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## WRRRA NEWSLETTER – August 2015



*"Wilderness the place to be"*. Wilderness Beach –Austin Graves

Please send us your iconic Wilderness pics ! See "Wilderness Galleries: on [www.wrra.co.za](http://www.wrra.co.za)

### Wilderness Improvement Program

- **Wilderness Police Station Project.** Please contact the WRRRA on [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) if you are able to contribute in any way. We need some offers for paint and offers of labour to the painting of the offices. Thanks to the SAPS Roof Paint donors and one in particular, who wants to remain anonymous, THANK YOU! We have reached our roof paint target and the work is proceeding. The wall and gate repairs are also fully funded and are in progress. Thank you everyone !
- **Anyone out there have a Chain Saw? Want to participate in a "Chain Saw Foliage Massacre?"** WRRRA Committee member Ian van Rooyen needs a chain saw and some help to cut back foliage at the SAPS office in Wilderness. SAPS offers FULL INDEMTITY for this crime. Please call Ian on 082 895 2661 and give him a hand. Thanks

- **Services**

**Rubbish and Recycling Collection Holiday Schedule.** The Municipality does not collect rubbish or recycling on public holidays. Rather, your rubbish and recycling will be collected the day following a public holiday. If the public holiday falls on a Friday, rubbish and recycling will be collected on the Thursday before the holiday.

**Rubbish Black Bags:** The Municipality distributes packs of 26 black bags every three months. Call Wessel Robertson at 044 802 2904 at the Municipality.

**Recycling Blue Bags:** InterWaste distributes a blue bag for every blue bag they collect, on the day of collection. Kirsty Hofhuis at 044 878 0688 at InterWaste.

**Ratepayer's first port of call must be** to the relevant authority that is responsible for the utility or function, (potholes, street lights etc) that is causing you the trouble. Relevant contact numbers on the website. Obtain a "case number" and date that the case was lodged.

[http://wrra.co.za/images/stories/PDF/Contacts/Municipal\\_Contacts.pdf](http://wrra.co.za/images/stories/PDF/Contacts/Municipal_Contacts.pdf)

- News regarding both the WRRRA Service and Roads portfolio's:

- **Issues Resolved:**

- Large slab of concrete near the bus stop on George Road. Problem repaired.
- Curbstone outside Pomodoro. Problem repaired.
- Parking lot lights shining into adjacent homes. Lights now re-directed properly.
- Pothole near the 3-way stop at bottom of Heights Road. Repaired.

- **Issues Outstanding:**

- Sewerage seepage at Waterside and Limber Lost Roads. Sewerage Department is monitoring the situation.
- Derelict garage on Waterside Road. Building inspectors following up.
- Big pine tree on Heights Road at erf 329, in danger of falling. Awaiting action by Eden.
- Electrical box on Whites Road damaged. Awaiting action from Electrical Department.
- Heights Road Rehabilitation. This is a major undertaking and will likely include Serpentine Road up to Hoekwil as well as Seven Passes Road from the top of Whites Road to George. Province is conducting studies to establish priorities, costs, and timing for works.

- **Garden Route Biosphere Reserve** [ecovive@mweb.co.za](mailto:ecovive@mweb.co.za)

Visit [www.wrra.co.za](http://www.wrra.co.za) , Under "Featured Articles" and read about this great initiative. *"South African biospheres are special landscapes where socio-ecological land management is practised towards a more sustainable future for all"*

*( This article will be loaded onto the website later this week. ☹. Website Boffin in Jhb !)*

- **Tourism**

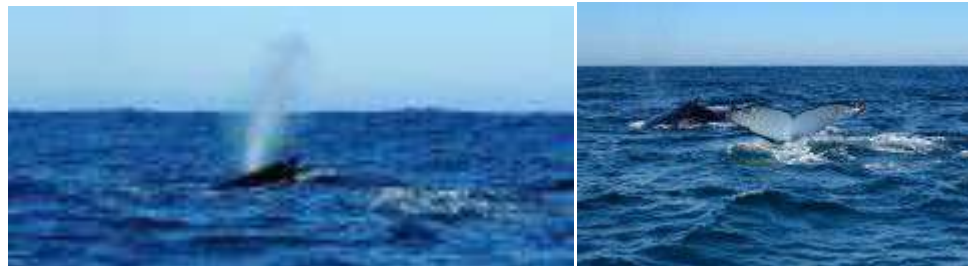


## R20, 000 to boost Wilderness Tourism !

Local tourism received a welcome boost with funding from George Municipality.

