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Rooi Els Ratepayers Association
Rooiels Belastingbetalersvereniging

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EDITORIAL

REDAKSIONEEL

Die aankondiging van die beoogde Wet op Beplanning en Ontwikkeling vir die Wes-Kaap, deur mnr Lampie Fick, LUR vir Landbou, Beplanning en Toerisme, is positief deur die RERA ontvang. Rooiels is dan ook deur mnr Fick in die Wetgewende Raad uitgesonder as 'n sensitiewe gebied. Die rol wat die RERA in hierdie verband gespeel het kan nie onderskat word nie, want dit is deur ons volgehoue verset teen verdere ontwikkeling in en om Rooiels, glo ons, dat Rooiels in hierdie aankondiging uitgesonder is.

The RERA has added a record number of ratepayers to its membership. So far 153 property owners have joined the association and this constitutes well over 60% of the total if one takes into consideration that many ratepayers own more than one property. The greater the membership, the more representative the association. Thank you and we welcome all our new members. It is most important that this association becomes even stronger so that what we stand for can be heard loud and clear! If you have not yet joined, please complete the form included and post it to us.

Die RERA is besig om hom op verskillende terreine te vestig. Ons het nou verteenwoordiging op die Hangklip/Kleinmond

Polisie Forum, die Federasie vir Belastingbetalers, die Habitatsraad, die Kleinmond Reklame Vereniging, Friends of Hangklip, KOBIO en die BCCC. (Buffels River Catchment Community Committee) Hierdeur dra ons nie net die belange van Rooiels op die hart nie, maar ook die belange van die hele streek.

The Rooi Els Boat Club decided to place an advertisement in each edition of the Breeze and this money, together with other advertisements will enable us to send copies of the Breeze/Bries to every ratepayer of Rooi Els, and not only to the members of RERA. These membership fees make it possible to get news, views and ideas about Rooiels to you.

Jane Forrester van die Harold Porter Nasionale Botaniese Tuin het baie moeite gedoen om vir ons 'n artikel te skryf oor inheemse plante wat in Rooiels aard. Intussen het Ral Meredith en Darelle Snyman aan 'n projek begin werk oor inheemse bome wat in Rooiels groei. In 'n volgende uitgawe sal ons verder daaroor berig. Baie dankie aan hierdie mense vir die onbaatsugtige diens wat hulle lewer.

Gerard Scholtz

SOMCHEM UPDATE

Op 27 Mei het Somchem aangekondig dat alle toets-aktiwiteite by die Hangklip Toetsterrein teen die einde van vanjaar gestaak gaan word.

Tydens die laaste 18 maande was die REBBV aktief betrokke by sowat 16 vergaderings voordat hierdie aankondiging gedoen is.

Raadslid Julia Aalbers is deur die burgermeester van Hangklip-Kleinmond, mnr Willie Smuts, in die Hangklip Herald uitgesonder vir haar kennis van chemie wat 'n belangrike rol tydens die onderhandelings gespeel het. Ander persone van Rooiels, soos die voorsitter van die REBBV, Geoff Harris, en Prof Dennis Cowen, as voorsitter van die moniteringskomitee, het ook hard gewerk om 'n aanvaarbare skikking te bewerkstellig.

The Overberg District Council quarry site, adjacent to the dynamic test facility is also to be rehabilitated.

We believe that the aim of the negotiators is to ensure that this area is returned as far as possible to its former pristine condition.

The RERA would like to

thank all those who have worked together to achieve this.

FROM THE CHAIR



Once again time has flown and a fresh Breeze has blown into your hands. You will appreciate from the contents that that your committee has not been idle! On behalf of the Rooi Els Community, I take the liberty of thanking them for their voluntary service to Rooi Els in maintaining your Vision of the future.

Die REBBV is besig om van krag tot krag te groei. Ons ledetal staan tans op 'n rekord van opbetaalde lede. Hiermee wil ons alle Rooielsers verseker dat ons u mandaat handhaaf om die unieke landelike atmosfeer van Rooiels te behou.

Zoning

Unfortunately, the founders of the Residents' Association apparently misunderstood the source and context of the Hangklip-Kleinmond Municipality's initiative to bring about a Zoning Plan for Rooi Els and attributed this important progress to the Ratepayers' Association. The Zoning Plan is a requirement of the Province and, while the RERA exco certainly supported that initiative because it would help remove the uncertainty which has prevailed in Rooi Els, we cannot claim credit for it. Nor, unfortunately, can we claim credit for the terms of reference.

The Council cannot be faulted in their initiative to bring Rooi Els in line with the other villages under their jurisdiction, nor the impeccable manner in which the Zoning Procedure was carried out in accordance with the Provincial requirements. The RERA did, however, object on your behalf to the "in camera" hearing which was granted to the Residents' Association, as we consider

that openness and even-handed treatment should be publicly displayed in a matter of such great public interest. We have also raised concerns about the additional costs entailed by the delay and trust they will not burden the general body of ratepayers. No satisfactory answer on this score has been received from the Council as yet. We hope to be able to report further on this in the next Breeze.

Ontwikkelingsbeleidsplan

Mnr Lampie Fick, LUR vir Landbou, Beplanning en Toerisme, het onlangs aangekondig dat daar teen Augustus reeds 'n nuwe ontwikkelingsbeleidsplan vir die Suid-Kaapse landelike gebied vir goedkeuring ingedien sal word. Indien dit goedgekeur word, sal onder andere:

- ▶ die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsbestuursproses verpligtend wees vir alle ontwikkeling in die Suid-Kaapse landelike gebiede;
- ▶ die karakter van die Suid-Kaap as natuurskone

landelike omgewing met tradisionele boustyle statutêr gereël word;

- ▶ die estetiese voorkoms van ontwikkeling die eerste keer in die geskiedenis van die land statutêr gereël word;
- ▶ siglyne bo die horison en die omvang van sogenaamde sny-en-vul op skuins hellings statutêr beperk word.

Deur direk na Rooiels te verwys, beteken dat mnr Fick ten volle bewus is van u kwellinge en wense en ek wil glo dat die druk wat die REBBV deurgaans in hierdie rigting uitgeoefen het, hiertoe bygedra het. Ons is dankbaar vir mnr Fick se inisiatief wat, met die inligting tot ons beskikking, die Visie vir Rooiels ondersteun.

Somchem

Somchem has announced that it will stop testing armaments in our catchment area by the end of 1997. Negotiations concerning the

implementation of a protocol to ensure the quality of our water, and to plan the rehabilitation and future management of the area, are progressing well.

Rooiels Waardes

Een van ons eiendomsagente sê vir my dat hy tans slegs vier eiendomme op Rooiels bemark. Dit wil lyk asof Rooiels-eiendomme baie gesog is en dat eienaars aan hulle vasklou. Dit wil ook voorkom of die waarde van eiendomme op Rooiels vinniger toeneem as op buurdorpe.

That could the reason be behind this apparent desirability of Rooi Els properties? Could it be that the very pro-environmental, minimal-developmental stance taken by the overwhelming majority of ratepayers of Rooi Els is also finding approval with others? Could it be that the unique environmental heritage which ratepayers are striving to preserve and cultivate is also having positive financial implications?

As dit wel so is, dan kan daardie eenaars wat om persoonlike finansiële redes ontwikkeling steun, hierdie aspek oordink en by die oorgrote meerderheid belastingbetalers aansluit wat graag kruipende kommersialisme wil hokslaan en daarmee saam die onvermydelik vernietigende gevolge daarvan vir die natuurlike prag, vrede en uniekheid van Rooiels.

Generally speaking, people like something unique. Most people like peace and beauty. Those who can, seek safety and security away from the commercial trouble centres where the magnet of "commercial opportunity" has created crowded, crime-ridden conditions.

Rooi Els is unique. Rooi Els is peaceful and beautiful. It also offers the security of uncrowded living conditions with no commercial magnetism. I, for one, love Rooi Els - warts and all!

Beste wense

Geoff Harris

Voorsitter: REBBY/RERA

Whatever befalls the earth,

befalls the sons and daughters of the earth,

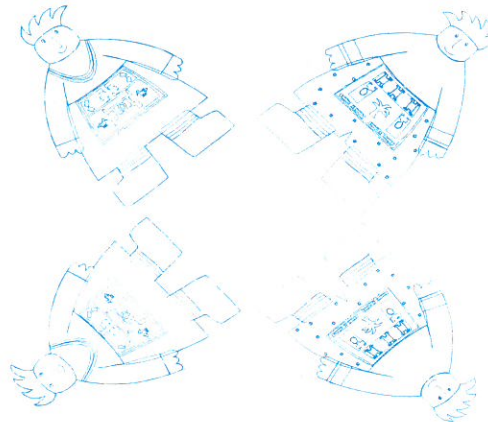
We did not weave the web of life;

We are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web,
we do to ourselves...

