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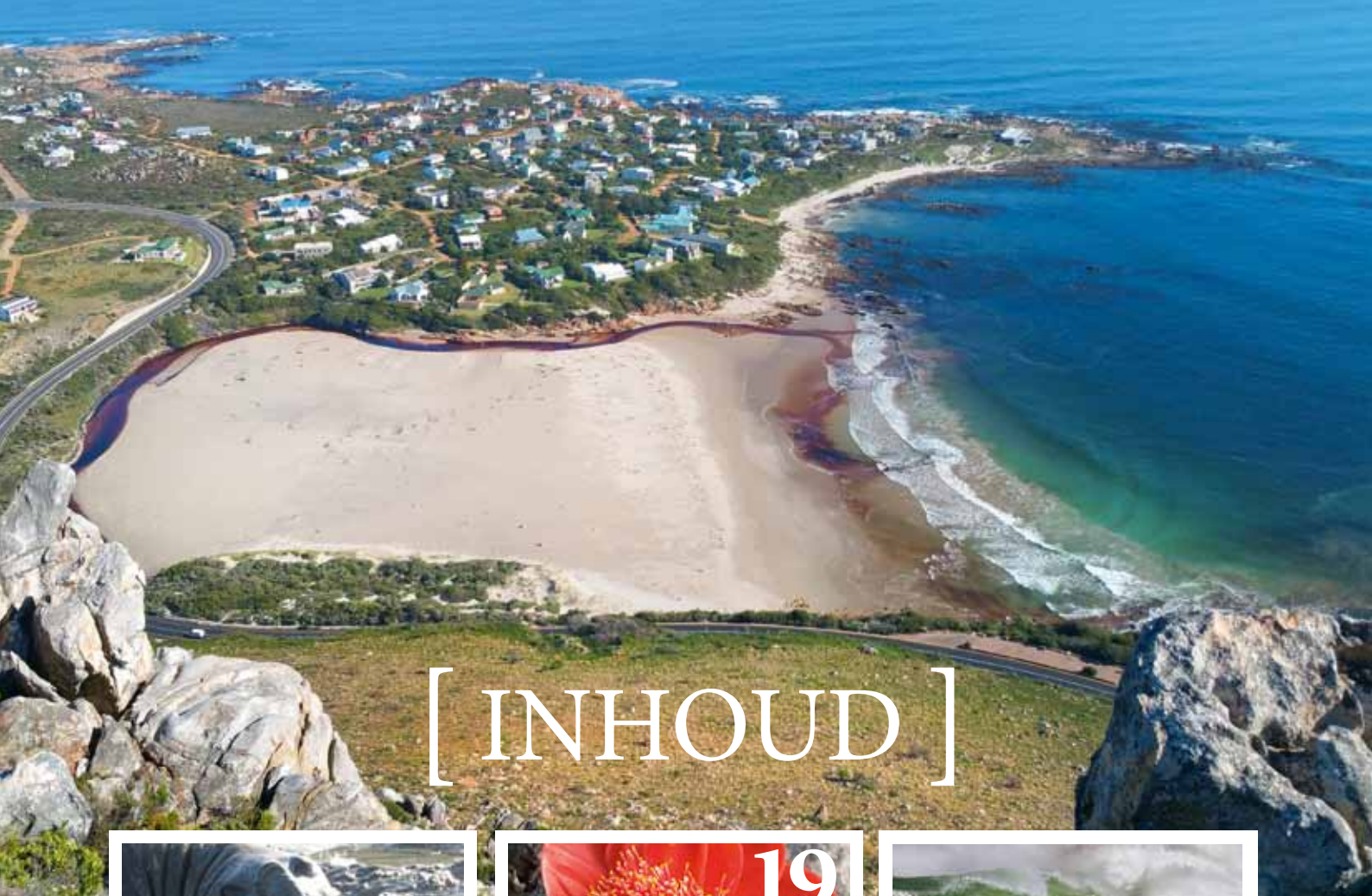
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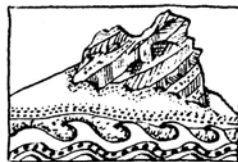
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Charalambous



[From the RERA Chairperson]

Being relatively new to Rooiels, a little curious about the Ratepayers Association, and having had Ruth Mattison say to me, "Why don't you go along to the AGM and see what it is about?", I attended the meeting. Before I realised what was happening I unintentionally found myself in the hotseat.

Since I have never been particularly interested in municipal or community politics it has been an interesting roller coaster ride and quite a learning curve. We are fortunate to have Hilgard Muller as vice-chairperson. He is enthusiastic, gets fully engaged, focuses on what is important and knows how to get a team going. He knows the universe to be his biggest and best partner.

Accolades go to Committee members below for their support and drive. They are innovative and work continuously and tirelessly in your interests. One of the Committee's goals is to build good relationships between all ratepayers/residents and to identify and mobilise the capabilities, skills and resources of individuals and the community.

It is difficult to come up with "news" that is new. The issues we are dealing with have been on the agenda year after year – roads, water, baboons, conservation. However, The Rooiels Ratepayers Association (RERA) will continue to strive to protect Rooiels and the interests of those lucky enough to reside here.

RERA provides the platform for engagement with the relevant authorities on all strategic matters affecting our village. RERA is the voice of the community and is determined to ensure that the community has a say in the decisions which affect them.

Hilgard attends the Ward 10 meetings and is slowly introducing onto the agenda the matters which Rooielsers want to have addressed, and we will participate in the budget process. However, we must not lose sight of the magnitude of the challenges which the Overstrand Municipality is facing on a daily basis while working with a limited and decreasing budget.

A community hall for our village remains a high priority. We are looking at ways of achieving this and already have some ideas. Nevertheless, it remains a daunting task.

Alhoewel ons nou heelvat nuwe permanente inwoners het op Rooiels is ons steeds 'n klein gemeenskap. Nietemin kan konflik ontstaan. Dit is moeilik om almal tevrede te stel en soms vind REBV dit moeilik wanneer druk uitgeoefen word om sekere standpunte te verwerp of kondoneer. Kan REBV in so 'n klein gemeenskap effektief wees as daar onmin tussen inwoners is?

Die REBV-komitee beoog om interaksie tussen belastingbetalers en inwoners te bevorder; beplanningsaangeleenthede te verstaan; die belange en regte van belastingbetalers en inwoners te bevorder, af te dwing en te beskerm; bewaring van die omgewing, skoonheid, karakter en erfenis van Rooiels; munisipale beleid en sake te monitor, hulle volgens goeie plaaslike bestuur te evalueer; 'n positiewe invloed op die Overstrand-raad uit te oefen om sodoende beleide en besluite te invloed en besluite te neem wat vir alle lede aanvaarbaar is.

As a community, we need to work, play, connect and interact together to uphold and deliver on the vision for Rooiels that we all desire. With participation and support from you, RERA will be more effective in the important role it has to play in helping to shape our community.

My dank aan hierdie hardwerkende komitee wat baie ure insit ter bevordering van Rooiels-sake. 'n Goeie span! As enigiemand belangstel om betrokke te raak en op die komitee te dien is hulle welkom om my te kontak. Nuwe bloed en nuwe idees help altyd. Ek moedig u aan om in Desember die algemene jaarvergadering by te woon.

Dit is moeilik om almal tevrede te stel en veral waar mense hulle eie standpunt het. Dit is veral moeilik en baie keer pynlik in 'n veranderende omgewing, maar die REBV-komitee sal hul bes probeer om om die belange van belastingbetalers bo verskille tussen mense, op die hart te dra.

I would like to honour Janette Yeats, who sadly passed away in August. With John Charalambous, Janette represented REC on the Committee. Janette not only had a passion for preserving the beauty of Rooiels, she was dedicated to conservation of the fynbos and the environment. As a 'newby' to RERA she

Emergencies & Rescue

Police Kleinmond 028 271 8200
Municipal Law Enforcement
Kleinmond 028 271 8400
ASK Security Pringle Bay 028 273 8695
ASK Emergency Pringle Bay
072 345 3041
ASK Evening Patrol Rooiels
079 891 1624
Accidents - Rescue 021 937 0300
Overstrand Emergency 24hrs
028 313 8111
Fire Emergency 24hrs 028 312 2400
Sea Rescue (NSRI) 021 449 3500
Mountain Rescue 021 937 0300
Netcare 911 082 911

Pringle Bay Fire Fighters

Clayton Francis 072 129 9788
Vic Brooker 084 384 0776

Ambulance

Provincial Services 10177
EMO Strand 072 996 6337
ER 24 Somerset West 086 108 4124

Hospitals

Vergelegen Medi Clinic 021 850 9000
Hottentots Holland Hospital
021 850 4700
Hermanus Hospital (Provincial)
028 312 1166
Hermanus Medi Clinic
028 313 0168

Doctors & Chemists

Dr. Audrey Zietsman PB 087 250 2932
Dr. Greeff BB 028 272 9999
Dr. van Niekerk KM 028 271 4227
Albertyn Apteek Kleinmond
028 271 4666

Environment

Nature Conservation 028 271 8420
Hack Group, Dick Lockley 028 273 8852
Aquatic Club PB Mike Manson-Smith
021 712 3930
Sea Watch Anti-poaching
Mike Tannet 082 994 9300 or
Clayton Francis 072 129 9788
DAFF Anti-poaching 028 313 2703
or 084 408 6159

Animals

Kleinmond Animal Welfare (KAWS)
028 271 5004 or 083 516 5535
Dog Control 028 271 8449
Wildlife in Distress 24hrs 072 652 2346

Snakes in the House

Ernst Thompson 082 333 1543
Geoff Harris 028 273 8164

Veterinarian

Dr. Peter Dave 028 271 4183 or
083 440 5191

Municipality & Services

Hangklip-Kleinmond 028 271 8400
Hermanus 028 313 8000
Electricity - Eskom 086 003 7566
Water/ Sewerage 028 271 8435

Post Office

Pringle Bay (Agency) 028 273 8821
Betty's Bay 028 272 9363

Gas Supplies

René Ryke 082 772 5594
Gas Flame 028 212 1599
Gas Deliveries Tubby 083 741 9914

mentored me on the biosphere, SPLUMA and LUPA, overlays, municipal laws and regulations, all of which were unfamiliar to me. Janette, rest in peace. Rooiels will miss you.

Thank you to John Charalambous and all those in REC, our conservancy association, which aims to preserve the natural environment and embrace conservation principles, ensuring that all who live in and visit this unique part of the world enjoy a more beautiful, sustainable, healthy environment.

Dankie aan RESA ons sekuriteitsassosiasie – die fantastiese werk wat julle doen “maak Rooiels ’n veiliger plek”.

Thank you to the Rooiels Boat Club, which controls and organises local boating and fishing activities and donates generously to RERA activities.

On 29 September 2018 RERA hosted a workshop, *The Voices of Rooiels*. It was extremely well attended and the feedback was very positive. The RERA Committee’s objectives for the workshop were:

- To understand our wider context and political, socio-economic realities
- To create a sense of belonging and good neighbourliness
- To understand RERA’s role in the community

With that in mind the day was divided into four sessions:

1. Security, Poaching and Fire
2. Service Delivery and Town Planning
3. Conservation and Living within the Kogelberg Biosphere
4. Social Enjoyment and Interaction

The speakers on the day were a definite drawcard and made the day informative and constructive. We were privileged to have the Overstrand Mayor, Alderman Dudley Coetzee, Fanie Krige (Ward 10 Councillor), WO Jaco van Wyk (Cluster Coordinator for Licence Plate Recognition Project), Pierre de Villiers (Cape Nature), Riaan Kucher (OM Town Planner), Tim Attwell (Author and Naturalist Mountain Guide), Prof. Justin O’Riain (UCT Professor and Director of iCWild) and Mike du Toit (Kogelberg Reserve Company). Mark Butler was an excellent MC and timekeeper. Linda Hiles came on board to help the Committee organise the workshop. We cannot thank her enough. Without the generous donors, the volunteers

who helped on the day, John and Ali and the Drummond Arms’ fantastic lunch, Derek and Denise’s assistance with cooking the lamb on the spit and everyone who attended, the event would not have happened. Thank you! Wolfgang says he served 213 cups of coffee and 19 cups of tea! Thanks to Kevin Anderson RERA is now the proud owner of a podium. The event enhanced a positive community spirit. We feel we achieved our objectives!

Gerard Scholtz is the editor of a new book on Rooiels – *Rooiels, a village between the mountains and the sea*. This new book replaces the old *History of Rooiels and Other Stories*. It has been a mammoth task and we take our hats off to the team. The book is customised and has a purpose – it is a compilation of the Rooiels culture, a legacy or a heritage and signifies the life of some extraordinary people as a way of commemoration. The book comprises 16 chapters and 60,000 words, where the *History of Rooiels and Other Stories* contained 27,000 words. Heartfelt thanks to all the contributors of material for the book and to Paul Perton for doing the layout. A walk down memory lane for many. Every coffee table needs a copy. Don’t miss out – get yours! Details are available from Ivan Becker, our treasurer. E-mail him on: rera.admin@rooiels.org.za

In order to give us “clout” we need to represent as many ratepayers and residents as possible. It is thus imperative that we increase our membership of the Association. This will give us more say in matters that affect us all. If you are not a member I urge you to join RERA and if you are a member I urge you to pay your 2019 dues and to encourage non-members to sign up. This is not a new appeal. Going back to past reports and minutes it became obvious that all previous Committees urged everyone in the village to get involved. How about “just doing it”?

Show your support for a dedicated, enthusiastic, hard-working and energetic group of people on the RERA Committee who give hours of their time protecting your interests. The more support we get the more we will be able to serve your interests.

Soos die nuwe jaar nader soos ’n hoofstuk in ’n boek, kan ons daardie storie skryf deur doelwitte te stel. Ek het reeds besluit dat 2019 ongelooflik verstommend sal wees.

Cherish every moment of this warm and beautiful season of joy, for it is the most wonderful time of the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

– ALLISON VIENINGS, RERA Chairperson

THE RERA TEAM



Allison Vienings
Chairperson



Hilgard Muller
Vice-Chair & Ward 10 Representative



Margie Ellis
Secretary



Ivan Becker
Treasurer



Veronica Jacobs
Meeting Scribe & Ward 10 secundus



John Charalambous
Environment & REC

[ROOIELS AND THE WARD COMMITTEE SYSTEM]



Front from left: Ayanda Tyulu, Fiona Smit, Hilgard Muller and Susan Botha; Back from left: Rudi Perold, Zirkia Fourie, Area Manager Desmond Lakey, Ward Councillor Fanie Krige, Theresa Els and Mary Hull. Absent when photo was taken: Mervin Jooste and Khaya Mantshinga. Note: Fiona since resigned from the committee and will be replaced by Ashley Rensburg.

If there is one piece of legislation that should be available in every household of our country, it is the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. Not only is it internationally recognized as a brilliant piece of work, a shining example of what a constitution should look like, but as our supreme law it provides the legal foundation for the existence of the republic, sets out the rights and duties of its citizens, and defines the structure of the government. If it is in a prominent place in your house, the section that probably will be the most thumbled, apart from the Bill of Rights, will be Chapter 7: Local Government, because it deals with the authority that is closest to you and affects your life daily.

Because the whole country is divided into municipalities in terms of the Constitution, no-one can escape the tentacles of local government. Not even the most remote part of our country, the Prince Edward Islands in the sub-Antarctic Indian Ocean, is an exception, as they form part

of ward 115 of the City of Cape Town.

Rooiels, as you all know, falls within Overstrand Municipality and is represented in Council by me as the Councillor of Ward 10, which also encompasses Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay, the informal settlement of Overhills, Overhills (Poppedorp) and the major portion of Proteadorp. According to official statistics this area covers 210 km² and has a population of 6,084, living in 2,578 households. In this ward we have people living under the breadline, but also a significant number who can be regarded as dollar millionaires. This poses an extreme challenge for governance, but first let's go back to the Constitution and see what local government is responsible for.

According to section 152(1), the objects (areas of focus) of local government are: (a) to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities; (b) to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner; (c) to promote social and economic development; (d) to promote a safe and healthy environ-

ment; and (e) to encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in the matters of local government. A municipality must strive, within its financial and administrative capacity, to achieve the objectives set out above.

Regarding Overstrand Municipality's financial capacity we have approved an operational revenue budget of R1,142 billion for 2018/19, an operational expenditure budget of R1,134 billion and a capital projects budget of R194,2 million. The revenue comes from rates (R235 million), electricity (R363 million), water (R117 million), sanitation (R73 million), refuse removal (R61 million) and several smaller sources of which traffic fines (R35 million) is the biggest contributor.

The money goes toward infrastructure and planning (R459 million), community services (R428 million), financial services (R89 million), protection services (R87 million), management services (R53 million), council activities, including ward specific projects, (R33 million), local economic development (R12 million) and the office of the municipal manager (R5 million). Salaries (R367 million) take the biggest bite out of the expenditure budget, with bulk purchase following with R238 million, contracted services (R193 million) and depreciation contributing R130 million.

Powers and functions of a municipality are covered in section 156, which refers the reader to two schedules which roughly indicate what matters local government have executive authority over, such as municipal planning, building regulations, water and sanitation services, child care facilities, fire-fighting services listed in schedule 4 and municipal roads, local amenities, refuse removal, traffic listed in schedule 5.

A municipality may make and administer by-laws for the effective administration of the matters which it has the right to administer, but those may not be in conflict of national and provincial legislation. Although a lot of emphasis is placed on the autonomy of local government, this implies there is co-operative governance between the different spheres of government.

It is essential for good governance that citizens are actively involved in the processes regarding planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of programmes as well the drafting of policies and by-laws.

Ward committees are regarded as the vehicle to promote good governance at local government level and must, in conjunction with the Council, execute the constitutional objects for government.

Ward committees must participate

amongst others in the preparing, implementation and review of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the establishment, implementation and review of a Performance Management System (PMS), the preparation of the budget and other strategic decisions of the municipality relating to the provision of municipal services.

A Ward Committee is the official channel of communication between the community and municipality regarding municipal matters in a particular Ward. A Ward Committee is an advisory body without any executive powers to assist the Ward Councillor. Ward Committee members must perform their functions impartially without fear, favour or prejudice. In Ward 10 the Rooiels Ratepayers Association has a seat on the Ward Committee, which, since the beginning of the year has been filled by Hilgard Muller. He is representing your community well.

The rest of the ten-member committee consists of representatives of Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association, Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association, Mooiuitsig, Protea-dorp West, the Local Football Association, the Back Yard Dwellers Association, Child Welfare Kleinmond, the Community-Police Forum and the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve.

The Ward Committee's vision is to pursue a perfect balance between man and nature in alignment with the objectives of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. Its mission is to share and protect the scarce resources equitably and to maintain high levels of service delivery.

SEVENTEEN PRIORITIES WERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE WARD:

- 1 housing project in Kleinmond and Mooiuitsig
- 2 creating spatial opportunities for economic and social upliftment in poor areas
- 3 upgrading and maintenance of existing gravel roads with a proper drainage system

- 4 tarring or paving of strategic roads in the Hangklip villages
- 5 dune management projects in Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooiels
- 6 provision of a community graveyard close to Kleinmond
- 7 a high school and other educational opportunities
- 8 care centres for the disabled, elderly and children after school
- 9 early Childhood Development facilities
- 10 computer centres closer to Protea-dorp, Overhills and Mooiuitsig
- 11 sports facilities
- 12 further development of the Kleinmond Soccer Field
- 13 beautification of town entrances and public spaces
- 14 upgrading of trails and footpaths in nature reserves and commonages
- 15 management of wetlands, estuaries, including the development of their tourism potential
- 16 promotion of community safety
- 17 fire protection

For me it was a great privilege to participate in the "Voices of Rooiels" conference at the end of September this year. Rooiels is a very special and unique community. Some of my best friends live here, including wild-life attractions such as the baboons, otters, seals, black eagles and rock jumpers. We also have very famous occasional visitors, of which the leopards deserve mention.

This community is a Councillor's delight because of only the small number of complaints and the many achievements ... maybe because it is defying, in a certain way, our Constitution by being a small republic that rules itself.

– FANIE KRIGE, COUNCILLOR WARD 10

A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm. – HENRIK IBSEN



Griet Odendaal,
Wessie van der
Westhuizen en Ina
van der Sandt in
die RESA kantoor.

News from the Rooiels Security Association (RESA)

[MAKING ROOIELS A SAFER PLACE]

The fact that incidents of crime in Rooiels have dropped to almost non-existent levels is very gratifying. At the same time it does require that we do not become complacent about this as we do not want to see a reversal of what has been achieved in terms of the RESA objective of making Rooiels a safer place. What has been achieved in Rooiels, in terms of reducing crime, is a combination of a number of factors and inputs. One of the critical success factors has been the support for RESA and its objectives provided by the Rooiels community. We thank you for your support as without it we would not have been able to achieve what we have, and in order to maintain the low crime environment in Rooiels we will need the support of the Rooiels community to be ongoing.

It has been another busy year for RESA and there has been considerable activity in the various areas of the RESA operations. Some of this activity is quite visible but much of it is not and as a community we are very fortunate to have the dedicated and committed team that contributes to the progress that has been made in reducing crime in Rooiels. The RESA Operations Committee is responsible for the overall functioning of RESA and its activities but there is a much wider contribution to what has been achieved. The patrol group maintains a visible presence in the village during patrol activities and this acts as a deterrent to potential criminal activity in the village. The radio group acts as support to patrol activities and also fulfils a very valuable role as a means of instant communication should an emergency arise. The village CCTV camera system is another important crime deterrent and also provides an important source of information, when needed, about movement

into and around the village. These key activities have been maintained by volunteers giving freely and willingly of their time in support of the RESA activities. We appreciate their efforts and thank them for this. The various WhatsApp groups are also important communication forums for information sharing and reporting.

The RESA office fulfils a number of functions and is the administrative hub for RESA as well as being the centre for the ASK Rooiels-based night-time response service. A secure key retention system is also offered through the office. During this past year there have been extensions to the Village CCTV network and its coverage. The camera network now represents quite a significant infrastructure investment and one of our objectives going forward is to build up financial reserves to ensure this network is maintained and upgraded as needed in the future, so that it remains a key part of our security strategy. RESA has been actively represented on the Kleinmond Hangklip Community Policing Forum as well as the SAPS Joint Operations Committee in Kleinmond and again we thank those volunteers who freely give up their time to attend these meetings. As a registered Neighbourhood Watch there is also regular interaction with the Western Cape Government Department of Community Safety. Meetings are held at least twice a year with ASK management to review the service being provided and to identify any potential enhancements that could be made to the service. Regular operational review meetings are held with ASK area management as well.

All of these activities contribute to the objec-

tive of making Rooiels a safer place but what is critical is the ongoing support and involvement of the Rooiels community. We currently have 168 paid up RESA members which means the RESA activities can be funded. We thank you all but it will make a significant difference if the paid up membership base rose to 200 or more. Additional volunteers for the patrol group will make a difference as well and we also encourage homeowners to consider acquiring a Rooiels radio and becoming part of the Rooiels radio network. We do not take any comfort from the fact that during this past year Rooiels has been virtually crime free whereas our neighbouring villages have experienced high levels of crime. It is important that we maintain what has been achieved. Poaching is unfortunately an ever-present activity around Rooiels and it can lead to opportunistic crime in the village, but our RESA activities have hopefully been a deterrent. RESA policy is not to engage with or confront poachers as doing so could place lives and property in danger. However, we encourage the reporting of poaching activity as these reports are fed through to the appropriate authorities.

The members of the RESA Operations Committee have during the year given much time and effort towards RESA activities. I thank Diarmuid Baigrie, Willie Boltmann, Duncan Hiles, Peter Koning,

Hilgard Muller, Ernst Thompson and Wessie van der Westhuizen for all they do for RESA and Rooiels.

Please be vigilant during the festive season and let us continue to make Rooiels a safer place.

