OUR VISION
Rooiels is a conservation community
CARING TOGETHER TODAY … FOR TOMORROW.

OUR VALUES
We strive to be a caring community,
united by our passion to conserve the natural
splendour of Rooiels and keen to share our
appreciation of the environment with others.

OUR PLEDGE
United by our passion for the natural
splendour of Rooiels, we pledge that here
nature will be nurtured; flora, fauna and
marine life, protected; Our every impact
on the area, limited; Our custodianship of
the environment, respected; and our community
spirit, strengthened so that our lives,
and those of generations to come,
will be enriched by our care.
We were charmed by the concern for small animals, the excitement of the leopards close by, and the prospect of a community living in harmony with nature. This is a village that is doing what it can to live its commitment to being a part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve and in the process adding to the aesthetic value of Rooiels as a nature village. This reaffirmed the need to conserve our heritage and our village. The area along the road on your right of way!

ROAD RESERVES
The area along the road on your property is a transition zone of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve in the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom. This Reserve is a "hotspot" of biodiversity and the first internationally recognized biosphere in southern Africa.

As part of this heritage, we acknowledge that it is both a privilege and a responsibility to live in a biosphere reserve where wildlife, marine life and flora are protected and the integrity of UNESCO biosphere principles maintained. A biosphere includes the intermingling of the human and natural realms, reinforcing the quality of life for its people in a manner that ensures a healthy ecosystem and the sustainability of the environment. That is the Vision we all still share. Maintaining that "wild" feel! The village was established in the late 1930's. For many years it remained a scattering of holiday cottages. But now most of its erven are developed. And although Rooiels is not as wild as it was, it still remains a place of great natural beauty.

Look around and you'll notice that we try to keep the ugly trappings of urban development and "civilization" as out of sight as possible. We encourage indigenous roadides and we keep our dunes protected with vegetation.

CARLING
Electrical cables are buried under ground. Wouldn't it be great if we could bury telephone cables too?

SIGNAGE
We do not want unsightly signs cluttering the scenery. We ask that Builders and Estate Agents limit their signs and remove them as soon as the property is completed or sold. Even our road names are placed at ground level.

ROADS
Sensitive to the carrying capacity of this area and the need to preserve coastal fynbos, we want to preserve our fynbos-fringed country lanes, cars passing and parking only where Nature allows.

There are many of nature's small miracles using our lanes... Please help enforce our 20kph speed limit...

• We need to set a good example by keeping to our own.
• And by speaking to those who persistently ignore the 20kph limit.

We enjoy strolling in the safety of speed-calmed, rural lanes where traffic is forced to respect our 20kph speed limit. Tortoises and dwarf chameleons (and indeed our children and pets) should always have right of way!

LITTER
We all try to keep Rooiels pristine. We only bring in beach clean-ups. On our walks we pick up any litter we see. Those who create the litter are not concerned with preserving the natural beauty here – but we are!

NOISE POLLUTION
Having a party? Warn your neighbours. Otherwise please keep noise pollution to a minimum so we can all enjoy the sounds of waves crashing, whales mating, and otters whooping!

LIGHT POLLUTION
Legislation limits light pollution to the boundaries of your own property.

Outside lights should be motion-triggered and their impact minimized by being shaded so that their light spills downwards.

We are one of those rare communities who can still marvel at the Milky Way. Let's keep it that way.

WE ARE A BIOSPHERE!
Rooiels is a dog-friendly village, but owners are asked to respect neighbours and local by-laws by ensuring...

• dogs are on leashes or under control at all times, barking does not disturb the neighbourhood, our roads, paths and beaches are not despoiled – remove droppings, that dogs (and cats) do not hunt, chase or disturb our birds and other wildlife – if your cat is a hunter, put a bell on its collar and please keep it in at night;

SECURITY
Rooielsers have come together to ensure that in these times of increasing crime we take steps to minimize vulnerability. You are encouraged to contact REA (Rooiels Security Association), become a member and assist with the community efforts to keep us safe.

SOCIAL LINKS
Rooiels has security (082 491 1463) and social (083 226 0044) WhatsApp groups, it has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rooielsgemeenschap) and a website (www.rooiels.org). There are seasonal gatherings organised through REERA (Rooiels Ratepayers Association) and REC (Rooiels Conservancy) and there is a Christmas programme of walks, talks, competitions and fun. There is also a Rooiels Boat Club...