-Chief Seattle (1788-1866)

AT COUNCIL



'n Groot deel van elke Raadsvergadering word aan twee uiters belangrike sake rakende die plaaslike regering afgestaan, naamlik, die finansiële verantwoordelikheid en die uitdagings van ontwikkelingsdruk.

Financial responsibility

Our local Municipality is fortunate in that it has a large cadre of responsible payers of rates and fees for services. At any time, debtors represent some 10% of the total income payable to Council. Thankfully there

does not seem to be an increasing pattern of payment default. We are therefore able to pay our way - albeit modestly.

However, pressures of combining the two Municipal areas are still however felt, eg. budgets are done separately for each traditional area; overall valuation of properties across the whole Municipal area is not yet available, but is imminent. (A valuator has been appointed - Mr A van Biljon from Worcester.); and new computer systems are required to take over out-dated and manual financial record-keeping systems.

Budgetting for 97/98 is currently underway - but has unfortunately been delayed by the recent resignation of the Town Treasurer. However Ratepayers' organisations and other stakeholders have provided information and will be consulted again soon.

Ontwikkelingsaspekte

Die Bettysbaai Struktuurplan konsultante het hulle eerste verslag voorberei wat by die Kleinmond Biblioteek beskikbaar is. Dr AEF Heydoorn se omgewingsanalise is interessante leesstof en benadruk die belangrikheid daarvan om die omgewingskarakter van Bettysbaai te behou.

Die potensiaal van die Kleinmond-haweontwikkeling is in die proses om vasgestel te word en 'n voorlopige verslag is aan die Uitvoerende Komitee oorhandig. Op grond hiervan oorweeg die Hawe-ontwikkelingsforum nou 'n aantal moontlikhede wat implikasies vir die plaaslike gemeenskap inhou. Die moontlikheid van verdere ontwikkeling van die Palmiet Ontspanningsoord, is deel hiervan en Provinsiale insette word ook benodig.

Over-The-Hills - die informele nedersetting buite Kleinmond - sal binnekort 'n miernes van bedrywigheid wees as werk aan die nuwe ontwikkelingsgebied begin word. Tenders is uitgesit en bedrywighede sal teen Julie/Augustus begin.

Die behoefte vir 'n voldoende afvalstortings-terrein vir ons gebied word nou in samewerking met Hermanus ondersoek omdat 'n voldoende terrein nie in ons gebied gevind kan word nie. Die Raad het Dr Neil Farrell as konsultant aangestel om te kyk hoe ons afval kan verminder deur herwinning toe te pas, omdat afvalverwydering nou so 'n duur munisipale diens word.

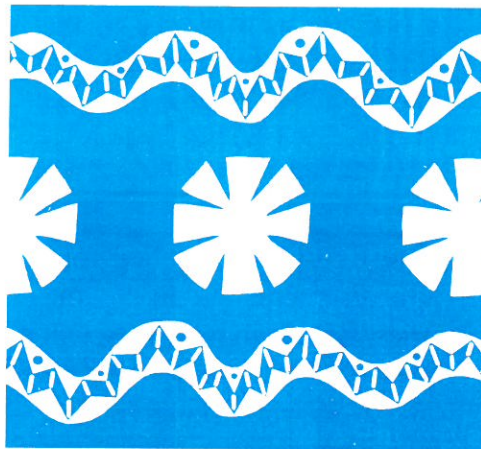
Ons eie gebied is steeds besig om te groei en sowat R1.2 se bouplanne vir Rooiels is in die eerste 5

maande vanjaar goedgekeur.

It is clear we will have to keep our wits about us, if we are to keep Rooi Els's natural environment intact!

Julia Aalbers
Councillor

Voorlopige Identifikasielys vir die Rooiels Natuurreservaat



Op Woensdag 30 April het Craig Spencer, ons Natuurbewaringsbeampte, en Jane Forrester van die Harold Porter Botaniese Tuin, kom help om voor die brand van die Rooiels Natuurreservaat 'n identifikasielys van die fynbos op te stel. Prof Werner Mödinger en Gerard Scholtz het meegehelp.

Die tuin is in drie dele opgedeel, nl, die rotsagtige gedeelte by die koppie, die bosagtige gedeelte aan

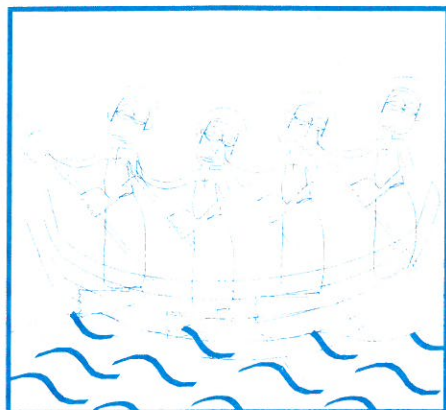
die kusstrook en dan die plat fynbosgedeelte. Van elk van hierdie gedeeltes is monsters van plantsoorte geneem wat geklasifiseer is en aan die hand daarvan is die lys opgestel. Dit sal as 'n addendum in die bestuursplan van die Rooiels Natuurreservaat opgeneem word.

Craig en Jane het benadruk dat die oefening nie volgens wetenskaplike metodes gedoen is nie, maar dat dit 'n baie goeie idee kan gee van wat in die reservaat voorkom. 'n Volledige gids sal na die brand opgestel word.

OUR NATURE RESERVE: AFTER THE FIRE

OUR NATURE RESERVE NOW HAS A THIN MIST OF GREEN SOFTENING THE BLACK AND GREY LEFT BY THE FIRE. THE RESTIOS WITH ONLY THE TIPS OF THEIR SPIKES SHOWING FIRE DAMAGE, ARE GROWING FAST. LEAVES OF DIFFERENT BULBOUS PLANTS ARE ALSO EVIDENT, BUT AT THIS STAGE IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY TWO OR THREE OF THEM FOR EXAMPLE, CHASMANTHE WITH A RED FLOWER WHICH GROWS IN PROFUSION JUST ABOVE THE SEA, WITH SMALL STANDS OF THEM ELSEWHERE ON THE RESERVE. BABOONS LIKE TO EAT THEM, AND OUR OWN TROOP, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE IN FINE CONDITION AT THE MOMENT, BOUND ENTHUSIASTICALLY OVER THE RESERVE FOR THEIR DAILY SNACK.

Rooi Els Boat Club REBC - its beginnings



The REBC was formed in 1995 at the request of the municipality who were no longer able to take responsibility for the maintenance and management of the slipway. The Council approached the committee of the Rooi Els Ratepayers' Association who in turn asked one of its members to form the REBC, so that the first and very undemocratically elected chairman was appointed: Diarmuid Baigrie. He was ably assisted by his committee of Albie Stals, Ral Meredith and Chris de Kock who agreed to stand prior to the first AGM.

A constitution was drawn up, based on the very comprehensive Betty's Bay Boat Club's version and was approved formally by the Municipality early in 1996. At the first AGM held on Easter Saturday 1996, the REBC members adopted the

constitution unanimously and a new committee was confirmed. Chris, having decided that his retirement was being interrupted too frequently, stood down and Martin Burger came on board. We held our second AGM on Easter Saturday 1997 and Andries Brink, André du Toit and Wolfgang Wodrich have replaced Ral and Martin, who asked to be given a breather. Ral, Martin and Albie did great work in getting the slipway and boom repaired.

Our honorary keeper of keys is Margaret Hensen who does a fine job as a service to the Club without compensation. We aim to rectify that this year by forcing a bottle or two of wine on her.

The REBC has booked four advertisements in the Bries/Breeze in which we will bring Club news to all ratepayers who, though not all members, may have an interest indirectly in the Club's activities. If there is any subject you would like to raise, the chairman's address is P.O.Box 2146, Clareinch 7740, so please don't hesitate to write to us.

**I only went out for a walk
and finally concluded to stay out
until sundown,
for going out, I found,
was really going in.
-John Muir (1838-1914)**

KUSONTWIK- KELING NOU BEHEER

Recently Rooi Els was singled out by Mr Lampie Fick, MEC for Planning, as being a sensitive area where strict new measures which will control coastal development, will be applied. In the discussion of his budget post he said that "the days of easy approvals based only on physical spatial factors are over".

He said that most coastal towns had been planned by excellent surveyors of fifty years ago and that today we are paying the price for their inability to take the environment into consideration. This does not mean that they were unintelligent - rather that there was less pressure on the environment. Today we need to plan for the next fifty years.

FRIENDS OF HANGKLIP

Friends of Hangklip is an environmental group, and an institutional member of the Wildlife Society, that was founded at Pringle Bay at the end of 1995. It was the brainchild of Annemarie Breytenbach. Its purpose is to promote interest in and concern for the preservation

and conservation of natural areas. I am one of the founding members and attend regular meetings.

