Brief Breeze

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Het u al daaraan gedink oor hoe Rooiels moontlik oor 'n honderd jaar kan lyk? Die wind sal sekerlik steeds waai en die branders sal hopelik met springgety nog oor die rotse by Dassiespunt breek. Maar wat gaan ons en die mense wat na ons kom met Rooiels maak? Vir hierdie uitgawe het ek 'n paar mense genader om hulle wense vir Rooiels te deel, hoe hulle ons dorpie oor 'n honderd jaar sal wil sien. Dit is miskien baie idealisties gestel, maar wat gaan die werklikheid wees?

Regretably, Geoff Harris has decided to retire from the position of chairman of RERA. We respect his deci-sion. For many years Geoff has furthered the interests of Rooi-els in his characteristic manner. During his term of office he has, i.a., played a leading role in the Somchem saga, helped compile the Rooiels Vision, served on the committee which monitored the withdrawal of Somchem from our water catchment area, travelled hundreds of kilometres to meetings, spent days and weekends in meetings and always had the interests of Rooiels at heart. As proof of the confidence which the people of Rooiels had in him and his committees, the membership of RERA be-gan to thrive and has become what must surely be one of the most powerful mouth-pieces in this area. This period has seen

turbulent times, but with Geoff's openness and transparent approach and management style, he won the trust of others and defused many an awkward situation. Thank you very much, Geoff!

Basil Moss is deur die Uitvoerende Komitee as waarnemende voorsitter aangewys en reeds het hy hom as dinamiese leier onderskei en as iemand in wie almal ook groot vertroue het. Sy oordeel is prakties en wys, sy entoesiasme aansteeklik en hy sien Rooiels as 'n plek waar alles en almal in harmonie kan saamleef en gedy.

Dit word al duurder en duurder om die Bries/Breeze in u hand te besorg. Vir hierdie uitgawe het ek kwotasies vanaf R6.77 tot R8.40 per uitgawe gekry - posgeld ingesluit. Is daar iemand is wat ons in die toekoms met die druk van die Bries/Breeze kan help? Baie dankie aan Eneth Kruger wat gehelp het om baie van die stof vir hierdie uitgawe te versamel.

Hope to see you at the AGM at erf 56, Bathers Road on 29 December. Registration starts at 8:00.

'n Geseënde Kersfees en Nuwejaar, en moenie die bobbejane voer nie!

Gerard Scholtz

From the Acting Chairman
Van die Waarnemende Voorsitter

Being a newcomer to Rooiels it came as rather a surprise to find myself in the hot seat and involved in RERA. Both Elizabeth and myself would like to meet you all personally.

As we come to the end of the 20th century, it is natural to ask wat the 21st century holds for us. One thing is sure and that is that our lives will change more swiftly than ever, even here in Rooiels. During the last couple of years we have seen certain changes from which there is no turning back.

Verby is die jare van parafienlampe en kerse en net 'n paar kleiner vakansiehuise. Vir sommige mense is hierdie verandering pynlik en 'n groot bedreiging. As gevolg van hierdie verandering kan konflik in so 'n klein gemeenskappie baie maklik ontstaan wat die REBV soms in 'n moeilike posisie plaas. Dit is moeilik om almal tevrede te stel en soms word druk uitgeoefen om sekere standpunte te verwerp of te kondoneer. Ek wil dit duidelik stel dat die Visie vir Rooiels die REBV se riglyn is en dat ek myself die volgende vrae gaan vra: kan die REBV dit bekostig om betrokke te raak as daar onmin in 'n gemeenskap ontstaan; word die omgewing, of mense se wense gedien; en word die belange van die belastingbetalers bo verskille tussen mense, op die hart gedra?

The responsibility of RERA will increase in the future as the dark cloud of the envisaged demarcation looms on the horison. In the past RERA has fulfilled a more advisory role, but now the time has come to become more intimately involved. The activities of the past year reflect this reality. After ten months of negotiations, a traffic circle was constructed at long last on Anemone Road as an experiment in traffic calming. We have taken the initiative to have the parking facilities in the business centre upgraded and to improve the waste and recycling situation by having recycling igloos installed through a donation from MTN. Withgenerous donations from the Boat Club and indi-viduals, a wooden screen and concrete floor for the waste depot should be in place by the end of the year. RERA has also started negotiations with the business people as well as other IAP's to address the urgent matter of road signage and advertisement boards at the entrance to the village. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to this process is welcome to submit a written proposal. Furthermore, the security situation is being investigated and we are studying a number of options. The Ladies' Group is to investigate the possibility of a Neighbourhood Watch and communication network and we support them in their efforts. If we don't do things ourselves, nothing will be done and if we are to become part of an even greater municipality, even more so.

Dit is dan ook aangenaam om aan te kondig dat ons ledetal tans op 140 staan. 'n Persentasie dus van 52% van belastingbetalers. Hierdie sterk ledetal is ongekend en soos ons al voorheen genoem het, weet ons dat die owerhede 'n ledetal van 10% as effektief beskou. My dank aan 'n hardwerkende en toegewyde bestuur wat soms baie ure van

hulle dag aan Rooielssake bestee en veral aan ons vorige voorsitter, Geoff Harris, wat op die komitee aanbly tot die einde van die jaar om die oorgang vir my makliker te maak. Sekere van die komiteelede het aangedui dat hulle nie weer verkiesbaar is nie en ek nooi belangstellendes uit wat sal kans sien om op die nuwe komitee te dien, om my te kontak. Nuwe bloed help altyd.

Ons bly hier in die paradys - een van die mooiste plekke op aarde. Ons sal persoonlike geskille uit die weg moet ruim en saamstaan om van Rooiels 'n beter plek te maak as ons die volgende eeu wil oorleef!

Geseënde Kersfees en onthou dat ons persoonlike ruimtes hierdie seisoen aangetas gaan word. Laat ons vriendelik, verdraagsaam en waar nodig, ferm wees teenoor ons besoekers. Laat ons die nuwe millenium met liefde en vrede in ons harte binnegaan.

Basil Moss
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Van ons Raadslid
From our Councillor

In my jaarlikse brief aan alle belastingbetalers van Rooiels het ek drie belangrike sake aangespreek, naamlik die Streek Ontwikkeling Raamwerk - proses; afbakening van die munisipale grense, en die ontwikkeling van toerisme fasiliteite.

The issue of the beach access route through Arctotis Road has resulted in RERA obtaining an opinion from the CSIR Environmentek's Mike Burns - an acknowledged expert on dunes (see full text below). The Municipality's Environmental Advisory Board has on a number of occasions indicated its preference for "the preferred route" despite the fact that this route is unnecessarily invasive to existing developed properties in the vicinity. Of interest is Mr Burns's comment concerning the dunes in the Erf 115 scoping report where he points out the need for the dune to *wander* somewhat. His paragraph is of interest to those of us interested in the dynamics of people and our environment:

"The issue of environmental risk which coastal processes might pose to the proposed development must be differentiated from the environmental effect of management intervention on the natural functioning of the affected coastal dunes. Prior to the development of Rooiels, it is likely that the successional advancement of the headland dune ecosystem would have been periodically re-set under environmental conditions which would have given rise to phases of natural dune instability; i.e. the parabolic dune blowouts on the site are not an entirely anthropogenic feature and would also have formed in the past as a result of natural processes (periodic strong wind regimes; drought conditions; fire etc). It is generally recognized that this inherent instability of recent quaternary dune systems is a key vector necessary for the promotion of the biodiversity which they support. I believe that this point needs to be made in the scoping report."