**Wilderness Ratepayers' and Residents Association**, received a cheque of R20 000 as part of the municipality's investment in the tourism section. More about this in next month's Newsletter from our WRRR Tourism Committee. Watch this space !

## THEY ARE BACK 😊 !!



**31 August - 5 September**  
**Garden Route**  
**Botanical Garden**

Garden Route  
Botanical Garden

**ARBOR WEEK**  
**Indigenous Tree & Plant Sale in our Nursery**

MONDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015  
**TO SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015**  
 Daily from 09h00 – 16h00  
**Saturday:** 09h00 – 14h00  
 49 Caledon Street  
 George  
 044 874 1558 / [info@botanicalgarden.org.za](mailto:info@botanicalgarden.org.za)

## [SANPARKS](#)

### **SA National Parks Week 2015**

South African National Parks (SANParks) will be opening its 10th annual SA National Parks Week at Marakele National Park from **14 to 18 September 2015**. This initiative in partnership with Total SA is in line with SANParks' vision statement of 'A sustainable National Park System Connecting Society'.

<http://www.sanparks.co.za>

**PROMINENTLY DISPLAY YOUR STAND NUMBER ON YOUR HOUSE.**

Help SAPS and Emergency vehicles to find you. **This may well save a life !**

## [GIPTN : Go George](#)



Visit the website for more information

[www.gogeorge.org.za](http://www.gogeorge.org.za)

The Roll out to Wilderness and Touwsrante is scheduled for August 2015

**In view of the current circumstances, Go George are unable to confirm this date at this time. But the Busses are coming..... !**

Hold Thumbs !!

Watch the Press for details

## [Eishkom: Load shedding schedule](#)

Load Shedding for Wilderness & George: Click on the link below to take you to the Current Month Load shedding Schedule. <http://www.georgeherald.com> , look for the "Load shedding" headline on this page.

Or log onto [www.wrra.co.za](http://www.wrra.co.za) and click "Loadshedding". You will find this in the Top Tool Bar on the website, fifth Icon from "the "Home" icon.

## Dog Ordinances

Please refer to the full Bylaw on the WRRRA website by clicking this link :

<http://www.wrra.co.za/images/stories/PDF/Newsletters/dogs%20and%20cats%20by%20laws%20feb%202015.pdf>

**Please pick up the dog pooh. Dog pooh on the beach gets washed into the sea and can and will affect our required Blue Flag water tests. Please don't let your Pampered Pooch be the reason Wilderness loses its Blue Flag status !**

**Poor Poor Lucy.....**

**Vets Bills.....**



**Whats to be done with IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS who cannot control their dogs ??**

There has been **another nasty incident** in Wilderness where a resident was walking his dog and was attacked by two large dogs that were loose on the street. Poor Lucy was badly mauled and had to be treated by the Vet. As a result of this incident, the irresponsible owner has had to put down one of these dogs. Please be a responsible pet owner. Read and understand the Bylaws .Keep your dogs off the street, keep them leashed and for goodness sake PICK UP THE POOH !

As usual, it is just **a small minority of dog owners** who transgress ALL the bylaws and make the rest of the law abiding dog owners reap the whirlwind. ALL Wilderness residents are encouraged to confront dog owners who have their dogs unleashed in the street and who do not pick up their dogs pooh !