Presently most of the members are from Pringle Bay, thus many of the issues they are tackling are specific to Pringle Bay, such as trails being negotiated over plots, rehabilitating their streams, hacking, etc. There are, however, some general issues of importance to all areas.

I serve on the Marine sub-committee. The four members on the Marine sub-committee created SEAWATCH which has grown from strength to strength. SEAWATCH now includes Rooi Els, Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay. Hermanus, Onrus and Gansbaai have asked to join as well.

What might interest the people of Rooi Els are the talks on fynbos and local geology, organized by the "Friends", followed by a guided walk the next day. I will put up a poster on our notice board in future.

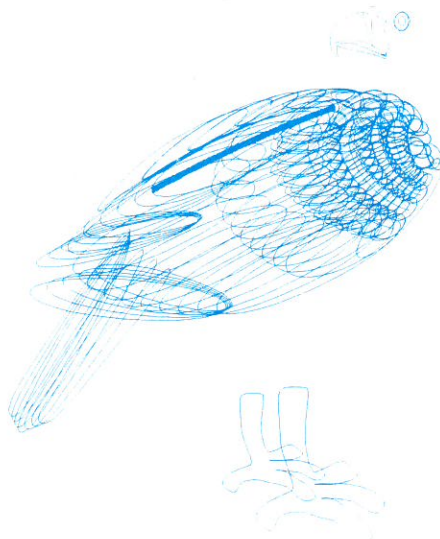
To find out more, write to PO Box 169, Pringle Bay, 7196.

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Ons Arende- Die siklus van voor af

Of dit nou die honderdste maal of die eerste is, om die arende tussen Klein-Hangklip en die tweede kop te sien, bly 'n mens se hart warm maak.

Van die derde naweek in April af is die twee volwasse arende terug. Van waar af? Hoe sal ons weet? Die wyfie is mos die een wat November se drama oorleef het. Veral sý verken die nes wat in wat in 1994 begin is, dikwels nà agt in die oggend en twee in die middag. Hý is altyd in die omgewing. Dit word tyd vir stokke bring om die nes te vergroot vir die twee eiers wat gelê gaan word en die siklus van nege, tien maande om herhaal te word.



Die nes is ongelukkig (gelukkig!) nie van bo van die koppe af sigbaar nie. Mens-steurnis is dus afwesig, maar soos bouery op erwe waar daar dassies hou, toeneem, sal die dassies die wyk neem en die stapelvoedsel van die arende daarmee heen wees.

Wanneer gaan die arende begin broei? Vier dae ná die

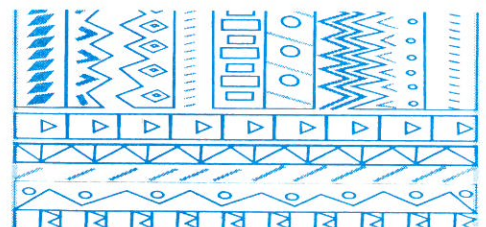
eerste eier sê die boek, kom die tweede. Gaan 'n sterk, gesonde kuiken inkubasie oorleef? Gaan hy trouens al die ander moeilike omstandighede kan deurstaan? Baie vrae duik op. Teen November of Desember is ons dalk weer so bevoorreg om die aktiwiteite van al drie dop te hou.

Onder die laaste waarneming van die vorige jong arendjie voor sy letterlik fisiese uitdruwing deur die ouers, soos gesien deur Joan Faure gedurende die eerste week in Februarie, was die poging om onder die bobbejaantrop 'n kleintjie te vang. Groot bobbejaanmannetjies het hoog in die lug gespring om daai arend te probeer bykom.

Maar die groot vraag bly: wat het geword van ons klein arendjie? Wat word van alle jong arende nadat hulle uit die nes gedryf word?

Die publikasie van *Velerie Gargett: The Black Eagle, a study*, (Acorn Books, Johannesburg 1990) die resultaat van 20 jaar se navorsing, is sy volle R136 werd. Verteerbare teks en pragfoto's. Lees gerus.

Louise du Toit



SONDE MET DIE BOUERS



Vriende van my hier op Rooiels het met ontsteltenis op die reste van 'n ystervark afgekom wat klaar opgeëet was deur lokale bouers. Ons is al 'n geruime tyd bewus dat bou-arbeiders kleinwild, fisante en seekos stroop. Die grootste sondebokke is dié wat op die boupersele slaap. Hulle is ver weg van die winkels, en die see en veld dien as 'n pasella spens.

Ons doen 'n beroep op almal wat tans bou en die arbeiders op hulle persele laat slaap, om te reël dat daar genoeg kos vir hulle is. Anders roei hulle ons wild uit. Nog beter, reël dat die bouers nie op die perseel slaap nie!

Evette Weyers

Hout vir die winter

Hennie Maree van Kleinmond is 'n pensionaris wat 40 jaar ondervinding het in bosbou en tuinbou.

Hy onderneem om rooikrans en ander indringerplante gratis op u werf uit te kap. Die hout word dan vir brandhout opgesaag wat verkoop word as 'n inkomste vir vier families. Sy filosofie is dat hy graag wil hê die brandhout moet in die omgewing bly, en 'n paar monde word daardeur gevoed. So dien hy die gemeenskap.

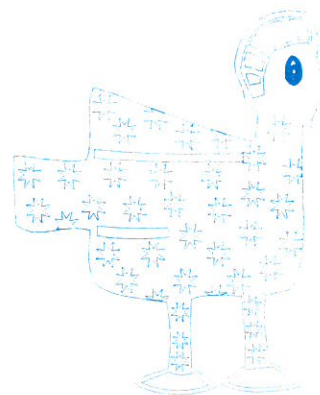
U kan hom kontak vir die afsaag van bome, of as u braai- of kaggelhout wil koop, kan hy saans by die volgende nommer geskakel word: (02823) 3437.

BIRD CHAT

Let us introduce you to one of the most infuriating of all bird species. They occur in varying numbers around the Western Cape and have been seen on a regular basis in Rooi Els! They are not respecters of birding tradition, frequently appearing at inopportune moments. They are small, compact, uniformly shaped and drearily coloured, i.e. they have no distinguishing features whatsoever! They form part of the insectivorous family, are approximately 10-15 cm in size and spend their time in constant motion, flitting in and out of the fynbos, shade or sun - thus making a positive sight identification even more difficult. Added to this they usually suffer from chronic laryngitis and have missed out on the Bird of the Year Awards, consequently they

are given to prolonged "sulks", refusing to come out of hiding.

There we have this Elbee Jay (*Ornithologicus Nightmareum*), otherwise known as LBJ (the Little Brown Job) - nobody knows what it is, but they saw it in the same place last week. Have faith, a little hope and perhaps even charity! They have confused even the most experienced birdwatchers. Do as they do - rush for Roberts! First published in 1940, it is still regarded as the definitive birding book. Others have



now begun to line birders' shelves - SASOL, Newman's, Sinclair and numerous "pocket" editions (some people must have awfully big pockets). The large variety and format of these books means that one will have a "better" picture or photograph than the next one, etc. It is the distribution maps that provide part of the clue. Here in Rooi Els we do find vagrants, especially in extreme

conditions Winter "blows in" many pelagic species. I digress. Back to LBJ. Never give up - seek solace in the books and hope for a better sighting next time!

We are always interested in your sightings and observations. A couple of weeks ago the Raymonds informed us that they'd seen Cape Rockjumpers (Kaapse Berglyster) in the southern area of Rooi Els. Now, that is good news! These attractive birds are endemic to Rooi Els and have been "at home" in the small holding area for a very long time. Other than a group in the Sir Lowry's Pass area, they are rare Western Cape birds. Definitely something to shout about, but not too loud.

An update on our somewhat dim-witted White-fronted Sandplovers (Vaalstrandkiewiet) who specialise in nesting in inappropriate places. Two pairs have bred successfully - adult behaviour seems indicative of chicks and we did see a new hatching on 7 April close to the hotel site.

Promerops, the Cape Bird Club bi-monthly magazine, has also highlighted the serious decline in Black Oystercatchers (Swarttobie) in their latest edition.

Happy birding!

Alison and Helen

With apologies to Shakespeare - who I am sure would forgive us:

".....this scepter'd isle
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars
This other Eden, demi-paradise,
This fortress built by Nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war,
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this Rooi Els."