Die gelykstelling van erfbelasting is in my brief in die Bries van Maart aangespreek. Pariteit sal binne drie jaar bereik word, alhoewel daar in Kleinmond ongelukkigheid bestaan oor die stadige pas van gelykstelling.

Dit is met teleurstelling dat ek moet rapporteer dat daar tot dusver geen vordering gemaak is met belastingbetalers se verteenwoordiging op die Estetiese Komitee nie. Waar Rooiels geraak word, probeer ek met die REBV se saakbelastigde, Lida van Dyk, skakel. Lida was baie hulpvaardig met die keer van sekere potensieel rampspoedige bouplanne.

Die Milleniumvakansie sal vele uitdagings aan die Raad stel in terme van polisiëring, opruiming en hantering van groot getalle mense. Staan hulle asseblief by deur potensiële probleme onder hulle aandag te bring. Geniet die Millenium feestelikhede wat vir Rooiels beplan word, maar wees bedag op vure, vuurwerke, geraas en ons fauna, veral die bobbejane, wat ook deur ons verhoogde aktiwiteit geraak kan word.

Julia Aalbers

Where else but Rooiels?

Hangklip Heritage Trust

"TO PRESERVE AND CONSERVE THE FLORAL AND FAUNA KINGDOM FROM ROOIELS TO BOTRIVER"

The Hangklip Heritage Trust was initiated through a group of concerned individuals who were members of an Association called the Friends of Hangklip. It was recognised that there is an urgent need to preserve our sensitive environment such as the wetlands, dunes and mountainsides from Rooiels to Bot Rivier. After two years of planning and much discussion with local authorities and environmentalists the Trust has recently, been officially registered with the Master of the High Court and is now ready to start its operative phase. The Board of Trustees has been appointed and the Management Committee will commence its work shortly.

OBJECTIVES:

- To identify areas or environments in need of permanent protection for ecological, aesthetic or social reasons.
- To investigate means of preventing development in such environments, either by promoting the concept of land swops with local or regional authorities, or by means of acquisition. It is essential that rightful owners are fairly recompensed. Where necessary to pro-mote the raising or gene-ration of funds to make such land acquisition possible.
- To promote consolidation of existing municipal or provin-cial conservation areas, especially as they relate to the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, or to areas not suitable for development such as rivers and streams, wetlands, sponges, sedi-ment pathways or steep slopes. Scenic considerations may also be important in this regard.
- To promote collaboration with other bodies working towards these aims.
- To support the concept of conservancies whereby private landowners volun-tarily subscribe to conser-vation-orientated land management.
- To manage these properties both environmentally and cost-effectively.
- To acquire and control finances to obtain suitable land and implement respon-sible management plans for the area.
- To promote the private, public, natural, educational, recreational and historic value of the land.

The concept of the Heritage Trust is supported by and has the co-operation of the Kogelberg Biosphere Organisation (KOBIO), the Hangklip/ Kleinmond Local Authority and several other Organisations such as the Friends of Hangklip.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Des Mudge, Richard Rickman, Alderman Willie Smuts, Judge Jan Steyn, Richard Todd, Adv. Eleornore Van Der Horst
CONSULTANT: Dr Allan Heydorn
SECRETARY: Dr Rosemary Rickman

Tydens die AJV sal een van die Trustees moontlik die belasting-betalers van Rooiels toespreek oor die werksaamhede en doelstellings van die trust, asook hoe dit moontlik vir Rooiels tot voordeel kan wees.

DUNE REPORT

Following the inspection undertaken at the beginning of this year by Craig Spencer and myself, it was recommended that certain steps be taken to prevent further erosion of the dunes and where possible, reinstate and restore dune damage.

Materials for the construction of a path leading from Arctotis Road to the beach were purchased and Craig and his team installed a path. A number of ratepayers were upset at the fact that they had lost their privacy and requested that the path be shortened.

Two meetings were held on site. I was overseas on the occasion of the first meeting. It is understood that among those attending the first meeting was Mr Fanie Krige of the Hangklip Municipality, who at one point offered municipal assistance to alter the path and to see if budgeted funds were still available. The then chairman, Geoff Harris, of RERA declined, accepting the peti-tioners' offer to make the changes at their own expense and with their own labour. It is also understood that those who attended the first meeting had all agreed that the path should be shortened.

At the time of the second meeting at the site, I was unaware of the concurrence on the part of those who had attended the first meeting in regard to the shortening of the path. Upon arrival at the site for the second meeting, I specifically asked Councillor Julia Aalbers, who like myself, had just returned from holiday, if authority had been granted to move the path. She gave the assurance that as Mr Krige had been positive about the path change

and had even offered Municipal assistance, and since all those present agreed that this was so, there could be no problem. I had therefore absolutely no doubt about the authority to shorten the path.

Since the alteration, we have witnessed a number of unfortunate events around the path issue.

It is understood that at a meeting of a sub-committee of the Environmental Advisory Board held on Saturday 6 November, a decision was taken to recommend to the Hangklip/Kleinmond Council that the path be restored to its former position in the short term and that Council enter into discussion with the community on the final placement of the path and its maintenance.

Central to the entire dispute is a) the question of whether the petitioners took steps to obtain authority for the alteration, and b) whether such permission was granted. The answer to both these questions is in the affirmative

As for the rest of the dunes status, it is pleasing to report that the dune nearest the river mouth is in a healthy state.

Ral Meredith

The speed limit in Rooiels is 20 km/h!

A letter to RERA from Mike Burns, CSIR Environmentek dunes expert, dated 4 November 1999:

Dear Sir

<u>BEACH ACCESS ROUTE: ROOIELS</u>

I refer to our meeting held at the CSIR offices on 4 November 1999 at which the issue of the Rooiels beach access route was discussed.

In response to a request from Mr Craig Spencer to comment on the alignment of two alternative routes to provide pedestrian beach access at Rooiels, I can confirm that the opinion which I expressed (after a site inspection) was that the route selected for development by the Kleinmond Municipality was preferable to the one which was under construction by the affected residents. The rationale behind this was based purely on the impact which coastal processes (wind, wind-blown sand, dune accretion/erosion) would have on the path infrastructure. The preferred route was located behind the foredune over much of its length and made a relatively short traverse across the dune to the beach; i.e. there was little exposure of the path to the potential effects of windblown sand, dune erosion, etc.

