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## WRRRA NEWSLETTER – December 2015



*"Wilderness the place to be".* [Wilderness –unknown photographer](#)

### **NEW WRRRA BANK DETAILS :**

[Please change the banking details to pay WRRRA to the following with immediate effect.](#)

Account Name : WRRRA / Bank : NEDBANK –Garden Route Mall / Branch Code : 153614 /

Account Number 1110522444 / Please use you Stand/erf Number and name as a reference to WRRRA

## Wilderness Improvement Program and Services News

- **Wilderness Village Monitors foil ATM robbery :** The Wilderness Ratepayers and Residents Association has long been applauded for its Wilderness Improvement Programme which includes the employment of full time 'Village Monitors' who not only keep the Wilderness Village centre clean but safe too. They empty the public refuse bins, tend to the curb-side public gardens that enhance the Village and they act as 'official' car guards (as opposed to the self-appointed ones who are often less than sober and do not reflect well on the Village.)



***Pictured from Left to Right: Anthony (Duimpie) Moos, Rolano Prins, Gavin Vockerodt, Dawie Ackerman, Julian Ruiters, Bennett Baardtman and Ian van Rooyen***

On the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> November, the monitors became heroes! In the early hours of that morning an attempt was made to rob the ATM outside the Kwikspar-Willderness Village. When shown the CCTV footage, the monitors recognised the perpetrator as being a local. Later that day, a monitor saw the man in the Village and summoning the

other monitors on duty, they made a citizens' arrest and handed him over to the Spar management.

The police then formally arrested the would-be robber and criminal charges have been laid.

The Kwik-Spar is amongst the Wilderness businesses that pay a monthly contribution towards the WRRRA Village Monitor programme that is such a boon to residents and visitors alike- Thanks to the many residents who have sent in unsolicited donations towards providing an "Xmas Box" for the monitors. Much appreciated!

- **Wilderness Police Station Project :** The WRRRA has donated a microwave to the Wilderness SAPS Police Station on behalf of the residents and ratepayers. Seen here are Ian van Rooyen (WRRRA) Councilor Marlene Viljoen and W/O Bennie Boshoff.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, there is still some work to be done at our Village SAPS office. We will now put the project on ice over the festive season and relook at it in 2016.

Thank you to all the donors and WRRRA members that put so much effort into this project and special thanks to our "Wilderness Boys in Blue" for their hard work and dedication to our safety and our earnest wishes that they have a safe and trouble free festive season.



- **Car Guards** : A reminder to all not to hand out money to vagrants as they are a problem in the Village. We have the monitors and anyone wishing to give them a tip is welcome to do so.
- **Vagrants** : The WRRRA are aware of the vagrants in the Village and some who are “regulars”. It is unfortunately one of the problems that all coastal villages and towns deal with, especially at certain times of the year. As you all probably know, the monitors who work in the Village are not trained as police. We will however ask them to keep an eye open for vagrants in the Village and will call SAPS to deal with the problem
- **Reptile Rescue and Bee Catchers** : **Put these contact numbers in your cell phone NOW !**

**Snakes :**

**Hennie Haasbroek 082 972 2232 or Nick Kolberg 083 262 5934 or Gerhard Grobbelaar 076 777 3909**

**Bees :**

**Nick Kohlberg 083 262 5934 or Martin 073 087 9665**



- **Illegal Dumping** : Please keep an eye out for people illegally dumping on private property. Lara Tzamtzis on ERF 374 on Silver River Road has had someone repeatedly dumping monster loads of waste on their farm. Take a picture of the vehicle, get the registration number and contact **Sharon at Law Enforcement on 044 801 6350** and she will take the matter further. Please copy WRRRA on your correspondence. Remember to get a reference number . Please help keep our Wilderness as beautiful as we love it.



