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## WRRRA NEWSLETTER

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Spring has sprung in Wilderness- Visible Wilderness Improvement Project results



**Pumping !!!!!**



**Pavement Café's ready for you.....**

## WRRRA Committee Changes

The WRRRA Committee have appointed two new members, namely: Ian van Rooyen( Roads & Security) and Donald Goldfain ( WRRRA Newsletter). In addition, Pearce Johnson, a long serving member of the committee who was on a leave of absence, is now back in the saddle and will take on Electricity within the Services Portfolio.



Pictured here at the Farewell cocktail party for Phillip Parsons held at the Wilderness Resort Hotel on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 are from left to right. Paul Nicholas, Neil Viljoen, Ian van Rooyen, Phillip Parsons , Vanessa Hau-Yoon, Ronnie Board and Donald Goldfain.

At the function , Paul Nicholas stood in for Chairman Pieter Naude who was away in Johannesburg and thanked Phillip on behalf Pieter, the Committee and the WRRRA for his dedication, hard work and wisdom that he imparted during his tenure as the Deputy Chairman and Committee member. He wished both Phillip and Phillippa a safe and successful move and made them promise to come back and visit Wilderness in the future.

## GIPTN

The first vehicles for the GO GEORGE-project are expected to be delivered towards the beginning of October and will coincide with national transport month. The roll-out of the project will commence by December. The routes will be phased in through George during the next six months with the intention to have a fully functioning system by June 2015.

There are still a few last remaining items that still need to be completed in the village, such as the new walkway alongside the N2 and lighting to the Sanparks parking area .

The George Herald is doing a great job in keeping everyone informed about progress on GIPTN. So watch the press for more details.....



## Wilderness Heights

Chairman Pieter Naude and Committee member Ronnie Board are actively engaged in the follow-up with Province, responsible for the feasibility study that should plot the way forward. What has emerged so far, from the communication between all interested and effected parties, is that the Heights Saga is far more complex and sensitive than we originally thought. We will respect the protocol we have been asked to follow, but we will not compromise the interests of all parties, including effected ratepayers. We will continue to engage in meaningful discussions with officials responsible for housing and land affairs. There are several key issues that are being addressed and it is hoped that some form of resolution will be forthcoming in the near future.

## New: WRRRA Community Service Initiatives.

### **Magazine Harvest! WRRRA Literacy Project.**


**Pay your precious magazine collection forward to fuel literacy and self-esteem.**

The WRRRA has joined forces with the Rotary Club of George's Magazine Harvest literacy project. **Rotary's Magazine Harvest** recycles your gently read magazines to new readers – feeding kids and families hungry to read.

Recycling magazines to new readers addresses both environmental and literacy needs. A magazine harvest works like a holiday food drive, but feeds hungry readers. Surplus magazines that would otherwise be discarded and destroyed are distributed to schools, aftercare centers, old age homes and hospital wards in the greater George community.



Books for Seven Passes Initiative: Touwsrante : Thanda Jesu: Wilderness Heights : Dept. of Education : George

**Please drop off your old magazines and books at the Wilderness Tourist office and  Rotary will do the rest.**

## Ward 4 News



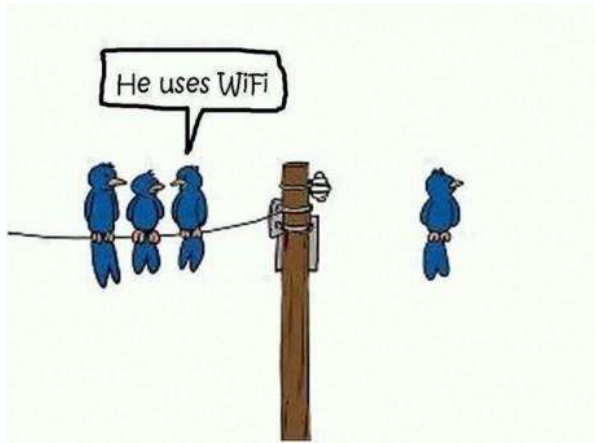
Our Ward 4 Councilor Leon van Wyk has informed the WRRRA that Clr. Marlene Viljoen, a resident in Wilderness, has been redeployed from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014, to take up Ward responsibilities and share the workload with Clr. van Wyk in Ward 4. Clr. Marlene previously had responsibilities in Thembaletu.

Leon commented that he was very pleased that this change has taken place and trust that this will be of benefit to Ward 4.

WRRRA Chairman Pieter Naude thanked Leon for being our sole councilor for such a long time under difficult ward and council circumstances. Pieter said that he knows Marlene well and welcomed her on the Wilderness Train to a better future for all.



## Wi-Fi Hotspots in Wilderness



As part of the [Western Cape Provincial Government](#) broadband initiative, Digital Village is currently rolling out Free Wi-Fi hotspots across the Garden Route towns of Mosselbay, Great Brak, George, Victoria Bay, Wilderness, Sedgfield, Karnataka, Rheenendal & Knysna.