– MARK BUTLER



The Rooiels Conservancy (REC) committee has been operating with a skeleton crew of just four members this year. Sadly our most valuable member, Janette Yeats passed away suddenly in August leaving us with huge boots to fill. Janette was actively campaigning for the environment in Rooiels until her last days. Her passion for nature helped protect Rooiels, as gateway to the biosphere, to remain as unspoiled by human activity as possible. Her passion for due diligence helped make sure the authorities implemented the environmental laws. She asked me on one of our last drives together "Are we just going to give up?" relating to some transgression by a property owner and to the municipality's severe underfunding of the environmental department. She took these big issues head on as she believed in what was right and fully recognised that we are living in an area of international biodiversity importance. I hope we can use her determination and tenacity as an example to look after our environment.

R**RERA:** The Rooiels Conservancy maintains a seat on the RERA Committee. During this year the integration and communication between the two organisations have become more effective. There are many overlaps in the various functions of each organisation such as fire safety, plot clearing, building regulations, road verges and much more. This means the RERA representative at the Ward 10 Council meetings is thoroughly informed and able to represent Rooiels environmental issues at that forum.

Eco-Talks: REC sponsored five fascinating wild-life talks (see Page 14). Our thanks to Joselyn for arranging these. REC also organised a successful event attended by over 100 people, at Pringle Bay Community Hall, with Tim Attwell as speaker. Tim gave sage advice on living in harmony with our environment. Thanks to Wolfgang and Linda for making this event possible (see Pages 22-23).

f **Facebook:** We have set up a Facebook page called 'Rooiels Wildlife' to help raise awareness

and education on all the special flora and fauna which we are so lucky to have on our doorstep. Please subscribe to get regular updates concerning the leopard cameras, new baboon arrivals and other amazing pictures from our surroundings.



Eco-Centre: The much loved Rooiels Eco-Centre which was housed at the Village Shop until last year has found a new home at Harold Porter Gardens. The late Janette Yeats with her contacts at SANBI secured a small cottage adjacent to the newly built education centre. Some of the old exhibits will be combined with new displays and these will help raise environmental awareness for the children visiting the education centre as well as tourists visiting the gardens. REC will contribute some funds and has submitted a funding application to pay for the carpentry work. A steering committee has been set up from the three villages to oversee the project.



Dune Rehabilitation: There are still plans to rehabilitate the dunes on the western end of the small beach. The drought in recent years and the savage southeaster have together stripped the vegetation, as you can see in the pictures. Thanks to the hackers, branches have been taken down to the dunes, and will serve an important function of catching the sand and re-building the dunes. **Please keep off**

the dunes at the slipway as the erosion is particularly evident where people take the easy route to the water. The kelp has built up there over the winter months and new dune vegetation growth has taken hold nicely.

Estuary Cleanups: There were two Estuary Cleanups this year and thanks to local volunteers and Tuffy Bags, over 50 bags were filled. It was messy work, but a great effort and the estuary is much cleaner and freer of plastic pollution. Thanks to Willie Boltmann for waste removal and to Ziyaad Erasmus, the Cape Nature manager of Stony Point, who volunteered two of his workers on international beach clean-up day. We all appreciate the locals who pick up litter on a daily basis - thank you whoever you may be! Please join us on 5 January 2019 for another cleanup of the estuary and main beach. There will be boerewors rolls and homemade chilli sauce for all the eco-warriors helping.

Conservancy Benches: Wolfgang Steinbach and Willie Boltmann restored the other bench in the nature reserve. It's perfect for sundowners and you might spot an otter if you are very lucky.

Village Gardens: Jill Lockley continues her great work in the village gardens, sometimes with the assistance of a worker for the heavier duties. We often take it for granted that our village gardens always look so beautiful. Are there any keen fynbos gardeners in Rooiels who would like to join Jill?

There are many unsung local heroes who donate their time, energy and funds in to preserving Rooiels' natural heritage: Dick Lockley and the Hack group (and all those who have provided the fantastic teas), Helen Jones & Alison Ayre, Willie & Denise Boltmann, Duncan & Linda Hiles, Kevin & Enid Phillips, Frank & Estelle Raymond, Ben de Klerk, Fraser & Angelle Shaw, Toppie Stofberg, Gerard & Anuta Scholtz, Hilgard Muller, Johan de Jager, Sakkie the gardener and the Overstrand Herald.

JOHN CHARALAMBOUS
REC CHAIRPERSON

The REC Team



John Charalambous
Chairperson

Janette Yeats
In Memoriam

Wolfgang Steinbach

Ivan Becker

Joselyn Mormile



STILL FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE ROOIKRANS AT A TIME



Below left to right: Koos Smit, Anuta Scholtz, Donald Gibbon, Riël Buys, Jill Lockley, Linda Butler, Duncan Hiles, Linda Hiles, Mark Butler



LEFT: Wolfgang Steinbach claims he has the longest root!



REGS: Riël Buys en Linda Butler met 'n hoop rooikrans takke van net een erf.



When we bought our house in 1984 the whole area of Klein Rooiels was covered with rooikrans and Port Jackson; so much so that the mature trees reached right up to our front door. It took us, and the occasional labourer working weekends only, over 10 years to clear our home plot and the one we bought in front of our house. But the mature forest of these invasive Australian acacia trees left a lasting legacy – an enormous seed bank.

Jill and I have been members of the Hack Group for over 30 years. Those in the Hack Group at that time included Anuta and Gerard Scholtz, and Diarmuid and Jenny Baigrie but most of the other long term hackers have moved on. Alastair and Jane Henderson have moved to Australia; Philipp Wagner has earned his retirement from the Hack Group; Ian and Shirley Richter only spend a few months a year in Rooiels these days; Keith Moir and others, have either left Rooiels or passed on. But there is hope that many more of the newer residents of the village will join us once a month – always on the first Saturday of the month. We have already had an infusion of “new blood” showing up regularly for the Hacks. These include Riël Buys, Margie Ellis, David van der Merwe, Dawid Blake, Gavin Lundie, Ian Milne, Donald Gibbon, Alison Scott and John Charalambous; all offering very worthwhile contributions to making Rooiels a better place in which to live. Long standing members of the Hack who still work regularly include Geoff Harris, Duncan and Linda Hiles, Mark and Linda Butler, Herbert Voigt, Diarmuid and Jenny Baigrie, Wolfgang Steinbach and Koos Smit.

In the early days of the Rooiels Hack Group there was never a shortage of large trees to remove – always a ready source of braai wood! One did not need to scratch one's head and wonder where the hack would take place as the whole village had numerous invasive trees and other aliens.

If it had not been for those enthusiastic volunteers who have hacked for the last 40 years, this village would now be an eyesore and covered in alien forests like the area from Kleinmond to Arabella. Rooiels owes the Hack Group a big “thank you”.

After the devastating fire on 19 March 2017 we found that most of the aliens we spent the last 30 years cutting down had almost all been burnt out. Unfortunately though, the Australian invasives thrive on fire and the seed banks deposited by these rooikrans, Port Jackson and myrtle trees over many years started to flourish and sprout. Klein Rooiels in particular was infested with rooikrans and Port Jackson seedlings. Many thousands of seedlings started sprouting after late rains in September and October and we had to take urgent action whilst these seedlings were still small.

A “Rooikrans Seedlings Competition” was launched in late November 2017. Pick n Pay supplied hundreds of plastic carrier bags and two generous residents donated a sizeable sum of money for prizes for those who returned full bags of weeded seedlings. Wimpie and Monique Stals in the Village Shop enthusiastically supported this Competition. I made a

logistics error by making the number of bags required to qualify for a prize, too few. It was soon realised that we would run out of prizes at the rate the bags were being handed in at the shop and thus I had to increase the number of bags required for a prize. The competition achieved some successes and certainly increased awareness of the potential threat these seedlings posed to our fynbos. Seedlings are still being encountered but in smaller numbers. If we had not embarked on this extensive weeding campaign Klein Rooiels in particular, would by now be covered in innumerable waist-high rooikrans and Port Jackson.

We are blessed by having a very generous group of volunteers each month to host the “Hack Tea”, which is always a very enjoyable and social part of the Rooiels Hack. Please note we will be asking for volunteers for the 2019 Hack Teas quite soon.

Mark Butler kindly provides an invaluable storeroom for us to house the hack equipment. New equipment has been bought which has immeasurably improved our efficiency. Overstrand Municipality collects and clears away the hack off-cuts every month. Andries Reichert and Marzanne Thoresen of their Kleinmond office have dealt with our many requests over these many years in such a marvellously efficient and pleasant manner.

Should there be any volunteers to take over as Convenor for 2019 of the Rooiels Hack Group I would be more than willing to hand over the job.

“Aluta Continua!” – the good fight goes on!

DICK LOCKLEY
CONVENOR OF THE ROOIELS HACK GROUP

THE ROOIELS BOAT CLUB

Derek Esterhuyse receiving the Rooiels Crayfish King Floating Trophy from Stephanie Bishop, wife of the late Chris Gilmour. Beside them are crew member André Brink and REBC Chairman, John Biesman-Simons.



This past year the major matter which has dominated the attention of the Rooiels Boat Club (REBC), and most particularly the committee, has been the Sword of Damocles hanging over the Rooiels slipway. In short, the future is not what it used to be. Limited-use slipways are now seen as exclusive and are seen as a way of limiting access to the sea for all who wish to use it, and are either being changed into Public Launch Sites or being closed. A limited-use slipway is no longer an option. Policy on slipways is a Provincial Government responsibility and Overstrand, as the local authority, is deemed to be the Managing Body of all slipways in the municipal area. We are working together to reach the best mutually beneficial solution we can achieve. REBC's goal is to be appointed as the Managing Agent of the Rooiels Public Launch Site in terms of prevailing legislation, with rules and regulations that meet the requirements of the Municipality while at the same time looking after the interests of our community.

Ruth Mattison, (immediate past Chair of RERA) and Julia Aalbers (former boat club member, past Chair of RERA and past Rooiels representative on Ward 10) have been most supportive of our efforts to retain the slipway. They have alerted us to issues and have introduced us to the relevant Overstrand Councillors and Municipal Officials. Hilgard Muller, easy-going boat club member and now Vice-Chair of RERA Committee, is now our go-to man with the Municipality. We are extremely grateful to Ruth, Julia and Hilgard for their assistance. By the way, was everyone else as surprised as Hilgard's friends when they heard he was Vice-Chair of RERA?!

A number of meetings with Municipal Officials and Councillors took place over an extended period of time. The Municipality was insistent that we must allow members of the public access to the slipway. Based on parking constraints and the size of slipway, it was agreed that five "Overstranders" will be allowed controlled access per day. An additional five members of the public, regardless of where they live, will be allowed to use the slipway.

Controlled access means that any member

of the public who wishes to launch will have to produce a skipper's certificate of competence, a safety survey certificate, a buoyancy certificate and pay a key deposit, failing which they will not be allowed to launch. This is in line with the club's rules for its own members. This past season, REBC retained the services of a local vacationing student to control the boom on crayfishing days. If we are appointed to manage the slipway, we shall continue to have a boom operator assist us on crayfishing days and will formulate contingency plans for non-crayfishing days.

As we were required to do, we submitted an "Operational Plan" to the Overstrand Municipality by 31 January 2018. We received a response with proposed amendments to which we replied and we now await further feedback from the Municipality.

Implementing a charge for use of the slipway must be authorised by the Municipality on a cost recovery basis. We can only apply for the right to do this if we are appointed as the Managing Agent. This does leave us with the anomaly that at the moment outsiders may use the slipway free of charge, whereas members pay a fee, but it must be borne in mind that REBC, ever aware of safety, does pay for the boat safety survey for paid-up members.

Otherwise it has largely been business as usual this past year.

- Boat safety survey day (thanks Piet Uys)
- Purchase of NSRI raffle tickets in the hope that lightning strikes twice (it did not!)
- Changing of lock, arranging keys, boat and trailer decals (thanks again Piet Uys)
- Special thanks to the "Keeper of the Keys" Dick Lockley, who handles the distribution of the keys and decals as well as the collection of subs, despite no longer being an ordinary member of the club, although he is, of course, an honorary member.
- The AGM was held on Easter Saturday and the previous committee members grudgingly allowed themselves to be re-elected.
- We banked some money and also paid some bills (thanks Mark Butler).
- Crayfish Competition Day. Thanks to all who assisted on the day: gift sponsor extraordinaire, Western Province Caterers, owned by club member, Kevin

Douglas; Piet Uys for all he and his family contribute; Heidi Andersson and Shân Biesman-Simons for registration duty. It was gratifying to see that the number of entries was the highest it's been for a few years. The full results of the keenly contested competition were:

- The Crayfish King: Biggest Crayfish
Derek Esterhuyse (0.70 kg)
- Biggest 4
Derek Esterhuyse (2.32 kg)
- Biggest 8
Robert Stals (4.26 kg)
- Biggest 12
Grant Bowen (6.13 kg)
- Biggest 16
John Biesman-Simons (6.60 kg)

Derek really cleaned up on the day. Seldom does one person win the biggest and the biggest 4, as the rules are that any crayfish counted towards winning a prize cannot be included in the remaining categories. Beating Derek on the day is becoming a bit like the Boks beating the All Blacks – it doesn't happen very often. The other notable result was rookie member Grant Bowen getting on the scoreboard. We are hatching a plan to attract even more people to this year's competition – details to follow at a later stage.

However, there was something different this year. REBC purchased sufficient copies of the NSRI book, "Into a Raging Sea" for each paid up member of the club and all "Friends of the Boat Club" to receive a complimentary copy. Our friends included Ruth Mattison, Julia Aalbers, former committee members and also Elisabeth Moss, widow of Basil Moss, past Chair of the Boat Club. It was Basil who, with the Midas Touch, picked the correct key at the NSRI lucky draw, which has ensured the financial viability of the boat club. Any club member who has not yet received a copy of the book, please e-mail me so I can arrange for you to have yours.

In closing, we would like to thank members of the local community for their support as we negotiate our way through stormy seas. If you're on a boat, stay there safely and make sure you don't end up falling "Into a Raging Sea".

JOHN BIESMAN-SIMONS
(CHAIRMAN REBC)

REBC COMMITTEE: Piet Uys, John Biesman-Simons, Mark Butler, Ken Hopkins



SEA TURTLE RESCUE IN ROOIELS



In April, resident Denise Boltmann stumbled upon a very weak loggerhead sea turtle hatchling on the main beach. She was surprised to see a sea turtle in Rooiels and contacted me for information. I quickly realised that this little critter was way off course from the much warmer waters of KwaZulu-Natal. Luckily, Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town runs a sea turtle rehabilitation programme and provides excellent information online on how to help a turtle in this situation.

Around March to April of every year, loggerhead and leather-back hatchlings occasionally end up washed ashore on False Bay beaches. If you find a stranded turtle anywhere in the Western Cape, Two Oceans Aquarium is there to help. They request that you please place the hatchling in a small, dry container with air-holes (old ice cream containers work well) with a small towel. The turtles are almost always hypothermic and are very weak so it is important to ensure they are kept dry and at room temperature. Once the turtle is safe, contact the aquarium at 021 418 3823 to arrange a pick up or drop off. Remember to note, for their records, where you found the turtle.

Two Oceans Aquarium receives hundreds of sea turtle hatchlings a year. Once the hatchlings are rehabilitated, they are transported back to KZN where they are released. The aquarium provides individual attention for each hatchling and currently has a 76% release rate. All seven species of the world's sea turtles are listed as endangered, which makes the Aquarium's work even more important.

Thanks to Denise and Two Oceans Aquarium, the little Rooiels rescue is undergoing rehabilitation and is due to be released soon. To find out more visit: www.aquarium.co.za
JOSELYN MORMILE

DID YOU KNOW?

All 7 species of sea turtle are considered "endangered".
This is mostly due to human actions.



THE MYTH OF "SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD"

In terms of the "World Conservation Strategy" which was published in 1980 by the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature), conservation is "... *the management of human use of the biosphere so that it may yield the greatest sustained benefit to present generations while maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations*".

This definition makes no direct mention of animals, endangered or otherwise, and that the whole thrust of conservation is anthropocentric – in other words it centres on the survival of humans and our use of the natural systems. Following on from this definition the IUCN has identified three major goals:

1. to maintain essential ecological processes and life support systems
2. to preserve genetic diversity
3. to ensure the sustainable utilisation of species and ecosystems

These goals would at first glance appear be rather academic, especially to those unfamiliar with the terms used, but if they are translated into more everyday language we find that they impact on the lives of each and every organism living on the earth, including humans. Probably the most important of these goals right now is the last one.

Sustainable use

Sustainable use of the biosphere means using it (whether "it" is soil, animals, plants, fish or any other part) in a way that does not destroy it or deplete it for future generations. We have no right to use any natural resources in a way that will render them useless, or simply not there in 100 or 200 years when someone else needs them to produce food. We also have no right to fish the oceans and rivers to the extent that species become so depleted they are in danger of becoming extinct. Unfortunately, the approach seems to be "if we don't do it then someone else will, so let's take as much as we can". Without strictly enforceable international agreements there will always be conflict about resources which are not easily identifiable as the property of one country, such as marine resources. >



THE MYTH OF "SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD"

Here in Rooiels, we have the privilege of virtually sitting at the junction of two extremely important Large Marine Ecosystems (LME), The Agulhas Current LME and the Benguela Current LME. The Agulhas current is relatively warm and flows south before turning to the east more or less south of Cape Agulhas. The Benguela current is relatively cold (anyone trying to swim on the far side of the Peninsula would probably use stronger language) and flows more slowly northwards. Because of the upwelling of cold water the Benguela current is generally richer in nutrients and thus supports far more sea life than the Agulhas current and, because of that, is heavily exploited by commercial fisheries. The Benguela LME includes the waters off Angola, Namibia and South Africa.

The Agulhas Current LME extends from east of Madagascar, down the Mozambique Channel and the east coast of South Africa. Probably of greatest importance along this side of our sub-continent are the mangroves, seagrass beds and coral reefs which provide critical habitats for fish, invertebrates and other organisms. Along with beaches and estuaries, they serve as a home, breeding ground and nursery area for over 11,000 marine species currently recorded from the western Indian Ocean region. Many of these species, such as tuna, lobster, shrimp, oysters, clams and of course the famous Mozambique prawns, are of huge economic importance. Some species which spawn on the Agulhas Bank then move around to the Benguela system. Unfortunately most of the estuaries on the east coast of SA have been degraded in some way by development and virtually all are impacted by pollution.

So why does this matter?

The major link between the terrestrial and marine ecosystems is the rivers. Many of the rivers flowing both to the east and to the west are hundreds, if not thousands of kilometres long. Along these rivers there is increasing pressure of urbanisation and industrial and agricultural develop-

ment. Hydrologists working in the Kruger National Park in the early 1990s estimated that by the time the water in the Olifants river reached the border of the Kruger National Park it had been used about six times and returned directly or indirectly to the river. Fish and crocs were found to be loaded with lethal amounts of copper and other pollutants.

If we look closer to home, just driving from here to Caledon, we see hectares of wheat, canola and other crops which need fertiliser as well as insecticides and in many cases herbicides. What happens to the run-off from irrigation and rain? It ends in the rivers and streams and eventually finds its way to the sea. Although we might feel that something like fertiliser must be good, its effect in the rivers and in the ocean is far from good. The water becomes over-enriched and micro-organisms, like algae, proliferate. These plants use up oxygen and in many cases block sunlight. This causes what researchers have called "dead spots" in the estuaries and in the ocean. According to Andrew Hudson (2016) due to the massive increase in the industrial production and use of reactive nitrogen as a fertiliser in agriculture, and inadequate global levels of wastewater treatment, nitrogen burdens to LMEs have roughly tripled since pre-industrial times and are projected to double or triple again by 2050, leading to ocean acidification and other problems.

World-wide there seems to be little incentive to pressure fertiliser manufacturers to improve efficiency of use and the removal of nitrogen from waste water. In fact, the opposite is true and companies like Monsanto use all means to persuade and force farmers to use their products.

As far as treatment and reuse of water is concerned, Israel is a shining example of what can be done. Andrew Hudson wrote, "Today Israel re-uses 80% of its waste water in agricultural production, which is

far higher than the second ranked country in this area, Spain, at about 17%". Although there are a few small-scale programmes in South Africa, there is very little investment into this vital aspect of development.

Sustainable use?

According to Hudson, "as much as 80% of the world's fish stocks are fully exploited or overexploited". Although wild fish yields are being supplemented more and more by farmed fish, this is also not necessarily a sustainable solution as most of the feed used in aquaculture is derived from fish meal, and it takes eight tons of forage fish which are the small and otherwise unpalatable fish, to produce six tons of fish meal. There are also questions about the effect of waste from such fish farms. Work is being done on producing a plant derived protein which would replace the fish meal, but the problem of waste remains.

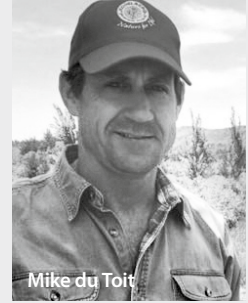
An interesting little snippet is that next time you open a tin of tuna (100g) think about the fact that because of the many steps in the marine food chain, it has taken 1 ton of phytoplankton to produce that 100g of tuna.

If we want our children and their children to be able to derive some benefit from the environment as we do, we have to start looking at it in a more holistic way. Simply trying to protect certain species is not enough. We have to consider that many small-scale fishermen who are still doing what their fathers and grandfathers did, are now regarded as poachers and risk their freedom, and in some cases their lives, just to feed their families. What the farmers do in Caledon has an impact on the fishing in Hermanus. We are all linked through the natural food web. We can live without gold and diamonds, but food and water are simply not replaceable.

IAN MILNE



Our almost vanishing FLORAL KINGDOM



Mike du Toit

The history of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve can be traced back to 1990 when the Cape Nature Conservation Department identified the Biosphere concept as a desirable conservation model and the Kogelberg as a possible area for implementation. The trigger for this overdue vision was the compulsion to oppose the development of a dam in the Kogelberg Nature Reserve. The proposed very large dam, in the Palmiet river near Kleinmond, would have wiped out the core of the Cape Floral Kingdom.

In 1991 the newly formed Hangklip Regional Forum (later renamed as The Greater Kogelberg-Hangklip Regional Forum) was introduced to the concept of a Biosphere Reserve. After a stormy AGM in 1994, Dr Schalk Walters agreed to take the Chair and the Forum agreed to lobby for a Biosphere Reserve. The name of the Forum was changed to the Kogelberg Biosphere Association (KOBIO) and submissions were begun for an application to UNESCO for the establishment of a Biosphere Reserve.

The culmination of many years of hard work and dogged determination by many individuals resulted in the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve being registered in December 1998 by United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Dr Schalk's comment then, when he was showered with well-earned accolades, was, "The trick now is to keep it". A Management Committee was convened to manage the reserve under chairmanship of the Kleinmond-Hangklip Mayor Mr Willie Smuts. The realisation soon dawned that the Management of the KBR should be streamlined. The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve Company (KBRC), was instituted and registered by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), within the framework of UNESCO's Man and Biosphere programme (MaB) to manage and coordinate all matters concerning the KBR.

The overall goal of KBRC is that the KBR be managed as a partnership between different stakeholders who work together to ensure that the KBR is and will remain a model of sustainable development. The KBRC is a Not-for-Profit organisation managed by a handful of volunteers with a collective passion for what biosphere reserves are meant to do.

The organisation has a small membership which is probably indicative of the fact that the organisation has not done enough to

make its presence known in the Overstrand and Theewaterskloof areas of the KBR. Managing and maintaining a Biosphere is about shared responsibility, a spirit of community stewardship and a special kind of caring that celebrates the diversity, beauty and richness of plants, animals and micro-organisms which make up our living biosphere. The challenge is to maintain healthy eco-systems while, at the same time, meeting the material needs and aspirations of an increasing number of people.

Assets such as soils and forests are often simply liquidated, as if they do not need to be maintained or replenished, and it surely does not require a financial expert to point out that this is the fastest way to bankruptcy. The shift towards seeing Nature as the provider of a set of economically vital services, rather than resources that can be used up to fuel economic growth, is one of the most important conceptual shifts in history.