This contribution also from Alison and Helen

Wet en Orde op Rooiels



Dit HET ONGEVEER TWEE JAAR GENEEM OM DIE VLAAG VAN INBRAKE EN DIEFSTALLE IN ROOIELS ONDER BEHEER TE BRING. DIE SUKSES VAN DIE VOORKOMENDE POLISIËRINGSTAKTIEK VAN ONS POLISIE, GEKOPPEL AAN DIE OPLETTENDHEID VAN ONS INWONERS, IS SPREKEND IN DIE FEIT DAT ONS VIR VYFTIEN MAANDE LANK NIE 'N ENKELE

INSIDENT VAN HUISBRAAK OF DIEFSTAL GEHAD HET NIE. IN TEENSTELLING MET DIE RES VAN DIE LAND, IS ONS EIENDOM, BESITTINGS, OUES VAN DAE EN ONS KINDERS DAREM NOG VEILIG IN ROOIELS. OF HIERDIE TOESTAND VAN VEILIGHEID EGTER SAL VOORTDUUR NA DIE VOLTOOIING VAN DIE GORDONSBAAI/ROOIELS PADPROJEK, IS TE BETWYFEL. DAAR IS REEDS AANDUIDINGS VAN BENDE BEWEGING OP DIE PAD. IN DIE AFGELOPE MAAND OF WAT WAS DAAR WEER 'N VLAAG INBRAKE, DRIE WAARVAN DIE TEKENS GEDRA HET VAN 'N HOOGS PROFESSIONELE SINDIKAAT. EK WIL U DUS AANRAAI OM NIE U GEWONE SEKERHEIDSMATREËLS TE VERSLAP NIE, MAAR TE VERSKERP.

Ongelukkig IS DAAR OOK SLEGTE NUUS. SOSIALE EUWELS, SOOS OPENBARE ONSEDELIKHEID, RUSVERSTORING, DRONKENSAP EN VERKEERSOORTREDINGS NEEM ONRUSBARENDE AFMETINGS AAN. STROPERY VAN ONS SEEBRONNE IS AAN DIE ORDE VAN DIE DAG. HIERDIE EUWELS IMPAKTEER NEGATIEF OP DIE KWALITEIT VAN ONS LEWENS OP ROOIELS. AS U BYVOORBEELD ELKE NAWEEK MET OORVERDOWENDE MUSIEK UIT U HUIS GEBLAAS SOU WORD, SOU U NIE OP ROOIELS KOM BLY HET NIE. OVERGESETSYNDE, DAAR HEERS 'N NEIGING ONDER SEKERE NAWEEKGANGERS OM TOTAAL OP ROOIELS UIT TE RAFEL, IETS WAT HULLE NOOIT SOU WAAG BY HUL PERMANENTE BLYPLEKKE NIE. VERKEERSOORTREDINGS EN RUSVERSTORING IS OORTREDINGS VAN MUNISIPALE REGULASIES. BEL ASSEBLIEF ONMIDDELLIK U

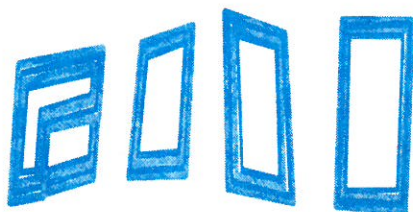
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Dit BERUS BY ONS OM DIE UNIEKE KARAKTER VAN ROOIELS TE BEWAAR. SLEGS AS ONS AS 'N GEMEENSKAP SAAMSTAAN, SAL ONS ONS LEWENSKWALITEIT OP ROOIELS KAN BEHOU.

ANDRÉ WAGENER

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SKAKELFORUM*

LIGHT POLLUTION



Who ever thought that this could become a problem here at Rooi Els? Most of you will remember the exciting times when the possibility of electricity for the village was first mentioned and later tested in a referendum. We lobbied, we canvassed support, we aired our views and argued forcefully one way or the other. I was one of the "greenies" so much against electricity and then I was humbled when all our gas

equipment gave up the ghost that December before the installation of electricity and we ended up being the first of all our neighbours to convert totally to electricity!

Our gravest concern was what the bright lights would do to the pastoral atmosphere of Rooi Els. And those fears have gradually become realities. Slowly, but surely, more and more homes now have powerful outside lights which light up not only the immediate vicinity of the house, but very generously supply lighting for a much larger area, especially the roads. Have you taken an evening stroll recently through the village and ended up having to shield your eyes from the glaring light of a house in order not to trip or leave the path you are following? When last could you sit in the dark on your stoep and not be troubled by the bright lights generated by a house nearby? Have you had to close the bedroom curtains because light from the neighbour's house shines in and disturbs your rest? And then there are many houses with security lights which are activated every time there is a strong wind (we know how often this is the case!). Rooi Els is fast beginning to look like just any other suburb at night, especially over weekends or during school holidays.

Our concerned neighbour,

Louis de Villiers, erf 223, has been experimenting for years with different ways to diffuse or cut down on light emanating from especially outside lights. His plans are inexpensive and simple and range anything from lining the upper half of the light shade with tin foil to cutting out a small opening in a beer tin and placing it around the globe in such a way that enough light is cast on the stairs, e.g., without being offensive to nightly stollers.

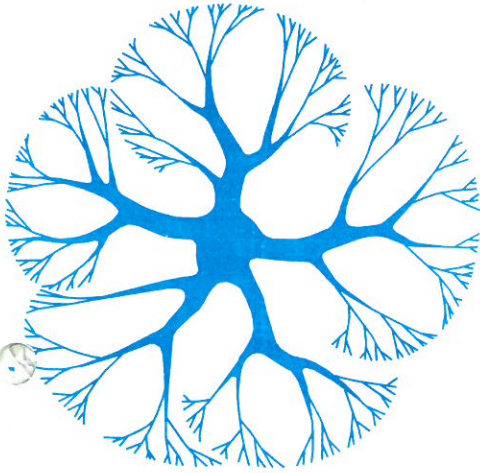
When next you are at Rooi Els, wait until night and take a walk around your property and assess whether you are causing any inconvenience or offence with the positioning or brightness of your lights. No bare light bulb should be visible from outside your property and even outside lights with glass/plastic shields, should be adapted so that the light is cut to an absolute minimum. All this can be done simply and inexpensively and would mean so much to your neighbours and the rest of the village.

This is one area of pollution which is within our power to control completely - let's do it!

Anuta Scholtz



THE ROOI ELS HEALTH AND HACKIT CLUB



Since the last Breeze appeared, we have been very active.

Die Swartsakdag op Paas Saterdag was toe eintlik 'n geelsakdag - 'n welkome skenking van sterk geel sakke deur Diarmuid Baigrie was die rede hiervoor. Omtrent 30 nense het hieraan deelgeneem, party onafhanklik en ander as deel van 'n koördineerde poging om ons hele kuststrook en strande skoon te maak. 'n Groot span het die baie erg besoedelde rivieroewer aangepak. Dine en André Wagener het die verversings aangebied. So tussen die heerlike toebroodjies en paasbolletjies het ons kennis gemaak met Knibbel (die jongste toevoeging tot die gesin) en die pragtige *Nerina sarniensis* wat in die tuin geblom het.

On Easter Monday ten people from Rooi Els joined others from Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay and further afield to tackle the infestation of Australian myrtle at the Pringle Bay end of the smallholdings. The job is by no means complete, and it is likely that this will become an annual event. It is essential that this particular problem be dealt with, as the mature Australian myrtle produces millions of tiny seeds, which are being blown across the smallholdings and are already germinating in Rooi Els. It is a problem that could easily become worse than the rookrans infestation in parts of our village. Michael Harrison hosted the refreshments for this event on his stoep with its breath-taking view of False Bay and the Peninsula.

Of the 70 households who indicated an interest in hacks, we have seen a regular attendance of between 10 and 27 members at our monthly hacks. Some of these faces haven't changed for the past 15 years and seem to be happy growing old together. It is really wonderful to welcome all the new hackers. Now we would like to see the next generation joining us - the two Vollgraaff boys have already set an example for other young hackers.

Ons het hierdie jaar meer planmatig te werk gegaan en ons begin al voel dat ons iets bereik. Die plan is om binne hierdie jaar die "middelste" gedeelte van die dorp skoon te maak. Ons volg die raad van Craig Spencer om by die "skoon" areas te begin and dan geleidelik die meer "besmette" gedeeltes aan te pak. Op hierdie manier vertrou ons dat dinge beter beheer kan word.

We have already assisted a number of property owners to clean up smaller problems on their erven and extend an invitation once again to anyone who needs help to contact us. The monthly newsletter is posted to all 70 households to keep them updated. If your personal circumstances have changed since the AGM and you would like to be added to this mailing list of interested parties, please contact either Jean Cowen, Anuta Scholtz, Lida van Dyk or Kay Cooper.

As u naam nie op ons lys verskyn nie, en u is toevallig die eerste Saterdag van die maand op Rooiels, sluit gerus by ons aan. Vele hande maak ligte werk.