## **Helpful tooth care tips**



There are a few simple ways to help reduce the build up of tartar on our pet's teeth:

- feed dry good quality food
- get your pet used to regular tooth brushing from a young age
- have regular dental checks and address tooth decay early

Dental disease is a very common issue amongst our furry friends, and can be a pesky problem for those who enjoy receiving kisses from them! The most frequently noticed signs of a dental problem are a bad breath, and sometimes a change in eating habits (leading to weight loss). A simple check can mean sparing your pet a lot of pain and even serious illness as a result of the spread of bacteria from the teeth to internal organs.

*(Courtesy of Wilderness / Knysna Veterinary Clinic Newsletter; call Lisa for advice 044 877 0629)*

## Security and Safety issues

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

**Wilderness Police Station : 044 877 0011    Wilderness Roving Police Van : 082 444 4326**

**Commander Bennie Boshoff : 084 300 1151    Fire Station : 044 801 6311**

**Wilderness Life Guards : 044 801 6311    NSRI : 082 990 5955**

**SANPARKS (24 hrs) : 044 877 1197**

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

## Neighbourhood Security : WHATSAPP Group success



**Please take responsibility for our own street security.**

**Start your own street's WhatsApp Street Security Group.**

## Community Police Forum

**WILDERNESS SECURITY POLICE FORUM : NEW MEETING VENUE in 2015 at The Views Boutique Hotel, Wilderness, Monday **31<sup>st</sup> August** 2015 at 17h30. Please attend. This is in all our interest.**

## Other News

1. Are your neighbours WRRRA members ??? If not, please recruit them !!!
2. **WRRRA/Rotary Magazine Harvest** Please drop all your old magazines and books at the Tourist office and Rotary will do the rest.
3. **Local Pet database.** Please register your pets with Lisa on 044 877 0629 or [wildernessvetshop@gmail.com](mailto:wildernessvetshop@gmail.com) Your name and contact details, Pet's name, breed, description and a picture.
4. **Have you been receiving the WRRRA SMS Alerts ??** (Power outages, Security Alerts etc.) **If not**, please send/update your contact details by sending an email to: [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) : Erf Number, Surname, First name and cell number.

## Good Reasons for joining WRRRA

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

## Useful Links

Simply click the link below:

**Wild News Facebook page :** [https://www.facebook.com/WildNews?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/WildNews?ref=br_tf)

**Wilderness Tourism Facebook page**

**:[https://www.facebook.com/search/str/wilderness%20tourism/keywords\\_top](https://www.facebook.com/search/str/wilderness%20tourism/keywords_top)**

## Embrace Technology



## Resident's Feedback

**From:** Nikki Vakis [<mailto:nikki.vakis@telkomsa.net>]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 4:20 PM

**To:** WRRRA

**Subject:** Great service from the Wilderness Water Department



As I mentioned to you, I'd like to highlight the great service we received from the Wilderness Water Department. At about 3pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, we heard the sound of rushing water and realised that water was pouring down our drive and onto the road, from our water meter. We turned off the water and I called the afterhours water number (aka the George Fire Department!) and they said they'd dispatch someone to look at the problem.

Within an hour, a team arrived and started working on the problem. Very impressive in this day and age of corruption and laziness!

## The Last Word:



*"Wilderness the place to be".*

The Association was deeply saddened to learn of the passing on 25 July of Jacques Quinot. Jacques was the municipal engineer in charge of roads for George and more recently, also headed the GO GEORGE integrated public transport network portfolio.

We have worked extremely well with Jacques over the years and much of the road and paving infrastructure that we enjoy today, is as a result of the cooperation between Jacques, the contractors and the WRRRA team which at the time was headed by Phillip Parsons.

To Jacques' family, friends and colleagues our deepest sympathy. He was just 41 years of age.

At this time we are also thinking of Pierre Bovet, the Association's immediate past treasurer. Pierre fell at their home in Wilderness East and suffered a cracked skull and vertebrae. Pierre remains in a coma.

To Val and your family who have come from all over the world to be with at this time, our thoughts and prayers are with you too.

Neville Ewing  
Chairman WRRRA Committee



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.

[For the RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS](#)

Leaked pics of what heaven looks like