It is not an easy transition to achieve, especially in such economically challenging times. Perhaps our current fraught economic circumstances offer exactly the right moment for the world to force this new attitude to break through into the mainstream.

Rooiels, our little village, wedged between mountain and sea, is and should be, at the forefront of this new attitude. It has been said many times that its natural, unspoilt beauty is its main asset. Rooiels has seen growth and development over the years but has managed to maintain and replenish its natural resources.

Continuing to do so is a challenge as new residents and visitors come into Rooiels with new ideas and ways. Open communication and sharing of ideas are vital to ensure all who live and play in Rooiels buy into the ethos of seeing Nature as the provider which ensures economic stability and growth within the parameters of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve in which we have the good fortune to live.

Under the leadership of Mike du Toit, who farms apples and berries in the Elgin Valley, the relatively new Board of Directors of the KBRC is determined to become involved with issues that concern all who live in the

biosphere, and is determined to attack with vigour those issues which threaten the integrity of the KBR. Currently the controversial borehole drilling, which is happening in the Steenbras Dam area of the KBR, is a much debated topic. The KBRC is involved in discussions and lobbying efforts to ensure that all stakeholders know what is taking place, and will engage with experts to ensure that the protection of sensitive areas in the KBR is top priority.

At the recent RERA stakeholder workshop, Mike du Toit caused a buzz when he indicated that Rooiels, within the framework of UNESCO guidelines, can take charge of its own environmental destiny by reinforcing and reaffirming its KBR designation as a buffer zone, or by accepting that Rooiels will change into a transitional zone which allows industry and development.

The latter would change the essence of what Rooiels has managed to remain for many years. It is quite evident that Rooiels forums such as the Rooiels Ratepayers Association and the Rooiels Conservancy will have to take the lead, in collaboration with the KBRC, Overstrand Municipality, Cape Nature, DEA and UNESCO, to confirm the designated status of the village and, accordingly, to stick to the plan.

The KBR Framework Plan demonstrates how sustainable development can be achieved through reconciling biodiversity and development imperatives. Within a diverse range of land-use planning and management systems employed by numerous land-use decision makers within the KBR, the Framework Plan serves as a common platform to guide land-use decision making, and has consequently been adopted by relevant municipalities.

The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve Company is determined to be visible, active and involved with all communities in the biosphere as the region faces major challenges with regard to housing, vacant land and poverty. KBRC acknowledges both diversity and different attitudes, and the needs and goals of all who live in the Biosphere, and will work hard to ensure that all voices are heard and considered. However, to quote Tim Atwell, "Living in a biosphere is a state of mind". We cannot distance ourselves or ignore the needs and demands of the biosphere or those of nature as the eternal provider.

VERONICA JACOBS: KBRC Directorate



ROOIELS DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

After the last fire it was pertinent for Rooiels to reassess the state of readiness of the village for disaster. The Task Group revisited existing plans and formulated a Rooiels Disaster Response Plan. Its purpose is to serve as a guide for Rooiels emergency responders and to educate the Rooiels community and guests on how to respond to an emergency requiring action and/or evacuation.

WHAT IS A DISASTER?

A disaster is any progressive or sudden, widespread or localised, natural or human-caused occurrence which causes or threatens to cause death, injury or disease, damage to property, infrastructure or the environment, or disruption of a community which is of a magnitude that exceeds the ability of those affected to cope using only their own resources.

RISKS TO ROOIELS:

This list will be assessed and up-dated on an ongoing basis.

- Fire
- Flood
- Hazardous Materials Release
- Mass Transportation Disruption
- Mass Casualty Incident
- Dam Failure
- Earthquake
- Utility Service Failure
- Marine Disaster (such as a boat capsizing, running aground or causing spillage)

ACTION STEPS FOR AN INCIDENT:

If any emergency or disaster takes place in or surrounding Rooiels, the following procedure should be followed:

- Post to WhatsApp Groups Block Watch and Village People (anyone can post)
- Phone the Authorities (anyone can report an incident)

This will initiate the Rooiels Incident Command by responders in the village.

Rooiels Incident Command Operational Plan:

- 1 Investigate and assess situation
- 2 Determine if an incident requires Plan Activation.
- 3 If it does, then the following will be done
- 3.1 Activate First Response team via Block Watch
- 3.2 Activate ASK
- 3.3 Activate Camera Watch

- 3.4 Activate Radio Network (which will then become the primary communication for management of the incident)
- 4 Escalate to Regional Incident Command
5. Continue to inform Rooiels residents of the incident
6. Establish local Joint Operations Centre (primary RESA office)
7. Establish a Rooiels Disaster Volunteer Group to assist and designate tasks
8. Establish Safe Zones
9. Establish list of residents who would need assistance
10. Establish means of interim safety and security (to be handed off to local authorities when they arrive)

COMMUNICATION

Cellphone: Loss of service can occur due to fire or power loss.

Local WhatsApp Groups: Several Village groups allow communication when an incident is taking place but these require internet services.

Radio Communication:

Rooiels has a good number of radios which are effective during active incidents and operational without phone or internet services.

Assisted Support:

Residents who have difficulty with mobility, lack transport or have specialised needs should provide pertinent individual information to the RESA office so the Response Group is aware and can ensure arrangements for assistance.

DESIGNATED FIRE RISK ZONES

High Risk Red Zone:

Houses on the land-based borders of the village – above Porter Drive and Rooiels East

Medium Risk Orange Zone:

Houses in the next band – Harveya Road and the western part of Ocean View Drive are effectively a buffer zone, with the roads forming fire breaks

Low Risk Green Zone:

The remainder towards the sea, apart from the nature reserve

DISASTER ASSEMBLY POINTS

Incident Management Area: The Business Area is designated as the primary location for Incident Management. It is therefore impractical to make this a public gathering point.

Public Gathering Points: two locations are designated on the South and North ends of the village, namely at the slipway and at the shoreline of Perspicua Road. In the event of need, these locations will be manned and provided with first aid.

EMERGENCY ACCESS ROADS AND TRAFFIC FLOW

Since the village roads are narrow it is essential they are kept clear for emergency vehicles. This includes the R44 from Gordons Bay and Pringle Bay, as well as the entirety of Porter Drive, including the section over the small holdings. The ring around the block formed by Harveya, Porter and Anemone forms an essential logistics path for fire trucks.

LIMIT YOUR FIRE RISK NOW, BEFORE DISASTER:

- Limit fuel materials
- Be cognizant of structures at risk – e.g. wooden decks, cladding and gas bottles
- Plant appropriate vegetation
- Establish alternate sources of water as water supply may be interrupted

AS DISASTER APPROACHES OR DURING DISASTER:

- Monitor communication channels for updates and instructions as the situation unfolds
- Help fellow residents

DAVID VAN DER MERWE

SUGGESTED MEASURES TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILD FIRE RISKS



The steps you take to protect your property will affect how your home will fare in a wildfire. Below are tips for making your home as fire-proof as possible – some you may be able to do!

Fire follows any fuel path so minimise or eliminate fuel areas around your home. Create a fire barrier as far from your home as possible.

Building preparations for reduction of fire risk

For optimal house survival prepare well before the wildfire season starts.

- Consider the design of your house and the materials used to build it.
- Implement any modifications to make your house more likely to survive.
- Protect areas where embers could lodge or enter your house – such as decks, windows, doors, roofs.

The dangers of burning embers

A constant threat and primary cause of structures catching fire before, during and after area wildfires are embers. They can be burning twigs, leaves or pieces of debris, are carried by wind and can land on flammable surfaces such as organic litter in gutters, creating fire.

Roofs

- Clear roof and gutters of leaves and organic litter.
- Make non-combustible fire screens to cover external skylights.
- Seek professional advice to install a good sprinkler system to fight embers.
- Use reflective non-combustible sheeting to prevent embers entering through the roof. Unfortunately, this can be an expensive retrofit for existing buildings.
- Seal gaps to help prevent embers entering the roof by using compressed mineral wool insulation. This can be a cheaper but effective solution for existing buildings.

Windows

- Ensure window sills have no flaking paint or varnish.
- Eliminate any gaps – place weather stripping around the inside of windows.
- Keep vents clear of debris and cover external vents with metal mesh (not aluminium).

- Remove any large shrubs next to or under windows.
- Curtains ignite easily – have a plan to remove if wildfire is close.

Decks

- Protect under floor spaces with non-combustible sheeting or metal mesh.
- Remove any combustible materials stored beneath the decking.
- Remove organic litter close to your house: dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark.
- Ensure you have access underneath your deck to put out any spot fires.
- Roughly sawn timber or badly maintained brick work can catch embers. Ensure external timber cladding is maintained with all gaps sealed.
- Seal or repair any holes, cracks or damage to flooring and walls.
- Use non-combustible decking materials – concrete stumps, metal framing and fire-retardant treated timber.
- To prevent fire-spread separate the deck from the dwelling and if it is built with combustible material, place non-combustible material between the deck and the house.
- Leave gaps between decking timbers to allow most embers to fall through.

Doors

- Seal gaps around door frames to prevent embers from entering your home.
- Maintain door sills so there is no flaking paint or varnish.
- Replace combustible door sills with a non-combustible product to reduce ember fires.

Water tanks – for firefighting purposes

- If you can, install or reserve, close to your house, 10,000 litres for firefighting purposes.
- Plastic tanks melt, so galvanised iron or concrete are preferable. If possible bury existing plastic tanks or protect from radiant heat with a brick wall or corrugated iron sheeting barrier.
- Remove vegetation from around the tank(s).

Fire truck access

During a complex operation emergency responders and fire trucks can respond to and reach only limited areas and homes. If a fire truck does reach your property, it will require:

- gates wide enough for entry and exit
- no overhanging branches or objects that would prevent access
- all water sources should be clearly marked and easy to find
- available tanks must have compatible fittings

Vegetation management

Fine fuels are the thickness of a pencil or less (branches, twigs, leaves, etc.) ignite quickly and burn easily and can be picked up by the wind and become embers and accelerate the spread of wildfire.

Heavy fuels are greater than the width of a pencil (branches, trees and logs), take longer to ignite but will burn for longer and create an extremely hot fire.

All the plants, foliage and organic litter around your home are a potential fire risk.

- Clear fine fuels from around your home.
- Keep grass areas well-trimmed and watered.
- Rake up and reduce leaf litter.
- Remove flammable organic litter from around your house. It is extremely dangerous within a 10 metre radius of your home, especially under windows.
- Remove shrubs or trim to one metre or less next to or below windows.
- Trim tree branches overhanging your house.
- To prevent fire spread into tree tops remove lower branches and prune nearby shrubs.

Structures on or near a slope

A fire moving uphill will burn faster which increases the intensity making flames larger and hotter. For many Rooiels homes on slopes, preparation and mitigating actions are even more important.

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Note: March 2019 is designated as Fire-Wise Month in commemoration of the fire of March 2017

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Rooiels Conservancy Wildlife talks

The Rooiels Conservancy continued with its very successful Wildlife Research Talks series this year. The talks were held at Harold Porter National Botanical Garden in Betty's Bay from March to July.

In March, two students of the University of Cape Town presented their work. Ms. Oyena Masiko shared her MSc research on Cape cormorants and their competition with commercial fisheries. Mr. Matt Rogan, a PhD candidate from the Institute for Communities and Wildlife in Africa (iCWild) talked about some of his previous work on poaching and its impacts on the Okavango Delta ecosystem. In April, a volunteer from the Western Leopard Toad Volunteer Group, Ms. Ellen Fedele, shared interesting stories from her many years working with these endangered creatures. In May, Dr. Matthew Lewis, a lecturer at the University of Cape Town and iCWild spoke about his PhD work on marine foraging baboons living in the Cape Peninsula. Our final speaker, Ms. Jeannie Hayward of the Cape Leopard Trust brought in our biggest attendance to date with over 120 people. With a specific focus on our area she shared information and insights from her work with the leopards in the Western Cape.

The talks brought in approximately R16,000 for the Rooiels Conservancy fund. These proceeds are being allocated to the Conservancy's conservation projects, namely providing equipment for the monthly hacks and repairing/upgrading the Rooiels leopard and otter camera traps. Special thanks to Kevin and Enid Phillips, Willie and Denise Boltmann, Fraser and Angelle Shaw and Ben de Klerk for their generous contributions. Finally, thank you to all who attended, donated and enjoyed!

JOSELYN MORMILE

From left: Oyena Masiko, Joselyn Mormile,
Matt Rogan, Marine Drouilly



RERA's Voices OF ROOIELS WORKSHOP



The Chairperson has written of, and thanked those responsible for, the very successful and enjoyable Voices of Rooiels Workshop held on 29th September at the Pringle Bay Community Hall, which was attended by an unprecedented number of residents of the Village. As follow-up the RERA committee provided to all residents a comprehensive summary of the day's speeches and discussions, as well as information on pertinent follow-up actions being taken to resolve some of the most pressing issues at hand. We were most honoured that Alderman Dudley Coetzee, our Mayor of the Overstrand, gave so generously of his time to answer so many questions. In a separate article you can read some of what Councillor Fanie Krige shared.

Far too much was discussed to cover here, but I would like to highlight some of the important or thought-provoking words and ideas our speakers shared with us.

Related to the very serious issue of marine poaching, Pierre de Villiers of CapeNature's Estuaries Department said, "Wild animals don't need management. People's impact on animals needs management." How true this is, and sadly, not only along our entire coast-line, but rather urgently in Rooiels itself, it is becoming necessary for us as citizens to become involved in this type of management. Pierre continued to say, "Our main focus should be to keep poachers out of the water." He ended on a positive note when he promised, "I can guarantee you that poaching will be curtailed over time. Your information and intelligence is crucial. We initially didn't know the extent of poaching but we're getting better."

Ryan Heydenrych of Vulcan Fire Management shared a lot of important information about the issue of fire in the Western Cape, where according to nature, "... fire is not the enemy. A planned fire can regenerate moribund vegetation." However, the juxtaposition of natural and residential areas means fires become a problem, so as Ryan said, "The solution to wildfires is not rocket science, but involves a lot of different people working together. The only successful wildfire strategy incorporates shared responsibility." I suggest that if any community has the ability to get together and share a

responsibility such as this, it is the community of Rooiels!

Riaan Kuchar, Senior Manager of Town Planning, fielded many questions and concerns from those concerned about the method for determination of appropriate development proposals and how the community can voice its concerns and ensure these concerns are heard and are considered in the decision-making process. He assured those present that, "We [Overstrand Planning Department] will address the issues with the Ward Committee to make sure they can participate timeously in planning issues, not only after the closure date. This will also help the Planning Department." This encourages us all to "make our voices heard".

My favourite part of the day was the session on Conservation, Baboons and the Kogelberg Biosphere.

Professor Justin O'Riain gave detailed information, in the most sensitive and humorous manner, on all the issues surrounding humans and baboons sharing space. His love and admiration for Rooiels came across very clearly. I came away realising there is no one-size-fits-all approach and it is up to each community to determine for itself whether it is in the best interests of both the human and baboon populations to co-exist, and if choosing to do so, how to manage this co-existence with the well-being of both populations taken into consideration. Tim Attwell, being both a keen and knowledgeable conservationist and naturalist as well as something of a philosopher provided many insightful thoughts we would do well to often remind ourselves of. Quoting other philosophers and naturalists he shared, "Living in a Biosphere Reserve is a state of mind. It is a combination of attitudes, internalised responsibilities and perspectives. It is perceiving the environment as enlivening - rather than as a threat. What we do with land needs to take into consideration the other organisms that are using it."

I suspect most attendees, like myself, were not very familiar with the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve Company, and its aims and challenges in protecting and managing this most precious UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. From Mike du Toit, the chairperson, but also a local Elgin farmer, we all gained new information and came away with a much better understanding of the fragility of our Biosphere, Rooiels' place in this Reserve and how we might value and protect the Reserve and help guide its future. As Mike says, "Ask not what the Biosphere can do for you, but what you can do for the Biosphere." May we all adhere to such an uplifting way of living.

The Social Component was fantastic! We were treated to superb sustenance, and all enjoyed an unhurried and relaxed time, chatting and getting to know those we might not have before met. All we lacked was music and dancing – perhaps next time. This was the first, but hopefully not the last, of many a successful RERA "do"!

MARGIE ELLIS



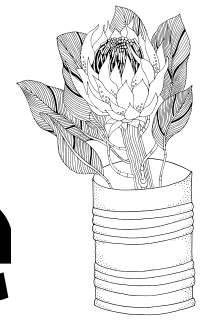
"Ask not what the Biosphere can do for you, but what you can do for the Biosphere."



"Our main focus should be to keep poachers out of the water."



Fynbos & Fire



Fire in fynbos is far from a disaster, but rather a crucial trigger that resets the fynbos 'successional clock'. One needs to understand why fire is at all necessary for fynbos and why fynbos is referred to as a fire-loving vegetation, dominated by plants that have adapted to the presence of fire. In landscapes where fire is kept out indefinitely, fynbos usually reverts to thicket vegetation or forest. Fire has a double impact on fynbos – it plays a role in germination and it also acts as a mineralizing agent. Some fynbos species die during fire and regenerate from seed stored in the canopy e.g. *Serotinous proteaceae*. Other species build up seed stores in the soil, such as *Mimetes splendendus*. Germination of the seed is stimulated directly through heat or smoke, or indirectly through changed environmental conditions. Other species can re-establish by sprouting from a woody root-stock after fire, stimulating new growth to occur.

Fire acts as a mineralising agent in that the ash left after the fire and returns mineral elements that were held above ground by the plants back to the soil. The disturbance that fire causes also makes water, nutrients and light more available for a certain period after the fire. This is very important as the soil in which fynbos grows is considered low in soil fertility. Fire-stimulated germination could very well be an evolutionary response to the increased availability of nutrients and other resources and the reduced competition after fires.

Certain bulbous species, as well as smaller perennials and shrubs struggle to compete with larger shrubs, and only have the opportunity to germinate and flower

after fire removes some of the competition. Thus fire can enhance the diversity of fynbos. *Watsonia* grow from a bulb within just six weeks. The bulb is protected from fire by the insulating effects of the soil above. The bulbs rapidly take advantage, pushing up fresh, healthy foliage and flowering in the first winter and spring following fire.

The relationship between fynbos and fire is a strong but complex relationship, depending on many factors, including the frequency of fires, where the fynbos is situated, the time of year of the fire and the intensity of the fire. If one looks at the regular interval of fires in the Western Cape fynbos biome, this could no doubt become a problem for the survival of some fynbos species.

Frequency

It is generally known that the frequency of fires has a big impact on fynbos. Fires that occur too often can in fact destroy seed banks as some species take 5 to 6 years to mature and shed seeds. Fires can thus reduce biodiversity, cause erosion and the death or migration of important pollinators and predators. Generally speaking, fires should occur between 10-25 years to ensure species richness. Shorter fire cycles can wipe out slow-maturing species, while species start dying when intervals become too long. The best way to describe an optimum time between fires is a time when 50% of the population of the slowest maturing species in a given area has flowered for at least 3 successive seasons.

Time of year

Fires at different times of the year have different impact on fynbos species. Historically most fires occurred during summer and many species killed by fire show maximum seedling recruitment after late summer and early autumn fires. An example is *Watsonia borbonica*. However, intense summer fires can destroy seed banks stored in shallow soil, whereas cooler winter fires stimulate germination – such as with *Stoebe plumosa*. Thus fires

at different times of the year impacts differently on different fynbos species.

Intensity

The intensity of fires is associated with the season of the fire. Summer fires tend to be higher in intensity and winter fires have a lower intensity. The presence of alien vegetation can also affect the intensity, as the flammable oils in alien vegetation and the large biomass can increase the intensity of a fire. Many fynbos species regenerate well after a high intensity fire, such as *Mimetes fimbriifolius*.

March 2017 Fire

Immediately following the fire of March 2017 the previously green areas abutting our village, with their magnificent variety of fynbos species, had been transformed into a blackened, ash covered lunar-like landscape. A walk through these desolate areas immediately after the fire gave no indication of what was to follow. Death and destruction was everywhere, and all that remained were blackened stems, ash and not a vestige of green anywhere.

Just weeks later a walk through this same burnt landscape revealed the many remarkable ways that fynbos is adapted to survive and regrow after fire.

The *Protea nitida* (Wagon tree, Wa-boom) would initially have appeared blackened and dead, yet they have a special thick, corky white-grey bark that protects them from fire. Just six weeks after fire these amazing plants produced new leaves and were fully recovered and flowering a year later.

Other plants such as *Penaeae mucronata* are able to re-sprout after fire from woody underground lignotubers. While the above ground parts of the plant are destroyed in the fire, the plant is not killed.

These re-sprouting plants have a major advantage after fire in comparison with plants that rely entirely on seeds for germination. A great example of a rapid re-sprouter is *Erica cerinthoides* (Fire heath).

FIREWISE GARDENING & GARDEN DESIGN

A thoughtfully planned garden, consistent with its surrounding vegetation can be beautiful as well as minimise the risk of fire.

Five ways to make your garden fire-wise and reduce risk to your house

1 Cut back dead vegetation and any tall growth close to your house and immediately remove to a municipal dump.

2 Trim tree branches well away from your roof line and shrubs well away from the house.

3 Cover the space close to your house with fire-retardant, low-growing ground covers, such as:

- suurvy (*Carpobrotus edulis* or *Carpobrotus acenaciformis*) or buffalo turf grass
- ganskos (*Cotula turbinata*)
- vaalsewerjaartjie (*Helichrysum argyrophyllum*)
- carpet gazania or tapytmadeliefie (*Dymondia margaretae*)
- exquisite little doll's roses or poprosies (*Hermannia angularis*) in higher, drier areas or *Hermannia rudis* closer to the coast.

4 To be on the safe side, remove gonnabos (*Passerina* species) from your property. Although it's a natural, proud and prolific inhabitant of fynbos, it is also famously flammable. One of its common names is "bakkersbos" or baker's bush" due to its usefulness in the old days as kindling for cooking-fires. Also remove senescent blombos (*Metalasia muricata*) which is highly flammable.

5 Be obsessive about removing alien vegetation, especially of the Australian origin. Rooikrans (*Acacia cyclops*) burns fiercely.

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Penaea-muconata resprouting post fire



Burnt *Protea*



Erica cerinthoides after fire



Protea nitida post fire.



ELEPHANT SEAL ON THE BEACH

From
The Breeze of 2008



Residents of the village of Rooiels spotted a young, Southern Elephant seal bull on the morning of July 5th 2018. The massive seal was alive and seemingly uninjured. Residents, concerned with the rare appearance of this gigantic creature, phoned CapeNature and other relevant authorities in the area. They reported that he appeared healthy and was simply off course from the sub-Antarctic and Antarctic region. According to a researcher who worked on Marion Island where southern elephant seals commonly live, these seals are found ashore in South Africa about once a year. After resting on the

beach for some eight hours, the seal slowly made his way back into the water only to return a few hours later. A few days later he finally headed out to sea for good.

This isn't the only time residents of Rooiels have been lucky enough to spot an elephant seal on their shores. In the Breeze of 2008 Chris Burlock wrote about a female Southern Elephant seal who rested on the rocks for about 4 days. In late 2014, a fully mature elephant seal bull came ashore in Rooiels in the small sandy bay known as "The Cove," in front of the Augustides' home. This was following a period of enormous waves and

rough seas. The seal lay there for days, almost motionless in the scorching sun. It was clearly exhausted and looked as if he was going to die. Someone placed a piece of fish nearby for him to eat, but he had no interest. Grizelda and Anthony Hall's grandchildren tried to keep him cool with buckets of water. Eventually, this old man of the sea recovered and went back into the water to live another day. After the event, Evette Weyers wrote a beautiful article about the kindness of the children towards the elephant seal in the Breeze of 2015, titled "Die Genade van Kinders."