Numerous Free Wi-Fi hotspots are being installed across the Wilderness area. Key locations that are being covered include the Wilderness CBD Restaurants, Milkwood Village, BeeJuice Cafe,

Leintjies Klip, Salinas, The Views / Holiday Inn, Kleinkrantz, Hoekwill & Touwsranten. Most of these locations are already active, with more coming online in the next week or two.

Each user will get 250MB of high speed free data per day per device. There is also **unlimited free access** via the Free Portal to sites like Wikipedia, Whatsapp, Gumtree, educational & local government sites, etc. Additional data can be purchased online at the Hotspot your are logged into, at a cost of R20 per GB.

## Tourism

Paul Nicholas and Donald Goldfain attended the recent Tourism Indaba held in George. Over 200 stakeholders attended the indaba and a strong message of collaboration came out of the workshop as key requirement for success. The results of the work session will also form the basis for the design of a revitalised tourism brand for the greater George area and its surrounds, including Wilderness. Carli Bunding-Venter, Local Economic Development Manager for George has undertaken to get the results of the indaba collated into a workshop report which will be used in the next stage of the project. We look forward to this development, specifically to being involved in setting up the strategy for Wilderness.



## Security and Safety issues

Put these two important numbers into your cell phones NOW and stick them on your fridge NOW !

**Wilderness Police Station : 044 877 0011**

**Wilderness Roving Police Van : 082 44 44 326**

- **Report any suspicious looking individuals or activities you may see in our community.**

Message from our dedicated Wilderness Police Warrant Officer Bennie Boshoff to all residents, homeowners and visitors:

You are reminded that even in a low crime area like Wilderness, there is the ever possibility of theft and break-ins. Please remember to advise your holiday guests to be aware.

Take proper care and precautions:

- We are almost in the holiday season and we can expect more activity from criminals.
- Ensure that your house doors and windows are locked when you are out or when you go to bed
- Ensure that you garage doors are closed when not in use
- Don't leave toys, bicycles, etc. on your driveway or on the roadside
- Lock your vehicles while parked, even in your driveway
- Do not leave cell phones, handbags, iPads, laptops, etc. visible in your car, even when locked. Rather place them out of sight in the boot of your vehicle
- Keep key emergency numbers nearby
- Always be aware of your surroundings

**Remember : You may be on holiday, but thieves are not!**

**Have you been receiving the WRRRA SMS Alerts ?? ( Power outages, Crime Alerts etc.)**

**If not , please send update your contact details by sending an email to :**

[wrrw@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrrw@tiscali.co.za) : Erf Number, Surname , First name and cell number.

**Wilderness SECURITY POLICE FORUM : Please attend. This is in all our interest.**

**Held at Faerie Knowe Hotel on the last Monday of the month at 17h30**

## Other News

1. The recent water problems experienced with water supply in Wilderness East were due to a pipe burst that affected the reservoir's water level. Once again, this incident demonstrates the need to invest in replacing the aging infrastructure. We are pleased that the Municipality has committed to this in their 2015 budget and look forward to seeing progress on this front.
2. The Committee has changed the WRRRA financial year end to 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year . The WRRRA AGM date will in future be held annually in February. The 2015 AGM date will be advised.
3. **Your WRRRA Subscription of R100 is now due for payment in December because of the yearend change. Please see payment instructions on the Membership form attached.**

4. Are your neighbours WRRRA members ??? If Not , please recruit them !!!

- A Membership Application form is attached 😊 !

## Village Ambassadors



Rolano starting the morning shift by collecting black bags from all the refuse bins in the Village.



Village Ambassadors Enjoying their "Sponsored Brunch" at Blue Olive

[Read more...](#) (George Herald 2 October 2014)

## To know “What’s happening in Wilderness “join the WRRRA today!

Simply complete the attached Membership Application Form and email it to [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za)

### **WRRRA Membership Application Form. (Oct 2014)**

I/We .....would like to become members of the Wilderness Residents Ratepayers Association.

Erf Number \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Permission is hereby granted to WRRRA to send me/us WRRRA email and sms correspondence.

Annual Subscription per member R 100

### **Bank Details**

Bank Name

Branch Code

Branch name

Account Name

Account Number

Reference (Your Erf no, followed by your Surname : e.g. 1159, Smith)

### **Good Reasons for joining WRRRA**

- Early warning SMS system to inform of road closures, water and electricity supply issues and security news flashes.
- WRRRA engages and petitions relevant providers in Wilderness on behalf of us all. WRRRA drives the Wilderness Improvement Projects, Village Ambassadors Project, Project Dolphin, Wilderness Clean campaign, sorts out signage issues , Wilderness Wall and campaigning for parking are just few of the successful ongoing WRRRA projects.

As a reminder, you are receiving this WRRRA Newsletter because either you are a WRRRA member, a Wilderness landowner or have interacted with WRRRA in the past. Should you not wish to receive our Newsletter in the future, simply email [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) end your email address will be remove from our mailing list immediately.