OPVOLGWERK NA KAP- DAE

U sal opmerk hoeveel rookransbome reeds

verwyder is. Die probleem is nie die verwydering van die groot bome nie, maar die opvolgwerk wat noodsaaklik is as ons ooit hierdie vervuiling wil beheer. As daar langs u straat of op u erf gekap is, is dit uiters belangrik dat u nou hierdie gedeeltes fyn dophou om die saailinge uit te roei. Hierdie taak sal gereeld (elke ses maande) herhaal moet word. Die botaniste beweer dat hierdie saadjies tot 140 jaar dormant kan wees.

A good example of a cleared area infested with seedlings and new growth on cut stumps, is the vicinity of the slipway. During a recent hack follow-up work was done in that area. Property owners who requested that their erven be cleared under the agreement with Council have received letters requesting their cooperation in the follow-up work. But follow-up work on road reserves and public open space is everyone's responsibility - so don't forget to keep your eyes open for seedlings as you walk about town.

Hack dates for the rest of the year:

- 6 September (Arbour Week Hack)
- 4 October
- 2 November
- 6 December

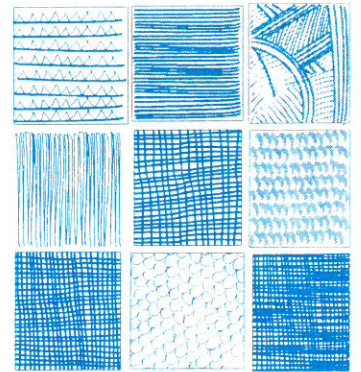
VERWYDERING VAN ROOIKRANS OP PRIVAAT ERWE

Die toekenning van 'n bedrag uit die Somchem geld vir die skoonmaak van privaat erwe het tot gevolg gehad dat 21 erwe deur 'n kontrakteur skoongemaak is. Die verskil wat dit aan die voorkoms van die dorp gemaak het, is dramaties. Instandhouding sal nou noodsaaklik wees om te keer dat hierdie areas nie weer ingeneem word nie. Saailinge moet elke ses maande of so uitgetrek word en opvolgwerk sou seker nie meer as 'n paar uur per jaar in beslag neem nie.

Hierdie aanbod sal nie herhaal kan word nie en opvolgwerk asook verwydering van indringerplante sal van nou af deur die erfeienaars self betaal moet word. In Pringlebaai en Bettysbaai is kennis reeds gegee dat indien eienaars nie self skoonmaak nie, die munisipaliteit privaat kontrakteurs sal aanstel om dit te doen en die rekeninge sal deur die eienaars vereffen moet word. Einde Julie is ongeveer 90 erwe geïdentifiseer waar daar rooikrans en bloekoms voorkom. Party van hierdie erwe is so ruig dat hulle definitief 'n brandgevaar inhou. Ons vertrou dat Rooielsers verantwoordelik sal optree en dat 'n gedwonge

aksie soos in die buurdorpe nie hier nodig sal wees nie.

Anuta Scholtz



PARKING AT THE ROOI ELS BRIDGE

The roadworks on Clarence Drive included enlarging the parking space just north of the bridge across the Rooi Els River.

The RERA saw this as problematic as this area is not serviced and cleaned by the municipality and the extensive littering, specially over major festive season days, has to be cleaned by the Rooi Elsers themselves. Those of us who have cleaned those areas on Black Bag Days, organized by the RERA, can tell you about all the soiled nappies, and other rubbish, we cleaned up between the dunes and rocks below this area.

Die REBBV, tesame met raadslid Julia Aalbers, het hierdie probleem aangespreek deur sterk beswaar te maak teen die opgradering van die parkeerterrein. Heelwat

korrespondensie en vergaderings het gevolg. Sommige amptenare wou die saak afmaak as "elitistiese Rooiëlsers" wat hulle eie voorregte wil beskerm. Die konstruksie-maatskappy, wat vir die nuwe pad verantwoordelik is, het ons probleem ingesien en was bereid om daarvoor te onderhandel.

As this area has traditionally been used as a parking space, it would remain so. However, they are now building it in such a way as to prevent buses from parking there. They have also scrapped the proposed steps down to the beach. They are also going to restore the damaged vegetation in the area. On Arbour Day we plan to have some indigenous trees planted there to help with the restoration of the natural vegetation.

Wat TOK...TOK... TOK... dan so op Rooiëls?



Die Kreefseisoen is toe...die Toktokkie seisoen in volle swang!

Toktokkie is die naam wat gegee word aan die jaarlikse fonsinsamelings- en voorligtingsveldtog van die Kankervereniging van Suid-Afrika (KANSAs).

Volunteers go from door to door, allowing citizens the opportunity to contribute towards the work of the Cancer Association of South Africa.

Vanjaar se Toktokkie-plakkertjie is pers. Inwoners word aangemoedig om hierdie plakkertjie by hulle voordeur te vertoon. Dit dien eerstens as bewys dat u hierdie jaar reeds bygedra het, en tweedens dien dit as advertensie vir die Toktokkie veldtog.

U wonder dalk wat van u bydrae word. Die Kankervereniging verskaf dienste vanuit 9 streekskantore en 36 gebiedskantore. Navorsing, gesondheidsbevordering, pasientesorg en ondersteunende dienste word o.a. met Toktokkie geld gefinansier.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the Toktokkie campaign, and you have not yet received a house call, you are welcome to contact Joan Mödinger (02823) 28723. She is our local Toktokkie volunteer.

At the EXCO meetings

The followings matters are being discussed at the present RERA EXCO meetings:

- ▶ Waste management
- ▶ Parking at the bridge
- ▶ Hacking
- ▶ Rooi Els Nature Reserve Management Plan
- ▶ Erosion of dunes
- ▶ Law enforcement

- ▶ Seawatch
- ▶ Upgrading of entrance
- ▶ Zoning map
- ▶ Erf 324
- ▶ Affiliation with Habitat Council
- ▶ Upgrading of Buffels River water supply scheme
- ▶ Development of land adjoining Rooi Els
- ▶ Clearing of Somchem site
- ▶ Arbour Week

Various other matters have been referred to the Federation of Ratepayers and the BCCC

As u enige sake onder die bestuur se aandag wil bring, kontak Die Sekretaris, (Frank Raymond), Posbus 89, Bettysbaai, 7141

In Memoriam: Dave Williams

One of our well known residents, Dave Williams (77), passed away at his home at Rooi Els on 12 May.

Dave was a respected journalist and Author of the independence dclaration of the former Rhodesia.

He started his career as journalist in Fleet Street in London. He was chairman of Rhodesien Broadcasting and Television, worked for various newspapers and also became editor of To the Point.

Dave was a thorough gentleman, a true friend and his memory will be honoured.

Our deepest sympathy to Marge.

*One touch
of nature
makes
the whole world kin
-William Shakespeare*

Pleidooi vir vleiland en fynbos

Die Natuurlewe Vereniging van Suidelike Afrika het hom geskaar by die Rooiels Belastingbetalersvereniging (REBBV) wat die vleiland en kusfynbos op Erf 324 wil bewaar.

Die Natuurlewe Vereniging vra in 'n brief aan die die LUR vir plaaslike bestuur, mnr Lampie Fick, dat geen besluit oor die onderverdeling van erf 324 van mnr Christo Nel op Rooiels geneem word tot tyd en wyl 'n proses van geïntegreerde omgewingsbestuur nie aangepak is nie.

Die oorgangsraad steun die standpunt van die Natuurlewe Vereniging. Die Natuurlewe Vereniging sê in sy brief aan mnr. Fick dat daar 'n inspeksie ter plaatse te erf 324 gehou is en dat hulle van mening is dat hierdie vleiland en kusfynbos

van nasionale en internasionale belang is. Mnr Neville Davey van die Natuurlewe Vereniging wys daarop dat die Kogelberg binnekort tot 'n internasionale biosfeer verklaar gaan word en dat hierdie unieke kleinhoewe van sowat 22 hektaar deel van die biosfeer sal uitmaak.

Hy sê hulle is geskok dat die ontwikkelaar geen moeite gedoen het om gebruik te maak van die geïntegreerde omgewings-bestuursplan wat ingevolge artikel 2 van die Wet op Omgewingsbewing voorgeskryf word nie en wys daarop dat dit die plig van die provinsiale regering is om toe te sien dat die betrokke bepalings uitgevoer word.

Dit beteken dat die openbare mening getoets word aan die hand van openbare vergaderings nadat deskundige menings ingewin is van onder andere botaniste, hidroloë, geoloë en ander omgewingskundiges. Mnr Davies wys ook daarop dat artikel 24 van die Grondwet voorsiening maak vir die die reg op die beskerming van die omgewing vir huidige en toekomstige geslagte en dat ekologiese agteruitgang voorkom moet word.