JOSELYN MORMILE



THE CAPE COAST WHALES OF 2018

I was kindly invited by my good friend Cyril to fly to breakfast in Riversdale. He has a two-seater aircraft. Rendez-vous is arranged for Stellenbosch Airfield at 07h00. We set off and fly over some amazing scenery, with huge expanses of luscious green fields, and showers of yellow farmlands along the way. Stunning mountains are seen on the left hand side. South Africa is truly beautiful. We fly a fairly direct route because we're starving.

Take-off from Riversdale. We turn out right and head towards the sea, reaching the coast at Witsand at around 1,000 feet altitude. Then we see the most amazing sight - whales aplenty. Big ones, little ones, most are in pairs...mothers and calves. We have to go lower - are all of these really whales? So many? Yes they are!

Our route takes us along the shore line of De Hoop Nature Reserve, past Koppie Alleen and along one of the finest whale watching regions in the world. We cannot count whales fast enough as we fly above the stunning scenery, so we start estimating numbers of whales per "block" of ocean, then multiply the blocks. We lose count. Enough of counting, let's just soak up the moment. Never have I seen so many.

Our route takes us past amazing places like Arniston, Agulhas, Gansbaai, Hermanus, and then the best part of all, Hangklip to Gordon's Bay via Rooiels. We just have to orbit around Rooiels a few times as it is special. Mountains, rivers and bays and ocean gulleys ... too much to absorb in one fly past. Then we con-

tinue along the 4,000 feet high mountains behind Kogelbaai and over the Steenbras Dam. World class scenery. Before we know it, we are back in Stellenbosch. What a flight! What a day!

That evening I discover that CapeNature had performed an aerial whale census, along the same coastline, and at nearly the same time as we flew it. Their official whale count was 1350 ... that is three times the number counted in 2017. Fantastic news for whales, and for South Africa as a whale watching destination.

My only regret ... no decent camera on board our flight. Whale photography is not easy from the air, but I did get some scenery shots on the way using my phone.

GAVIN LUNDIE

MY GUNSTELING FAUNA & FLORA



I like this picture and the video of a dung beetle hard at work (dung beetles can roll weights up to ten times their own) because at my first ever Rooiels meeting, a resident passionately mentioned that drivers must observe the speed limit so as to avoid running over dung beetles. Ever since then, as I arrive in Rooiels and turn onto Porter Drive, I say out loud "Dung Beetle Speed!" Also, note the comment below the YouTube video as follows: "Dung Beetles at work on the gravel road from Rooiels to Pringle Bay Beach. This demonstrates to Rooielsers why it's important to drive slowly and travel at dung-beetle speed!"

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/eZaIP99gJaY>
PETER ELLIS



Erica pulchella

Ek ver wonder my aan die verskeidenheid van klein fyn blommetjies.

ESTELLE BUYS



KARIN STEINBACH

We have many favourites, but the one that comes to mind is the family of Klipspringers living on the side of Klein Hangklip. From time to time they come down to us for a gourmet meal. **DIANA AND MALCOLM HUNTER**

One of my favourites is the Cape Fur seal. Females are able to delay fertilisation for up to three months, in order to ensure that they will only give birth to pups at the beginning of summer – normally late November or early December. These pups are born without blubber and are unable to swim, making them highly dependent on their mothers for nutrition and protection. **KEN SMITH**

My gunsteling is hierdie ongerekende, nederige plant waaraan niemand eintlik aandag skenk nie. Hy is uniek weens die kleurskakerings tussen oranje, geel en rooi. Rooiels het nie soveel kleur in die fynbos soos die ander dorpe nie. Mens sien hom nie maklik raak nie omdat die ander fynbos nou so hoog groei. Pragtige nuwe plante het in Klein Rooiels opgekom na die brand.

HETTIE CLAASSENS

Hermannia ternifolia



My first encounter with *Gladiolus carmineus* came while on a leisurely Sunday stroll along the Rooiels coast. Within a few meters from the waves a glorious clump of eye-catching bright mauve-pink flowers popped out among the low shrubs and rocks. This was an unexpected treat to find in the less floriferous late summer months of our areas fynbos. Both the funnel shape of the flowers and the intense colour would suggest that it is pollinated by a butterfly, most probably the mountain pride, *Aerpetes tulbaghia*. This butterfly is a strong flyer that would competently flutter between the flowers on this windy coast.
AMIDA JOHNS

It's Buchu for me and how I enjoy that lovely smell wafting in the air! **JENNY DEWEY**

My favourite animal has 360 degrees vision, is adaptable, colourful, incognito and prehistoric. A dwarf chameleon – one cool reptile and quite unique to this environment!
MAGDALEEN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN



Dis *Haemanthus coccineus*, die Poeierkwasie! In die vroegeherfs stoot die wegkruiperbol van die *Haemanthus* op geheimsinnige wyse sy pragtige vuurvlamrooi poeierkwasie uit son toe. En ons staan soos op heilige grond, vol verwondering! **Joan Mödinger**

I love the flocks of Terns dancing the air waves on the lagoon in summer. I often wonder what magical music choreographs their swooping up, hanging in, and then, their floating down on hundreds of white, sunlit wings? Who is their conductor? Do they dance with the same rapture that we experience by just looking at them? **WERNER MÖDINGER**



Bruce Rely



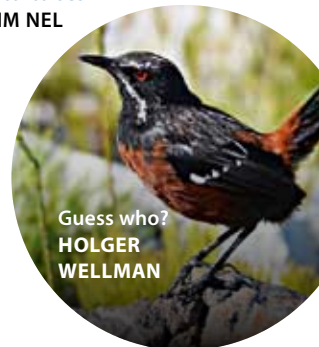
My favourite plant, is in our own garden. Beautiful, striking, bright, attracting... Its our *Leucospermum cordifolium*. It came with love, from very special friends after a fabulous Kudu sirloin braai with members of the Rooiels Flat Earth Society. The sunbirds and sugarbirds love it. The baboons love it as well, although they do change the shape of the shrub when in bloom.
GAIL VOIGT

Pincushions leave me in awe! Their colour, sculptural form, waxy texture and smiling faces are magical. **RIX WELLMANN**



I really enjoy spotting the tortoises when I'm out for a walk. **TIM NEL**

I like tortoises because they remind me that home is where the heart is, since they always carry their home around with them.
ADAH WELLMAN



Guess who?
HOLGER WELLMAN

I took this photo in my kitchen. This beautiful member of the natural world is special because of its delicate make-up. Just like life itself. The Dragonfly symbolizes change, transformation, adaptability, and self-realisation. The change that is often referred to has its source in mental and emotional maturity and understanding the deeper meaning of life. **IZAK SMIT**



Felicia aethiopica has got to be one of my favourite plants. It has seeded itself all round my garden. It adorns the coastal road to Gordons Bay in the spring. **JILL LOCKLEY**

Since Wildedagga (*Leonotis leonurus*) attracts so many birds to the garden, it is my favourite!
SOL MAVROKORDATUS



A WORD FROM THE CAPE LEOPARD TRUST

By Jeannie Hayward CLT Boland Project researcher

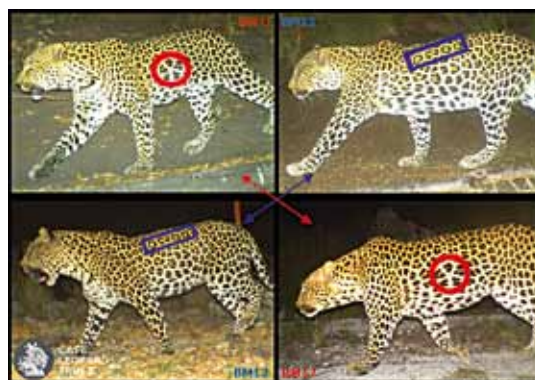
On 6 July 2018, I had the pleasure of presenting a talk at Harold Porter NBG, arranged by the Rooiels Conservancy. This talk was one of the most enjoyable, well-attended and well-received talks I've done in a long while. The audience was attentive, engaged and truly appreciative of the work that the Cape Leopard Trust is doing. This was very encouraging, considering that the residents of the Kogelberg villages live right on the doorstep of leopards and so much other wildlife.

The CLT Boland Project study area covers more than 2000km² of Mountain Fynbos habitat from north of Bainskloof, along the Cape Fold Mountain range southward to the Kogelberg coast. Fittingly, it also overlaps with the UNESCO Cape Winelands and Kogelberg Biosphere Reserves. Over the past seven years, the Boland team has been researching the distribution and population numbers of leopards, their diet, movements, habitat requirements as well as the threats faced by these iconic animals.

Leopards in the Cape mountains are exceedingly elusive, and studying them is no easy task. We primarily make use of remote-sensing field cameras triggered by motion and heat, known as camera traps. Leopards are creatures of habit and will often take the path of least resistance when given a choice, and as such they often patrol their territories via well-used game paths, hiking trails, quiet jeep tracks, dry watercourses etc. These areas normally prove to be good camera trap locations. We select the best camera sites based on the presence of leopard field signs – most notably scat (droppings) and spoor (tracks), and also claw marks on trees, scrapes and kill sites.

Photographs of leopards are an exceptionally useful tool, since each individual leopard has a distinctive and unique spot pattern by which it can be identified, like our fingerprints. However, an individual's left and right flanks also differ, and although camera traps

can be deployed singly, ideally a camera station should consist of two cameras opposite each other. Such double stations are used to compile "leopard identikits" – simultaneous photos of both an individual's left and right flanks, which are crucial in estimating the number of individuals in an area. An added advantage of the camera traps is that they are like permanent fieldworkers, working day and night, in rain or sunshine. They are non-selective, capturing everything that moves, thus providing the ideal opportunity to gather data on other mammals as well.



Regular readers of the Breeze would know that the Rooiels Conservancy has their very own camera traps and that the leopard photos obtained are also submitted to our Boland team. Such private camera traps are an enormous boon to the Boland Project, since it provides many records that we would not otherwise have, and in this way we can build a robust long-term database of leopard presence. One of the most iconic leopards of the Boland Project was BM12, known to most people as Scott. Scott used to be the dominant male in the Kogelberg Biosphere, with an enormous territory stretching from the Helderberg basin, through the Steenbras and Kogelberg mountains to east of Kleinmond. Sadly, it seems like Scott has recently been pushed out by a younger, stronger male called BM27, aka Diego. Diego has been photographed in the Helderberg basin, the Hottentots-Holland mountains, on Groen-

landberg and in the Kogelberg, including close to Rooiels. Apart from Scott and Diego, two other leopards have been recorded close to Rooiels over the past few years. The first, for whom we only have a handful of records, is BM32 (Rafiki) – fairly young, small male, most likely trying to establish a territory. And the second is an adult female called Ruby (BF22), who seems to be the dominant female in the southern part of the Kogelberg.

Leopards are solitary – the only times you'll see two or more together is a female with cubs, or when a female is receptive for mating and the male may stay close by for a few days. Leopards are also fiercely territorial and wide-ranging and they do not "live" in any one spot for extended periods. Leopard presence at any given location is thus transient, since these are territorial animals that patrol vast home ranges.

Apart from direct research on leopards using camera trapping and GPS collar data, we have also recently used indirect methods to learn more about what threatens the continued persistence of leopards in the Boland. Globally, the major threats to leopards are human-related – habitat loss and fragmentation, depletion of natural prey, hunting for the skin trade, and direct conflict with humans (both in agricultural and urban settings). It is no different for the leopard population in the Cape Fold Mountains of the Western Cape. Our latest research focus is identifying direct and indirect human-related threats to leopards along the edges of our Boland study area.

In collaboration with two post-graduate students from the University of Stellenbosch, we are collecting data on the use of illegal wire snares; legal hunting for management purposes on private property; presence of feral dogs and their interactions with wildlife, as well as perceived changes in animal abundance and distribution. New knowledge and an understanding of previously unstudied factors and processes may well have a profound effect on the long-term survival of leopards and their prey in the region.

For more information please visit:

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THE ROOIELS LEOPARD CAVE

The Leopard Project in Rooiels was started when a leopard was sighted in 2011 on the road above the village. We were all excited by the fact that a leopard was seen so close to habitation. After that donations poured in and a camera was purchased. Wolfgang Steinbach and I scouted in the area and found, to our delight, leopard spoor across the entrance of a cave up the Rooiels River. Within weeks of installing the camera in this cave we were fortunate to capture our first picture of a leopard at 2 a.m. on 20 July 2011. The ladies of the Cape Leopard Trust, Jeannie Hayward and Anita Meyer, identified the animal to be Scott, one of the leopards previously sighted in this area. He faithfully visited the cave for years on his circular tour of the area every 4 to 5 weeks. He was last positively identified in 2016, but now his place has been taken by Diego, another male. Scott started our interest in leopards and it is sad to realise he is no longer around. He was collared by the Leopard Trust in 2013 and our camera captured the first photograph of him wearing the collar after his release.

The other really exciting episode with Scott was on 9 May 2013 when he cornered a porcupine in the cave and managed to kill it and then dragged it out and ate it, leaving only a few bones and lots of quills behind.

We assume it must have been quite a hassle to overcome the animal as in the photographs you can see the various quills stuck in the leopard. After that kill it was years before another porcupine was captured on camera in the cave.

The last set of photographs collected from the cave in August this year is of

Diego. It would appear that he is the only leopard which still passes through the cave at this time. Scott is presumed dead and the young male Rafiki and female Ruby have not been sighted for quite some time.

The only really negative incident concerning the cave throughout the years occurred earlier this year. There have been incursions into the cave in the past but there has never been vandalism. A man and a boy entered the cave and interfered with two of the cameras and were captured on camera doing the dirty deeds. A photograph of the man is in the Village Shop so if anyone can identify him please do so. A docket was opened at the Kleinmond Police Station citing malicious damage to property.

A visit to the cave is always interesting but it necessitates a bit of a challenge to cross the river. For the first time in three years, due to the good rains, the river is now flowing strongly. A bridge is now needed to cross the flowing water. Wolfgang solved the problem and bridged the gap using the telephone pole that collapsed after the fire in the village. We now precariously walk the plank to cross the river.

We recently installed a camera in a second cave known locally as Easter cave which is on Antony Urbaniak's smallholding between Rooiels and Pringle Bay. We visited the cave on 4 November 2018 for the first time since the camera was installed and had great success with a leopard having been there and recorded on film. The photo is at this stage of an unidentified leopard – somewhat blurred but nevertheless a very exciting event

for the Leopard Project Team!
JILL LOCKLEY



Why being a Kogelberger really matters



We know it ought to be, but is it actually possible for the relationship between people and the natural environment to be changed for the better? The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve exists to find out.

Legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold, addressing the College of Engineering of the University of Wisconsin in 1938, said, “*Our tools are better than we are, and grow better faster than we do. They suffice to crack the atom, to command the tides, but they do not suffice for the oldest task in human history, to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.*”

The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve and Conservation

To get some perspective on the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, it helps to compare aspects of its conservation status with other conservation icons. For example, the Black Rhino is listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Critically Endangered. The White Rhino, is Near Threatened. The South African Pangolin is Vulnerable along with the Cape Leopard and the African Elephant.

It is not only individual species which have conservation statuses. Terrestrial ecosystems are also listed according to the threats posed to their sustainability, in terms of South Africa’s National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act. Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos, on the mountain sides of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, is listed as Critically Endangered, just like the Black Rhino. Hangklip Sand Fynbos, on which much of Pringle Bay, Betty’s Bay and Kleinmond are built, is listed as Threatened. In conservation terms, the Hangklip Sand Fynbos ecosystem is more precarious than the White Rhino, the Pangolin, the Cape Leopard and the African Elephant.

Then there are the plants. Kogelberg Sandstone Fynbos is home to at least 176 endemic plant species, occurring nowhere else in the world. 99 species appear in the Red Data List of Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Threatened, Endangered or Critically Endangered plants. Hangklip Sand Fynbos has at least five endemic species and 32 Red Data List species of plants.

These include plants we see every season in our neck of the woods. The Bot River Protea (*Protea compacta*), for example, is Near Threatened due to urban development and alien invasives. The orchid *Satyrium carneum*, Rooitrewwa, is also Near Threatened. Having lost 40% of its habitat, it is now known in only 15 to 20 localities between the Cape Peninsula and Still Bay. They share the same conservation status as the White Rhino. Prince of Wales Heath (*Erica perspicua*) is Vulnerable along with the South African Pangolin, Cape Leopard and African Elephant.



The world is interested in the Kogelberg

The world is interested in what we do with these Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Threatened, Endangered and Critically Endangered ecosystems and plants.

In 1971 the United Nations’ body UNESCO set up the “Man and the Biosphere” Programme (MAB) to develop a scientific basis for the improvement of the relationships between people and their environments. Key to this programme is a worldwide network of Biosphere Reserves, 669 in 120 countries, covering all the main ecosystems in the world.

South Africa came on board in 1998 when the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve was proclaimed, being the first of nine South African Biosphere Reserves.

Managing the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve

The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve is managed by the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve Company, a non-profit organisation, in collaboration with six provincial and local government organisations. But it doesn’t begin or end with officialdom. Enthusiastic buy-in by residents of the towns, villages and farms of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve is critical to its success. “Success” means answering in the affirmative the question posed by UNESCO back in 1971. “Can the relationships between people and their environments be improved?” “Success” means for us to find ways to escape the inevitability of Aldo Leopold’s dark observation, ‘*Our tools ... do not suffice for the oldest task in human history, to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.*’ All of us living in the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve are looking for answers that the rest of humanity can use.

Three imperatives must be balanced in a Biosphere Reserve: economic prosperity, social equity and environmental stewardship. The MAB programme argues that when all three are in sync and none are compromised, sustainable living results. UNESCO’s programme doesn’t prescribe how this must be achieved, but rather wants to hear from the inhabitants of each Biosphere Reserve how to do this – for the benefit of the rest of the planet. That’s why being a Kogelberger really matters.

The shape of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve

The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve covers 100,000 hectares of mountains, coastal plains, extensive agriculture, and sea. All Biosphere Reserves are made up of three zones:

1. A Core Zone dedicated to the conservation of indigenous fauna, flora, ecosystems and significant cultural and topographical features.

The Core Zone centres on the Kogelberg Nature Reserve and extends to a cluster of related conservation areas such as the Stony Point Sea Bird Breeding Colony, the Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens,

the Hangklip Ecological Corridor, the Betty's Bay Marine Protected Area and the Rooisand Nature Reserve.

2. A Buffer Zone dedicated to low impact human activities in natural areas surrounding and protecting the Core Zone

The Buffer Zone includes privately owned farms and smallholdings and the Kleinmond Nature Reserve.

3. A Transition Zone where human social and economic development takes place in harmony with the natural environment.

The Transition Zone is made up of areas of agriculture around Grabouw and Elgin and the towns and villages of Kleinmond, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay, Rooiels and Hangklip.

Making it work

Developing strategies to change relationships between people and the natural environment, from "spoiling it" to living in harmony with it, involves three key activities:

1. Conservation – of landscapes, natural ecosystems, species and genetic diversity. While the Core Zone is professionally conserved by statutory bodies such as CapeNature, land owners and land users in the Buffer and Transition Zones have a special responsibility to manage their properties in ways that conserve natural landscapes, ecosystems, species and genetic diversity in building homes, conducting businesses, developing gardens and managing water, waste and alien invasive species of plants and animals and in the nature of their recreational activities.

2. Development – both economic and social. The development of environmentally friendly 'green economies' such as hospitality and eco-tourism is important. Redefining 'development' in terms of a simplified lifestyle, reducing consumption, increasing the use of renewable energy sources, recycling, re-using and re-purposing; all contribute to a viable green economy. Developing positive relationships and gaining a sense of common cause about the importance of nurturing this area, is at the heart of what it means to live in a Biosphere Reserve.

3. Support and engagement in research, monitoring human influence on the natural environment, education and information exchange. A Biosphere Reserve is, after all, a laboratory in which the intention is to find ways how humans and the natural environment can flourish together. What is discovered in the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve has global implications.

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." (Aldo Leopold in *A Sand County Almanac*)

TIM ATTWELL

TIM ATTWELL – THE MAN



Tim and I met at Harold Porter Gardens over coffee and scones. Our conversation began with the circumstances which gave him an appreciation of the natural world around him from a very early age.

He recalls living in Nelspruit in the early 1950s where his father was the local Methodist minister, at the tender age of five years, having the freedom to wander through the relatively wild Lowveld countryside, observing the natural life that was so varied and abundant.

There were also holidays on the farms near Graaff Reinet. In addition to the wide-open spaces of the Karoo, what caught his attention was what was going on inside the spaces. He became interested in the plant life and its effect on the animals. Farmers would talk about "good" and "bad" grazing – if there was a shortage of good grazing the famous Karoo lamb didn't taste so good. This grew into an understanding of habitat and its contribution to different animals in an area.

During Tim's teens his father was a naval chaplain in Simon's Town. The family lived in Da Gama Park, in the mountains above Glencairn, with plenty of the Cape's fynbos close by. Tim feels that his natural education was well-rounded by having this sustained exposure to these three very different habitats.

He had planned to train for a career in nature conservation or game ranging. But then fate stepped in. A girlfriend, knowing his fascination with nature and wildlife, and his religious interests, lent him a book on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. The book so inspired him that it changed his career plans, his focus and indeed, his life. He made serious plans to join the Franciscan order, but eventually opted to follow in his father's footsteps and trained for a life as a Methodist minister.

For the next forty years Tim practised as a minister, only getting occasional exposure to his first love, nature and wildlife. In the 1990s he became the principal of the Methodist Theological Seminary in Pretoria, where he taught Systematic Theology. While at the Seminary he ran a project restoring indigenous plant life to the koppie on the original farm on which the Seminary was situated.

The last ten years of his active career in the Methodist ministry was spent at Rosebank in Cape Town. He became active in the Botanical Society and the Mountain Club, leading botanical walks and meets for members of both organisations.

As he approached retirement, he began to return to his earlier passion, qualifying as a nature guide through The Nature College in the Little Karoo and also as a mountain guide.

Since retiring to Betty's Bay, he leads regular hikes for the Kogelberg Branch of the Botanical Society and the local Anglican Church, aptly named 'St Francis of the Fynbos'. He also leads interpretive walks and hikes for tourists.

Tim has a deeply philosophical view of conservation and ecology. Our conversation was peppered with concepts such as anthropomorphism, Nature Deficiency Disorder and others that had me rushing back to consult Google. He quoted Spinoza, Leopold, the Old Testament as well as the life of Saint Francis, as influences on his own philosophy of the place of the natural environment in one's life, as well as our responsibility towards it.

DUNCAN HILES





BIRD CHAT



Grey-backed Cisticola

The annual Bird Chat for 2018 got me searching through previous Bird Chat articles to review what I'd actually written about in the past. When I say I wrote I must of course remember those avian scribes who cheered you all up over the years to lighten my more serious side. So briefly, 22 years on from the First Edition of 1996, I have shared quills, typewriters and qwerty boards with an assortment of our avian friends. Who can forget chirpy Cedric, the effervescent Familiar Chat, cantankerous Francesca Spurfowl (née Francolin) and flibbertigibbet Gertrude Guinea Fowl? This act of reviewing also made me take note that since that 1996 edition, the Rooiels bird list has grown from 142 to 204 species. That's a ludicrous average of an annual growth of 2.82% per year and like all stats, as a variety of persons have attested to, can be made to say anything. "Lies, damned lies and statistics." I personally haven't seen 0.82 of a bird lately! However that's roughly a new bird every 13.5 months which of course proves the theory of absolute quantum rubbish!

