

## Annual General meeting 2013

The Ratepayers' AGM will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in the NG Church Hall in Pearly Beach, starting at 10.30am.

All are very welcome to attend.

## Pearly Beach Ratepayers' Association

The Ratepayers' Association are looking for new members to join the committee for 2014.

Interested persons should want to be involved in all village matters and be keen to work towards enhancing the village and its surrounds.

For more information please contact our current Chairman, Theo Coetzer on 082 461 8475....or email our secretary on [admin@pearlybeachratepayers.co.za](mailto:admin@pearlybeachratepayers.co.za)

The associations AGM will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in the Church Hall at 10.30am; this is when the new committee will be voted in.

### Meeting

  
KENNISGEWING VAN PUBLIEKE VERGADERING:  
OPGRADERING VAN DIE PEARLY BEACH WATER  
VERSPREIDINGSNETWERK - FASE 2  
M/K 20/2013

Inwoners word uitgenooi na 'n publieke vergadering betreffende die implementering van die tweede fase van die opgradering van die water verspreidingsnetwerk in Pearly Beach. Die vergadering sal op Woensdag, 25 September 2013 om 17:00 in die Hengelklubsaal in Pearly Beach gehou word en besonderhede van die projek sal by die geleentheid deur die raadgewende ingenieurs toegelig word.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:  
UPGRADING OF THE PEARLY BEACH WATER  
RETICULATION NETWORK - PHASE 2  
M/N 20/2013**

All affected parties are invited to attend a public meeting regarding the implementation of the second phase of the upgrading of water reticulation infrastructure in Pearly Beach. The meeting is scheduled for 17:00 on Wednesday, 25 September 2013 at the Angling Club in Pearly Beach. The consulting engineers will present the detail of the project during the meeting.

**CC GROENEWALD  
MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER / MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
Posbus / PO Box 26  
GANSBAAI, 7220** 16 September 2013

  
KENNISGEWING VAN PUBLIEKE VERGADERING:  
OPGRADERING VAN DIE GANSBAAI & DE KELDERS WATER  
VERSPREIDINGSNETWERKE  
M/K 21/2013

Inwoners word uitgenooi na 'n publieke vergadering betreffende die opgradering van die water verspreidingsnetwerke in Gansbaai & De Kelders. Die vergadering sal op Woensdag, 25 September 2013 om 19:00 in die Raadsaal by die Gansbaai Munisipale Kantore gehou word en besonderhede van die projek sal by die geleentheid deur die raadgewende ingenieurs toegelig word.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:  
UPGRADING OF THE GANSBAAI & DE KELDERS WATER  
RETICULATION NETWORKS  
M/N 21/2013**

All affected parties are invited to attend a public meeting regarding the upgrading of water reticulation infrastructure in Gansbaai & De Kelders. The meeting is scheduled for 19:00 on Wednesday, 25 September 2013 in the Council Chambers at the Gansbaai Municipal Offices. The consulting engineers will present full detail of the project during the meeting.

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An exciting day has finally arrived in the development of the village garden, the new trees and plants arrived!

Members of the Ratepayers' and Conservancy spent the whole day being involved with the placing and planting of these trees in and around the village green area. They have also used some of them to provide shade in the fynbos garden.

The formal rockery, behind the whale was also subject to a whole array of new plants and shrubs.

Work is now progressing on the construction of the new bench's which we hope will be in place by November.



### **Village Green update**

This week we have completed some 3 further additions to this area.



An informative poster about the whales in our bay has been erected next our whale near the Herbarium. This hopefully will add interest and focus to this area.

Behind the whale we have had numerous children's play equipment placed. They consist of a multi swing, a see-saw and a large slide.

And lastly the grassed area now has a sprinkler system in place, and the individual water stand pipes have been relocated along the fynbos garden path to allow watering of the new plants and trees which are expected within the month.

### **The use of the Village Green**

The village Green is now in a suitable condition to be able to hold events/functions.

To book the green and also obtain a set of the conditions for its use please email our Secretary on [admin@pearlybeachratepayers.co.za](mailto:admin@pearlybeachratepayers.co.za) who holds the booking diary.

The green may not be used for events or functions without going through this process so to stop such problems as double bookings.



### **Herbarium**

The Herbarium has had a set of wooden letters spelling out its name mounted on the road side of the building (a joint venture between the RPA and the Conservancy) to advise people of its new location.



### **Beachcomber Guide Marine and Coastal Information Kiosk.**

Walking along our coast, you will come across some creatures and plants that defy explanation, a visit to the new Marine and Coastal Information Kiosk in Pearly Beach will answer many questions, like identifying these organisms into their kingdoms and genus, the kiosk is open daily and is free! The colourful display and information boards illustrate the many complex ecosystems unique to this coast and tell a rich story of the marine diversity we are privileged to observe on our doorstep.

The initiative for this project started a few years ago while I attended a 6 week F.G.A.S.A. nature guiding course, followed by two years of studying marine

and coastal ecology, becoming aware of the complexities of our environment sparked an unquenchable thirst for knowledge about our natural world, which evolved into a desire to share these wonders. The next step will be to encourage young people to take an interest and become more connected to their environment, inspiring a sound conservation ethic for future generations.

If we understand our fascinating environment the desire to preserve it naturally follows. Our lives are bombarded with messages.” Save the environment.” “Stop global warming, etc”. I believe the task is too large to contemplate on a daily basis, so go easy on yourself; stop trying to change the world and rather put your waking effort into changing yourself into a better person and undoubtedly your world and mine will change for the better.

Jason Stonehewer chairperson Pearly Beach Conservancy



You can visit the kiosk on Main Road next to the Angling Club. Look for the footprint on the stone by the roadside!



On  
Thursday  
14<sup>th</sup> March  
2013, the  
Mayor of  
the  
Overstrand,  
Nicolette  
Botha-  
Guthrie,

came to Pearly Beach and opened the new building on the village green, which houses the herbarium, emergency first aid room and public toilets.

At the ceremony were members of the Ratepayers' Association, the Conservancy and the Emergency First Aid facility. Also attending, were local people who had contributed in the raising of monies to complete the project, and those who had donated their skills and products to the venture.

There is still work to be done to complete the green area. The formal planting and seating are the next areas to be completed and, by Christmas this year, the majority of this work will have been finished. Residents and guests to the village will then be able to use the area for meeting and relaxing.



**"February 2013 and the new building is nearing completion."**



**Work has now started on the new building to be situated on the village green.**

It will comprise of the new home for the Herbarium and Emergency Room along with public toilets. This work is scheduled to be completed by late March 2013.



### **Whale Coast Route Sign**

Finally, the village gets its Whale Coast Route signs. After 2 years, the RPA have secured Whale Coast Route signs in both directions along the R43 at the junction with Main Road.

These, along with two smaller signs in the village, will direct people to the seafront and the whale watching spots. The signs, hopefully, will cause more people to visit our village and enjoy the antics of the spectacular whales.

### **Welcome Letter**



The Ratepayers' Association has designed and delivered an information pamphlet to every permanent resident in the village. This contains up-to-date details of the organisations and associations in the village, as well as a list of important contact details. It also sets out what the village is striving to achieve.

This pamphlet will be distributed to all **new** residents of Pearly Beach as a 'welcome letter' to help them settle in and become part of the community.

If you would like a copy of the pamphlet, you can find it on the Download section of this page.