Shortly after my communication with Mr Spencer, I was approached for comment by Councillor Julia Aalbers on the same matter. Whilst Mrs Aalbers did not challenge my views expressed to Mr Spencer, she wished to establish whether the alternative route presented a totally unac-ceptable option; i.e. would the access route constitute any ecological risk, interrupt any critical physical coastal process, etc. I could respond that this was unlikely and that the issue to be considered was really one linked to the main-tenance requirements of the access route and path infra-structure - which would be greater than in the case of the option selected by the municipality. The route is linked to the beach at a point which is exposed to the direct impact of wind and wind erosion; however, I indicated that if an equitable mechanism could be found to ensure that the necessary footpath maintenance would be carried out, there was no reason why the path could not remain where it is currently located. I did suggest, however, that a board-and-chain design should be considered as an alternative to the rigid wooden path/step structure which is currently in place.

I trust that this clarifies my views of the situation and that an amicable solution can be found to the debate.

Yours faithfully
MIKE BURNS

RESIGNATION

25 July 1999

Dear Exco
After very careful consideration, I must ask you to accept my resignation from the Exco. However, I feel I owe you, and the ratepayers in general, an explanation for what might otherwise seem a sudden decision.

When, as chairman, you actually LIVE in the village, there are those who perceive you as some sort of public servant, or an amenity to be used and abused, irrespective of the day, place or time. They forget that what we do, we do voluntarily out of love for this place

and for the good of ratepayers in general!

I have endured calls before dawn and as late as eleven at night. I have also suffered umpteen "visitations" on Sundays and any other day of the week. It seems to be a case of, "I have a problem -- and that gives me the right to just barge in at will -- and as often as I like". Even my daily walks are not inviolate. Few of these intrusions ever refer to anything urgent.

While the Exco's recent Business Meeting initiative has recognised the role which the Rooiels business sector plays in the sustainability and convenience of our Village life, the Rooiels Vision remains basically against further commercialization outside the parameters of our Zoning Map.

However, there are those who would use my recent purchase of Erf 37 with its business zoning as a platform to criticise RERA and allege "abuse of position for own ends" when intervention is required to ensure that zoning requirements are observed. (While those serving the public are a natural target for this type of underhand attack, I cannot help but feel resentful at the insult to my integrity. You who have worked so closely with me are the best judges of that. I leave it in your capable hands.)

Until recent times, RERA has been cast largely in an advisory role. Per force of circumstance, it now seems to be gradually changing from this relatively passive or "hands-off" role to an executive "hands-on" role.

Inevitably, this trend will make additional demands on one's available time and create more opportunity for conflict.

The foregoing factors have made me reconsider my position. Retirement should be a time of peace, tranquility and freedom, but recently that intention has 'gone with the Waaigat Winds'. The demands on my time and patience have become too great.

If I could foresee a possibility of improvement, I might have been tempted to hang in there until the AGM. Unfortunately, I anticipate a slow but inevitable escalation of several problems which would test my endurance beyond its limits, with possibly disastrous consequences for RERA, Rooiels and me personally. I think it is time I took a break! I am therefore left with little alternative other than to ask you to accept my resignation.

I want to thank each one of you for your unfailing dedication to Rooiels. I want to also thank Lynn for her understanding and patience, occasionally in the face of extreme provocation. To our Councillor Julia (who is made of MUCH tougher stuff than I!) goes the BIGGEST accolade and sincere thanks for her dedication, integrity and patience. And finally, many thanks to the vast majority of ratepayers who are grateful for what RERA does to sustain our beloved Rooiels in these very difficult times.

With sincere best wishes for your continued success.

Geoff Harris

Kennis word hiermee gegee dat veranderings aan die Grondwet van die REBV tydens die Algemene Jaarvergadering voorgestel sal word.

Notice is hereby given that changes to the Constitution of the RERA will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Rooiels: Die Storie van Waaigatbaai
The History of Rooiels

Die eerste oplaag van die geskiedenis van Rooiels wat deur Rita Blake opgeteken is, het binne drie maande uitverkoop. 'n Tweede oplaag is gedruk en is vergrygbaar by die Sea Horse Inn en by Jo en Margaret Hensen.

Los die kraaie uit!

Op 'n vraag oor die interaksie tussen Rooiels se witkruisarende en die kraaie, het prof. Morné du Plessis van die Percy Fitzpatrick Instituut aan die Universiteit van Kaapstad gesê dat die natuur sy gang moet gaan. Die kraaie wat hier voorkom is *Corvus abbicollis*, of die withalskraai - die grootste van die rawe. Die kraaie sal nooit 'n ware bedreiging vir die arende inhou nie en moenie deur inmenging van mense versteur word nie.

In Durban is by geleentheid 350 uit 500 rawe 'uitgehaal'. Die proefneming het misluk, want die 150 wat oorgebly het, het

volgens prof. Du Plessis net lustig die 'leemte' gevul.
Nou meer oor ons arende :

Van 1989 tot 1994 is daar elke jaar 'n kuiken uitgebroei.

1995 Nie gebroei nie.
1996 Kuiken.
Trauma: Die ma vlieg in 'n kragdraad naby Grabouw vas, maar word gered en keer terug na haar kuiken wat toe sowat 10 dae uit die nes is.
1997 Kuiken
Trauma: Kuiken dood op nes op 31 Augustus nadat hy die vorige dag nog 'n springlewendige hoendergrootte was.
1998 Nie gebroei nie.
1999 Nie gebroei nie.

Op 23 Mei is albei voëls wel tegelyk op nes 2 gesien, ook met takke. By geleentheid word albei in die omgewing opgemerk en een het op 21 Junie by "Ankers" kom dassies jag. Op 17 Julie is een weer deur Estelle Raymond oor Perspicuaweg gesien. Vorige kuikens vergesel soms die ouers in ons omgewing en waarnemings word gedoen van 'n opvallende bontbruin onvolwasse voël by die arende.

Dit wil lyk of ons nou in 'n siklus beweeg waar die arende vir 'n paar jaar nie hier broei nie om dan later weer terug te kom en die bestaande neste jaarliks te vergroot, herbenut en/of aan te vul met 'n verdere nes.

Ons sal nooit ophou uitkyk vir die swart stippels in die lug nie.

Louise du Toit

stash your trash!

BIRD CHAT

It's that time of year again and the migrants have returned to warmer climes for the summer season. On that note, welcome back to our own species of migratory birds, *Ornithelogicum Scholtzii Nomadicii* !! We, too, have been on our seasonal migration, firstly to Northern and Eastern Zimbabwe, where the birdlife can only be described as spectacular and then to a rather soggy English summer. Even the European Swallow (Swael) followed us back and arrived in the Cape early!

One doesn't have to venture far to watch birds. Gardens, especially in our fabulous habitat, provide immensely satisfying sightings, e.g. in September we watched a pair of Bar-throated Apolis (Bandkeelkleinjantjie) fly themselves ragged trying to keep pace with the voracious appetitie of their "chick", a juvenile Klaas's Cuckoo (Meitjie).