In the Avifauna world "things" don't happen like that. A freak patch of wintry weather over the years has brought pelagic species into the Bay. Indeed, that savage winter of 1996 first added Petrels, Shearwaters and even Albatross to the list. Then there were oddities such as a thought-to-be "reverse migration" of a Mangrove Kingfisher in 1997 and an African Golden Oriole in 2001. A bird irruption (not a spelling error – a breaking or bursting in, a sudden invasion) occurs when birds are forced to move or there are conditions which create a breeding explosion such as Red-billed Quelea in 2007, Black Stork in 2008, and Openbill (stork family) in 2010. We have found "blown downs" and in Rooiels that's not too difficult. We came upon Blue Cranes on the beach in 2014 and Flamingos a little later. We even had downright crazy ones! In 2014 we saw a Mute Swan

which is an exotic and presumably was an escapee from captivity. More recently in early 2017 we saw the Elegant Tern, a native of the western coast of the Americas, which caused much excitement in the Western Cape. Most bizarre of them all was perhaps that raucous Australian (aren't they all?) Budgerigar in the garden. That was most definitely an escapee and, contrary to popular belief, the writer had not been drinking – the sighting was early morning and it, the budgerigar that is, was green - not pink.

The once "common" Gannet is becoming rarer and this year there have been far fewer seen in the bay. The reasons for this are not fully understood but sea temperatures affecting fish stock are among the possible culprits. The devastating fire last year robbed winter nesting birds of their nesting areas and the increase in the number of ravens has affected nesting birds and vulnerable ones. I received reports of juvenile Terns and Cormorants which had been attacked and injured at sea. Since Ravens are avian dustbins and carrion eaters this is not surprising behaviour. More worrying is that we've seen the occasional fly past of Pied Crows, another ruthless member of the corvid family. The collective name for Ravens is an unkindness of ravens – most appropriate I fear.

On the nesting front the Rooiels eagles have been seen in and around the nest but that is all. However, it is more than possible the peregrines have raised another brood this year. "Our" wagtails have yet again been inspecting assorted nesting areas in the garden. Last year they lost their almost fledged brood of three to a boomslang which climbed the brick wall to systematically consume the babies in their "protected" nest in the fishing net.

It's not all bad news this year! We can share the fuzzy 2017 Christmas story of Barney, the barn owl, hit by a car on Lover's Walk early on the morning of the 23rd. He was cap-

tured by some good Samaritans with Rooiels citizens assisting and at 06:00 on the 24th we took him to Henk Chalmers who runs the Eagle Encounters Centre rehab centre at Spier Estate. There Barney's broken wing was mended by pinning it, his eye infection was cleared up with a good dose of antibiotics and he has been placed in the breeding pen. Barney the owl will never be able to be released into the wild as he would be unable to fend for himself, having severely restricted flight. That's the bad news, but the good news is the owl will be able to breed and further good news is that owlets will be released in Rooiels at a later stage. Here we can make a quick plug for Henk and the sanctuary. If you haven't been to the Rehabilitation Centre at Spier, it really is well worth a visit, as indeed is the Cheetah Outreach in Somerset West. Good does come out of bad and these two wonderful Centres prove the point brilliantly. It's also heart warming to see the active commitment to the environment amongst Rooielsers without whose help Barney would have died from starvation or worse. While, yes, it is a "cage" it is still far better than the alternative would have been.

Spring gives way to summer and yet again I plead with all Rooielsers to remember that the Oystercatchers breed in these months and the nests are very vulnerable, to baboons, otters and ravens but especially to uncontrolled dogs. Keep your eyes skyward for the harbingers of summer with the return of swallows, swifts, martins and the white cloud of terns on the beach.

Lastly I want to note the increasing interest in all aspects of eco-friendly awareness in the village. Do keep the sightings and notable "spots" coming, for without them I would miss so much too.

Happy holidays, however you are spending them!

ALISON AYRE

Birding along Klein-Hangklip

Over the years the walk from Pringle Bay to Rooiels has been a favourite of ours, initially walking through the pristine fynbos with the mountains dwarfing us on the east side to the infinite vistas of False Bay and the Cape Peninsula to the west, was the main attraction. However, birding at this world renowned Rooiels Cape Rockjumper breeding site has really become an experience that I never tire of.

This must be one of the best birding spots to view this endemic bird, the thrill of watching the shadow retreating up the slopes of the mountains and waiting for movement always fills me with a sense of anticipation. The quiet peacefulness of this magical dirt road often brings a spiritual feeling of thankfulness and the realisation that nature in all her glory can certainly be humbling at times.



Cape Siskin

When not chasing the Cape Rockjumpers, the other local endemics and fynbos birds are equally elusive and fascinating. The Cape Bunting who often greets you with a beautiful but plaintive whistle while the soaring Verreaux's Eagles (who nest on Klein-Hangklip) draw your eye to the blue skies above. I often think of the Familiar Chat's flick of its wings as a personal wave to say, "Hello, we are glad you are here!" I normally see the Cape Rock Thrushes in pairs and must look hard to confirm the Sentinel's distinctive colouring - they occasionally move down from their preferred high-altitude habitats. After the devastating 2017 fire, it was wonderful to see all the Cape Siskins feeding on the burnt ground and can only surmise they were finding seed released from the burnt fynbos. The Ground Woodpecker is often spotted pecking at the termite mounds found on the lower sandstone slopes - terrestrial birds which often perch on the rock-strewn slopes. The Orange-breasted, Malachite and Southern Double-collared Sunbirds bring splashes of colour to the landscape. The Cape Sugarbird is often conspicuous by the distinctive long tail, with the males being quite vocal and territorial when breeding.

These are just a few of the birds on my personal Rooiels list, but it's not just the birding that draws me to this area. The unspoilt beauty of the Cape mountains and their rocky slopes, the unique Cape Floral Kingdom and the Rooiels community - who embrace the natural beauty and work hard at living one with nature - all of which adds to the magic of this birding site.

JENNY PARSONS



ELEPHANTS WERE HERE!

"Look what I found, Grandad!" exclaims young James as he arrives home after a beach walk with his Nana. They had just taken a walk along Silversands beach in Betty's Bay, when James found a coral-like object protruding from the sand. I take a look at the object and realise that it's not coral, but a tooth of sorts. I've seen this before somewhere, but where? "James, where did you find it exactly?" I enquire. He tells me that they were on the very wide part of the beach, where the wind has scoured out the sand, near to the fynbos, way above the high-tide line. It was lying at the base of an exposed rock, barely sticking up from the sand. I'm thinking it may be a whale tooth, but whales don't have teeth like this one. Then it dawns on me! An elephant molar! Can it be? I immediately send a photo of the tooth to my good friend Josh Whyte, a game expert, who lives in Hoedspruit. His reply: "*Loxodonta africana* molar tooth". He also sends me loads of good information on the subject.

A Google search confirms it. An African Elephant molar tooth, without doubt. Elephants produce six molar teeth during their lifetime. The teeth push forward along the jaw and are shed at various stages of their lives. This one appears to be from an adult of around 50 years old, and one can only presume that it fell out whilst roaming the area. No other bones or signs of the remains of elephant could be found in the vicinity of the tooth find.

The first attempt to explore the Overberg was in 1620, when Augustin de Beaulieu walked along the rugged coastline from Gordon's Bay to Cape Hangklip, where he wrote in his diary that he had encountered lions, elephants and many other animals.

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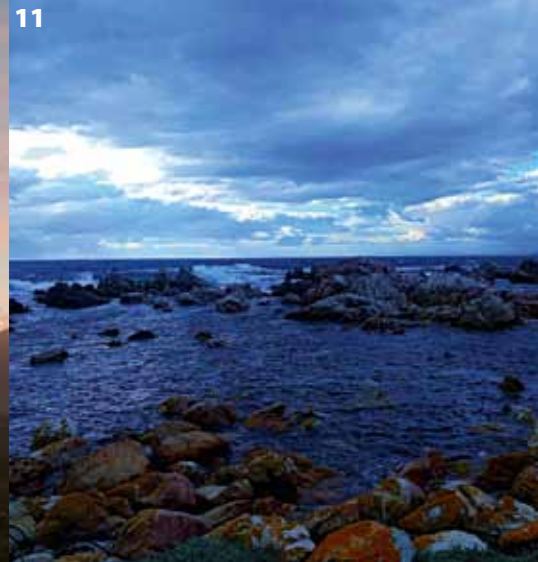
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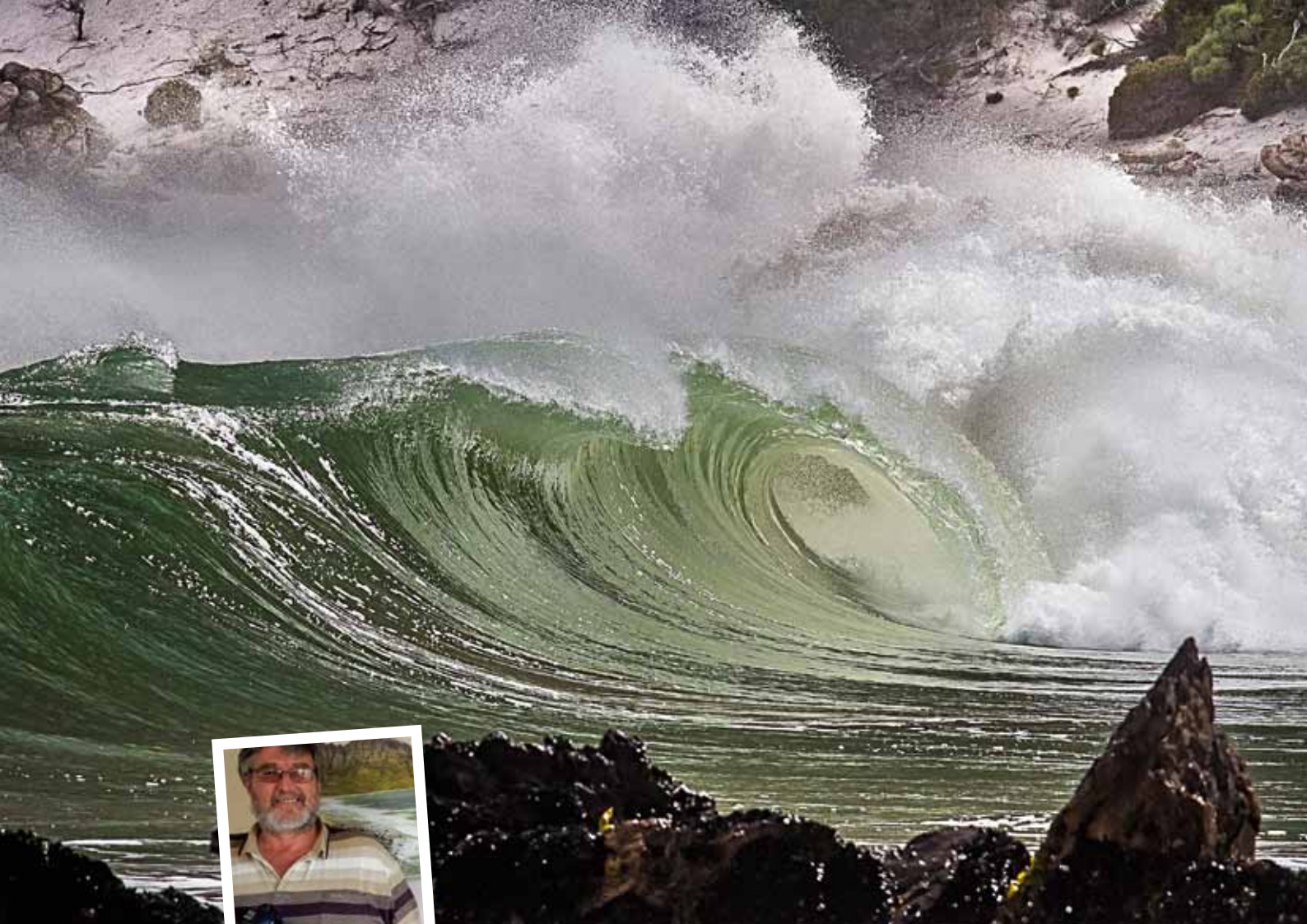
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Mike Leresche

I am a maths teacher at Wynberg Boys' High School and am at home in Rooiels on weekends and during the holidays. I was once a Springbok basketball player, a rugby player, and am a referee, but now I focus on my love of nature, bush travel, and the beauty of Rooiels. My photos reflect my passion for nature, theatre, and sport. My keen interest in photography began in 1971 while on a year's scholarship in California where I took photography classes. Since coming to Rooiels, my love of birds, animals, and the bush has extended to the flowers, fynbos, and rocky coastline. My photos are available to view on www.mikel-photo.com.



Paul Perton

I'm an engineer, marketer, photographer, husband, parent and from December, a grandparent.





PHOTOGRAPHY:
Dopamine substitute
and therapy for the soul...

David van der Merwe

"You have Parkinson's Disease," announced the neurologist matter-of-factly "...but that's good news. If you have to pick one of the big five dread neurological disorders you'll pick Parkinson's, because it's progress is slow and you don't die from it. "I kind of liked that, because I always was a lucky kind of guy and was very pleased that Lady Luck was once more winking my way with a wicked grin. Better to spill half a glass of whiskey than forget where you put the bottle.

That was five or six years ago, and realising that Parkinson's and stress are not great bedfellows we sold our businesses and some properties, my wife and boys moved to Stellenbosch to be closer to learning and economic opportunities and I retired to Rooiels to settle as a Facebook entertainer and social media philanthropist. I'm not sure what triggered the interest in more serious photography. I was always a keen recorder of Annette, our boys and the love, life and times of the Van der Merwe clan and our animals, using a variety of film and digital 'mik en druk' cameras and smart telephony devices. I guess it's a need programmed into sapiens' DNA to record life, early on as muddy expressions on cave walls and later on as filtered digital impressions on Facebook walls. So, three years ago I bought my first DSLR, and am now on my third – the cropped sensor beast, Nikon D500, and two mirrorless Fujis, the X-T2 and Paul Perton's hand me down X100T.

Three years ago, I shuffled around like a penguin using a cane for balance. I now hop, skip and jump over treacherous Rooiels rocky coastline, with one and a half kilograms of prime glass, sensor and software strapped to my right hand to photograph every sunset, wave, anemone, bird and wildflower around. Follow me on <https://www.facebook.com/WebDesignerAndPhotographer> or go to my websites www.TheLittleBlueBirdPhotography.com and www.NineSecondsBrandAndWebdesign.com or give me a call on 082 773 1994. I also photograph people and dogs.



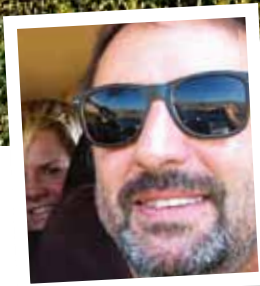
David van der Merwe

My first camera was a little plastic contraption I won at a church bazaar. Soon, I started using it to document the world I lived in. At the time, my most favourite images were the numerous hiking trails in South Africa.

Many cameras and lenses later, I still drive around looking for that perfect shot, that framed image that captures a moment to be savoured again and again. As an artist, the camera is an essential tool in building a reference library, but more broadly, it becomes a way of observing things around us – the textures, colours, and most important of all, light!

I am awestruck by God's palette and His attention to detail and composition. We are truly blessed to be in Rooiels with amazing sunrises and sunsets which are ever changing, with each one more spectacular than the last. Our days in Rooiels, in between the first and last rays of light, are filled with fauna and flora which exude joy and grace. We live such rushed lives we often miss wondrous moments. I am still working on slowing down to take each moment of beauty, to lift a lens to capture it and to really see the gifts before us.





John Charalambous

I bought my first 35mm camera when I was 14 from money saved working in the family restaurant. I was always the one among my peers to bring a camera to every outing. Throughout my early years, I captured friends and surroundings in black and white. I loved the dark room, procured myself an enlarger, and was enthralled by the magical process of seeing my images emerge from the chemicals. The fact that I could develop and print my own film at home stirred my interest in photography.

My love of the great outdoors was one of the reasons we chose to live in Rooiels. Living so close to the coast, between mountain and sea, where the weather is most active and changeable, presents endless opportunities for a great picture. The ruggedness

of the shoreline, the wild and dramatic skies, changing seasons (sometimes four in one day) and the magical quality of the South African light is a photographer's dream.

The framing and presentation of a landscape in its best light is what I find so very satisfying. To isolate a small piece of nature in that unique moment is like a mini challenge from the universe. It's what stops me in my tracks whether hiking the Hangklip, cycling the coast road to Pringle Bay, or just taking the dogs for a walk on the beach.

In the same way, I enjoy candid portraiture that captures a person in a natural state at a precise moment in time where light and life come together. It fascinates me that a photon of light has travelled from the sun, bounced off the subject and found its way through my lens to be temporarily fixed for a lifetime or two.



Jenny Stark



I have been interested in photography since about age 10. However, living as we did on a mission in central Africa, there was no opportunity to learn or pursue the interest. So, I have become one of those enthusiastic amateurs who has never taken a formal photography course but am nonetheless drawn to capture the beauty I see around me. And there is no shortage of that when you live in Rooiels!

My favourite photo changes all the time. This one (sunset on the rocks) captures the spontaneous exuberance inspired by a stunning sunset behind iconic Rooiels rocks. There was so much joy in the moment – a joy that comes from bearing witness to powerful, natural beauty and my joy at seeing how my granddaughter reacted. I just grabbed the nearest camera (hers) and took the shot.

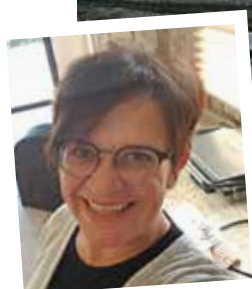
Joselyn Mormile



As a scientist, I strategically observe, analyse and write about the nature around me. Everything is more or less cut and dried. Photography allows me to grasp the in-between, fleeting parts of nature that fall through the cracks in the sieve of science.

My particular focus, as you may have guessed, is on wildlife. I believe photography and wildlife conservation go hand in hand. My goal with every image is to capture a meaningful snapshot of what I am lucky to see every day. Sharing the intimate moments of a baboon's life, such as a mother gazing down at her newborn, forces viewers to question the human-animal divide. Capturing baboons amongst the built landscape creates a juxtaposition between wild and urban that both shocks and intrigues viewers.

Evoking this kind of emotion is important for my work, where I aim to draw attention to human-baboon conflict and coexistence. There is really no better way to do this than through an easily understood and thought-provoking photograph.



Michelle Stassen

Ek en my seun Franco is hierdie Desember twee jaar in Rooiels. Ons is oorspronklik van Mosselbaai, maar nie so bekend in Rooiels soos ander Mosselbaaiers nie (wink, wink). Ek geniet die natuurskoon en is nie vir een oomblik spyt oor ons skuif nie. Daar is maar niks lekkerder as om in die oggend vroeg te gaan stap en sulke mooi tonele op jou stap roete te sien nie.

Danielle van der Merwe

I'm Danielle, one of the youngest permanent residents in Rooiels, and as a Marketing & Design student, I've developed a keen interest in photography.

Although I drag a Digital SLR camera around on weekend road trips, I find the convenience of mobile phone photography such a cool thing! Wherever you see an amazing sight, your camera is in your pocket. With its built-in features and filters I'm able to explore editing and share it on Instagram.

Having people across the world "like" and comment on your uploads is so rewarding.





Bruce Relly

When Mary and I settled in Rooiels about ten years ago, I was attracted to the idea of a digital camera as a simplification of an artistic urge that seemed to require little space or other materials, like paint or paper, in a small cottage. The first idea was to make use of a collection of rounded pebbles, which are available along the Rooiels to Gordon's Bay coast. When I exhausted that idea, I turned to scenery and birds; in particular the terns, which at that time, were here in their thousands.



Sandra Yeo

I guess I was fascinated with the camera from a very early age, though my attempts at picture taking could hardly be termed picturesque! Eventually, after years of working in a makeshift darkroom in black and white only (I deemed colour printing too expensive) I won a newspaper award. Meanwhile, I had carved out a niche working with a local author. Subsequently, after years of trying, I eventually became an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. Ironically enough, this was with a set of colour transparencies converted by an expert to Cibachrome prints





THE ROOIELS BABOON PROJECT

This July marked two years of living and studying in Rooiels. It is unbelievable that the fieldwork portion of my Ph.D. is now complete!

For those of you who are new to Rooiels, I am a doctoral candidate from the University of Cape Town and the Institute for Communities and Wildlife in Africa (iCWild). In early 2016, my supervisor Justin O’Riain and I had a long chat about where I wanted to study. Traditionally, scientists in the field of human-wildlife conflict study areas experiencing high levels of conflict from the perspective of the wildlife, the people, or both. Then there is Rooiels. In our combined 20+ years of working in this field, we have no other examples of a community that is willing to share space with baboons while preventing conflict by taking responsibility on the individual level. Studying in Rooiels gave me a unique opportunity to understand baboon conflict by understanding the “solution”. I cannot stress enough that Rooiels truly is the model of adapting to living with wildlife and protecting the local environment.

Births

There have been quite a few changes in the troop dynamics over the past year.

Since the last Breeze was published in December 2017, the troop has had a net gain of one baboon for a total of 26 baboons (as of October 1st, 2018).

Female Furiosa gave birth to a son, Frenzy, in November 2017. Two days later, Barbara surprised me by giving birth to a son, Bobby, on a resident’s property! Viewing a baboon birth is incredibly rare as this usually takes place during the night

when mother and infant have time to bond and rest. The whole process, from obvious contractions to birth, lasted less than one hour. I watched in awe as Barbara cleaned, cuddled and sat quietly with her new little one. The troop respected Barbara and Bobby’s privacy and the day soon continued as any other day. In March 2018, Vanelippe gave birth to a male infant, affectionately named Vimzy after resident Marisa “Mad Mimzy” Robinson. Soon after, alpha female Regina gave birth to a female infant named Ruby. In August, Sage gave birth to a female infant, Scout and later in the month, first time mother, Amie, gave birth to a female infant named Abigail.

Deaths and Injuries

In terms of the troop’s long-term sustainability, 2018 has not been an ideal year.

The troop has lost 7 baboons since last year. By far the most common cause of mortality amongst the Rooiels troop is road accidents on Clarence Drive as it passes through the village. The troop’s mortality rate is approximately double that of fully wild-living troops. Unfortunately, the increasing traffic on Clarence Drive presents grave concerns for the survival of the Rooiels troop over the next decade. This year, 4 month old Squash (mother: Sage), 7 month old Marlowe (mom: Maybelline), 8 month old Cody (mom: Cali) and 5 month old Vimzy (mom: Vanelippe) were all killed by vehicles on Clarence Drive. In March, 5 ½ year old Jack, son to alpha female Regina, went missing. Prior to his disappearance he was seemingly healthy and well-integrated into the troop. Unfortunately, I do not

have enough information to draw any conclusions about his disappearance except to say that he was far too young to have emigrated to a nearby troop. In February, adult female Furiosa and her 4 month old infant Frenzy, were attacked by two dogs in Rooiels. Furiosa suffered extensive injuries as a result of the attack and was unable to recover. A veterinarian came to consult and the decision was made to humanely euthanize her. Surprisingly, her infant son Frenzy was adopted by Barbara who carried and nursed him alongside her infant son of the same age. Adoption of infants is incredibly rare in baboons. Barbara was an excellent surrogate mother and Frenzy fought very hard for four months after losing his mother but unfortunately disappeared one day.

Immigrations and Emigrations

You may have been hearing more bravado “wahool!” calls this year.

The surge of testosterone in subadult males often leads to fighting with the alpha male. As nature’s way of preventing inbreeding, males born into the Rooiels troop will leave in search of an unrelated troop at sexual maturity (around 8 years old). This year the oldest subadult in the Rooiels troop, Charlie, began venturing out on his own in search of a new family. Early on I spotted him trying his luck with the Kogel Bay troop before returning to the safety of his mother and siblings. Many months later now, it seems he may have finally settled into a troop elsewhere. The next subadult male to move on in the next few months or so will be Indy.

Cliff, who has been the alpha male for the past three years now, was briefly

challenged this year when an outside adult male attempted to take over the troop. For several days in March, Cliff and the troop were constantly on edge as they waited for the stranger to make another appearance. Females and infants are particularly afraid of new males. As part of natural baboon behavior, when a new male attains alpha status he may kill the nursing infants, which forces the females to resume cycling sooner. Needless to say this was a tense time for the troop, which was obvious from their very tight troop cohesion with the protective subadult males sitting on the front lines. Every time Cliff returned victoriously, the troop would erupt in cheerful grunts and shrieks and then collapse into a grooming huddle. Despite a few valiant attempts by the unknown male, Cliff remains the boss for now.