- **Leila's Lane** : The Municipality has been requested to put up more ONE WAY signs in Leila's Lane. Drivers, especially locals who should know better, still insist on driving down Leila's Lane against the traffic. Please campaign to try and cure this inconsiderate and dangerous behavior of people choosing to ignore the one way.

- **Train Tunnel** : Please be vigilant and aware of the risks of walking on your own. Go in a big group. Please warn your guests. The Municipality has ordered signs regarding security along the railway lines and they will be installed by mid December. In addition, the area linking the subway across the railway line to Sands Rd has been cleared of some bush.
- **Illegal Parking** : Here is a photo of a vehicle, which you can see is parked not only on the wrong side of the road, but also on top of the storm water drain cover (which was recently repaired by the municipality because of vehicles parking there). Seems the drivers moral compass has gone



awry and his son is learning that it's OK to break the law.



**Nice one Dad!**

The WRRRA has asked the traffic authorities to police illegal parking in Wilderness. Our concern is that, especially with the peak season in full swing, there are going to be accidents on this road and elsewhere in the Village.

- **Town Planning** : The 5 erwen on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue where the developer applied for a complex to be built has been withdrawn. There are also a number of applications for B&B's in Wilderness. Sands Road is particularly popular for people wanting to develop guest houses/B&B's. The moratorium on unapproved buildings has been extended by another six months. Please take advantage of the amnesty and "Get Legal"

- **Keep your street neat and tidy** : Pick up your Blue and Black bags if not collected. Rest assured they will be collected next week. Please don't leave them for the Bush Pigs to have a ball. Be a responsible neighbour.



- **Recycling (Blue Bags) for the 16<sup>th</sup> December** : If your blue bags are collected on a Wednesday, please note that NO BLUE BAGS will be collected on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Hold the bag over until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, when it will be collected.

- **Waste Management Site update** : The objection for the waste processing license has been submitted along with that of the Municipality. We await a response.

- **George Dam wall** : The George Dam wall heightening will be put into the budget for next year, and the project will probably be started in 2017 or 2018.

- **Retirements /Vacancy on WRRRA Exco** : We need a volunteer to join the WRRRA Exco to take over the Roads portfolio from Sue Ledger who will be travelling in the New Year. Please contact Chairman Neville Ewing on [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) if you would like to help and become part of the Team that make *"Wilderness the place to be"*.



- **Potholes** : Please call the Municipal Roads & Engineering department directly, **speak to Lionel Daniels on 044 801 9496** and report the pothole. Please remember to get a reference number. If there is no action after a week or so, please drop an email to [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) quoting your reference number and we will follow up.



- **Sands Road, obstruction of pavements** : Have you trimmed back the bushes along your property yet? Please take responsibility for your pavement and please clean up.
- **Water pipes on Waterside Road** : The Municipality has committed to replacing the faulty water pipes. WRRRA will keep up the pressure 😊 !
- **Environmental**: SANParks are repairing the walkways down to the beaches at Kleinkrantz and other areas within their jurisdiction. SANParks are also busy with various ongoing projects such as cutting back vegetation and removing alien vegetation within the Wilderness SANPARKS area.
- **No Renewal Notices for George motor vehicle licence discs** : Motorists in George and the rest of the Western Cape are advised that renewal notices for motor vehicle licences will not be sent via the South African Post Office. When you do go to renew your licence, you **MUST** now take proof of residence and proof of postal address in order to fulfill the newly imposed FICA requirements. If you are renewing a licence for your spouse or partner, you will need a letter from that person authorizing you to apply on their behalf and you will need a copy of either their ID or drivers licence. Good luck! Call 044 801 9311/044 801 9310 for more info.
- **Waterside Derelict Garage** : We understand that the property has been sold and let's hope the new owner remedies this as soon as possible.
- **Wilderness Heights** : This thorny issue is still being dealt with at various levels within the Western Province Government, the George Municipality and various stakeholders. There is no clear picture emerging yet, but we are ever hopeful that there is a solution in our lifetime.
- **Road upgrading/resurfacing** : Approx R1,2 mil has been allocated for upgrading/resurfacing some of the roads in Wilderness. Roads where busses will be going are a priority including 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. This is to be done before June 2016. WRRRA has written to Eden Municipality regarding the poor state of both Rondevlei and Whites Roads. There is a possibility that the speed limit on the Hoekwil road opposite Kingfisher Close will be reduced to 60kmph when the Hoekwil Road upgrade begins. A request has been made to the Municipality to put a points man on duty at the N2/George Road entrance to the Village during the December/January high season. Hold thumbs that this happens.
- **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>