Watch for territorial disputes over the ownership of prized bushes, e.g. Sugarbirds (Suikervoël). The Black Eagles (Witkruisarend) don't seem to have nested in spite of beginning to rebuild a nest and performing their wonderful courting ritual.

The South-Easter has played havoc with nesting birds this year, several species have lost their homes in our garden alone. In September our "pet" Francolin (Fisant) brought four fluff balls into the garden, now reduced to two adolescents, but the covey now seems contented in the security of the garden. Indeed Dieudonne seems a desirable abode as several species have surveyed "suitable" nesting sites in the kitchen, the conservatory and the garage, but francolin in the cellar was a bit much!

Short and sweet this time, but as we approach the year's end, festive greetings to you all and happy spotting!

Alison & Helen

Bakkiesbaai

Februarie se ongeluk waarin die kajuitboot, BRANDY AND GINGER, tweede gekom het in 'n onderonsie met Moeder Natuur, maak nog net nou en dan so 'n vermaaklikheidsdraaitjie wanneer Rooielsers kuier - maar hoe gaan dit met die natuur daar waar die skerwe gespat het?

Goed, lyk dit. So nou en dan tel mense nog 'n stukkie skuimrubber op, maar daar is weinig tekens oor van die ramp. Al wat jou nou opval wanneer jy daar gaan stap, is die uitgemerkte paadjies, en die wonderlike herstel van die fynbos.

Pierre en Louise du Toit het meer as drie jaar gelede met die projek begin om paadjies met klippe uit te pak, sodat die sandbulte kan ruskans kry en die vygies en ander plante kan herstel.

Die meeste mense wat in die gebied gaan stap, hou nou by die paadjies, en die veld raak al hoe groener. En daar het 'n wonderlike kringloop begin. Al hoe meer plantjies oorleef, en hulle groei al digter en sterker -

en vang al hoe meer saadjies vas - wat op hulle beurt posvat en groei. Natuurbewaring het ook begeesterd geraak met die projek: 'n skenking van pale is op pad waarmee daar trappies by die hellings in die paadjies ingeslaan gaan word.

Die sukses van die projek beteken dat erosie in baie van die ander baaitjies in Rooiels herstel kan word, en die plantegroei gered kan word. Geesdrif en toegewyde werk - dis al wat kortkom.

ROOIELS KAPGROEP HACK GROUP

Ons het nou wel nie die rugby gewen nie, maar daar is 'n stryd van 'n ander aard wat ons al jare lank besig hou - die een teen rooikrans. Die verskil tussen ons oorlog en die rugbystryd is dat ons s'n bietjie langer duur, maar ons maak vordering en as ons nie oppas nie, gaan ons tog wen! Ek wil dit nou nie te hard sê nie, maar as ek so kyk na ons buurdorpe, dan weet ek dat hulle jaloers behoort te wees op ons vordering.

The hack group started hacking on a monthly basis three years ago. That means a total of 30 hacks (we skip January and February for a break) with an average attendance of about 15 hackers. Many property owners have begun to realise the advantage of erven being cleared of alien vegetation and have done marvelous work. This, in addition to the progress made by the hack group, means that the visual impact of rooikrans is much diminished.

In the main section of the village there remain probably no more than ten erven which are infested. The upper part of the village east of Porter Drive still has a big problem and Little Rooiels (Upper?) across Clarence Drive has the problem of many smal-ler plants. For the rest, follow-up work is essential.

I would really appeal to every ratepayer to help us shoulder the responsibility and put in a couple of hours per year to help make a difference. Hacking doesn't have to form part of the organised activities. All of you who indicated an interest in hacks: if you can't make a first Saturday of the month, just follow your heart and clear a section that has caught your eye. Remember that you can always borrow secateurs and obtain herbicide from the hack group.

Interessantheidshalwe die volgende statistieke vir 1999:

Aantal kapdae:	9
Aankope (toerusting)	R1371
Uitgawes:	R1136
Oppervlakte gedek:	45 000 m_2

'n Groot dankie aan Craig Spencer, ons hoof (tot nou toe enigste!) Natuurbewaringsbeampte vir sy grootse werk in Rooiels. Die verwydering van die groot boskasies oorkant die Drummond Arms, aan die oorkant van Clarencerylaan en voor erf 105 is sy werk.

Daar is net een leemte in hierdie aksie - 'n tekort aan nuwe bloed. Kom sluit tog by ons aan, al is dit een of twee keer per jaar. Laat die jaar 2000 die keerpunt in u kaploop-baan wees!

Anuta Scholtz

Rooiels oor 'n 100 jaar

Rooiels: this is our place where we can be one with the elements; an area where mankind's castles have not overshadowed the beauty of nature.- *Mike Miller*

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In 100 years, we would like to see Rooiels unspoilt, and filled with people who appreciate living in harmony with nature. That is what life is about!!! - *John & Helen Niemeyer.*

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In a hundred years we'll all be gone
but Rooiels will be here,
The fynbos outlasts us all,
while millenniums come and go.
More homes will cover the landscape
I do fear
As people ebb and flow.

The eagles soar on thermals high,
gaze down upon the land,
Where otters, muishond, snakes and
baboons roam
Seeking forage for their
hungry band
Beside the sea and foam.

Some days still, and some days wild,
the sea has brushed away
Some rock and sand, and kelpy shore
and dune
Dancing on many a
blustery day
To our South Easter's tune.

But only man, the changeling, will come
to live and die
Leaving damning history
our memory-path
While nature either laughs or cries
As our epitaph. - *GH*

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Goedgunstig, gemoedelik en groen! - *P&E*

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What is the secret this village started implementing years ago, that makes your senses come alive?

Local residents ooze with pride: "Everything we do at Rooiels must pass the acid test: **Does**

it have heart? Will it beautify our village?"

In Rooiels, gentle grace is balanced natural wildness. It fills you with a sense of rapture.

All the roads in Rooiels, the network joining neighbour to neighbour and enabling the pulse of the village to reach all its people, are brick paved. Gentle underfoot, soft on the eye, guiding traffic along various speedbumps and circles, the brick paved roads are reminiscent of the cobblestoned pathways of old Europe.

Instead of the archaic road signs demanding "20km/hour", visitors and residents are reminded by means of various humorous pictograms that "Children and tortoises have the right of way". All the street names are flanked by a picture of the *Pelargonium cucullatum* to the one side and a blowing whale to the other.

The combination of boardwalks, road walks, and paths hugging the circumference of this peninsula, invite visitors and residents alike to become walkers! The rustic, eco-friendly bridge over the lagoon, joining the main beach to the village has become a rendezvous where villagers meet to enjoy early morning or sunset walks on the beach together.

