Thank you John.

**Conservancy Groups** – We were approached by Bettys Bay and Pringle Bay to assist them with resurrecting their Conservancy Groups. Members of the committee duly attended meetings with them. It is good to know that they see Rooiels as a role model and would like to replicate conservation awareness in their own villages.

**Information Document** –This year we produced information documents which are emailed to all new residents that we know of. This information pack includes The Rooiels Vision, names of our village organisations, contact numbers and website links. Please let us know if you know of anyone that we haven’t reached as yet.

**Baboon Cage** -This year, REC purchased a Baboon Cage for use within the region. It has been used several times to capture injured baboons for veterinary interventions. These captures follow strict legal parameters, involving Cape Nature and the Overstrand.

REC still provides information on our Baboon troop, which is relayed to Joselyn Mormile for her continued research.

One of the **roles of REC** is to inform and create an appreciation of the science that underpins the conservation of the Biosphere that we live in.  In addition to the Brochure (which is primarily aimed at new residents) we compiled a document, originally for electronic distribution.  However, we opted to print a booklet, with the view of a better readership and exposure.  One of our residents, very generously, paid for the printing of the sample booklet.  Please feel free to take a copy for your perusal and comments.  We look forward to your feedback.

Pringle Bay and Bettys Bay conservancies are also very keen to participate in the booklet, the distribution of which could include all 3 villages.  The aim would be to create awareness of this natural heritage, of which we are custodians.  The book would solely be scientific and factual.

#  **Rooiels: A Village Between the Mountains and the Sea**

The history of Rooiels is well documented in the book written by Rita Blake, and subsequently has been updated to its current form. It should be promoted and I propose that all new residents who sign up the organisations in Rooiels be given a copy at a large discounted rate.

# 5 Financial Report

I will now hand over to Ivan.

#     6 Matters submitted for discussion and Motions from the Floor

There have been no Motions\Matters submitted so we will move onto the election of the 2021 committee

# 7 Election of committee for 2021

As you entered, you would have been handed a voting slip. Please mark your 4 chosen office bearers and place in the box. Thereafter, the new 2021 committee may co-opt additional members as required.