The Research

Despite my extensive work on the baboon troop, understanding the intricacies of their lives would not be complete without understanding the human-baboon relationship in Rooiels. This relationship is complex at the best of times. We know that feelings towards the baboons range from animosity to adoration, sometimes within the very same day.

You may recall back in 2000, Dr. Jenny Stark ran a questionnaire to gauge attitudes towards the baboons. Seeing the value in a comparative study over time, Jenny graciously donated her findings to aid my study. Now, eighteen years later I also conducted a questionnaire, repeating some of her original questions to reassess how the residents are feeling. One hundred and seventy-seven residents completed my questionnaire. A final report of the complete results will be available to everyone at the completion of my thesis. For now, here are some of the initial findings.

In 2000, nearly 78% of respondents stated they were willing to, or already had, baboon-proofed their homes. By year 2018, 99.4% of respondents reported managing their rubbish in a baboon-proof fashion (baboon-proof bin, handing rubbish over directly to the municipality truck or taking their rubbish to the dump), 93% of respondents had baboon-proof window fixtures and 61% had baboon-proof doors (e.g. trellidors). Additionally, 84% of respondents stated they had strict house rules to prevent baboon entry. In 2000, 75% of respondents reported that baboon(s) had entered their homes in the past six months, which decreased to 55%

in 2018. The number of respondents who believe baboons are dangerous decreased from 13% to 10% and the number who reported being afraid of baboons decreased from 23% to 6%. Respondents who believe baboons are a “problem” in Rooiels decreased from 53% to 27% and the number who believe baboons are a “nuisance” decreased from 61% to 37%. The number of respondents who reported that they “like” the baboons increased from 58% to 62% (22.2% were neutral) and those who believed the baboons are an asset to the community also increased from 56% to 58%. Finally, the number of respondents who wanted the baboons removed from the village decreased from 25% down to 15%.

In 2018, nearly 90% considered themselves tolerant of sharing space with the baboons. 80% of respondent's stated they did not mind if baboons visited their properties. Over 50% of respondents stated that their attitude towards the baboons changed over their course of living in Rooiels with 66% reporting a positive change. 66% do not find it stressful to live with the baboons, 21% find it somewhat stressful, 12% find it stressful and 1% was unsure. 98% of respondents stated that wildlife is important to them and 83% like primates in general. Nearly 69% of respondents believed that residents are at fault if baboons gain access to their homes and 89% did not believe that baboons should know better than to take people's food or damage their belongings. 77% of respondents were concerned about the conservation of baboons in Rooiels and 94% were concerned about the conservation of other wildlife in Rooiels.

These data, while only a snippet of what will be gleaned from the full questionnaire, show an increasingly positive stance towards living with baboons and a willingness to adapt to sharing space. Thank you to everyone who participated in the questionnaire and took the time to share their perspectives!

After over 14 months of intensive data collection on the baboon troop and village as a whole, I'm happy (and sad) to announce that my dataset is complete. Now it is onwards and upwards to the analysis and write-up! While less physically thrilling than watching baboons all day long, I'm very excited to finally see what all the data shows us. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support my research here in Rooiels. From offering a cup of coffee to sharing an interesting story, I greatly appreciate your generosity and enthusiasm. You have made my experience here successful and truly wonderful.



ROOIELS FEATURES AT INTERNATIONAL PRIMATOLOGICAL CONFERENCE IN KENYA

Rooiels is an exceptionally conservation-minded community. This is due in no small part to the passion and dedication our residents have for the protection of this ecologically sensitive paradise we call home. During the course of the past two years I have given more than ten talks in the local area where I boast about our forward-thinking community and how Rooiels and its residents continue to succeed where other communities have given up or fallen short.

Recently, I was lucky to be able to share my pride for Rooiels and a bit of my current research at an international conference. The International Primatological Society Congress, which takes place every two years, is the single largest gathering of primatologists in the world. This past August nearly one thousand scientists in diverse fields of primatology gathered in Nairobi, Kenya to share their research findings.

My presentation gained the attention of several people, one being a very well-known primatologist, Dr. Shirley Strum, who has spent 45 years studying baboons. Dr. Strum, who consulted on the conflicts with baboons in Cape Town several years ago, was fascinated by Rooiels' holistic approach to sharing space with baboons. In a one-on-one meeting at her request, I shared with her Rooiels residents' proactive stance on preventing conflict by taking responsibility for baboon-proofing homes and overall positive attitudes toward the baboons. Intrigued by the potential for co-existence elsewhere, she relished my hope to one day start a non-profit organisation educating homeowners in other urban areas.

Dr. Strum and I parted ways but not before I extended her an open invitation to visit Rooiels, the village that is quickly becoming globally known as the leading model of human-baboon coexistence.

JOSELYN MORMILE

A village between the mountains and the sea



Rooiels is one of the most magical places on earth. It is here that the sea, mountain and fynbos meet. Also man, baboon, otter and leopard. Also the eagle, tortoise and mongoose. Birds eat from your hand. The bloukoppoggelmander is curious and follows you from kuerplek to kuerplek. And you want to feel the wind blowing through your hair. This is an ancient landscape that bears the traces of the earliest times. My lasting impression with this publication is how delicately our ecology is intertwined and how everything is interdependent.

Rita Blake wrote the first Rooiels history book in 1998. Since then, many reprints and revised editions have been published. And now, after 20 years, it is time for a completely new edition with additional articles. Years ago, I acquired old photographs, circa 1932 to 1963, from the late Bo Attwood from Betty's Bay, which I held close to my heart in order to publish them now!

The compilation of *Rooiels – A village between the mountains and the sea* was not easy. With the help of Estelle Raymond and Anuta Scholtz, editions of the *Breeze* going back 25 years were scanned to trace and document history for this edition, to reread old articles, select, sift and make difficult choices about what to include and what not. Anuta retyped all the articles and proofread them. There were many collaborators, too many to mention, but their names appear alongside their articles. Many thanks to Paul Perton who did the layout free of charge and in so doing saved us thousands of rands.

Die moeilikste en frustrendste deel van die proses? Daar verskyn 'n tydswyn van al die voorsitters van RERA sedert dit in 1972 gestig is. Skielik het ons onself in 'n mynvelde van datums en name en vergete memories bevind omdat baie notules nie meer bestaan nie. Dit het letterlik dae, baie navrae, eposse, en oproepe geneem om die tydswyn saam te stel. Hier het Pieter Fourie, Eldie Brink en Jean Cowen baie gehelp om ons geskiedenis eens en vir altyd te dokumenteer.

Mag ons almal met hierdie uitgawe met nuwe oë na ons dorp kyk. Die magiese raaksien, die sterre, ons eie skaduwees en omkyk en die spore sien wat ons nalaat. Onthou dat elke spoor uiteindelik geskiedenis word. Rooiels is nie meer die slaperige dorpie van 20 jaar gelede nie en het daar baie talent bygekom. Veral kunstenaars en fotograwe wat in hierdie uitgawe opgeneem is. Ook skrywes van mense wat onthou, en hulle wat ons moet onthou.

Dit was Rita Blake se wens dat die opbrengs van hierdie boek aan natuurbewaring geskenk moet word. Dankie aan RERA wat hierdie projek ondersteun en die nodige fondse beskikbaar gestel het.

Gerard Scholtz Redakteur



PENGUINS AROUND THE CORNER

“Have you seen the penguin?” asked an excited child while clambering over the rocks on Rooiels beach some three years ago. I had not, but I did meet the man who had been sent from SANCCOB* on a rescue mission. I remember thinking then how surprising it was that so much effort was being spent on a single stray penguin. Ignorance is bliss, they say, but having been catapulted into the world of penguin conservation through an innocent community-based arts project, I now understand the frustration experienced by those in the know, conservationists and community leaders alike.

“Penguin Stories” was the title of an Art Zoo grant from the Table Mountain Fund. The animated film called “The Penguin’s Song” was produced by a team of artists, CapeNature (CN) workers and 25 children from Mooiutsig, Pringle Bay, Betty’s Bay, and Kleinmond and is on the internet, waiting to be seen. The film has hard-hitting lyrics that combine Afrikaans, English and Xhosa with powerful visuals made by children using stop-frame animation techniques such as Claymation, flat cut-outs and live action. A documentary shows the process involved in the Art Zoo/Studio66 workshops and can also be viewed on YouTube. It features Marine conservationists Cuan McGeorge and Marcello October from Stony Point, musician Frazer Barry of Tribal Echo, artists Caroline McDowell, Takura Chadoka, John Charalambous and Animation Director, Alison Scott.

The most gratifying part of the experience was seeing that, given the chance, youngsters smash stereotypes, quickly grasp new media, and share their talents freely for a common cause, even though they come from diverse language, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds. The film has been lauded by SANCCOB, WCC and CN officials and was shown to visiting parliamentarians at Stony Point. There’s no doubt that creative projects that bring communities together over conservation issues are important for our future, so if you’d like to be involved, please contact me for more information.

ALISON SCOTT

The music video is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2b2AR1ZaPc> or type in “penguins song Alison Scott” in Google search to find the YouTube videos

*SANCCOB is The Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds



DAVID SE PIKKEWYNE

Hierdie pikkewynbeelde is beskikbaar in galerye. Dis 'n bewusmaking van ons impak op bedreigde spesies. David van der Merwe is tans besig met beelde van 'n suikervoël asook 'n bobbejaan. Sy fokus is op inspirasie uit die omgewing en ons interaksie met die natuur. David wil graag eendag 'n beeld eie aan Rooiels se karakter by die ingang van ons dorp oprig. Hy hoor graag van Rooielsers hoe hulle hieroor voel en of hulle enige voorstelle het.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



Piet & Zuzanka
van Rensburg
erf 267 Perspicua

Piet and Zuzanka van Rensburg are new Rooi-
elsers, who live permanently in Stellenbosch
(where they have been for more than 20 years).

Piet is the manager/owner of his own busi-
nesses in the international citrus industry. He
enjoys nature while on his mountainbike; either
taking part in races and tours or just riding for
fun and relaxation. Zuzanka sometimes joins
him on a tandem mountainbike. Although she
works for the SA business she also is a wilder-
ness guide, taking groups out into wild spaces
on spiritual journeys. In her free time, she loves
walking/running with their two huskies in
natural spaces.

"We have two children. Lindi is 27 years old,
married and lives in Somerset West with her
husband, Van Wyk and their two dogs. Pieter is
26 years old and is currently studying at Bloem-
fontein University.

"We previously had a holiday home in Onrus,
near Hermanus. Although we really enjoyed
our time there, we began feeling that what we
really wanted was a home in a more natural
and uncrowded environment. When we came
to Rooiels, the beauty and wildness of the sea
and environment really made us feel at home.
The community ethic and vision of living with
respect for nature and the wildlife in it spoke to
our hearts.

"We bought our beautiful holiday home in
Rooiels in March 2018 and like to come and
relax here as much as possible on weekends and
holidays. It really speaks to our love of nature
and the outdoors.

"We have already made friends in the com-
munity and really look forward to coming to
Rooiels every weekend we can. We would like
to say thank you to the Rooiels community for
making us feel very welcome."

PIET AND ZUZANKA VAN RENSBURG



Gavin & Lesley Lundie
erf 295 Porter

Gavin and I first visited this part of the country 10 years ago when we
were invited to spend a few days with our good friends in Betty's
Bay. As nature lovers, we were taken aback by the natural beauty and
splendour of the area. Within a few months we purchased a holiday home
in Betty's Bay, which became our "reset button" from our busy and often
hectic schedules in Johannesburg. Last year we were fortunate enough to
be in the position to relocate here permanently and started the search for
a more suitable full-time home. Luckily, we found it here in Rooiels!

We have no regrets about relocating from Johannesburg. Our only con-
cern was leaving our daughter and two grandsons behind. Fortunately,
we are only a two-hour flight away and have managed to visit each other
a few times already this year.

I was born in the UK and arrived in South Africa at the age of 14 when
my father was transferred to Johannesburg. I worked in marketing for a
building company before forming my own company in 1992, successfully
completing over 2,500 building projects in the residential housing market.
After 23 enjoyable, although hectic years, it was time to slow down! I was
able to spend more time with my family, and as a keen golfer, spend more
time out on the fairways.

Gavin was born in Benoni and grew up in Kempton Park. His father was
an aviation engineer for BOAC (later British Airways) based at Jan Smuts
Airport (as it was named in those days). From the age of two he spent
many hours at the airport with his Dad and even went on test flights! I
suppose it was inevitable he would pursue a career in aviation. He was
first employed at Atlas Aircraft Corp before joining his colleagues to form
Aerosud (Pty) Ltd in 1991. As their Chief Aircraft Designer, he headed off
to Russia to commence with their first project. He travelled the world
extensively during his career there.

Gavin has a Private Pilot's License with over 3,200 hours flying time and
this is truly his passion in life. We have been fortunate enough to fly to
so many places in South Africa, particularly the Lowveld where we have
many friends who are aviation enthusiasts. One more thing – he has also
been flying "radio controlled" aircraft since he was 14. Needless to say, his
favourite T-shirt reads, Life is Simple. ... Eat, Sleep and Fly!

Gavin and I have lived here for nine months now and can truly say that
we feel privileged to be part of this wonderful Rooiels community. We
have met so many amazing people, made new friends, enjoyed some
beautiful hikes, and have nature on our doorstep every day in this truly
idyllic spot!

LESLEY LUNDIE

Ajit Daya & Anita Parbhoo erf 284 Porter

The Daya / Parbhoo clan have background connections in Port Elizabeth, although they have lived in Claremont, Cape Town for many years. Ajit and Anita both studied in Cape Town and after working in Port Elizabeth and the UK for a few years, settled back in the Cape.

Ajit's love for adventure, the outdoors, and the sea comes from his childhood in Port Elizabeth – he loves scuba diving. In contrast, Anita is "crafty" with both paper and food and enjoys the energy of Spanish dancing. "Our children are Nishka – our colourful rainbow eleven-year-old daughter; Lolo – eight-year-old energetic ball-crazy Labrador; and Vivash, our calm sunshine boy, aged three.

We stumbled across our place in Rooiels in 2018 and are enjoying each weekend visit away from the hustle and bustle of city life. In the short time we have been here, it has been refreshing to experience the wonderful community spirit in this little village by the sea."



Hester & Hans Schmidt erf 224 Oceanview

Hans is in Duitsland gebore en immigrer na Suid Afrika op vierjarige ouderdom. Vir die grootste deel van sy lewe het hy in Pretoria gewoon. Hy het by die WNNR in die NIVN afdeling begin werk. Die afdeling het afgestig en die maatskappy Kentron is toe gestig. Hy was betrokke by die klaring en veiligheid van missiele. Weens die aard van sy werk het hy gereeld in die Weskaap gewerk.

Hester is van Pretoria. Na 'n paar jaar in die onderwys het sy ook vir Kentron gaan werk in die tegniese, Informasie Tegnologieë en Menslike Hulpbronne afdelings. Hulle dogter, Elsie, skoonseun Anton en kleindogter Nadia woon in Gordonsbaai.

"'n Droom vir ons was om in die Kaap af te tree. Eers het ons gedink aan Suiderstrand of Saldanha maar uiteindelik besluit om 'n aftree-eenheid in Somerset-Wes te koop. Na aftrede het ons egter besluit dat ons nie gereed is daarvoor nie. Een Sondagoggend het ons na plekke naby Gordonsbaai gekyk. Ons was in Bettysbaai, Pringlebaai en toe sien ons die huis in Rooiels. Die kinders het nog dieselfde dag na die huis kom kyk en ons het toe besluit om te koop. Dit was 'n goeie besluit. Ons geniet Rooiels, bobbejane en al.

"Beide van ons geniet fotografie, lees, musiek en die natuur. Vakansie sal nou eens in die bos wees aangesien ons elke dag die see het."



Antoinette & Gustav Schoeman erf 380 Porter

In Januarie 2018 het Gustav Schoeman 380 Porterweg gekoop vir sy ma om haar laaste jare daar deur te bring. Min het ek geweet wat op my wag. Ek het die huis vir die eerste keer in Februarie gesien en einde Maart ingetrek. Wat 'n belewenis!

Ek het 'n knieervanging net-net oorleef en alhoewel ek nie kon stap nie, het die hele Rooiels voor my gelê. Ek het nie eens nodig gehad om see toe te stap nie, die see en die pragtige uitsig het my so betower. Ek en my seun Konrad het saans vleis gebraa en elke sonsondergang etlike kere vasgelê. Ons was begeesterd deur die kleure van die sonsondergang, die skakerings van die oseaan voor ons, soms geklee in gryse, ander kere bloue, ander kere groene, soms met 'n valletjiesrok van wit branders en dan silwer onder die son en soos die son sak verander die skakerings na goud en pienk en rooi – kleure wat jy nooit gedink het harmoniëer so pragtig nie.

Ek is gebore en getoë in Pretoria en was daar student maar my werksplek was Johannesburg. Ek het my nering as kunsonderwyseres en lektrise baie geniet. Ek het 'n besigheid gehad wat kunsmateriaal aan skole voorsien het van 1993 tot 2018. Ek was in die gelukkige posisie waar ek kon klasgee by De la Salle en die laerskoolkuns het my so geïnspireer dat ek boeke geskryf het oor die basiese kunselemente en uiteindelik landswyd kursusse vir onderwyers aangebied het. My passie was dat elke kind homself as kreatiewe wese moet kan beleef en selfvertroue kan kweek in sy ervaring van die lewe.

Jan Schoeman is 'n trekvoël weens besigheidsbelange en spandeer meestal tyd in Johannesburg. Konrad Schoeman is 'n vennoot in die besigheid en woonagtig in Rooiels sodat hy kan omsien na die Kaapse kliënte, Gustav Schoeman is CEO van Rain Technologies en woonagtig in Kampsbaai en Werner Schoeman Bemakingsbestuurder en MBA Uitvoerende Kandidaat in Amsterdam. Ek het twee kleinkinders. Ethan is nou vyf jaar oud en Nicole is drie jaar oud, hulle kom kuier saam met hulle pa, vang vis van die boot af en is die ligstraaltjies in my lewe.

Ek is dus die enigste persoon wat afgetree is en Rooiels ten volle kan geniet, ek spandeer my tyd in die tuin, skilder en doen wat ookal my hand vind om te doen. Ek is 'n bobbejaan-aanhanger en het op die harde manier geleer hoe om rustig saam met hulle te lewe, ook om deure en vensters te sluit en versigtig te wees na 'n inkopiesessie, veral as ek by Tinklemouse was!

Ek het wonderlike mense ontmoet en weet ek sal my laaste jare in die Paradys deurbring.

Antoinette Schoeman



Li Chunlan & Zhang Yi
erf 141 Mammosa

Rooiels residents are so fortunate to have in their midst, holiday/week-end residents, Li and Zhang. They are a warm, friendly and hospitable couple who have opened their home to many neighbours.

It seems those who make up the Rooiels community are cosmopolitan, have travelled and lived all over the world, have or have had interesting careers and are often highly knowledgeable or experts in their fields. Li and Zhang are no exception.

They both qualified in 1983 from Medical University in China. They then worked in Gansu College of Chinese Medicine in Lanzhou, China. Having met while studying medicine they married in December 1985. By 1996 Li had become a lecturer at the Herbal Department of Gansu College of Chinese Medicine which is a Chinese State College, and was teaching and researching Chinese herbs. Zhang had become a professor at a different department of the same college.

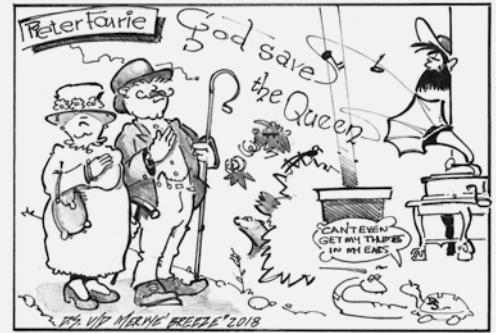
So how did Li and Zhang end up in South Africa? In 1994 Zhang met Dr. Bernard Brom at a conference in Singapore. Dr. Brom was Chairperson of the South African Medical Acupuncture Society. In the following year Dr. Brom visited Zhang and Li in Lanzhou, China. At that time Dr. Brom extended an invitation to them both to come to South Africa as lecturers, teaching acupuncture for the South African Medical Acupuncture Society. After much thought Zhang and Li decided to accept this invitation. As a result, from 1997 to 2000, around 300 doctors, mostly General Physicians, attended a one-year course in acupuncture training.

After fulfilling this contract with the Acupuncture Society, and both choosing to stay in Cape Town, Zhang and Li moved and opened a practice in Newlands. For five years Li continued to be a part time lecturer at the University of the Western Cape, teaching Chinese herbal formulae. They are both registered with the Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Zhang is currently Chairperson of the SA Association of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine and also Vice-Chairman for the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies. They continue to practice in Newlands, providing services in acupuncture and herbal medicines. Their website is www.acupuncture.co.za

Zhang and Li say the reason they like Rooiels is they both love nature. In their words, "Rooiels is a beautiful village and has the most beautiful mountains and rocky coast". They can certainly attest to this given that their home has magnificent views, set as it is on the rocky corner of Rocklands Road! If you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting this cordial and interesting couple, do go out of your way to do so.

MARGIE ELLIS



Rooiels karakters uit die verlede Pieter Fourie

Die bekende dramaturg Pieter Fourie was een van die stigterslede van die Rooiels Belastingbetalersvereniging. Hy was later direkteur van die KKNK. Hy ontvang in 2003 die Hetzogprys vir drama. Die Universiteit van die Vrystaat ken in 2011 'n ere-doktorsgraad in drama aan hom toe.

Pieter vertel van hoe hy altyd op sy stoep gesit het en die son sien ondergaan het. Gereeld het 'n baie Engelse egpaar verbygestap op hul vroege wandeling. Netjies uitgevat met hul kleries het hul verbygedrentel. Dan maak Pieter reg vir hul terugtog: hy sit die grammofoon reg en plaas die regte plaat op die draaitafel en wag hulle in. Sodra hulle oorkant sy huis is, laat hy die naald sak en "God Save the Queen" dreun oor die fynbos heen. Die twee het ewe patrioties doodstil op aandag gaan staan totdat die lied klaar gespeel het. Net daar, in die middel van die ou grondpad. En dan weer hul staptog hervat...

Pieter het op Rooiels geskryf aan 'n boek en, volgens hom, so hard gewerk - sommer deur die nag. Hy moes op 'n stadium wel aan die slaap geraak het en word later wakker, sien dis al aand en tyd vir 'n glasie saam met Oom Skakel. Hy stap soontoe en klop aan die deur. Freda maak later die deur oop en Pieter is verbaas om te sien dat sy alreeds in haar kamerjas staan - dis dan so vroeg. Toe hy aankondig dat dit doptyd is, sien hy sy kyk hom snaaks aan - dis dan nog vroegoggend. Pieter besef toe dat hy baie langer geslaap het as wat hy gedink het!



JOSELYN: MY HISTORY WITH BABOONS



Throughout my travels I am often asked why a young American woman would travel across the world to study an animal that many people don't really pay attention to. The complete answer is probably enough to fill a book. Some of you may know the story of why I decided to commit my life to studying the human-baboon relationship. For those who don't, here is a brief history of how it all began.

I spent most of my childhood exploring the outdoors and the many museums in the nearby city of Philadelphia. My parents frequently shared their appreciation and respect for all animals and the important roles they play in the ecosystem. Decades later, it's a surprise to no one that I pursued a career in wildlife conservation. My academic career began at Rutgers University in the USA, where I designed my own major in animal behavior. At graduation I remember feeling quite proud of my achievements, but as it turns out having a bachelor's degree of science guarantees you exactly zero real career opportunities. In search of a job, I decided to pursue veterinary medicine. Surprisingly, I never dreamt of being a veterinarian. I have always been focused on wildlife and questions of "how and why" beyond physiology. But, as with everything I pursue, I threw my heart and mind into it. Two years later I was a qualified veterinary nurse with a concentration on surgery and emergency care, leading

the nursing team in a state-of-the-art animal hospital. But at the top of my career, my dream of working with wildlife began to wriggle its way back into my veins.

