

Members of WRRRA's Committee have received complaints about uncontrolled dogs wandering around the streets, as well as the illegal dumping of garden refuse on empty erven. Please would dog owners make a concerted effort to keep their pets off the roads initially, and to use poop-scoops or packets to clean up after their pets when walking them.

As far as garden refuse is concerned, residents are asked to bag, or bundle and tie up garden waste and place it with the household refuse on collection days. Household waste should be greatly reduced with the introduction of recycling. This allows for the use of 4 or 5 of the permitted 7 bags/bundles of refuse to be used for garden trimmings each week. WRRRA is hoping to reintroduce a garden refuse vehicle to follow the garbage truck, and collect any excess cuttings.

Wilderness SAPS have asked WRRRA to advise residents that the emergency mobile number **082-444-4326** is operational once more. However, the Association's emergency SMS service has been temporarily disconnected until the new George emergency call centre is completed, hopefully within the month. The planned fire sub-station for this area, which WRRRA motivated to be in Wilderness, is to be stationed in Hoekwil, as the municipality feels Hoekwil is equidistant to Wilderness and Touwsranten, the latter being more of a potential fire hazard.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the death last month of longstanding member of the Association, Ralph Amm, in his 86th year. He had been in failing health for some time. Ralph and his wife, Joy, originally farmed in the then northern Transvaal and retired to Wilderness in 1985. He soon became an active member of the Association, was elected to the Executive Committee, and served as Treasurer up to his retirement from "active duty". To those who knew him, Ralph will be remembered as a man of integrity and very good humour. Our sympathies go out to his wife Joy and family.