

Newsletter 2010 April

We would like to begin this newsletter with huge thanks to Joy Amm for arranging and paying for the restoration of the Waterside tourism bench. Particularly during these times of disarray in the George municipality, such generous acts of community spirit are greatly appreciated. Our thanks also to Palms Guest House & Restaurant for sponsoring 2 previously unemployed people to keep our village clean.

At today's committee meeting (7<sup>th</sup> April), committee members were addressed by the Deputy Director of Town Planning as well as the head of Africa & Associates, the company awarded the tender to draw up the new Structure Plan for the Wilderness area. The final Wilderness Structure Plan represents a legally recognised document, that will provide guidelines to the municipality regarding development in our area, and therefore a document we can use to challenge inappropriate development approvals. We are pleased to have the opportunity to contribute towards this important Plan.

On the safety and security front, the Data Dot company has extended its offer to sponsor (free of charge) any WRRRA member or business who would like the dot chip installed into property for tracking items if stolen. Interested members can mail, e-mail or phone their names to the secretary. The owner of the company will also sponsor a WRRRA caravan or wendy-house to use for security and police work in the village, as his contribution towards a safer Wilderness.

In closing, we have received notification from FNB that they will no longer accept cheques made out to WRRRA, or Wilderness Residents & Ratepayers Association. Only cheques made out in the correct full name of Wilderness Ratepayers & Residents Association will be accepted.