I've always been enamoured by primates and the vision of Africa. Following this dream, in 2011, I got a one-month opportunity to volunteer with baboons in South Africa at the Centre for Animal Rehabilitation and Education (C.A.R.E.). Although I knew a lot about them, I never really gave much thought to working with baboons. I had always pictured myself working with the great apes. In my mind, this trip was really to flesh out my CV in preparation for graduate school. I never expected to connect with baboons and I certainly didn't expect to devote my life to

them. But from the moment I stepped into the very first enclosure of 20 little orphans, I realized I had completely misjudged baboons before I had even met them. Each one very clearly had its own personality and complex emotions. It was devastating to think that the 600+ baboons at the facility had been orphaned or injured as a result of conflict with people.

At the time the centre had no veterinary care. So after my short stint as a volunteer, I quickly went home to the states, quit my job, sold all of my belongings and moved back to C.A.R.E. for a year as the director of the veterinary clinic. I was solely responsible for the veterinary care of all the centre's animals. From vaccinations to treatments and minor operations, you name it. I was working and on call 24/7 with only four days off in a year. To top it off, I was the surrogate mother to three orphaned infant baboons (one at a time, thankfully) who were still too small to live with the older baboons. They required around the clock bottles, and slept, bathed and clung to me for months. During this whole crazy year, I earned nothing more than room and board and I absolutely loved it. But deep down I knew I had to do more for baboons.

Needing more research experience before pursuing postgraduate studies, I took a position as a volunteer research assistant in the Soutpansberg Mountains



Joselyn aged 2 and 27 at the Philadelphia Zoo

for 9 months. My job involved following a wild troop of 80 baboons through the mountains from sunrise to sunset. They were traveling up to 22km a day as they foraged in various habitats. After less than a week on the job, I realized the extent to which the orphans at C.A.R.E. had been robbed as a result of being orphaned. It was clear how perfectly adapted baboons are to their landscapes, which was quite beautiful to watch. I admired their grit and their fight for survival. I decided that I needed to focus my energy on human-baboon conflict. I wanted to share baboons with the world. That despite not being listed as an endangered species, baboons face very real threats to their survival. That they are worthy of respect and conservation attention. I wanted to prevent places like C.A.R.E. from ever being needed.

So I enrolled at Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England for a M.Sc. in Primate Conservation. After a year of coursework, I headed back to SA to conduct my thesis research in Knysna. The field of human-baboon conflict focuses primarily on agricultural issues but as you all know, issues are increasingly common in urban areas. I realized that I could help fill this gap. In Knysna I focused my work on the human dimensions of conflict with urban baboons - interviewing residents and other stakeholders. In 2014, I acted as the scientific consultant for the municipal baboon-management plan in Knysna, completed my M.Sc. and had my M.Sc. research accepted for publication in a scientific journal. Wanting to continue on to doctoral studies, I reached out to the world leader on urban human-baboon conflict, Professor Justin O'Riain. Having heard about my M.Sc. research, Justin readily accepted me as a Ph.D. student in his newly formed Institute for Communities and Wildlife in Africa (iCWild) at the University of Cape Town. I am currently in the third year of my Ph.D. on urban human-baboon conflict and coexistence. Nearly 8 years after first stepping foot on South African soil and meeting baboons for the first time, my goals remain the same. To quote the late Rita Miljo, the founder of C.A.R.E., "must we wait until a species is on the brink of extinction before we care?". The answer is no. We can do better and I'll be here to help it happen.

JOSELYN MORMILE



Albie Stals met Wimpie en Robert



Wimpie & Regardt Stals

Albie – Wimpie – Regardt DRIE GESLAGTE VAN DIE STALS-FAMILIE OP ROOIELS

Wimpie Stals vertel dat sy pa, Albie, toe hy nog jonger was, sy eie boot gehad het waarmee hy en vriende vanaf Gordonsbaai na Rooiels gevaar het om kreef uit te haal. Later het hy maar hier 'n erf gekoop omdat dit dan nader sou wees en hier was 'n klein sleephelling wat hulle kon gebruik. Daardie dae was erwe op Rooiels nog goedkoop en het hy in 1988 sy erf gekoop en begin bou. Wimpie was op daardie stadium twee jaar oud.

Die gesin, pa Albie, ma Ria, Robert en Wimpie, het ongeveer drie jaar permanent hier kom woon totdat die boeties laerskool toe moes gaan. Hulle het teruggetrek Somerset-Wes toe waar Albie 'n kleinhoewe gekoop het en later dorp toe getrek. Rooiels het toe hul naweekhuis geword, waar hulle almal hul liefde vir bote en die see kon uitleef. Daar was nooit 'n tienerjare wegblyksie soos by ander gesinne nie. Dwarsdeur al die jare was Rooiels maar hulle uitspanplek.

Albie was destyds baie betrokke by die Bootklub en het ook gehelp om die valhek te installeer om skade aan die sleephelling te keer. Ma Ria is in 1999 oorlede en pa Albie in 2005. Die seuns het die huis saam geërf en naweke steeds uitgekom Rooiels toe. Later het lewensmaats bygekom en toe word dit tyd om 'n eie huis te bekom. Hoekom die winkel begin? Die motivering was juis dat die winkel stadigaan gesterf het en hy het gevoel dit moet weer herleef. Hy het die winkel in 2015 oopgemaak. Hy het nie opgehou by die basiese voorraad nie en geleidelik uitgebrei, want soos hy sê, "hoe meer goed jy het, hoe meer verkoop jy". Die plaaslike inwoners help baie want van hulle koop alles somer by hom vir hul naweke. Hy het lank gesukkel om die hengelgereedskap te reël, maar nou is dit ook in plek.

Monique het in 2016 op die toneel verskyn en in die winkel gehelp. Hul seuntjie is op 13 April 2018 gebore. Die twee het besluit hulle wil op Rooiels trou en met Willie Boltmann se pragtige klassieke motor vanaf hulle huis gery tot by die Steinbachs waar die seremonie voltrek is. Hulle het Regardt op 2 September laat doop.

Voorsien hulle vir hulself 'n permanente toekoms op Rooiels? Ja, hulle glo so. Monique kyk nog rond vir iets om van die huis af te doen sodra Regardt bietjie van haar hande af is. Ou familievrinde, Flip en Irene de Klerk, is intiem betrokke in hul lewens met Flip wat vir Wimpie in die winkel bystaan.

Terwyl ek afskeid neem, roer Wimpie nog 'n laaste keer deur die sop op die stoof. Blady (Black Lady), hul pragtige swart optelkat, kom vry vir oulaas. Monique tel vir Regardt op om te gaan bad. 'n Volmaakte huislike prentjie. Albie en Ria sou trots gewees het.

ANUTA SCHOLTZ

[IN MEMORIAM]



**JANETTE
YEATS
1945 - 2018**

Janette Yeats died recently after a brief illness. Over the last few years, her general health was fragile, but she was determined to live independently in Rooiels as long as she could. She was a quiet, vigilant presence in Rooiels over the past 15 years. Her knowledge of the Fynbos biome was used productively to address the many development challenges of our area.

I recall her early interest in Rooiels. Even before she moved to her home in Gazania Street, in the mid-1990s, I received a telephone call from her alerting RERA to a formal planning process which was not in the interests of Rooiels and its vision of living in harmony with our natural environment. We were able to take swift action to protect Rooiels after this timeous tip off.

When she moved to Rooiels in early 2000, she was still very active in Kirstenbosch, organising the Annual Plant Fair and managing the hundreds of volunteers who support these world-famous gardens.

Her commitment to Kirstenbosch and the Botanical Society led to her being awarded Honorary Life Mem-

bership of this organisation, affectionately known as 'BotSoc'. Only after her retirement from Kirstenbosch, did she become actively involved in the Rooiels Conservancy, serving as the REC representative on RERA for almost a decade.

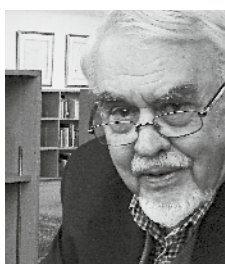
Few knew that she was also an accomplished horsewoman, a lover and competent driver of fast cars, an enthusiastic traveller throughout Southern Africa, an entrepreneur who owned a fishing company, an investor in a coastal diamond concession, and she was fearless in the face of opposition.

Janette's corner in Rooiels will miss her sorely – she would watch over the security of our homes, alert us to potential problems, open our homes when needed and selflessly guard our interests.

The estuary, dunes and fynbos will miss her protection; young researchers will miss her advice and support; the Conservancy will miss her care of walkways, plot-cleaning and educational events.

Rest peacefully, dear Janette.

Julia Albers



**KAY
DE VILLIERS
1928 - 2018**

Ou ingesetenes van Rooiels onthou dalk nog dat erf 349, aan die suidelike punt van Rocklands-weg, die naweekhuis was van Prof JC (Kay) de Villiers, wat vroeër vanjaar sag oorlede is. Sy eggenote, Jeanne, is 'n paar jaar gelede oorlede.

Kay was tussen 1976 en 1990 ondervoorsitter van die Rooiels Belastingbetalersvereniging, terwyl hy ook kanselier was van die Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland. Alhoewel breinchirurgie en die medisyne tydens die Anglo-Boeroorlog sy groot belangstellings was, was hy ook 'n pionier in die 1980's om Rooielsers van omgewingsbewing bewus te maak. Die eerste rooikranskapdae was sy breinkind.

'n Minder bekende, maar tog baie belangrike bydrae, was sy pogings om voltydse inwoners by die vereniging te betrek. In die tagtigerjare, toe 'n naweekhuis by die see gesog was onder mense wat nog voltydse gewerk het, moes gekies word uit meer kandidate vir die bestuur as wat daar vakatures was. Kay het spesiaal gesorg dat 'n voltydse inwoner gekoöpteer word as daar in 'n jaar nie 'n voltydse inwoner verkies is nie.

Ons sal hom onthou as 'n fyn mens met integriteit en 'n hoogs professionele inslag. Ons eer die positiewe invloed van sy nalatenskap aan Rooiels.

Eldie Brink



**MARIUS
DU PLESSIS
1954 - 2018**

It was a great shock to everyone when Marius du Plessis passed away unexpectedly in May 2018. It is an honour and privilege to pay tribute to a very special person. Marius was remarkable in so many ways. I got to know Marius through Something Els and later through the Drummond Arms which he managed.

He lived his life to the full and touched so many people during his time here with us in Rooiels. We all have memories we will always carry with us – memories that defined Marius and which we will always hold dear and share over a glass of wine or around the dinner table.

First and foremost Marius was a family man and has left behind two lovely daughters, Nataschja and Chantelle. He was at his happiest when the 'girls' came to visit him in Rooiels. Also, he was a good friend to so many. He could be counted on and depended on always. Whether you needed an empathetic ear, a shoulder to lean on, companionable silence or a drinking buddy – he was your man. Ready, steadfast, willing

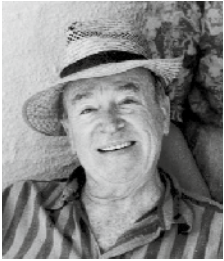
and good fun. He had many friends and I know they also miss the friendship Marius brought into their lives.

Marius lived an adventurous life, was very well travelled and never stepped back from a challenge. In his early life he was involved in his family's construction business, a trucking business and buying vehicle spares in Japan and the East. He brought his family up in Mozambique where he ran a holiday resort at Inhaca Island. He purchased two catamarans and operated a boat charter service. He loved the sea. He was very knowledgeable about Mozambican politics and wars. We could spend hours listening to the stories he had to tell about his life and his travels.

It was very hard to say goodbye but we need to remember that Marius touched many people's lives, so positively. He leaves an amazing legacy behind. He certainly made the Drummond Arms a popular place and for that we will always be grateful. Marius – we miss you, but we remember you fondly – always!

Tom Jacobs

{ The idea is not to live forever, but to create something that will. }
– Andy Warhol



**PIETER
VAN DER RIET
1934 - 2018**

Pieter, who was passionate about Rooiels, passed away on 1 August 2018. He and Jennifer bought the property in January 1972, designed the house and had their first Christmas there in 1974. For many years he and Jennifer would drive 14 hours from Johannesburg to spend holidays at Rooiels. The area was quite empty at that time with few houses, only gravel roads and gas and paraffin as a form of power for stoves, lamps and fridges.

As an architect he frequently bemoaned the way some houses at the coast were built with no thought for the wind. In the house he designed, there are places on the property which are so well sheltered

you can almost forget the wind.

He and Jenny retired to Rooiels in 2005 where, besides working on the house, he enjoyed painting, seeing family, and watching the rugby when he could.

Pieter may well be remembered for his participation in the ratepayers meetings and strong views on development and conservation.

He will also be remembered for his sense of humour, his creativity and his love for his family. He will be missed by Jenny, Liz, Luke, Hannah, Matthew, Nicholas, Mary, Thomas, Ryno, Juanita, Sasha and Tristian.

Mary van der Riet

“Everyone must leave something behind when he dies, my grandfather said. A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you’re there. It doesn’t matter what you do, he said, so as long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that’s like you after you take your hands away.” – Excerpt from Fahrenheit 451



**MARISA
ROBINSON
1966 - 2018**

Marisa was born in Benoni on the East Rand. One of her main passions growing up was horses and riding, and she was an accomplished showjumper in her youth. She obtained a Higher Diploma in Adult Education at Pretoria Technicon and she relocated to the Cape in the late 1980s. Here she met Mike on St Patrick’s Day in 1992, and they were married in 1996. Before moving to Rooiels, Marisa ran her own highly successful Human Resource Management Training company, working with people from all walks of life, empowering many to reach their full potential.

Mike and Marisa relocated to Rooiels in September 2016, after she was diagnosed with stage four cancer. She was amazing in that she never shirked the subject of her disease, facing the fact bravely and honestly from the start. In her own words, “We possess the fundamental right of living and working where we choose. I am fortunate to have been able to do that over the years. Now, I am once again privileged enough to be able to choose where I will die.” She also said, “Living under the shadow of Klein Hangklip has allowed me to encounter nature and humanity on a different level.” She went on to mention how deeply she was touched by the many genuinely caring people she encountered in Rooiels, and how much she loved the natural and environmental diversity here.

Marisa’s vast experience of Human Resource Management was in great demand, and often of help to various community entities. She was always willing and honest in giving advice, whether on how to run a meeting or dealing with municipal or political issues, or any other matter concerning community life in Rooiels. She loved going on patrol with Mike in the evenings and was often seen at their kitchen window, on the lookout to ensure all was right in our village.

One of her favourite subjects of interest was of course Cliff and his troop of Chacma baboons. She came to know most of the individual animals by name, revelling in a number of amusing and sometimes slightly hair-raising encounters with them! When she came across an individual she didn’t recognise, she would take a photo and send it to Joselyn with the abrupt caption, “Who dis?” She followed their lives with keen interest, drawing on Joselyn’s extensive knowledge of them and could recount some of her favourite individuals’ antics in great detail.

One of her favourite places in Rooiels was at the rocks below Perspicua Road, where she would get as close as possible to the breaking waves at high tide, soaking up the salt spray and marvelling at the feeling of being at one with the power of the ocean. When she was still mobile she also loved venturing to the Magic Mussel Pool and as she became more house bound, she took great pleasure in studying the local bird life, always keen to improve her knowledge and understanding of the natural rhythms of Rooiels. Her surroundings here inspired her rather funky artistic creations, which she spent many happy hours working on.

I met Marisa about a year ago, and grew to love and respect the wonderful, strong and positive person she was. She inspired me with her stoic acceptance of her fate as she never complained, was always interested in life around her and never lost her sense of humour, honesty and integrity.

Our sincere condolences go to Mike and his family, and all her loving friends. Marisa was a beautiful human being, and she will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Stephanie Milne

WE ARE BLOWN AWAY BY ROOIELS

DIE SUIDOOS WAAI AL VAN LANKAL AF



Elsabe de Beer vertel in die Bries (Augustus 2000) hoe sy saam met haar ouers Skakel en Freda Kriek in 1956 op hul erf 272 gekamp het. Die Suidoos het toe al soms die wêreld moeilik gemaak. Een keer het vriende van haar ouers, oud-joernalis Dreyer en Ansie saam kom kamp.

Dit was 'n woeste winderige nag en hul het om en om hul tentjie en Goliatkarretjie soos spoke beweeg, Ansie met haar lang wit nagrok, om die tentpenne in 'n stormsterk Suidoos vas te slaan. Met dagbreek die volgende oggend het hul vertrek en nooit weer op Rooiels kom kamp nie.

A NIGHT TO FORGET

In the 1980s the original owners of erf 275 Ocean View Drive (now Wessie and Magdaleen's home) decided they wanted to enlarge the house by adding a new lounge jutting out to the front towards the sea. The original structure was a wooden framed house. The new addition was completed and they moved into the new space.

Very soon afterward, a powerful southeaster came up, increasing in intensity into the night. The couple were sitting in their new lounge when the lady of the house decided it would be best to take down the china plates hanging on the walls, just in case, as they were rattling. They duly removed the plates and were placing them on the dining room table situated in the old part of the house. As they bent over the table, their backs to the lounge, they heard an almighty noise, followed by a roar. They turned around to find the entire lounge with everything in it had disappeared, leaving only the huge opening between lounge and dining room. Almost immediately there was a second crash and wind whipped right through the house. The change in air pressure had caused a bedroom window to blow out.

At that time of night they had to find someone to board up the two openings, which they were fortunate enough to do. Later the insurance company agreed to pay out, under the condition that the house had to be clad with brick.

Anuta Scholtz

APRIL 2017

In April 2017 was daar die groot wind wat Clarissa Venter se huis op die draai van Perspicua (Erf 259), met mening getakel het. Laat die nag toe almal in die bed lê en luister hoe die wind elke deur en raam beproef klingel my selfoon langs die bed, "Help. Die bure se dak waai weg!"

Dis skaars lig toe ek en Jet, ons skaaphond, by 259 Perspicua langs stap om eerstehands die skade te besigtig. Ons word begroet met dakplate, geute en kapplanke wat die wêreld vol waai. Dit kos net weer op die selfoon spring om by die patrolliegroep hulp te kry. Hilgard Muller bring planke; ek vat 'n leer; toue en 'n klompie "trok cargo straps" – hulle is laas nog gebruik met die trek hierheen.

Met die wind wat nog woes waai is Hilgard en ek op die dak met Peter Koning wat advies van onder af gee. Ons moes letterlik soos matrose ons self vaswoel om seker te maak ons beland nie met dak en al weer op die grond nie. Daar word gespartel om 'n paar spykers in te kry om 'n plaat af te hou maar dié word eenvoudig net weer uitgepluk.

Op die ou end het ons 'n plan beraam – stewige planke is bo-oor die plate vasgevoel met die "cargo straps" – ten minste stuit dit die afstroop en so het dit verdere skade verhoed. Dis hoe Rooiels werk – as daar nood is kom mense bymekaar om uit te help sommer so sonder dat mens die persoon hoef te ken.

DAVID VAN DER MERWE

OCTOBER 2018

Friday 19th October 2018 was a bright, sunny day as we left Franschhoek, excited to be in Rooiels for the weekend. That night the wind had picked up, and when the next morning we went out for our favourite walk, the coastal path alongside Perspicua, we quickly realised we couldn't even stand upright on the road, let alone get closer to the ocean on the coastal path. We beat a hasty retreat and spent most of the day indoors.

Saturday evening, as we prepared for bed, I had that something-bad-can-happen feeling. Surprisingly, despite the frighteningly loud creaks and groans, and the relentless thuds and thumps of ever-increasingly strong gale force winds and gusts pounding the house, we managed to eventually fall asleep. Rest was sweet and short for at 5:35 am we were awakened

by the most horrendous, horrifying and magnificent booming bang and crash.

Peter's first thought as we jumped out of bed, petrified and horrified, was that a boulder had released from Klein Hangklip and pounded into our home. As we dashed out the bedroom we took it in bit-by-bit. First, we noticed we no longer had a roof over our front deck (Mmm, not so bad). Then we braved the full force of the gales outside and circled the house, looking for the missing roof which was nowhere to be seen. Only down at the level of Ocean View could we see that it was now sitting flat on the main roof (Mmm, still not so bad?).

Since sleep was no longer an option I decided I could fight back the gale and start picking up rubble around the house. When Peter insisted it might not be too safe for me to be on the side, I pooh-poohed but reluctantly came inside. Just 20 minutes later another huge portion of the roof tumbled down right where I had been standing! Gosh, husbands can be right sometimes – he saved my life!

When a couple of hours later our builder friend arrived to come to our assistance, his first words were, "Oh, where are your hurricane clips?" Are we the only people on the planet who did not know about hurricane clips? Behold, all of Rooiels – especially those of us nutty enough to live where we can enjoy the spectacular views of Container Bay – do you have hurricane clips on your roof?

Then the ladder went up and provided photos of the top of the roof alerting us to the full extent of the destruction. (Mmm, very, seriously bad). The deck roof landing on the main roof did extensive damage to the main house and the entire roof needed replacing.

I am told a previous neighbour used to measure wind speeds on the roof of his house (now Peter Koning's) and the highest wind (no doubt a gust) he recorded on Perspicua was 176 km/hour. So, remind me, why do we love Rooiels, and why did we buy a home there? The very first day I ever drove along Perspicua, it was misty and the views of that bay and the mountains leading to Pringle were literally magical. I thought I had never seen anywhere more stunning, and now we are more convinced than ever! We can tell the tale, though, of the night we shall never forget!

MARGIE ELLIS

How did Rooielsers live before village people?



Village People began in reaction to yet another plea from the administrator of the security WhatsApp groups for us to please understand that whales breaching were not a security issue! The security site was solely for reporting POIs and VOIs, keeping track of the compost and fish sellers and monitoring the poacher activity, and not for sharing exciting news of fauna and flora around us.

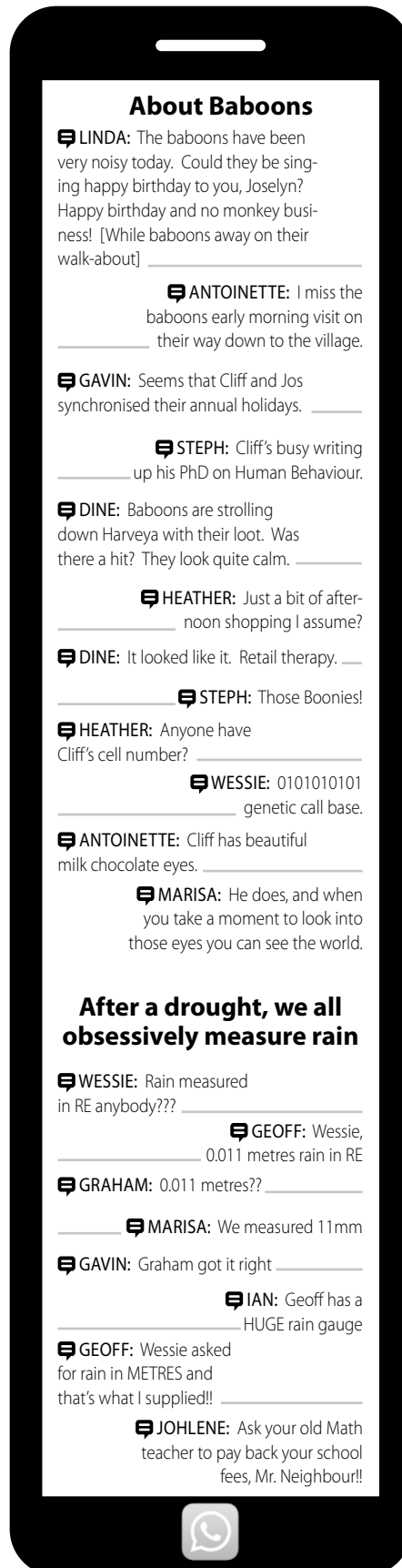
As Village People grew as a group and its numbers increased, a few private reprimands were necessary to remind individual members about being socially appropriate. There were times when the rules of "considering others, being courteous at all times and avoiding any posts about sex, religion and politics" were not adhered to and this resulted in behind the scenes phone calls and messages in response to the posting of a sleazy joke or provocative political statements.

