

Newsletter November 2011

To begin with some statistics - two thirds of our membership have already paid their 2012 subs, and we thank you for your quick response. 67 electronic members responded to last months' survey on the bottle store licence for the village hub, with four voting for it and 63 against. Interestingly, there were close to 200 original objections made directly to the liquor board, with several objectors being summoned to give evidence at the license hearing. Feedback from many of those present at the hearing elicited a general feeling that Board members were there to "rubber stamp" a process, rather than properly apply their minds to the issues presented.

The newly formed Wilderness Heights Neighbourhood Watch represents 76 households. R50 was requested from all members as a Special Contribution towards the cost of the signs with a Giant Cape Eagle Owl as their logo. It is proposed to incorporate horseback-mounted Patrols with riders wearing the new Heights Watch reflective jackets supplied at cost by George Uniforms. SAPS have identified, and are keeping an eye on suspects responsible for criminal activity in that area. A reminder here that the Wilderness Neighbourhood Watch meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at 17h00 at the Fairy Knowe Hotel. In the meantime, three young white lads are in prison for burglaries along Serpentine Road. Wilderness has a new Police Chief – Capt. Hans Blauww, who can be contacted on 079-893-9994. Also check out a book by Dr. Zinn called "Home Invasion" which has been highly recommended, and at last George has a new Director of Safety & Security being Richard von Weilligh, who can be contacted via 044-801-9369 or 801-6380

A regular Saturday volleyball tournament comprising four courts is to be held from 11:00 until 18:00 once a month out of season, and twice in season on the beach at Leentjiesklip. An undertaking has been given not to make unnecessary noise i.e. loud music and amplifiers, but a loudspeaker will be used for the purpose of announcements and game play. The following organizers can be contacted for further information: Jean Jooste – 082 780 4365, Wehemeyer Ferreira – 084 904 9673 or Bryan Wilson – 072 996 1084.

The post office has requested us to advise residents that the postal code for street deliveries in Wilderness is **6529**.

The venue for our AGM will be the Wilderness Beach Hotel at 5.30p.m. for 6p.m on Monday 19th December. Members are invited to join us for finger snacks and wine after the AGM to celebrate our 40th anniversary. A cash bar will also be available. More about this in our December newsletter. A copy of Sanparks' proposed new Management Plan was requested at last year's AGM, and a draft is now available on Sanparks' website.

We conclude this newsletter with a birthday Roll of Honour containing the names of all our chairpersons over the years, and the hope that WRRRA will continue to grow in strength and stature over the next 40 years:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>
1971	Ray Rinaldi
1973 - 1978	Brig. J.N. Blatt
1983	V.C. Smith
1984	Hugh White
1985 - 1987	Greig White
1989 - 1990	Ralph Amm
1991 - 1992	Brig. Carl van Rooyen
1993 - 1994	James Truter
1995	Dick Smit
1996	André de Wet

1997 - 1999 Bob McIntyre
2000 Bob McIntyre/Meryl Howes
2001 Bob McIntyre
2002 - 2004 Pat Walsh
2005 - 2007 Thornton Booth
2008 Al Colesky
2009 - Date Graham Sell