Know that when you pass through the security boom at the entrance to the village, you will be entering an island where angels dance upon your senses! ***Beauty*** and ***Heart*** are their names. - *Johanna from B.B.*

A 10 point plan for the next 100 years:

1. A truly conservation-aware community, supported by an interpretative centre.
2. An opportunity to have a regular audited listing of the main natural features on individual plots, small-holdings and reserves, the audit to be used to detect long-term changes to flora and fauna for management, and to give extra nature-based values for property sales.
3. Fire management technologies to be brought to a high level, including electronic remote fire detection; planned burns with precisely contained boundaries kept by chemical methods; use of stimulators for germination and bulb-flowering on plots, small holdings and reserves.
4. A strongly supported aesthetics committee using integrated environmental management of development at all levels.
5. Telephone wires to be buried.
6. Special care to safeguard biological connections between the coastal flats and mountains (especially the small holdings) with the needs of the Biosphere Reserve and the World Heritage Site inland (if such status is granted).
7. A minimum of further commercial development, absolutely no new nodes.
8. Control of long-term human-caused impacts, including septic tank effluents altering the sensitive soil nutrient regime, possible genetic effects of microwave emissions from aerials on the mountains, destruction of fauna by uncontrolled dogs, and much else.
9. Control of baboons by the most humane methods possible.
10. Complete freedom from crime as with the remarkable standards found in some Eastern countries. - *AVH*

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...belig, beteër, beplak, bebos, beboud, bemors. b..bedonnerd! *Charlie B...*

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Die nare bobbejane sal gelukkig almal al teen daardie tyd doodgeskiet wees. Die hasies en dassies wat gate in my tuin grou sal gelukkig deur honde opgevreet wees, die voëls wat op my stoep skyt sal vergiftig wees, die blêddie fynbos sal as gevolg van 'n groot waterskaartse deur plastiekplante vervang word, saans sal my nageslag in veiligheid onder straatligte en in teerstrate kan stap na die 24-uur Pick 'n Pay oorkant die Sea Horse. Elke huis sal 'n spotlight hê wat hom belig en sê: *Kyk, I have arrived!* 'n Sementpad op pilare sal al om die kus op die rotse loop sodat niemand oor die rotse hoef te klouter nie en Rooiels sal uiteindelik 'n groot funplek word met gastehuise, 'n hawe, casino en karavaanpark waar die simpel natuurtuin is. En al die ou gevrekte siele wat tans daar bly se as sal lankal weggewaai wees. - *Anoniem*

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Moenie die bobbejane voer nie!!!

Uitnodiging/Invitation

Kandidate wat hulle graag verkiesbaar wil stel as lede van die Uitvoerende Bestuur van die REBV word uitgenooi om die Uitvoerende Bestuursvergadering van 3 Desember om 19:00 aan huis van Basil Moss by te woon. RSVP Basil Moss 083 280 0163 of 021 855-3513
LW. Lede wat verkies word moet reeds langer as drie maande lede van die REBV gewees het.

Candidates who wish to make themselves available as members of the Executive Committee of RERA are invited to attend the Exco meeting at 19:00 on 3 December at the home of Basil Moss.
RSVP Basil Moss 083 280 0163 or 021 855-3513
N.B. Members who are elected must already have been members of the RERA for more than three months.

Rooigety Flits Groen

Dié wat weet, sê hulle het dit lanklaas gesien. Ek self kan nie onthou hoeveel jaar gelede ons die see op Rooiels só sien gloei het nie.

Op 'n stil aand in Oktober, na 'n week van sterk winde, het iemand ons gebel oor vreemde ligte by die rotse voor die kleinhoewes. Kreef- of perlemoenstropers? Kort voor lank kon ons wel die ligte naby ons rotse sien. Fosfor! Dit bly in die klein baaitjie speel. Teenoor vorige waarnemings van fosfor wat oraloor op die see skitter, het daar hierdie keer ure lank helder flitse verskyn. Die groen deurskynende brandertjies wat traag omdop was ook vir ons uitsonderlik.

Branché van *The living shores of South Africa*-faam sê dat fosforessensie ná sterk wind en opvolgende kalm see plankton boontoe bring, agtervolg deur skole vis waarna 'n chemiese reaksie ontstaan met gepaardgaande helder flitse "groen vuur". Hy verwys ook na 'n voorval in 1962 in Valsbaai toe groot hoeveelhede plankton groot getalle vis gelok het. Die gepaardgaande rooi gety was nie die giftige soort wat die hele voedselketting beduiwel met massa marine-sterftes nie, maar 'n 'onskuldige' een sonder enige nadelige invloed. Luminessensie word deur oksidasie van die sg. 'chemiese substraat onder ensiembeheer' veroorsaak. Die planktondiertjie kan dit self aan-en-af skakel.

Die 1966-rooigery in Valsbaai is die een waarna John Kench verwys in *Die Kuslyn van Suid-Afrika*. "Sterk landwaartse winde het sowel die plankton as die voedingstowwe van die opwelling saam gekonsentreer en 'n swaar opbloei het plaasgevind. Snags was dit sigbaar in ontploffings groen fosforlig."

Na so 'n fosfor-skouspel hoop die plankton op wat mettertyd doodgaan wanneer al die beskikbare voedingstowwe op is. 'n Mens sien dan soms die volgende dag groot rooi kolle op die see. Ons was baie gelukkig om dié meerendeel Weskus-verskynsel te kon waarneem in die Rooiels-kolletjie van Valsbaai.

Louise du Toit

Nature reserve

The most exciting event to be reported is the great flowering of the Purple Pelargonium, forming sheets of colour over most of the main reserve this November, after stimulation by the veld-burn on 12 May 1997.

The first flowering season after the fire had some interesting species including ground orchids and a few Purple Pelargoniums. By the next flowering season in 1998 there was a hint of something spectacular from the Pelargoniums. The veld was still rather bare and what may be the usual seed predator, the Striped Fieldmouse may have been shy of getting into such an exposed and dangerous area, so the seed was probably largely left alone. Also, the hygroscopic, twisting and turning seed-burying mechanism probably acted swiftly enough to put the seed a centimetre or so below the soil surface, helping to save most of the 1997 and 1998 seed-crops.

Whether this hypothesis is true or not, the seed germinated and the new plants grew densely except in some of the northern parts. Were the Fieldmice more active in these northern parts or was it simply too dry there? Certainly the Pelargonium has shown that it can rapidly grow and flower in soils ranging from marshes to dry boulder patches and shoreline slopes with coarse sand and rock flushes. Will next year's flowering from larger plants be even more spectacular?

Look for interesting animal life starting to flourish in the reserve. On a recent visit to the southern entrance near the ! signs, a beautiful Harlequin snake was sunning itself next to the path, with its brilliant alternating bands of black and golden yellow, the body narrower than your little finger, wriggling rapidly away to vanish under a stone.

Anthony Hall

Struktuur- en Beheerplan RENR

Tydens 'n funksie vir die raadslede van die oorgangsraad wat vroeër vanjaar deur die REBV aangebied is, is die voorlopige Struktuur- en Beheerplan vir die Rooiels Natuurtuin aan die burgermeester, raadsheer Willie Smuts, oorhandig.

