

The Municipality has reported a 5.5% power saving for George against Eskom's required 10%. This figure is measured against a general growth of 4% in the area. National residential savings average 8.9% with industry at 9.8%, so we still have a way to go to reach the average. Have you looked at installing a solar water heating device yet, as this can make a major contribution to savings?

We have also been informed that although wheelie bins were permitted for the business sector only due to a shortage of trucks with the facility to clear such receptacles, the municipality will empty residential wheelies provided the refuse has been bagged. Spoornet has passed the problem of clearing the timber debris under the railway bridge on to Sanparks, who are awaiting the arrival of their crane from another area; and we have received a further undertaking from Eden Municipality that the debris under the Hoekwil Bridge will be cleared. Our thanks to Yvonne Barnard for taking time to show a municipal official around our area to mark Lantana growth, ahead of an eradication exercise which has started on Heights Road and Sands Road. Even more invasive is Madeira Vine. This is an appeal to consider your own garden and those around you for signs of these alien plants. As this is an ongoing project, you can contact Yvonne on 044-877-0702, Bob McIntyre on 044-877-1360 or Norman Jamieson on 044-877-1806 for Wilderness East. A survey of the N2 past George found that a huge number of pedestrians use the N2 between the Mall and Airport on a daily basis, raising the possibility of the speed limit being reduced along that area. With crime in our area on the increase, the police have once more requested residents to tip them off about unrecognised loiterers. Again we are approaching AGM time, so please diarize 5.30 for 6.00p.m. on **Thursday 18th December**, details to be advised in our next newsletter.