(Oorgeneem uit die Hangklip Herald, 4 Julie 1997)

(Intussen het die REBBV al twee voorleggings gelewer voor die aangewese komitee wat 'n aanbeveling aan mnr Lampie Fick moet maak betreffende die toekoms van erf 324. Sien ook verdere artikel. Red.)

ARBOUR WEEK BOOMPLANTWEEK 1 - 7 September



What we knew as **Arbour Day** has now been declared Arbour Week and Kobio has requested that all communities endorse this action actively. We will dedicate our hack which is scheduled for 6 September to the planting of trees in the CBD. This idea was proposed by our Councillor, Julia Aalbers, and endorsed by the RERA exco. Kobio is running a poster competition for the five schools in their area and are seeking donations to cover prize money. The RERA has agreed to make a donation. Tree planting ceremonies will be held on consecutive days at two primary

schools in Kleinmond. The problem in the Western Cape is that the dates for this week are determined in the North and do not fall in the planting time for our region. Planting is best done before winter. This would mean that any trees planted in September would have to be watered regularly. We will approach the owners of the businesses to adopt these trees and take on the responsibility for caring for them.

SEAWATCH/ SEEWAG



Seewag het heelwat gegroei tydens die afgelope seisoen. In die Bettysbaai, Pringlebaai en Rooiels gebiede is baie inligtingspamflette versprei om mense in te lig oor die toestande rakende die bedreiging van perlemoen, ens. Ek het ook 'n artikel oor die rotspeele en die huidige aanslag op perdevoetjies (limpets) in the Hangklip Herald gepubliseer gekry om mense verder in te lig.

Many divers' and fishermen's catches were checked for size and number by the honorary seawardens and several fines were issued, mainly by Craig

Spencer who has been a most effective law-enforcing officer. I have written to the municipality to suggest we give him some backup in the form of an assistant. According to the new budget, this is not possible, but the Council is looking at providing him with assistants for the coming season in the form of student officers. Craig has already collected more than R25 000 in fines with more cases outstanding. I was able to track down a Korean translator for a case in Caledon. I am very pleased that we found someone because the failure of this case being heard due to the unavailability of a translator would have created a bad precedent.

MTN het vir ons nog 5 telefone geborg, COTA (Overbergse Toerisme Raad) het R1000 vir die druk van nog pamflette geskenk en mnr Tickey Ince het 'n verdere R500 bygedra.

Die WWF (World Wildlife Foundation) het fondse aan ons toegestaan om ons koördineerder te finansier en onder andere ook om 'n bestuursplan, binne die raamwerk van die nuwe witskrif van Seevisserye, vir die hele gebied op te trek.

Ons wil graag hê dat ons ledetal moet styg, veral in die kwesbare Hangklip-omgewing. Inwoners wat belangstel kan my gerus kontak by tel.nr. 02823 28483 of vir Annemarie Breytenbach by (02823) 28256

Evette Weyers

A FYNBOS GARDEN :

The battle against Kikuyu grass

Like many people in our area, when we bought our property we inherited a well-established kikuyu lawn. Many fruitless hours were spent trying to extract it from a rockery and the fynbos without damaging the plants, and eventually we had to remove the rockery completely. On the advice of Professor Martin Vresfeld, we planted buffalo grass among the kikuyu, and once this was established, we did not water the lawn. Buffalo grass is an indigenous grass which, when mown and weeded regularly, makes a green and springy lawn. It grows well in our sandy soil, and does not need to be mowed too often.

Where there is full sun, the buffalo grass has fully taken over from the kikuyu, but it still lingers in shady places, and holds on fast where there is extra moisture and nourishment, such as close to french drains.

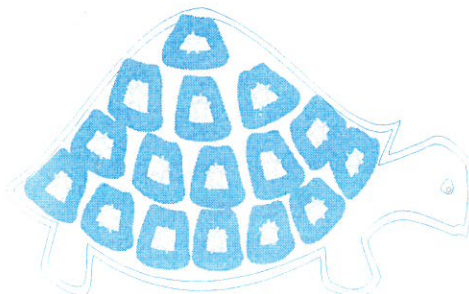
This is a good time to start the process of replacement, as the buffalo grass will put down its roots during the winter rains, ready to make full use of the growing season, between October and February. It is essential to take good care of the edges, not only by digging out the kikuyu with its deep and

tenaciopus runners, but with the use of an approved herbicide. This is something we failed to do, and we are still battling with patches of runaway kikuyu. If you would like some buffalo runners, please contact me on (021) 689-1904.

Please don't dump garden waste containing pieces of kikuyu anywhere other than in whole plastic bags, to be taken out of Rooi Els. The number of places where it has been dumped, and is now spreading into the fynbos, is growing and it is not for nothing that it has been called "green death".

The good news: our *Protea susanna* bushes were in flower for a very long time, together with the *Erica mammosa*, and there has been a daily dance of several varieties of sunbirds in the garden. The white sugarbush (*Protea repens*) is flowering profusely, and many bushes of *Erica plukenetii* are still in flower, though nearing the end of their very long flowering time. The *Gladiolus brevifolius*, a small plant with delicate pink flowers, has been in bloom and there was a spectacular flowering of a large stand of *Gladiolus carmineus* on one of the smallholdings. I have also been told that the beautiful red *Nerina sarniensis* has been flowering profusely on the mountain, and can successfully be cultivated in our gardens. (May 1997)

The sunbirds are feasting on the fiery orange flowers of the aloes all over the village.



An angulate tortoise was observed one day enjoying the winter sunshine. Its body was covered with a blanket of restio, its rear end facing the warm sun. When we went back later to see if it was still there, it had disappeared.

In flower at the moment are, i.a., the *Serruria adscendens*, *Erica coccinea*, *Erica imbricata*, *Crysanthemoides monilifera*, *Leucadendron gandrogen*, various forms of *composita* (daisies) and the lovely red *chasmante*. (July 1997)

It is no wonder that the bees keep on making honey all the year round in the fynbos!

Jean Cowen



THE KOGELBERG BRANCH OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY

THE name of this branch was changed at the last AGM from the Betty's Bay Branch to the Kogelberg Branch, in recognition of the fact that we are interested in botanical and environmental matters in the whole of the Kogelberg. If you become a member of the Botanical Society of South Africa, you are automatically a member of this branch as well, which produces an interesting newsletter specifically covering matters of interest and information about events in our area. For further information, write to the Branch at P.O. Box 93, Betty's Bay, 7141.

WHY CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT?

Why should we conserve the environment? This is a philosophical or ethical question rather than a scientific one. There is no single correct answer but rather several possible answers - each based on established moral philosophy. The question seeks to find a basis for the relationship between human beings and their world. All ethical systems recognise that individual desires must be regulated and limited and

that expediency is not an appropriate basis for judging actions.

In the 1970's conservation strategies were based on the credo "Conservation is for man". The rationale for conservation was based on the environment's utility to humankind. So today a widely accepted reason for environmental conservation is that such action will produce the greatest good for the greatest number of people for the greatest period of time. Such utilitarian ethics have general appeal in a society in which economic values are dominant and in which no appeal is made to religious considerations.

There are also other bases for environmental ethics which are not human-centred and accord nature a right to existence for its own sake. These arguments have mainly been advanced by those who set human beings in a transcendental framework and who believe that humankind and the universe were created by God.

The world's three major monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam all hold that a human being is not the Ultimate Being but is a product of God's creation, as is the earth and all plants and animals. All of creation - plant and animal species, the land, the sea and its resources - is seen as being as much a part of God's creation as human beings, and also subject to God's love and concern.

Human beings are an integral part of a cosmos created by and belonging to God. All creation glorifies God and not human beings. Ethical systems based on these religions thus clearly differ from the utilitarian ethic which holds that the environment exists

solely for humankind's support and pleasure.

God's placing of nature under human charge and control is not equivalent to giving humankind the right to unlimited or indiscriminate exploitation or destruction of living things or natural resources. Human beings exercise their control under delegated responsibility from God as His representatives. They are to act as custodians and should regard the earth and its resources as things held in trust.

There are various clear indications in the Bible that other creatures and the environment have an intrinsic value to God, apart from being useful to humankind. After creating them, God blessed the living creatures of the air, sea and land and was pleased with them. God viewed the earth and its resources as good - even before humans were created (Gen.1). God's concern for His creatures is furthermore illustrated by the fact that Noah had to take with him in the Ark pairs of every kind of animal and bird, and this irrespective of whether the animals were ritually clean or unclean, i.e. irrespective of their utility to humankind (Gen.7:2-3). After the Flood, God made His covenant not only with Noah and his offspring but also with the birds and animals (Gen.9:10-17). One important reason why God decided not to destroy Nineveh was the presence there of many animals (Jona 4:11). Psalm 104 paints a beautiful picture of God's loving care for His creation.

