

2011 July Newsletter

We bring you a brief newsletter this month, as we await the details of our new Council's 100 Day plan, which we hope will include funds for the upgrading of the entrance to our village and Wilderness roads in general, which are an absolute disgrace.

All complaints on water should be addressed to the complaints desk in George and not to the waterworks in Wilderness, as they cannot allocate a reference number.

The contacts in George are:

044 801 9262 or 044 801 9266. This desk is manned by Rosemary & Mandisa

The municipality has asked WRRRA to bring the danger of disposing of old fluorescent tubes and energy saving lamps (CFLs) to the notice of our members. CFLs contain mercury which is a potentially dangerous substance. While mercury stays safely contained in intact CFLs, it escapes from broken CFLs into the immediate surroundings. The breakage of a CFL bulb needs to be handled with care and certain procedures should be followed in removing the broken bulb and its contents from a home. **Always use gloves and strong plastic bags. Should you injure or cut yourself whilst handling broken CFLs or fluorescent tubes, SEE A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.** CFLs and fluorescent tubes should be disposed of safely. **Do not dispose of these items in your refuse bags or into the Blue Bag.** Woolworths and Pick 'n Pay have disposal points at their stores in George.

For more information, use the internet link: <http://www.snopes.com/medical/toxins/cfl.asp>

We congratulate Jill Bunding-Venter (previously Gordon) of Sanparks on her promotion to Manager of the Garden Route National Park, and wish her all success in her new position. Nellie Grootendorst will take on the responsibility of Acting Manager of the Wilderness National Park until further notice. We have been told that R600,000's damage to boardwalks in Sanparks was caused by last month's flooding.

To end with a note on statistics.....during a recent discussion with our traffic department, our committee member was told that 80% of accidents on our roads involve white cars. However, does this mean that white cars are more difficult to see or is this merely confirmation that 80% of vehicles currently on our roads are white!