

Newsletter 2009 March

At last.....recycling has come to Wilderness. Every household should have received blue bags and a leaflet on how it all works. If you did not receive the above or have any queries, please contact Southern Cape Recycling at 044-871-2758, and help to protect our environment – it's the right thing to do!

Our thanks to Imel Rautenbach of Office Reliance for our new-look website which shows more information for visitors as well as locals. The 1st Interim Valuation Roll has recently been added and will be updated once the municipality has completed inspecting the 250 properties under dispute. Check it out at www.wrra.co.za.

In fact, because of the growing dismay at increasingly thoughtless development, WRRRA has included a page of tips and guidelines on the new website directed at anyone thinking of building in this vicinity. It is the natural beauty of Wilderness that draws people here in the first place. Monuments erected to architectural egos rather than innovative designs that blend in with our natural environment, destroy our "sense of place". We are continuing to put pressure on Provincial and National authorities to release funds that will enable Sanparks to rebuild the lagoon boardwalk, and to develop a new Flood Management Programme. The delay in releasing flood disaster funds is unacceptable.

Escalating vagrancy in the village remains a cause for concern, and we ask members to let their visitors know that they should not take valuables to the beach. There was a recent theft of belongings left unattended on the beach while their owners were swimming. We will shortly be introducing a poster-based awareness campaign to deter vagrancy. WRRRA is pleased to report a substantial increase in membership this year. We need your membership. It **can** make a difference in what we are trying to do for Wilderness. Membership forms are available on-line via our website or from the Secretary at 044-877-1370.