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

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

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# Visions of Wilderness

2016 Calendars. There are still some available from WRRRA.

Please email [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) ,with your proof of payment and use you Stand Number and your name as a reference to WRRRA.

**Calendars are available for collection from Vanessa.**

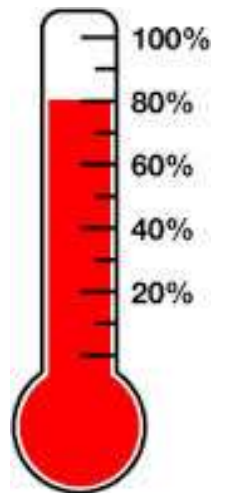
**Call her on 082 895 6317**



## DECEMBER SECURITY INITIATIVE

Thanks to the generosity of some of our Wilderness residents, the WRRRA has almost been able to raise 100% of the cash to provide additional monitors in the Village over the festive season and to be instrumental in arranging two additional security personnel to patrol the length of Sands Road over the same period. And as with last year, the funds raised will fund SAPS to be able to provide a significant security presence in the Village on the Peak Security Days as 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> of January to prevent petty theft in and around the Village, especially parking areas. W/O Boshoff has appointed correctly trained and equipped staff for this period. We will ALL benefit out of the extra security over this busy time. We would still welcome donations as we still have a small shortfall in the funds needed.

Please bank your contributions directly into the **NEW** WRRRA bank account, reference "Security Fund". **Account Name: WRRRA / Bank: NEDBANK –Garden Route Mall / Branch Code: 153614 / Account Number 1110522444 / Reference: Security Fund**



- **General Information**

- **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 however the public holiday falls on a Friday, rubbish and recycling will be collected on the Thursday before the holiday. **Ideally black bags are collected by the municipal rubbish truck and blue bags by the recycling company. If this is not happening, please let the Municipality know.**
- **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.
- **RECYCLING BIN FOR BULBS/BATTERIES: UPDATE:** Interwaste evidently has the bin but Spar is awaiting permission from Spar Head Office before they can place it.
- **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)

## GIPTN : Go George

Visit the website for more information [www.gogeorge.org.za](http://www.gogeorge.org.za)



**Yahooo !!!!** A trial training route has been implemented and there is progress with the roll-out of the service to Wilderness. At this stage, the busses will only be going as far as 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Not yet planned to go to Wilderness Heights or Touwsrante. But safe and efficient public transport is beginning to become a reality for Wilderness 😊 !

Go George Contact Person/manager is Rob James 072 235 8585

**Watch the Press for details**



## Security and Safety issues

- Please Report Crimes. Assists SAPS in seeing patterns and recognising modus operandi.
- Theft from Cars. Keep your valuables hidden in the boot.
- Remote blocking on the increase, especially malls, large parking areas. Even here in Wilderness.
- Keep your car doors locked when driving, especially in George.