Hierdie dokument vervat benewens 'n agtergrondstudie, ook die volgende:
Gebiedsbeskrywing: ekosisteem, abiotiese faktore, biotiese faktore, hulpbronontwikkeling en bewaring, bedreigings
Bestuursdoelstellings en -beleid: doelstellings, beleid, adviesraad, konsultante, administrasie
Sonering: wetenskaplike sone, uitgebreide gebruiksone
Bestuursaktiwiteite: habitatsbestuur, beleidsriglyne, projekbeskrywings, plantebestuur, faunabestuur, kultuur-historiese bewaring, publieke gebruik, infrastruktuur

Die dokument is deur Gerard Scholtz opgestel en die volgende persone en instansies het insette gelewer: Craig Spencer, Durelle Snyman, Helen Jones en Alison Ayres, Julia Aalbers, lede van die komitees van die RENR en die REBV. Dit sal by die volgende adviesraadsvergadering van die RENR ter tafel gelê word vir finale goedkeuring voor dit na die betrokke owerhede vir finale goedkeuring gestuur word.

Die enigste plek waar vuurwerke in die Kleinmond-Hangklip Munisipale gebied mag plaasvind is op die Kleinmond strandgebied. 'n Aansienlike boete van is van krag.

The only place where fireworks may be discharged in the Kleinmond-Hangklip Municipal area is on the Kleinmond beach. A substantial fine is applicable.

SEEWAG /SEAWATCH VERSLAG

SEEWAG het 3 hoof doelstellings:

1 Om die publiek meer bewus te maak van die seelewe;
2 Om te help met polisieëring; en
3 Om gemeenskappe meer betrokke te kry by hulle kusstroke.

Raising public awareness: Dr Neville Sweijd addressed the public on "The fingerprints of perlemoen." Dr Colin Attwood spoke about his two years' research on fish and shellfish. SEEWAG het ook verskeie SEEWERKSWINKELS gehou, o.a. ook met skoolkinders op Kleinmond, Rooiels en Pringlebaai. SEEWAG het dekking d.m.v. T.V. en koerantberigte geniet.

Using WWF funding, we are sponsor ing nature conservation officer at the municipality to concentrate exclusively on the poaching of sea creatures. His results and statistics are excellent. Our dune patrols have also been very active.

Some statistics for this year:

POACHERS CAUGHT / STROPERS GEVANG	672
FINES FOR POACHING / BOETES GEHEF	R310,390.00
CONFISCATED / GEKONFISKEERDE PERLEMOEN	14,765
PERLEMOEN TERUGGESIT / RETURNED TO THE SEA	950

Most poached perlemoen has already been removed from the shell. Therefore SEAWATCH hands it over to SEA FISHERIES and they sell it. They have earned R1,150,000.00 from the poached abalone we delivered to them.

Een van ons dagbestuurslede, Jaap van Deventer, gee gereeld lesings by die speurders akademie oor SEEWAG aktiwiteite en metodes om stropers te vang . Na aanleiding van die lesings het daar nou al navrae gekom van Port Elizabeth, Suid Skiereiland, Kommetjie en Saldanha om Seewag in hulle gebiede te stig. Hy en Mike het ook OPERASIE NEPTUNE lede touwys gemaak in spoorsny en die vang van stropers.

SEAWATCH initiated the creation of the "HANGKLIP KLEINMOND Coastal Co-Management Forum" representing fishers, divers, boatclubs and some of the local small-time poachers. This Forum addresses issues such as access to sea resources, the creation of marine reserves, etc.

SEEWAG se ledetal het oor die afgelope jaar met 50% gestyg. Ons het die gebruik van die Mazda Wildlife voertuig vir een jaar gewen. Ons het ook finansiële ondersteuning van individue, winkels en die Rooiels Bootklub ontvang. Ons beoog opvoedkundige projekte wat ons binnekort sal aanpak.

BAIE DANKIE AAN PIERE DU TOIT WAT 'N OOG OOR ONS BRONNE HOU . DANKIE AAN ELKEEN WAT BYGEDRA HET TOT DIE BESKER-MING VAN ONS SEEBRONNE!

Evette Weyers (Stigterslid en SEEWAG bestuurslid.)

Waste Management:

I am happy to report that three recycling igloos are now in place with the generous support of MTN, and we have enough money left to screen them off with a wooden fence, in sympathy with the existing structures.

Thank you to the ratepayers and the Rooiels Boat Club who supported the project financially. The Boat Club and individuals offered to donate a substantial amount towards this project.

Instandhoudingswerk is onlangs gedoen aan die houtstrukture wat dwarsoor Rooiels die vullisdromme berg.

Ons het egter steeds die probleem van sakke wat buite gelaat word en dan stukkend geskeur word deur die bobbejane, meerkatte en kraaie. Ons werk aan 'n oplossing vir die probleem, wat neerkom op 'n permanente struktuur waar addisionele sakke afgelaai kan word, wat bekostigbaar is en wat terselfdertyd meer esteties aanvaarbaar sal wees as die tydelike maatreëls wat in die verlede toegepas is.

Die menslike faktor bly egter steeds die deurslaggewende een, en as die mens nie sy kant bring nie, wie kan die bobbejane verkwalik?

The municipality now have impressive baboonproof waste bins available and I really want to recommend that each house owner in Rooiels purchases one. Please place your bins where they are visible. The waste removal guys will remove the bags from the bins. but not loose refuge.

Please note that the wooden structures are for the benefit of the public (day visitors), and the refuse bags of permanent residents and holiday-makers should not be deposited in them. When they are full or almost full, the baboons reach down and pull the bags.

Family, friends and tenants should be educated to **"stash their trash"** in the facilities provided. I am sure that we can count on all ratepayers who love Rooiels to do their bit in this regard.

Lida van Dyk

Rooiels, Rooiels

Ons is slegs nawekers, maar Rooielsers in murg en been. Vandag het ek egter iets ondervind wat my altyd sal bybly. Ek het my buurvrou se Xhosa huishulp van Johannesburg saam met my geneem om te gaan huis skoonmaak. Die vorige aand het ek stil gebid dat dit 'n mooi dag moet wees en dat God saam met ons sal ry en, helaas, dat daar bobbejane sal wees, want Lilian het nog nooit 'n bobbejaan in lewende lywe gesien nie.
Soos dit is, stel Hy 'n mens nooit teleur nie en was dit 'n wonderlike windlose dag en ja!, daar was bobbejane - oral! Lilian val so te sê uit die motor van plesier en verwondering en maak toe sommer weer my oë oop vir die mooi van Rooiels. Wat egter ontstellend was is dat sy met haar onskuldige oë eerste die blou en wit huis teen die berg oplet en vra: hoekom? Ek kon haar nie antwoord nie, maar hoop dat dit die eerste, enigste en laaste sal wees. Later soek sy die bobbejane en vind hulle met groot opwinding rustig in die natuurtuin kuier tussen die wilde malvas in hulle malse kleur, soek-soek, eet-eet, rustig en ongehinderd. Die volgende oomblik word daar met verbasing uitgeroep dat daar die grootste "muis" is wat sy nog ooit gesien het. Ek kon toe met vreugde verduidelik dat dit 'n muishond is. Soveel eerste ervarings op een dag.

