

## **Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Pearly Beach Ratepayers' Association will be held from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Tuesday, 18 December, 2012, in the Dutch Reformed Church, Pearly Beach. The guest speaker will be the honourable executive Mayor of the Overstrand, Cllr Nicolette Botha-Guthrie.

### **2012 Ratepayers' Association Annual General Meeting.**

The AGM will be held in the Dutch Reformed Church Pearly Beach on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012, starting at 10.30am and closing at 12 noon.

### **Abridged guidelines for the refuse drop-off zone at Pearly Beach (2012)**

All residents are entitled to a free permit, which entitles them to dispose of garden/household refuse. Permits can be obtained from the Municipality in Gansbaai.

Residents are entitled to 24 bakkie or trailer loads (loads not bigger than 1 ton or 2 cubic metres) of garden refuse per year.

Owners of vacant plots are not entitled to a free permit for disposing of garden refuse.

Small amounts of builders' rubble (bakkie load or less) can be disposed of in the container at the drop-off.

Recycling must be kept separate and can be disposed of at the drop-off free of charge.

2 x 770 litre wheelie bins will be placed at the entrance of the drop-off on Sundays, for weekend household refuse.

Private contractors clearing vacant plots are not allowed to use the free permits issued to residents to dispose of garden refuse.

Private contractors clearing ploys are not allowed to use the drop-off and must take the garden refuse directly to Gansbaai landfill site.

Businesses and industries are not allowed to dispose of refuse at the drop-off zone.

Hazardous waste is not allowed to be disposed of at landfills. It must be transported to Vissershoeck landfill site (the only hazardous landfill in the Western Cape).

### **Operational hours for drop-off:**

**Monday to Friday** 08:00 to 18h00  
**Saturday and holidays** 11:00 to 16h00  
**Sundays** Closed



### **New arrival**

Today (2nd August) a Whale arrived in the village! It will take centre stage in the newly developing village green.



### **Work on Village Green in full swing**

In July, we started work in earnest on clearing the piece of land that is to become the lawned area of the village green.

It has now been confirmed and agreed that the site of the new herbarium will also house a new emergency room, replacing the existing one in Law Street. The building will also contain two public toilets, one of which will be for disabled use.

### **Honorary Life Members**

We are delighted to report that, at our Annual General Meeting held in December 2011, it was unanimously agreed that honorary life membership be bestowed on Linda Harris, Pam Kent, Jean Pedersen and Clive Young, in appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the community of Pearly Beach through our Ratepayers' Association.



### **Village Green**

Working closely with the local Municipality, funds have now been secured to turn a large piece of public open space (the large plot adjacent to the Rooibier) into a showpiece village green with public toilets. The village green will also become the home for a new and bigger herbarium.

There will be a large grassed area set aside for public use, containing benches and an area for formal fynbos plants. A pathway will lead into the indigenous garden, where existing fynbos will be displayed in its natural surroundings, and the whole area will be contained within ranch-style fencing.

This development has been planned to be completed within the next two years, and is being driven by members of the Ratepayers' and Conservancy Associations.

### **Open Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of an Open Meeting to be held at the Church Hall, Melkhout St Pearly Beach on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 5pm.

There will be presentations from the following parties on matters pertaining to them.

**Councillor Dudley Coetzee -**

## **The proposed Municipal Budget & The tariff structure for 2012/12**

**Pearly Beach Patrollers**

**Pearly Beach Emergency /First Aid**

**Fire Watch Initiative**

All persons are welcome to come along and take part.



### **Street Lights on the junction of Main Road and the R43**

Ten years ago, Ron Pedersen identified the need for street lighting at the junction of Main Road and the R43. He campaigned tirelessly through the Ratepayers' Association for many years to have these installed by the Municipality.

In March 2012, they were finally installed and switched on. They will not only light the way to Pearly Beach but will, undoubtedly, save lives and prevent accidents at what is a surprisingly busy crossroads.

The only sad note is that Ron passed away last year and did not see them come to fruition, but his widow, Jean and their family still have a holiday home in Arcadia Street which they visit regularly and will obviously be reminded of Ron's efforts as they arrive and leave Pearly Beach!

### **New Water Reticulation Schedule of works**

Please go to the News Letters section.....Feb 2012, to see the schedule of works for this upgrading and the streets that will be affected along with the proposed times.

### **New Water Reticulation system in the Village.**

Following the open meeting on the 30th January 2012, it was agreed that the consultants and water engineers would draw up a list of those streets that will be affected by the forthcoming works.

This schedule will show the order the work will be carried out and in which areas.

It will also have contact details should you wish to speak directly to the engineers.

A representative for the companies involved will be permanently based in Pearly Beach for the duration of the works, which started on 1<sup>st</sup> February and has to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

It was agreed that this schedule of work will be posted on the village notice board and at the Angling Club.

It will also be posted directly on to this website under the heading News Letters.

### **Plot Clearing**

The Ratepayers' Committee, along with the Conservancy, are unhappy with the way that many vacant residential plots are being cleared.

They are, therefore, currently working alongside the Municipality to seek a change in the policy that addresses this issue.

In the meantime, we would request that, if you are going to clear your plot (other than to build on it), to consider the environmental impact on the village, your neighbour and most, importantly, the wildlife that lives in the fynbos on your plot. We would, therefore, ask that you instruct your contractor to clear the area in a sympathetic manner and remove only the vegetation that is necessary.

For full guidance on all aspects of plot-clearing, please contact either the Ratepayers' Association or the Conservancy for advice.