The point is that all animals and plants have a value as such and are important to God, not only because they serve humankind. They are of value because God created them and cares for their existence.

The ethical norms contained in the aforementioned major religions require human beings to recognise that nature has a right to exist over and above its utility to them. Judaism and Christianity hold that although both human beings and nature are created by God, the relationship between them is no longer perfect because of human sin. Christian belief is that it is through Jesus Christ that human beings will be reconciled with nature, their fellows and God (Rom.8:19-22).

This echoes a commonly occurring theme in modern studies of environmental problems, namely that their solution lies not so much in technological or scientific advance but in awakening an awareness of the non-material dimension in human-environment relationships.

Extract from: **Fuggle and Rabie** (eds): *Environmental Management in South Africa*, (1992) Juta Chapter 1



INDIGENOUS PLANTS TO GROW AT ROOI ELS

Here is a list of plants, with a short discussion on each, to try in the gardens of Rooi Els. The Harold Porter National Botanical Garden Sales Nursery tries to stock as many of the plants listed below as possible but we cannot always keep up with the demand.

We appreciate your custom very much, but, if we do not have the plants available at Harold Porter NBG, we do encourage you to try elsewhere, as growing indigenous plants is really worth your while in the long run.

In the long term they stand up well to local conditions and once established require much less water than the exotics. Do remember however that young plants have been pampered in the nursery you bought them from and can't be left to fend for themselves without a reasonable amount of water and care to get them going! They are also far more eco-friendly by providing the correct diet for our fauna and by not becoming invasive as so many of the exotics do. They also help to maintain the real character of our beautiful natural areas which is what attracted us here in the first place.

When selecting your plants in the nursery try and get plants that branch as close to the soil as possible. Plants which bush out from the base

stand up to the wind much better than those with a long slender stem and a heavy head at the top. It is a good idea to pinch out the growing tip of many of the plants including proteas to encourage a bushy habit. In this way they act as windbreaks too. In the case of trees they should start out as bushy plants and once they become well established with thick stems, they can be judiciously pruned to shape over a period of years.

Most of the trees will benefit from the normal treatment given to trees - a large square hole, compost and an application of bonemeal or superphosphates. Proteas are not fond of phosphates so do be careful with applications of these anywhere near them, or where you intend to grow them in the future. However even proteas will respond to a **small** handful of well rotted chicken manure (sold as "Kraggroei"). All plants will benefit from a good thick mulch which will help to suppress weed growth, retain precious moisture and prevent erosion of the soil. Do not put mulch directly against the stems - this could cause rotting. Branches of Rooikrans **without** seed can be helpful in setting up microclimates for newly established plants. Peg the Rooikrans branches onto the soil so that they don't blow away. They will also help to prevent erosion and trap indigenous seeds and allow all kinds of nice indigenous surprises to establish themselves. Go and have a look at Jenny Berrisford's reclamation site at the reservoir for ideas - this is well worth a visit.

Proteas and Ericas and a number of other fynbos species can be pruned to encourage bushing and additional flowering. When cutting flowers of Proteas always leave a stub of the branch about 10cm long to encourage additional branching. The plants should however never be cut below the leafy zone as there are no buds in this area from which new growth can be generated.

It is always a good idea to see what is growing well in your neighbours garden and you will have a fairly good chance of getting the same plants established in your own garden, particularly if the conditions and soil **seem** to be the same. One of the frustrating things about the whole Hangklip region however is that conditions appear to change within a very few meters of one another and gardening here requires **lots** of perseverance! Try the same species in different parts of your garden and where they don't do well (thats an euphemism for plants which just up and die on you), try something else. This is a difficult area to garden in, but don't give up - eventually you will have an indigenous garden to be justifiably proud of.

**H E D G E S A N D
WINDBREAKS:** See plants marked #.

'TREES'(!): If one is used to real trees, tall with a good stem before one gets the branches, then Rooi Els is not the place to live! Many species which would be

considered as nice big trees elsewhere tend to be bushy and somewhat dwarfed by our conditions here in order to survive.

- # *Brachylaena discolor*. **Coast Silver Oak, Kusvaalbos**. A multi-stemmed shrub or small tree up to 6m in height. Tough, salt and wind-resistant, fast growing - a good bet for sandy coastal gardens. Requires a fair bit of water at least initially and some watering during summer to do its best.
- # *Cassine peragua*. **Cape Saffron, Bastersaffraan**. Small to large bush or tree up to 12m. Fragrant small white flowers from Feb. to May, oval purple berries will attract birds. Wind resistant.
- # *Leucospermum conocarpodendron* subsp. *viridum*. **Green Tree Pincushion, Groenkreupelhout**. Large rounded shrub or tree between 3 and 5 m with beautiful yellow pincushions which flower from Aug. to Dec. A favourite of the sugarbirds and sunbirds. Grows well on sandy soils.
- *Olea europaea* subsp. *africana*. **Wild Olive, Olienhout**. An evergreen shrubby small tree usually about 3m here with a similar spread. Good screening plant if not pruned. Fruits attract birds. Slow growing but very drought resistant. Grows faster if watered.
- # *Sideroxylon inerme*. **White Milkwood, Witmelkhout**. Our finest coastal tree. Because it is so slow growing it is a

protected tree. Permission to remove or even prune one of these is required from the local Forestry Branch of the Dept. of Environment Affairs even if you have planted it yourself! Plant these for future generations!

- # *Tarchonanthus camphoratus*. **Wild Camphor Bush, Wildekanferbos**. Shrub or small tree which will probably only reach about 3m here. Smells strongly of camphor. Tolerates a wide variety of conditions. Grows best if it can be given sufficient moisture. Woolly seeds make good nest lining for birds and small animals.

SHRUBS:

- # *Aloe Arborescens* **Krantz Aloe, Kransaalwyn**. Fairly fast growing, this aloe can attain a height and spread of 2m. Tolerates a certain amount of wind and salt spray. Drought resistant. Beautiful spikes of red flowers from May to July. Attracts nectar loving birds such as sunbirds.
- # *Carissa bispinosa* **Num-num, Noemnoem**. Forms a vicious impenetrable hedge if planted close together. Has a lovely white flower in summer followed by delicious edible red fruits. Fruits make an excellent jelly. Likes well-drained soil with compost added.
- # *Chrysanthemoides monolifera* **Bush-tick Berry, Bietou**. Fast-growing, drought and wind resistant, tolerates salt-spray. Attractive yellow

daisy flowers in spring followed by edible berries loved by people and birds. Grows easily in any soil and appreciates compost and regular watering to help it grow quickly.

- *Coleonema album*. **White Confetti Bush, Klipboegoe, Aasbossie**. Very tough fine-leaved bush which can grow to 1.5m in more protected areas, but smaller where it can take strong winds and salt spray. The leaves have a lovely lemony fragrance which removes fishy odours off one's hands hence the Afrikaans common name. Makes an excellent bonsai.
- # *Coleonema pulchellum* **Pink Confetti Bush, Pienk-konfettibos**. Wind and salt resistant with tiny pink flowers in winter and spring...Can be used as a low hedge.
- # *Leucadendron coniferum* **Dune Conebush, Duinegeelbos**. Shrub up to 4m. Good screening plant to grow on sandy soils.
- *Metalasia muricata* **Blombos** Excellent coastal plant - salt and wind and drought resistant. Long-lived sand-binder with white flowers with a strong scent - some think it smells like strong honey while others think it stinks like urine!
- *Olea exasperata* **False Olive, Basterolyf**. Tough, grows on frontal dunes.
- *Polygala myrtifolia*. **Bush Violet, Bloukappies, Septemberbossie**. Fast-growing, Drought and salt-spray resistant with lovely purple flowers and fresh

green leaves.

- *Rhus crenata* **Dune Crowberry, Duinekraaibessie.** 3 - 5m grows well on coastal dunes. Tiny toothed leaves in bright fresh green. An excellent hedge plant.
- *Rhus lucida.* **Glossy Taaibos, Blinktaaibos.** Hardy will also grow on the dunes.
- *Rhus laevigata* **Dune Taaibos, Duinetaaibos.** Dense bushy shrub, good hedge.

SAND STABILIZERS:

- *Arctotheca populifolia* **Sea Cabbage, Seepampoen.** Biennial, will grow on the frontal dunes. Grey leaves, yellow flowers.
- *Carpobrotus* spp **Sour fig, Suurvy.** Various species. Dense hardy ground-covers. Leaves can be rubbed on blue-bottle stings, and chewed also relieve sore throats. Fruits edible and make good jam.
- *Cotyledon orbiculata* **Pig's Ear, Varkoor, Plakkie.** Tough upright succulent with pretty salmon coloured hanging bell-like flowers. Leaves can be applied to warts to soften and remove them.
- *Metalasia muricata.* (See shrubs)
- *Myrica cordifolia* **Dune Waxberry, Duinwasbessie.** Puts out long runners on beach front. Berries on female plants produce wax which was once used in soap and candle-making.