Toe ons toesluit en die steil pad na onder toe loop, verwonder sy haar lag-lag oor die natuur en merk sy op: "Die see is darem groot, het hy dan nie 'n einde nie?" Toe weet ek hoe ek steeds oor 'n honderd jaar oor die plek sal voel.

Hester Kritzinger

Die meeste van ons besoekers lewer ook gewoonlik kommentaar op die wit en blou huis teen die berg en die onsensitiewe impak wat dit op ons berg en omgewing het. Ons kan net hoop dat die nuwe eienaars dit besef en 'n kleur verf wat met die berg en natuur sal saamsmelt. (Red.)

Ladies Social and Support Group/ Dames Sosiale en Ondersteuninggroep

In the last week of June, an invitation was extended to all the permanent ladies of Rooiels to meet on 7 July at the initiative of Lynn Harris,

supported by Joan Faure and Lida van Dyk.

Twenty-two ladies arrived and a happy buzz prevailed throughout the afternoon. Lynn explained that a need existed among the permanent residents to know and support one another and meet socially.

During the five meetings held to date, a number of ideas were adopted. Some of these are :

- A name, address, telephone and birthday list of all the permanent ladies has been made available.
- Supporting one another in times of crisis, e.g. illness, fire, accident, etc.
- Reaching out to "outsiders" who might need us in an organised way during an emergency, e.g. a fire, shipwreck, car accident etc.
- A monthly newsletter for members is being produced by Jenny Starke.

Talks on herbal Fynbos (Jenny Berrisford) and fynbos flower arranging (Pam Harris) were highlights of two meetings. Jenny Starke researched the latest snake-bite treatment and made arrangements with local doctors. The club has been approached by RERA in connection with a Neighbour-hood Watch and they will be obtaining information from the police to ascertain how and if they can be of assistance.

Op hierdie stadium is die pad vorentoe nog baie oop en vloeibaar. Wat wel vas staan is dat die meeste dames die initiatief van Lynn, Joan en Lida verwelkom en ons glo daar sal nog baie interessante en goeie dinge hieruit voortvloei.

Alle permanente en semi-permanente inwoners word hartlik uitgenooi. Kom! Bring u idees. Elkeen van ons is 'n skakel in die ketting.

Die byeenkoms vind elke eerste Dinsdag van die maand om 14:30 plaas. Hou asb die kennisgewingbord dop vir verdere besonderhede en moenie vergeet om u nuusbrief by Margaret Hensen af te haal nie.

To give some of the less mobile ladies an outing from Rooiels and environs, a 'Christmas luncheon' with pensioner discounts has been arranged at Dassiesfontein on 15th December.

ERF 115

Die kontroversiële en sensitiewe erf 115, of te wel die sogenaamde hotelerf, het onlangs van eienaar verwissel en die hele Rooiels het op hete kole gesit en wag om te sien wat met hierdie besondere erf gaan gebeur. In 1985 is 'n aansoek vir onderverdeling in 10 erwe ingedien en in 1989 het die vorige eienaar 'n aanoek vir onderverdeling in 8 erwe ingedien. Die WNNR het in beide gevalle verslae ingedien en die REBV het die beoogde onderverdelings elke keer teengestaan.

Die REBV is deur mnre. Brett Lawson van *The Environmental Partnership* en Tommy Brummer van *TB Town and Regional Planner* genader as rolspeler vir impakstudies van die beoogde ontwikkeling op erf 115. Die REBV het die Rooiels Visie as riglyn voorgehou wat steeds 'n belangrike rol speel in die beplanning van ontwikkeling op die erf.

Dit is dus aangenaam om te rapporteer dat die nuwe eienaar 'n aansoek ingedien het vir hersonering van hotelerf na enkel residensiële woning. 'n Volledige omgewingsimpakstudie is voorberei en op 1 Mei is 'n ope vergadering vir alle belangstellendes gehou te Rooiels.

In die omgewingsimpakstudie word vermeld dat botaniese en argeologiese studies onderneem is waarin daar sekere aanbevelings gemaak word wat as riglyne sal dien met die ontwikkeling. Volledige dokumentasie is by die REBV beskikbaar.

Die REBV wil graag 'n hartelike woord van dank rig aan die nuwe eienaar, Leon Kirkinis, en mnre Bret Lawson en Tommy Brummer vir die professionele manier waarop hierdie proses aangepak is, die deursigtigheid van die eienaar en sy professionele span en die moontlikheid wat geskep is vir publieke deelname aan die projek. Mag hierdie aksie en proses van mnr Kirkinnis as 'n bloudruk dien vir voornemende ontwikkelaars van eiendom, nie net in Rooiels nie, maar ook in die res van ons kusgebied. Hierdie is sowaar 'n pluimpie in Rooiels se hoed!

Phone Sea Watch immediately if you notice any irregularities 083 212 2252/3

SECURITY

Unfortunately crime is on the increase in Rooiels and surrounding areas, with repeated break-ins and also one case of theft by outside visitors overnighting in Rooiels. Rather alarming. Now is the time to get a neigh-bourhood watch going,possibly with the newly formed ladies' circle.This DOES NOT involve playing cops and robbers,and patroling with a sawn-off shot gun,shambok and vicious dog, BUT getting a telephone tree started between neighbours, reporting to the police anything not looking normal: suspicious people, vehicles - especially bakkies, and activity around unoccupied houses - in short - use your eyes, before you are the next victim.(The police have increased patrols in the area)

ALARMS AND RESPONSE

Four local companies were contacted:

No 1: Kleinmond: I phoned and I was told that contact would be made at the weekend and an appoinment would be made. Still waiting.

No 2: Kleinmond: Response vehicle was contacted while they were in Rooiels. They said they would come to the house the next day. Still waiting.

No 3: Bettys Bay/Rooiels: Reply 24h later. When the local monitoring respresentative is not available in Rooiels, the response time is too slow. Felt monthly monitoring and response charges were high.

No 4: Pringle Bay: Despite short notice (3 hours), the owner resheduled his afternoon, and arrived on time. His approach was professional, he had good ideas, and was able to answer all questions. A quote was promised by noon the following day. It arrived at 9am. Enough said.

Contact me for further information.

ROADS

Clarence Drive:

Meetings,meetings and more meetings. Problems identified:
a. Rooiels entrance
b. Excessive speed on hills: short term measures - a couple of signs, and some yellow lines,but no funds available. One wonders how many accidents and possibly deaths are needed before action will be taken

Internal roads and Parking:

Some roads have had holes filled, graded and widened, with an alarming increase in speeding and dust in certain areas. Circle in Anemone Road under construction, in an effort to calm excessive speed. The four way stop to be re-placed with a circle and the additional diagonal parking at the business centre is under-way , and should be finished before the season. PLEASE SET AN EXAMPLE AND OBSERVE THE SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN ROOIELS. The faster you drive on a gravel road, the quicker it breaks up, and the danger to our elderly residents, children and pets and the slow moving wild creatures increases.

