

Starting once again with electrical issues, the municipality is in the process of burying the overhead electricity supply cables underground along Lake Road. They will at the same time lay cabling for street lighting, although there is no plan at this stage to install street lights.

It would seem that the majority of residents along Lake Road are strongly opposed to the installation of street lighting. Lake Road runs along the vlei on the boundary of Island Lake and borders with Sanparks Nature Reserve, so to install lighting in this sensitive eco area should, in any event, require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

A survey of the area shows that street lighting on Lake Road would also affect residents in First, Second and Third Avenues, Peter Rd. and North Road, impacting around 150 homes.

We welcome your input and any comments in this regard. Moving on to the subsidy towards the installation of solar water heating equipment, our thanks to member Sid Tiley of Wilderness Heights for following up on this, and for submitting the following information. An approx. R2000 subsidy is now in place for a specific type of 200-litre solar system, which must be installed by an Eskom approved contractor. Subsidy application forms are available via Deloitte & Touche. Although Eskom printed a schedule of load shedding times in the weekend papers, with George remaining 16h00 to 18h30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the schedule will only be implemented as the need arises, and no actual load shedding has as yet been announced. It is hoped that the municipality will be able to give us four hours warning, should load shedding resume. WRRRA has obtained a copy of the National Forest Act, which includes Stinkwood and Yellowwood as protected trees, in addition to Milkwoods. A copy of The Act can be obtained from the secretary at 044-877-1370, or members can contact the DWAF office in Knysna directly on 044-302-6900. Finally, the Association has lodged a blanket objection to the valuation roll as we believe that we have proved, beyond any reasonable doubt, that the valuation process has been severely flawed. We continue to take advice regarding other avenues of objection that remain open to us.