



### Refuse Drop off Zone

The village now has its own Drop off Zone for Refuse. You can now take your own refuse directly to the site without having to go into Gansbaai or wait for the weekly collections.

Please refer to the section headed News Letters, August, 2011 for the operating conditions and opening times.

The RPA urge everyone to make use of this facility and keep our village clean.



### **Road Maintenance**

The severely pot-holed piece of tar road at the junction of Main and Law Street was successfully resurfaced at the beginning of August. It was cambered in such a way that, hopefully, rainwater will not now lay at the bottom of this junction, as it has in the past.



### **Litter Initiative**

Pearly Beach Angling Club held a fishing competition in July along the coast from Soetfontein to Holbaai. Not only did they fish from various spots off the beach, they were also asked by the Conservancy to help collect any litter and rubbish they found in those areas, and they readily agreed to do so.

This was a great idea, and not only helps to keep our coastline clean but also shows, contrary to common belief, that fishermen are conscientious and care about their environment as well.

The Ratepayers Association and Conservancy openly encourage ALL persons using the beaches to take a bin liner with them and collect the rubbish they come across. It can easily be deposited in one of the bins situated at all the recognised entrance points to the beaches.



### **Pearly Beach Village Sign**

Throughout 2010 the Ratepayers Association has been working alongside the local municipality to secure funding for an up-to-date village entrance sign. Committee members designed and oversaw the construction of both the sign and the fynbos garden that surrounds it. We have provided a new village street map that sits in front of the sign and, along with the local conservancy, chose the appropriate plants for the garden. We have also secured an automatic watering system not only for the new garden but also for the row of Milkwood trees that line the approach road to the village. We hope you approve of the work and agree that it adds a new dimension to our village.



### **Swimming Signs**

It came to the notice of the RPA that many visitors were having trouble locating the most suitable parts of our beaches for swimming.

Therefore, we obtained 5 signs to indicate the best areas for swimming and playing. The signs have been placed around the village and have proved to be a big success over the latest festive period.





### **Boardwalks**

Last year the RPA was involved with securing funds from the Municipality for the building of wooden boardwalks to our beaches. Members of the RPA oversaw the construction and erection of the first two completed ones. One boardwalk is situated at the entrance to Castle Beach and runs from the car park directly down to the beach. The other boardwalk starts at the car park off Beach Road and, again, runs all the way to the beach. The building of a third boardwalk has begun, and will run from the car park off Rotunda. This one is due for completion later in 2011. These boardwalks should make the beach far more accessible for everyone. They also smarten up our village and protect the fynbos by ensuring that there is only one distinct route to and from the beach.

### **Third Boardwalk**

The third Boardwalk at Rotunda has just been completed this September and runs for 120m, from the car park to the beach. This now completes all the wooden walk ways currently planned for the village.



### **Village Post Office**

Pearly Beach residents now have an opportunity to receive their mail directly into the village, as the Pearly Beach Resort (Afsaal Street) now houses a sub post office in their offices.

The new office also offers most normal post office facilities.

It is open from 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday – Friday, and 8.30am – 12.00 on Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

If you wish to transfer your post office box from Gansbaai to Pearly Beach, then please complete the necessary form at the Gansbaai post office or pop along to the Resorts post office to effect the transfer. There will be no charge for this new box, but you will lose your Gansbaai box.

For further details on this facility, you can contact the Pearly Beach Resort directly on 028 381 9613.



### **New Chairman**

As from June 2011, the Rate Payers Association received a new interim chairman.

The new chair, Mr Theo Coetzer, was duly voted in by the committee to succeed Mr Dudley Coetzee, who had to step down when he was successfully voted in at the local elections to become councillor for Ward 11 representing the Democratic Alliance. His success as councillor means he is no longer allowed to remain as Chair due to possible conflicts of interest, but he remains a full committee member.

Dudley has served the Association and the village admirably for the last 3 years as chair, and many of the upgrades and changes to the village are down to his persistence and determination whilst dealing with the Municipality. The committee wish him well in his new capacity and thank him for his dedication.