FIRE

Fire hazards are greatly reduced, thanks to the hack group.and some property owners clearing alien vegetation. There are still a few problem areas, so please keep a hose pipe handy during the dry season ahead. The Municipality has tested all hydrants and given the assurance that they are in working order..

Basil Moss

From visitor to resident

Ever wondered what it would be like to *EMIGRATE and actually **live** in the Republic of Rooi Els* instead of just visiting from time to time? The weather at this time of the year (April/May) has to be experienced to be believed!! It is so wonderful that one even forgets that it is right here in Waaigatbaai where the South Easter is reputed to make its tumultuous entry into the world.

The first thing that really strikes home is the tranquility. No sirens. No hooters. No hurry or scurry or rumble of traffic, just peace - perfect peace - the "Sounds of Silence"! (With thanks to Simon and Garfunkel) The next impression comes at night when you can touch the stars - except for the odd thoughtless pool of light-pollution. Then comes the overwhelming beauty, splendid sunsets and sunrises and an evening walk at

full moon, watching it rise pale but majestic up the Rooiels River valley as the sun flames-out behind the Peninsula, - I dare the romantically inclined not to put your arm around your companion!

When you live here, it is as if you *own* your slice as opposed to *renting* it. We have found more time for each other. Each evening we marvel at how the sun ever-so-gradually sinks further and further towards the Fishoek Gap, before starting its inevitable, incredible journey back past Cape Point to mid-False Bay for the Summer Solstice; only to return along the same path again like some gigantic pendulum swung by God's Hand.

Pierre du Toit is an 'old-hand permanent' in Rooiels and his sage advice was, "Geoff, jy moet sorg dat jy jou stokperdjies het -- as jy genoeg tyd kan vind!" And how right he was, for we seem to be busy all the time; we've started playing Bridge and tennis and (under kind guidance of the 'Galjoen King' Chris Gilmore) I'm learning to feed the fish liberally without spoiling it by ever actually catching one.

Mail could be a problem if it were not for co-operative friends and postal officials who ensure a steady flow in both directions, so there actually is little to complain about. Also, if you hate housework, this is *not* the place for you, so you had better get used to the idea of doing everything yourself and 'getting by with a little help from your friends' when it's needed. We soon found our routine and working together is now fun; but perhaps our standards are not *quite* as high as they were ... ? What the heck; who cares? We are all in the same boat.

'Cousin' Charlie and his henchmen can be a problem. (Not the one you see on the water with that lovely Honda outboard!) Until you have been 'boon-burgled' some twenty times in three months, you will never understand how it feels to have to keep every window, every door closed ALL the time, for they sneak in like wraiths in the mist. And *they trash your home in a matter of seconds!* Bold as brass and cheekier than a two-year-old, they have even learned to lift a cabin-hook to gain entry via a window once considered absolutely safe. So don't be surprised to see a rash of 'baboonguards', for no-one wants to remain behind closed doors and windows, held to ransom on a hot summer's day. Other than this 'natural' hazard, possibly one of *the* most important feelings is that of *personal freedom and security* as you go about your daily living. One simply does not feel threatened.

Living in a small community, *everyone knows the latest 'local happenings'* (ie Gossip) - so what? A small price to pay for caring, friendship and the knowledge that you have been able to pack your shoes, suits and ties away - perhaps forever? So don't waste money building more cupboards. Those which held your holiday rags will suffice, for the odds are ten-to-one that is what you'll end up wearing anyway!

Those of you who know Lynn will understand how much she loved our thatched cottage in Pinelands and for how long she baulked at the move here. I think she summed up our feelings very neatly. We were watching the gulls lazily diving off Guano Rock when she turned to me and said. "*You know, we only made one mistake with this move - we should have done it three years ago when you first mooted it!*" And my heart filled with joy and love for this companion of 38 years.

Yes, Rooiels has become a home to us and my guess is that we will see many, many more residents settling here over the next few years. Welcome to Paradise. You'll love it.

Geoff Harris (May 1999)

Gebruik die igloos
Use the igloos

for paper, tin & glass

Belangrike datums!!!

Important dates!!!

Desember Vakansie Program December Holiday Programme

Die REBV is besig om weer 'n opwindende vakansieprogram vir die hele familie op te stel wat vroeg in die vakansie beskikbaar sal wees. Hou die kennisgewingbord dop.

RERA is busy compiling another exciting holiday programme for the whole family that will be available soon. Watch the notice board.

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Carols by Candlelight Kerssang by Kerslig

22 Dec./Des.
19:00 Harold Porter Botaniese Tuine
Bring own picnic basket

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Die REBV AJV The RERA AGM

Neem kennis/Take note:

29 Desember 1999
Registrasie/registration: 8:00
Erf 56, Bathers Road

Bring eie stoel en R40 ledegeld
Bring own chair and R40 membership fee

Matters for discussion to be submitted in writing to the secretary by 15 December 1999 for inclusion in the Agenda.
Sake vir bespreking moet voor 15 Desember 1999 skriftelik by die sekretaris ingedien word vir insluiting by die Agenda.

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Rooiels Sunset Christmas Craft Market

After all the fun of the previous years, the third Rooiels Sunset Craft Market will take place on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st of December at Bonny Banks, the home of Werner & Joan Mödinger. If you want to take part, please phone Lida (273 8444) or Anuta (273 8539) 10% of the proceeds will be donated to nature conservation

Hierdie mark het so suksesvol bygedra tot die feesatmosfeer oor die Kerstyd, dat ons net nie daarmee kan ophou nie. Die mark sal op Maandag 20ste en Dinsdag 21ste Desember te Bonny Banks, aan huis van Joan en Werner Mödinger, plaasvind. As u wil deelneem, skakel asseblief vir Lida (273-8444) of Anuta (273-8539). 10% van die opbrengs word aan natuurbewaring geskenk.

Bootklub/Boat Club

Important dates:
Belangrike datums:

26 Dec./Des. 9:00 - 13:00
Village Boat Day!
Come for free boat trips at the slipway.
Gratis bootritte vir almal. Ontmoet ons by die sleephelling.

31 Des./Dec.
Millenium Kreef Kompetisie
Millenium Crayfish Competition
Kontak/Contact Diarmuid Baigrie

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Marius & Friend

21 & 23 Desember 21:00
Kaartjies by Sea Horse
Tickets at Sea Horse
Kontantkroeg/Cash Bar

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Hack Kapdag

Laaste kapdag van die millenium!
Saterdag, 4 Desember
8:00

Last hack of the millenium!
Saturday, 4 December
8:00

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Black Bag Day Swartsakdag

31 Jan 2000 at 8:00
We meet in front of the Sea Horse for a major cleanup of our beaches and streets. Bags will be provided. Tea/beer/cooldrinks afterwards

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