

Newsletter 2010 November

We are pleased to advise our members that the draft Structure Plan for the Wilderness has been included in the “Members Only” section of our website. There is a link for comments directly to the contractor, Kobus Munro of Setplan, but any detailed comments can be emailed to george@setplan.com. We note that the draft includes the controversial possibility of a desalination plant at Kleinkrantz.

Members who read the George Herald will have seen the police article headed “Be Safe in Wilderness” giving safety hints for residents and visitors, together with SAPS contact details. We will also place this useful article on our website. Our thanks to SAPS for taking this initiative.

Sanparks have announced changes to their Wild Card system to enable them and their conservation partners better control of their programme via more advanced technology. The current Infinity Wild Card will be replaced with a new one, as the old card will no longer be accepted at Wild Card partner parks after 31 December 2010. Holders of the current Wild Card need to update their membership details in order to receive the new card. For further information log on to www.wildcard.co.za or call 0861 469 453.

Still with environmental matters - “Working For Water” are collaborating with Sanparks in erecting signage at the beachfront. Alien vegetation clearing in various areas of Wilderness is being conducted via a poverty relief programme, and we are pleased to note that the culvert leading to the Narrows on the Serpentine River has been cleared, and is working well.

A total of 400 people turned out at Ebb & Flow for the Eden Duo Adventure Race at the end of last month. This figure represents participants and supporters, who came mostly from other areas of the country.

The Ward Committee for our electoral ward (Ward 4) has officially requested the Municipality to provide detailed information regarding the costs to ratepayers for the suspended senior officials. The Ward Committee has also requested clarity on the Emergency Water Tariffs which the Committee believes to have been implemented in contravention of National Treasury directives.

Being an election year, the Municipality is making an effort towards “public participation”, and to this end an Economic Development Summit was held on 10th November 2010. The Summit brought together business, academic, and civic leadership, to workshop ways to stimulate the George economy. While interesting, the value of the Summit remains subject to the implementation of practical solutions. With many such “Summits” having taken place in the past, the situation remains that when all is said and done, more has been said than done.....

The third Oakhurst Food and Craft Christmas market will be held from 9am on Sunday 28th November on this historic farm outside Hoekwil. The name says it all, but there will also be fun and activities for the children plus a relaxation station for reflexology, shiatsu, head massage or neck and shoulder release. For further information, check out www.oakhurst.co.za/market or phone Claire on 044-850-1173/082 461 7669.