Fortunately, less agreeable topics are quickly forgotten as we on Village People are easily distracted by a post reminding us of our beautiful environment.

Now, yes, members of the group alert us of whale sightings and keep us updated about our baboon troop; somebody will let us know when they see a genet or puffadder; members inform us of their talents of massaging or baking and share cherries. They ask "What is this?" questions of a moth or flower, scorpion or rock lobster, following which the various boffins make identifications for us; notices of upcoming events are also shared; lifts and favours are requested; birthdays are made happy by multiple greetings; the planetary buffs keep us up-to-date on lunar eclipses, blood moons, equinoxes, Venus, phosphorescent waves and gale force winds; we have our little (or big) moans about pipes bursting and power outages and sometimes there is a simple good morning and appreciation of the sunrise of the new day.

Village People gives us an opportunity to be connected to each other, to enhance the spirit of and caring for our unique community. Our messages highlight all that is great in our village and together we share our collective appreciation for the beauty, in all its many forms, which surrounds us.

Linda Hiles



Village life

SONET: A sweet reminder your koeksisters are ready for collection.

HILGARD: Reminder. We need to fit in our bathing suits

DINE: Traffic standing still in places on R44.

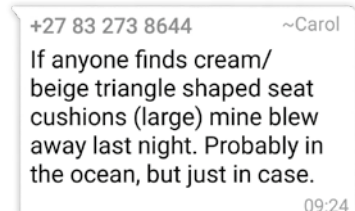
IZAK: Opportunity to sell pancakes next to road turning in to Klein Rooiels!

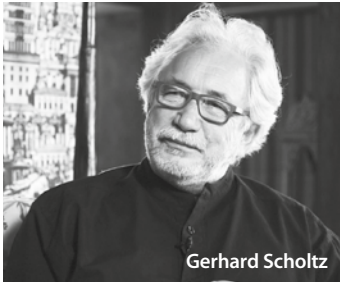
IAN: How about a pop up wine bar, Izak?

GAVIN: We'll all pop up for a drink!

JOSELYN: No one worry if they see a little white aygo driving around – it's me in a black jacket with a bunch of cameras trying to get thermal imaging footage of the baboons at the sleeping site

WESSIE: African reality!





Gerard Scholtz

'n Haikoe is 'n baie kort Japanese gedig wat uit sewentien siillabes of klankgrepe in drie versreëls bestaan. Die eerste en laaste reël het vyf klankgrepe, terwyl die middelste reël uit sewe klankgrepe bestaan. Inspirasie is gewoonlik uit die natuur met die laaste reël in jukstaposisie. Marthie Pienaar en Gerard Scholtz beoefen hierdie klassieke digvorm daagliks om die skoonheid om hulle te onderstreep.

GERARD SCHOLTZ:

in helder maanlig
word die klippe soos blomme:
wagtend, oopgevou

met die eerste lig
val sagte reën op die dak:
die geute drup-drup

bome in die nag
ek fluister deur my vingers -
die blare luister

sommige aande
krimp die lewe tot 'n stroom
en skielik tot niks

die orde van die nag
vang jou telkens onverhoeds -
solank sterre skyn...

MARTHIE PIENAAR:

Venus en die maan
flankerend om Klein Hangklip
gly stilweg oor baai

willoos oor die see
waai warrels voor die wind uit
rigtingloos gedwing



Marthie Pienaar

'n Veertjie in die Hoed van 'n Rooielser

Die ATKV Veertjie-toekennings kan as die Suid-Afrikaanse weergawe van die Grammy Awards beskou word. Vroëer vanjaar is Gerard Scholtz met 'n Woord Veertjie bekroon vir 'n profiel, *In die nabyheid van bome*, wat hy vir DEKAT oor die 95-jarige Elsa Joubert geskryf het na die publikasie van haar boek, *Spertyd*.

"Wat 'n voorreg was dit nie om met hierdie wêreldklas skrywer te sit en te gesels nie. Wat op 95 'n vol lewe se herrinnerings so helder kan oproep, en deurentyd wys hede kwytraak," sê Gerard.

Elsa Joubert is een van die laaste oorlewende skrywers van die Sestiger letterkundige bewegings en skrywer van 22 boeke. *Die Swerfjare van Poppie Nongena* is in 13 tale vertaal. Elsa ontvang ook elke moontlike letterkundige toekening of prys in Suid-Afrika, asook internasionale toekennings soos, onder andere, van die Royal Literature Society.

Sedert 80-jarige ouderdom staan Elsa geen onderhoude meer toe nie. Groot was Gerard se verbasing toe hy genader word met die nuus dat Elsa 'n eerste onderhoud aan hom sal toestaan met die verskyning van *Spertyd*, wat tans 'n topverkoper is. "Dit was 'n geweldige eer dat sy ingestem het dat ek die eerste joernalis was wat na die 15 jaar van stilswye met haar kon praat. Na die onderhoud het ek haar gevra of sy later 'n televisieonderhoud sou toestaan. Met groot grasia het sy ingestem en het ons TV-span later 'n halwe dag saam met hierdie formidabele vrou deurgebring."

Gerard was op die Veertjie-kortlys saam met gewigtige name en het hy nie gedink hy sal 'n kans staan om dit te wen nie. Die aand van die funksie het hulle in die bed onder 'n warm duvet in 'n koue ou plaashuis naby Mont Saint Michel in Frankryk gesit toe sy telefoon lui. Dit was Anita Visser van RSG wat hom bel met: "Gerard! Jy hét die Veertjie!". Sy peetkind, prof Philip Stoop, het dit namens hom ontvang.

Gerard is 'n besige man en het pas 'n nuwe TV-seisoen agter die rug as vervaardiger en soms aanbieder op SABC2. Oor die afgelope jare het hy meer as 100 onderhoude met skrywers op kykNET gevoer. "Daarna tel 'n mens nie meer nie", sê hy. Hy is ook al as beste Afrikaanse TV-aanbieder vir 'n Media Veertjie benoem. 'n Roman, *Lig wankelend*, wat teen die agtergrond van ons eie Klein Hangklip afspel, is verlede jaar herdruk, en volgende jaar verskyn sy reisboek, *Hier gaat ons!*, wat 'n ruim borgskap van die LW Hiemstra Trust ontvang het vanweë die letterkundige waarde daarvan. Een van die keurders noem dit die mees uitgebreide Afrikaanse reisboek nog. Hierdie reisboek is 'n voortvloei van Gerard se gewilde reis- en fotoblog wat in meer as 70 lande gevolg word. Gerard se reis- en fotoblog ('n "flog" noem hy dit) kan by gerardscholtz.wordpress.com gevolg word.

Willie Pienaar



Three Cheers for the Drummond Arms!

The Drummond Arms has committed to the "Refuse the straw" initiative by not issuing straws automatically and supplying biodegradable straws on request. They have also ordered new biodegradable food containers for take-aways from an agent in Pringle Bay.

We laud them for their initiative and wish them well!



A YEAR IN ROOIELS 2018



JAN

- 1** Rooielsers greet 2018 from Klein Hangklip
- 5** Sun halo caused by atmospheric ice crystals
- 31** Supermoon



15 Sundowners at the slipway to celebrate a new president

FEB

- 8** Concern as Cliff (Baboon) goes missing for 5 hours
- 8** Fresh porcupine remains and signs of a leopard found
- 10** Infant baboon Marlowe killed on R44



MARCH

- 15** Wave Motion Researcher puzzles us with contraptions at beach
- 17** Leopard cameras vandalised at the cave
- 29** Forest buzzard in Rooiels – a first!



APRIL

- 16** Ocean View without water and electricity due to burst pipe
- 25** Heavy traffic on R44, hardly moving
- 30** Huge waves buffet Rooiels



MAY

- 12** Communal beach cleanup
- 13** International Space Station delights
- 17** Puffie at the Milnes
- 20** Leopard takes selfie in cave



JUNE

- 9** Buffelstaldam overflows
- 23** Huge seas
- 28** Baboon infant Cody killed on the R44
- 29** REC hosts packed-out talk by Tim Attwell



JULY

- 5** Elephant seal bull on beach
- 14** Estuary cleanup
- 16** Orcas breaching
- 27** Lunar eclipse wows



AUG

- 10** Baboons return after being AWOL since late July
- 10** Stals wedding
- 26** Johan Bestbier captures the double rainbow over Clarence Drive



SEPT

- 3** Blast at Denel rocks Rooiels
- 24** Heritage Day Potjie Competition at Drummond Arms
- 29** RERA 'Voices of Rooiels' and spit braai
- 30** Whales lobtailing



OCT

- 11** N2 Closed. Traffic jam on R44
- 21** High winds claim roofs, dstv dishes & cushions
- 27** "Green fire" phosphorescence with red tide



NOV

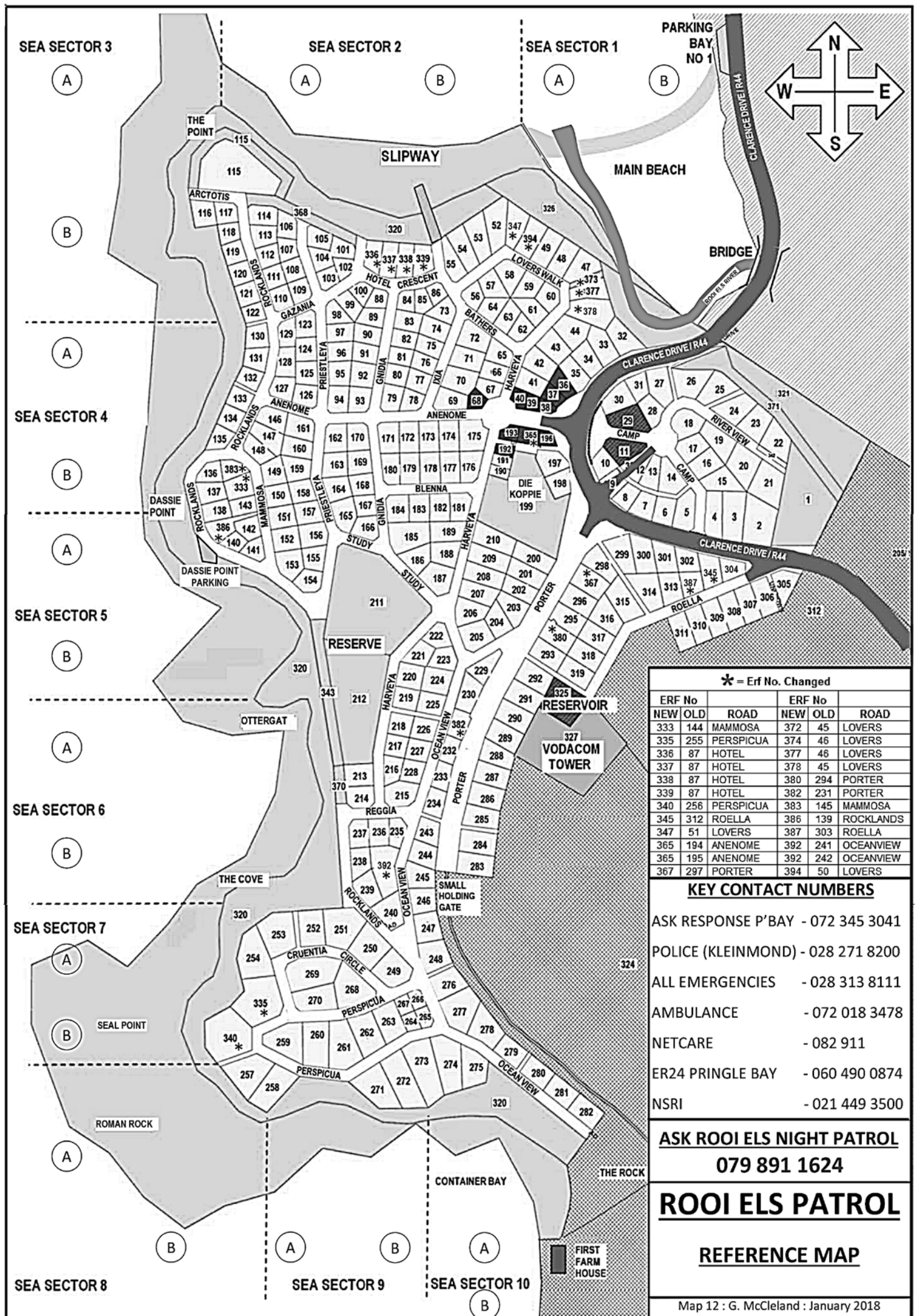
- 3** First RERA bi-monthly public meeting
- 5** Army and Police on patrol in Rooiels
- 12** Tweet, the foster bird of Graham & Dine returns



BRIES

DEC

- 4** Bries/Breeze goes to printers
- 19** REC AGM at 17:30 Erf 66
- 20** RERA AGM at 11:30 Erf 231
- 21** RESA AGM at 9:30 Erf 124



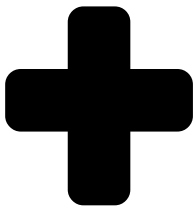
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THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY / MEDICAL / FIRE / GENERAL



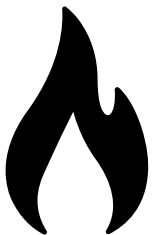
THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY

1. PRESS YOUR PANIC BUTTON
 2. BLOCK WATCH
 3. SAPS
 - a. Kleinmond SAPS 028-271-8200/02/15/19
 - b. Gordons Bay SAPS 021-856-1207/ 021-856-2677
 - c. Police 082-576-2785
 4. NUMBERS
 - a. ASK Pringle Bay 072-345-3041
 - b. ASK Rooiels (at night) 079-891-1624
 - c. Cape Town emergency No: (Telkom line 107 or cell 021-480-7700)
 - d. Somerset West NHW Control room 021-840-0009
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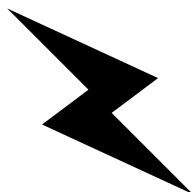
MEDICAL EMERGENCY

1. ER 24 Paramedics 060-490-0874 | Office Hours 071-687-3825
 2. Morne 082-894-3019
 3. Block Watch
 4. Cape Town emergency No: (Telkom line 107 or cell 021-480-7700)
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FIRE THREAT

1. Overstand Fire 028-312-2400
 2. Overstand Emergency No: 028-313-8111
 3. Block Watch
 4. Rooielss Fire coordinator 082-898-8202
 5. Cape Town emergency No: (Telkom line 107 or cell 021-480-7700)
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GENERAL THREAT/EMERGENCY

1. Block Watch
2. Overstand Emergency No: 028-313-8111
3. Penguins/Seabirds 072-220-5291. Cape Nature 082-453-0835
4. Poaching
 - a. DAFF 028-313-2703 / 084-408-6159
 - b. Hilgard 082-898-8202 Rooiels
5. Stompi Hotline 021-424-7715
6. NRSI 021-449-3500
7. ESKOM EMERGENCY: 086-003-7566 option 4

ROOIELS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
15-Dec-2018	ESTUARY/BEACH CLEANUP We need about 30 volunteers for this crucial job! A "boerie roll" will be your reward. ENQUIRIES: John Charalambous 079 336 4639	09:00 Meet at the Rooiels Shop
15-Dec-2018	ROOIELS BOOK LAUNCH Collect your pre-ordered books. Books for sale also available. Surprise program and refreshments. ENQUIRIES: Allison Vienings 082 416 3916	18:30 Erf 231 Ocean View (home of Gail and Herbert Voigt)
16-Dec-2018	VISIT TO THE SEALS Please wear shoes with rubber soles for the rocks. ENQUIRIES: Wolfgang Steinbach – 082 823 6821	17:00 – 18:30 Meet at erf 257 Perspicua
17-Dec-2018	ROOIELS FESTIVE MARKET Arts and crafts, bakes and confectionery. Come and support the locals. ENQUIRIES: Allison Vienings 082 416 3916	09:00 – 13:00 Something Els Eatery
18-Dec-2018	DAPPAT SE GAT Own transport, walking shoes and a torch. ENQUIRIES: Wolfgang Steinbach 082 823 6821	06:00 – 09:00 Meet at the Rooiels Shop
19-Dec-2018	BEACH/SEA FARM WALK Own transport to Pringle Bay. Wear walking shoes and bring water and snacks. Swimming is a possibility on the way back. ENQUIRIES: Wolfgang Steinbach 082 823 6821	06:30 Meet at the Rooiels Shop
19-Dec-2018	ROOIELS CONSERVANCY (REC) AGM Refreshments after the meeting. ENQUIRIES: John Charalambous 079 336 4639	17:30 Erf 66 Harveya (home of John and Ali)
20-Dec-2018	ROOIELS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (RERA) AGM Enquiries: Allison Vienings 082 416 3916	11:30 Erf 231 Ocean View (home of Herbert and Gail Voigt)
21-Dec-2018	ROOIELS SECURITY ASSOCIATION (RESA) AGM ENQUIRIES: Mark Butler 082 784 6754	9:30 Erf 124 Priestleya (Mark and Linda Butler's home)
22-Dec-2018 (Weather permitting)	CRAYFISH COMPETITION Refreshments provided by Rooiels Boat Club. ENQUIRIES: Piet Uys 083 799 4088	07:30 – 09:00 Registration: Erf 73 Ixia (Piet Uys' home) 13:00 Prize-giving: Same address
23-Dec-2018	SEA LIFE WORKSHOP Remember a hat and sunblock. Little kids must be accompanied. ENQUIRIES: Evette Weyers 028 2738483	08:30 – 11:00 Meet at the Rooiels shop
27-Dec-2018	SAND CASTLE COMPETITION ENQUIRIES: Sandra Yeo 079 580 6784 & Hanna Reinders 0824502136	08:30 – 11:00 Main beach
28-Dec-2018	ECO WALK Leisurely walk through Rooiels with experts on aves, flora and fauna. Botanist Amieda Johns will also highlight rare and endangered plants. Enquiries: Helen Jones & Alison Ayre 028 2738205 / 082 730 0098	06:45 Meet at the Rooiels Shop
29-Dec-2018	TREASURE HUNT ENQUIRIES: Marti Louw 028 2738649	08:30 Meet at the slipway
30-Dec-2018	VISIT TO THE SEALS Please wear shoes with rubber soles for the rocks. ENQUIRIES: Wolfgang Steinbach – 082 823 6821	17:00 – 18:30 Meet at erf 257 Perspicua
31-Dec-2018	DRUMMOND ARMS – BACK TO SCHOOL EVENING Tickets obtainable at the pub@R180. Lamb on a spit, cash bar, music and lots of fun! ENQUIRIES: Carl Cleophas and Frankie 028 2738458	20:00 Drummond Arms
01-Jan-2019	WALK UP KLEIN-HANGKLIP TO MEET THE NEW YEAR Wear walking shoes and remember the bubbly! ENQUIRIES: Jill Lockley 028 2738852	05:00 Meet at the Rooiels shop
03-Jan-2019	BEACH CLEANUP Please bring your own black bag. Let's keep Rooiels clean!	08:00 Meet at the slipway

ROOIELS VAKANSIEPROGRAM

DATUM	ITEM AANGEBIED	TYD & PLEK
15-Des-2018	SKOONMAAK VAN RIVIERMONDING Ons benodig omtrent 30 vrywilligers vir hierdie uiters belangrike taak! Jou beloning is 'n "boerie roll" NAVRAE: John Charalambous 079 336 4639	09:00 Ontmoet by die winkel
15-Des-2018	BEKENDSTELLING VAN DIE ROOIELSBOEK Haal voorafbestelde boeke hier af. Boeke sal ook te koop wees. Verrassingsprogram en verversings. NAVRAE: Allison Vienings 082 416 3916	18:30 Erf 231 Ocean View (Herbert en Gail Voigt se huis)
16-Des-2018	BESIGTING VAN ROBBE Dra asseblief stapskoene met rubbersole vir die rotse. NAVRAE: Wolfgang Steinbach 082 823 6821	17:00 – 18:30 Ontmoet by erf 257 Perspicua
17-Des-2018	ROOIELS FEESMARK Handewerk en lekkernye. Kom ondersteun die gemeenskap. NAVRAE: Allison Vienings 082 416 3916	09:00 – 13:00 Something Els
18-Des-2018	DAPPAT SE GAT Eie vervoer, stapskoene en 'n flitslig. NAVRAE: Wolfgang Steinbach 082 823 6821	06:00 – 09:00 Ontmoet by Rooiels winkel
19-Des-2018	SEA FARM/STRAND BESOEK Eie Vervoer tot by Pringlebaai, stapskoene, sonroom en water Moontlike geleentheid vir swem op pad terug. NAVRAE: Wolfgang Steinbach 082 823 6821	06:30 Ontmoet by Rooiels winkel
19-Des-2018	ROOIELS BEWAREA AJV Verversings na die tyd. NAVRAE: John Charalambous 079 336 4639	17:30 Erf 66 Harveya (Charalambous huis)
20-Des-2018	ROOIELS BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING AJV Kom geniet 'n glasie wyn na die vergadering. NAVRAE: Allison Vienings 082 823 3916	11:30 Erf 231 Ocean View (Herbert en Gail Voigt se huis)
21-Des-2018	RESA AJV NAVRAE: MARK BUTLER 082 784 6754	9:30 Erf 124 Priestleya (Mark Butler se huis)
22-Des-2018 (afhangend van die weer)	KREEFKOMPETISIE Verversings deur Rooiels Bootklub aangebied. NAVRAE: Piet Uys 083 799 4088	07:30 – 09:00 Registrasie: Erf 73 Ixia (Piet Uys se huis) 13:00 Prysuitdeling: Dieselfde adres
23-Des-2018	SEELEWEWERKSWINKEL Onthou sonbrandroom en 'n hoed. Jong kinders moet vergesel word. NAVRAE: Evette Weyers 028 273 8483	08:30 – 11:00 Ontmoet by die winkel
27-Des-2018	SANDKASTEELKOMPETISIE NAVRAE: Sandra Yeo 079 580 6784 & Hanna Reinders 082 450 2136	08:30 – 11:00 Hoofstrand
28-Dec-2018	EKOLOGIESE STAP Gemaklike stap deur Rooiels saam met kenners van voëls, plante en diere. Botanis Amida Johns sal skaars- en bedreigde plantspesies uitwys. NAVRAE: Helen Jones en Alison Ayre 028 273 8205 / 082 730 0098	06:45 Ontmoet voor die winkel
29-Des-2018	SKATTEJAG NAVRAE: Marti Louw 028 273 8649	08:30 Ontmoet by die sleepelling
30-Des-2018	BESIGTING VAN ROBBE Dra asseblief stapskoene met rubbersole vir die rotse. NAVRAE: Wolfgang Steinbach 082 823 6821	17:00 – 18:30 Ontmoet by erf 257 Perspicua
31-Des-2018	DRUMMOND ARMS SE TERUG-SKOOL-TOE AAND Kaartjies te koop by die kroeg @ R180. Spitbraai, kontantkroeg, musiek en baie pret! NAVRAE: Carl Cleophas en Frankie 028 273 8358	20:00 Drummond Arms
01-Jan-2019	STAP KLEIN-HANGKLIP UIT Onthou jou stapskoene en vonkelwyn! NAVRAE: Jill Lockley 028 273 8852	05:00 Ontmoet by die Rooiels winkel
03-Jan-2019	NUWE JAAR STRANDSKOONMAAK Bring asseblief swart sak/ke saam. Kom ons hou Rooiels skoon!	08:00 Ontmoet by die sleepelling

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.

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