

What made us chose to live in Rooiels? For most of us, the wild beauty of this village is one of the main attributes that attracted us to this particular spot, not forgetting the mountains falling into the sea, the lack of commercialism, the untamed roadsides, the fynbos, the animals, the fishing, the kreef and mussels, the safe beach and the gentle, unhurried pace of life.

We were charmed by the concern for small animals, the excitement of the leopards close by, and the prospect of a community living in harmony with nature. This is a village that is doing what it can to live its commitment to being a part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve ... and in the process adding to the value of our properties.

Rooielsers came together at the turn of the last Century and developed a shared vision of how to conserve our heritage and our village. This reaffirmed the need to support each other in our efforts to protect nature and our way of life. We recognized that all forms of life are interrelated and that what affects one, affects all. We resolved to strive to be caring and supportive towards each other, and to take responsibility for our priceless natural heritage.

OUR VISION

Rooiels is a conservation community caring together today... for tomorrow

OUR PLEDGE

United by our passion for Rooiels
We pledge that here
Nature will be Nurtured...
Flora, Fauna and Marine-life,
Protected...
Our every Impact on the area,
Limited...
Our Custodianship of the
Environment, Respected...
Our Community Spirit,
Strengthened...
So that our Lives, and those
of Generations to come
Will be enriched by our Care

ONLY IF PUT INTO ACTION
CAN THESE WORDS BECOME
A REALITY

WORKING TOGETHER WE
WILL ENSURE THAT

“HERE NATURE
WILL BE
NURTURED”

Rooielsers take pride in being a conservation community supporting each other and living within the transition zone of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve in the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom. This Reserve is a “hotspot” of biodiversity and the first internationally recognized biosphere in southern Africa.

As part of this heritage, we acknowledge that it is both a privilege and a responsibility to live in a biosphere reserve where wildlife, marine life and flora are protected and the integrity of UNESCO biosphere principles maintained. A biosphere includes the intermingling of the human and natural realms, reinforcing the quality of life for its people in a manner that ensures a healthy ecosystem and the sustainability of the environment.

That is the Vision we all still share
Maintaining that “wild” feel
The village was established in the late 1930’s. For many years it remained a scattering of holiday cottages. But now most of its erven are developed. And although Rooiels is not as wild as it was, it still remains a place of great natural beauty.

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

CABLING

Electrical cables are buried underground. Wouldn’t it be great if we could bury telephone cables too?

SIGNAGE

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

ROADS

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

THERE ARE SO MANY OF
NATURE’S SMALL MIRACLES
USING OUR LANES... PLEASE
HELP ENFORCE OUR 20KPH
SPEED LIMIT...

- We need to set a good example by keeping to it ourselves.
- And by speaking to those who persistently ignore the 20kph limit.

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

ROAD RESERVES

The area along the road on your property is municipal land – and it is very important to fynbos renewal to ensure that it stays wild and natural. There are even critically endangered fynbos plants clinging to these verges. The road reserves provide corridors for the wildlife, the tortoises, bees, butterflies and birds. They also help to keep the aesthetic value of Rooiels as a nature village. Please allow them to grow naturally after building.

WATER AND GARDENS

Water-wise, indigenous gardens are encouraged both because of the difficult growing conditions here and to

maintain the fynbos and the untamed feel of our village. If you enjoy exotics in your garden – please avoid invasive aliens that spread into the wild fynbos and are illegal to boot. Rooiels has a volunteer Hack group that meets on the first Saturday of every month to remove Rooikrans and other invasive alien plants – why not join them – and the Rooiels Conservancy?

LIMIT FENCES AND WALLS

If you need to fence your property, please try to design it so that it reduces the visual impact and that it allows wild animals to pass through or around – if possible keep the enclosed area to only a small part of your plot.

BE FIREWISE

- Remove dead wood on your property.
- Become familiar with the emergency evacuation plans.
- Only braai when it is not windy.
- Never throw coals out anywhere in the fynbos (even if you have watered them down).

LITTER

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

NOISE POLLUTION

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

LIGHT POLLUTION

- Legislation limits light pollution to the boundaries of your own property.
- Limit the light to the inside of your house.
- Outside lights should be motion-triggered and their impact minimized by being shaded so that their light spills downwards.

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

LIVING WITH OUR WILD ANIMALS

We are still fortunate to share our village with wildlife. Although sometimes a pest, most of the time they enrich our lives and we have found ways to co-exist.

It is illegal to feed the baboons. We love watching them play but please limit their diet to the fynbos.

On the website you can learn more about our Nature and see hints how to keep baboons out of your home and what to do if they come in.

PETS IN A BIOSPHERE?

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

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

SECURITY

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

SOCIAL LINKS

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

Useful numbers

ASK security emergency
(Pringle Bay): 072 345 3041

ASK evening patrol Rooiels:
079 891 1624

ASK Central 028 271 3116

Police Kleinmond 028 271 8200

Police Gordons Bay 021 856 1207

Overstrand Municipality Kleinmond
028 271 8400

Municipal Manager Mr Lakay
028 271 8417 / 028 271 8413

Councillor Fanie Krige
028 272 9533 / 082 773 7749

Fire emergencies 028 312 2400

24 Hour Municipal Emergencies
028 313 8111

Municipal Law Enforcement
028 313 8111

Sewerage After Hours 028 313 8111

Sewerage Office Hours 028 271 8435

Traffic Kleinmond 028 271 8450

ESKOM 086 003 7566

NSRI Sea Rescue 021 449 3500

Seabirds 072 220 5291

CapeNature
082 453 0835 / 083 236 2924

Vet Kleinmond Dr Peter Dave
028 271 4183

KAWS Animal Welfare
028 271 5004

SEAWATCH Anti Poaching
082 994 9300

DAFF Anti Poaching
028 313 2703 / 084 408 6159

RE Anti Poaching Hilgard Muller
082 898 8202

Medi-Clinic Somerset West
021 850 9000

ER 24 Paramedics 0604900874

Morne Lloyd (volunteer paramedic)
082 894 3019

RE Hack Group Dick Lockley
028 2738852

RE Baboon Advice Jenny Stark
028 273 8961

RE Snake Catcher Geoff Harris
028 273 8164

RE Snake Catcher Gert Coetzee
083 658 2504

RE Snake Catcher Ernst Thompson
082 333 1543

RE Village Shop Wimpie Stals
076 524 3688

Drummond Arms 028 273 8458

Harold Porter Botanical Gardens
028 272 9311