**RERA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 21 2017**

**17H30 for 18h00**

**Erf 231 Ocean View Drive**

**Snacks/wine/beer/ cool drinks provided!! Please bring your own glass**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**Membership: Only fully paid up members are allowed to vote**

**Membership: R150 per annum. Rooiels Ratepayers Association, Nedbank Corporate Saver Branch, Branch Code 198765 Saving Account Number 9019464920**

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**RERA Annual Report**

The RERA AGM is an opportunity to get up to date information about what is happening in Rooiels, meet your fellow villagers and choose your representatives for the next year. We strongly appeal to all new and old members to become actively involved.

We have faced many challenges this year and RERA appreciates being able to work closely with REC, RESA and the REBC. As always collaboration and active citizenship within Rooiels is really helping our community to cope with the ongoing issues that need to be dealt with.

Of particular importance are 3 very current issues: fire, the slipway and Clarence Drive.

To ensure that you have the latest available information there will be report backs from Hilgard Muller on the findings from the fire investigation, John Biesman Simons on the future of the slipway and a representative from the Clarence Drive Action Group on the negotiations with local and provincial government.

Plans have been made for a more co-ordinated approach to the holiday season. No parking signs have been erected and red lines drawn at the approach to the slipway. There will be daily law enforcement to ensure that dogs are on a leash and the public behaves appropriately on the beach. Illegal parking will be monitored and spot fines issued. Full time Parks personnel will ensure that the toilets are clean and serviced.

Rooiels is part of Ward 10 and RERA represents the interests of Rooiels at monthly meetings. This is ably managed by Julia Aalbers our Ward 10 representative. (Ward 10 consists of Rooiels, Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay and developing areas of Kleinmond - Overhills and Proteadorp). The capital plans approved for 2018/2019 did NOT include any capital allocation for roads in this area.

This means that any hope of paving Anenome Road will have to wait beyond this period. The community members on the Ward committee expressed their anger at this lack of investment in the area which has been an ongoing feature of the past 4 years. While senior public officials, including the Mayor, have visited the area to appraise themselves of the roads situation, we hold out little hope of a radical change in approach.

Normal maintenance of Rooiels gravel roads will continue. RERA, together with REC, has developed a very good relationship with the working Municipal Service staff who are faced with a lack of supervisory staff which makes our combined efforts to improve grading techniques very difficult. We are hoping to assist the Municipality next year with a programme of keeping drainage systems open and functioning in a new community-municipal collaborative effort. Please attend relevant AGM's to learn more about these efforts. (We have been notified that no more gravel is available at the moment 15.12.17)

At the Ward Committee meeting of 12 September, Mr Lakey, Municipal Manager, was tasked to submit documentation to Council about the management of the Rooiels slipway. This is a follow-up to the meeting of 13 June in which the Municipal Manager, Councillor and Ward Committee agreed to the broad management for the RE slipway which were presented by the RE Boat Club Executive. This matter is currently under revision and will be discussed at the RERA AGM.

Hilgard Muller has been officially appointed by RESA and RERA to head an investigation into the fire. This investigation will ultimately lead to lessons learned and a more effective plan to deal with future fires. We know that it was Rooiels locals that made a big difference in saving lives and homes. Thank you to all those involved!! This investigation was comprehensive and wide ranging. The recommendations will be discussed at the RERA AGM.

Following the fire we asked for donations to help victims of the fire. As always the community was generous in their support. The money is going towards a monthly supplement for Lorna and her sister Dawn until they can find a new home. They are still living in temporary accommodation and are looking for a permanent solution. Both she and her sister express their thanks to Rooiels.

**Clarence Drive Action Group (CDAG – report prepared by Shelley Blake)**

**Intention**

* To identify Rooiels Clarence Drive issues
* To Strategize and seek actions to address the problems
* To explore how to best use the formal channels of REC, RERA, Website, KBRC, Ward Committee and Local and Provincial Government.
* To investigate viable speed calming measures.

Over the past year many options have been investigated and tabled.

In late August 2017, some of members met with Mr Titus, senior superintendent of Overstrand Traffic. The following was the outcome of the meeting:

Only 1 speed camera is planned for Rooiels.

The District Public Prosecutor grants permission as to where a camera can be erected. In the case of Rooiels, unfortunately the “rules of a bend” apply - - a camera can only be erected on 80 meters of straight road. This will be a permanent fixture with night time capabilities. The commitment from the supplier/contractor is for the erection of this camera is mid November 2017.

There is priority focus by all presently on the challenges of Clarence Drive (Provincial and Municipal interaction),in particular the impact of motorcycles and heavy commercial vehicles on Clarence Drive.

A meeting was held with a private road engineer on 4 August 2017. While the meeting was useful, the outcome was that we really do have limited options in terms of a solution. Herewith a brief summary:

In terms of our suggestion of traffic islands, circles, pedestrian crossings, four way stops and traffic lights we were advised that with any such structure, street lighting would be required.

* Flashing lights at each approach would be a viable option.  We are however aware of light pollution concerns.
* It was confirmed that speed bumps on provincial trunk and main roads are not permitted.  Rumble strips can be considered however the noise factor would need to be assessed.
* Side walks with barrier kerbs are not possible as there appears to be inadequate space within the road reserve.
* Large signs at each approach to the horse shoe bend – it was noted that Provincial Roads Department is very strict in approving any signs that are not standard and are not included in the SARTSM (South Afican Roads Traffic and Signs Manual).

Since the meeting of 4 August, we met again and drafted a comprehensive letter detailing our concerns and earnestly requesting assistance. This letter has been directed to Donald Grant however we have also copied the Municipal Manager for Overstrand , Councillor Fanie Krige, Counsellor Botha, and Schalk Carstens (head of provincial roads) .

**In conclusion**

Thank you to those who have renewed their RERA membership. This allows us to contribute to special local projects and emergencies. Any queries about finance can be directed to our Treasurer Ivan Becker. A full financial report will be given at the RERA AGM.

We hope that you will join us on 21 December at 17h30 at 131 Ocean View Drive. Newcomers are especially welcome.

THE RERA TEAM