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GROUNDCOVERS:

- *Arctotis* spp. Tough,

generally grey-leaved, some with spreading habit. Different coloured large daisy-like flowers. Good bank stabilisers. Tolerate salt winds.

- *Drosanthemum floribundum.* Very tough creeping vygie with purple flowers.
- *Gazania rigens.* Various subspecies available, one with grey leaves, and one with green leaves and one with green and cream variegated leaves. Flowers yellow with green spots at base of petals.
- *Lampranthus* spp. **Vygies.** Various species of low bushes with masses of brightly coloured flowers, mostly in spring.

LAWNS:

- *Stenotaphrum secundatum* **Buffalo grass, Buffelsgras.** This is the indigenous grass of the area. It does not send down very deep runners into the soil and is therefore easy to remove amongst plants were it is not wanted. It has a flat growing habit which means it doesn't need to be mowed nearly as often as other grass. Best grown from runners. Plugs are also now available. Under no circumstances should you plant Kikuyu as it is very invasive

Have fun gardening! And remember that there are also other species to try, not just those discussed here. To an extent what will grow in your garden will depend on the conditions prevailing there, but also on how much you try

things out.

Jane Forrester,
Harold Porter National
Botanical Garden, Betty's Bay.
22.05.1997

PERMACULTURE WORKSHOP



There are differing viewpoints regarding land use in our community. Some feel that we are living in a nature reserve of fynbos and we should impact as little as possible on the natural vegetation. Some permanent residents feel that in addition to preserving fynbos they can create a space around their houses where they can grow vegetables and herbs. Some want to 'tame' the wilderness around their houses and plant conventional gardens. Amongst many African people the idea of owning or inhabiting land automatically implies you will put it to use as grazing land or fields to be planted with

food.

I asked Jeremy Burnham to do a permaculture workshop here to get us to look at land use in terms of dealing with waste (garbage) and growing your own food at the same time. I specifically wanted to involve people from the squatter camp as well. People from Protea Dorp, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooi Els attended. We learned a novel way of getting rid of Kikuyu while still using its growing power to feed your new grass or plants. Jeremy also introduced us to plant guilds or groups of plants that grow well together and protect each other. He emphasized the "reduce, re-use and recycle" approach to waste. We can put all our food and garden waste back into our gardens.

Some of the basic principles of permaculture have to do with working along with the way things happen and grow in nature, but speeding it up (as in making compost) or slowing it down (as in digging ditches called 'swales' to retard the rush of rainwater running down slopes). The latter principle we can use around here to combat erosion.

Living midst the porcupines, field mice, mongoose and baboons I feel it will be quite a challenge to grow food for them and us. What was new

to me was thinking of baboons and dassies as potential contributors to growing food by using their droppings as manure.

I have basically always been a hunter-gatherer, thus contemplating agrarian principles of land use was stimulating. It gives one a chance to inspect and question one's own attitudes and views and to sort out the importance one attaches to things. Living more consciously is always fun!

Evette Weyers



Hi Readers!

In the last issue of the Breeze I mentioned the fantastic weather we experienced during the Christmas Holidays. Well, that good weather lasted until 19 May when we experienced a week of very cold winter weather, but it cleared and until the end of June we experienced temperatures of up to 24 degrees. Since then we have had two separate spates of cold, wet weather and at the time of writing this we are having wonderful sunny

weather.

Well, we had our "burn" - a total success: professionally planned and executed. Well done to all those who were involved.

Now, on the property side Philip Wagner has sold his house on the hill to a friend and is now staying in his other property on Lovers' Walk. Welcome to the new owners. Erven 6 and 13 were sold to Mrs Stark from Randburg who took ill a couple of months ago, but we trust has recovered completely. Erf 316

was sold to Mr and Mrs Kruger from the Bethlehem area. We welcome them to a milder climate. Erf 267 was sold to Mr Barnard from Somerset West and Prof Kay de Villiers, that long-standing Rooi Els resident, sold his house to Johan Schubill from Stellenbosch and Mike Morris sold erf 210 to a lovely young couple, Mr and Mrs Brand, from Durbanville. Welcome to you as well and good luck to Mike and Mavis Morris who want to go

farming - you are going to need it! All the properties sold by me realised the full asking price.

The respite we were enjoying in respect of burglaries, has ended. As I said in the last issue of the Breeze, good things seldom last long. There have been at least eight burglaries or attempts at burglary recently. The police are investigating and doing the best they can. There is a very good relationship between police and the Rooi Els community, but property owners could help a lot by installing an electronic burglar alarm system. For between R2200 and R2500 you can have a system installed. You don't need a telephone as it works by radio transmitter and a linked computer base station. I can organise it all for you. All I need is a key to your house. You will only be billed once the unit is operating. Just phone me at 02823 28383 and I will make it all happen.

A further commercial: I am looking for houses and plots to sell. This is urgent. We are realising top prices, so don't delay. Give us a ring. Besides, is I have no properties to sell, the Breeze will loose a sponsor - so go for it!

ERF 324

The RERA is still awaiting minister Lampie Fick's decision on the following matters concerning erf 324:

- ▶ the appeal against subdivision and rezoning application which was approved by the previous Hangklip Local Authority; and
- ▶ the developer's application to have a title condition removed enabling him to subdivide the property.

Minister Fick has now referred the matter to his Planning Advisory Board to advise him on the merits of the matter.

The Planning Advisory Board met on 28 May 1997 with the RERA represented by chairman Geoff Harris and Frank Raymond. Our councillor, Julia Aalbers, also attended. A thorough submission was made by the RERA, requesting that this subdivision would not be allowed.

Seldom before have the Rooi Els community, the Hangklip/Kleinmond Municipality and environmental organisations been so united in a matter. A new record was set when the municipality recently

received no less than 96 objections as well as a petition containing 116 signatures. Objectors included persons and organisations of such standing as the Wildlife and Environmental Society, the Habitat Council, Seawatch, Friends of Hangklip, Executive members of KOBIO, Dr Penny Mustart of the Institute for Plant Conservation and Peter Steyn, ornithologist and author of various books on birds. Cape Nature Conservation is also opposed to the subdivision.

We trust that common sense and respect for the views of the Rooi Els community, and all who care for the environment, will prevail when this contentious issue is finally decided.

Frank Raymond

**When the great earth,
abandoning day, rolls up
the deeps of the heavens
and the universe, a new
door opens for the human
spirit...For a moment of
night we have a glimpse of
ourselves and of our world
islanded in its streams of
stars - pilgrims of
mortality, voyaging
between horizons across
eternal seas of space and
time.**

- Henry Beston

Upgrade of Entrance

The survey on the Upgrade of the Entrance area was clearly supportive of a minimal pgrade of the area

Results:

Option 1:

(light tar -
investment R40 000)
18 votes

Option 2:

(tar & brick-
investment R150 000)
24 votes

Option 3:

Bricking total area -
investment R250 000
20 votes

Option 4:

Leave as is
42 votes

Total: 104 replies (plus 1 not indicating an option)

Subsequent to this, Julia Aalbers had a meeting with the three affected businesses who have come

up with an excellent minimal upgrade concept that will work within the indicated budget of R40,000.

This involves extending the tarred surface from Clarence Drive for approximately 30 metre with a good quality tar to provide a better transition, as far as the access road to erf 36 and 37.

In order to slow traffic past the business, a speed hump with a bricked surface will be experimented with. If it works, similar speed humps will be placed on all 3 access roads to the 4-way stop and the 4-way stop profile raised considerrrrabley.

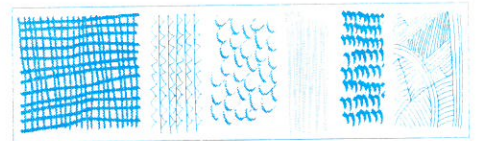
Signage showing the turn-off to Rooi Els will also be improved with the help of the relevant provincial authorities.

HANGKLIP-KLEINMOND FEDERASIE VAN BELASTINGBETALERS

Die volgende sake word tans tydens die vergaderings bespreek:

- ▶ Watersake: gedefirensieerde tarriewe
- ▶ Afvalbestuur
- ▶ W e t s t o e p a s s i n g :
spoedkontrole en -kalmering
- ▶ Brandbestryding
- ▶ Estetika

- ▶ Koördinerings van Omgewingskomitee
- ▶ Belasting: evaluasiestelsel
- ▶ Kleinhoewes: Probleme met onooglike ontwikkelings
- ▶ Hangklip Heritage Trust
- ▶ Ligbesoedeling: regulasie
- ▶ Omgewingstruktuurplan



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