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

<b>Wilderness Police Station</b>	<b>: 044 877 0011</b>	<b>Wilderness Roving Police Van</b>	<b>: 082 444 4326</b>
<b>Commander Bennie Boshoff</b>	<b>: 084 300 1151</b>	<b>Fire Station</b>	<b>: 044 801 6311</b>
<b>Wilderness Life Guards</b>	<b>: 044 801 6311</b>	<b>NSRI</b>	<b>: 082 990 5955</b>
<b>SANPARKS (24 hrs)</b>	<b>: 044 877 1197</b>	<b>Bee Removal :</b>	<b>Nick Kolberg 083 262 5934</b>
<b>Snake Removal</b>	<b>: Hennie 082 972 2232 or Nick 083 262 5934 or Gerhard 076 777 3909</b>		

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

## 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. **MAYBE ADD THE PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES?**



## Wilderness Names by Hugo Leggatt

Read about how the names Wilderness, kleinkrantz and Hoekwil came about. Find out about the Geographic features of the area, how Leentjiesklip got its name and other interesting Wilderness history. Go to [www.wrra.co.za](http://www.wrra.co.za) and read the latest Featured Article. Thanks Hugo !

## Neighbourhood Security: WHATSAPP Group success



**Does your Street have a WHATSAPP Group Yet ??**

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

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

**If you live**

On <a href="#">Constantia Kloof</a>	Join ConsKloofSecurity	SMS Donald	083 251 8401
On <a href="#">Sands Road</a>	Join SandsRoadSecurity	SMS Lucy	076 903 0257
On <a href="#">Wilderness Heights</a>	Join HeightsWatch	SMS Roy	082 060 7474
In <a href="#">Wilderness East</a>	Join 'WECAN' Wilderness	SMS Estelle	083 292 1190
In <a href="#">Kingfisher Close</a>	Join KingfisherWatch	SMS Peter	082 552 1060

**Contact your streets administer and join your street's Security WhatsApp Group.**

Please send the name and cell number of your streets Security WhatsApp Group administrator to [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) to add to this list of administrators.

**If your street does not yet have s WhatsApp Security Group,**

**WHY NOT !!!! Your security starts with YOU!!!!**

## Community Police Forum

**WILDERNESS SECURITY POLICE FORUM: NEW MEETING VENUE in 2015 at The Views Boutique Hotel, Wilderness, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 17h30. Please attend. This is in all of our interest.**

1) Bennie advised that we can expect up to 10,000 people per day over the two crucial weekends i.e. 25th/ 26th December and again 1st /2nd January. Additional security guards will be on duty those days along Sands Road, especially at walkways down to the beach.

2) There has recently been a spate of robberies (Bennie has six reported) on the railway line near Lientjies Klip and at the Dolphin viewpoint. Bennie has expressed his concern about the incidents, some of which have been nasty in that visitors have been attacked and robbed. Please warn your guests, visitors and family B&B's and the Backpackers take note please) not to walk there alone or even in two's as the robbers are quite aggressive. Bennie says that women must not walk there unless in a larger group and with men. Regrettably, this area is outside the area that our Monitors can patrol.

3) Break-in's - There have been a number of break-ins over the past month. A large proportion of these cases were through doors which had been forced open. Residents are asked to ensure that garden tools such as spades, garden forks, large shears, crowbars, etc. are not left out as the robbers are using these to force open doors to gain entry.

4) George SAPS addressed the Police Forum meeting and advised everyone on firearms regulations. People owning firearms must please take note of the following:

Renewal of firearm licences must be completed and handed in at least 90 days before the licence expires. Failure to meet the deadline will cause a breach of the firearm regulations and may become a problem for the owner.

Firearms must be stored in a safe which is properly secured to the wall.

The police stations are no longer allowed to store firearms for people travelling away. Such firearms must be left with a relative who also has a firearm safe and a permit must be obtained from the police for this purpose.

Please note that the police must be notified of change of address within 14 days.

If a person dies and has a firearm registered in their name, the firearm must be handed to the Executor of the Estate and not kept by the surviving spouse. Arrangements can be made for the surviving spouse to take over the ownership of the firearm but until such time as this happens, it would be regarded as being in possession of an illegal firearm.

5) Dolphin Point : A request has been made to have street lighting installed at Dolphins Point on both sides of the road.

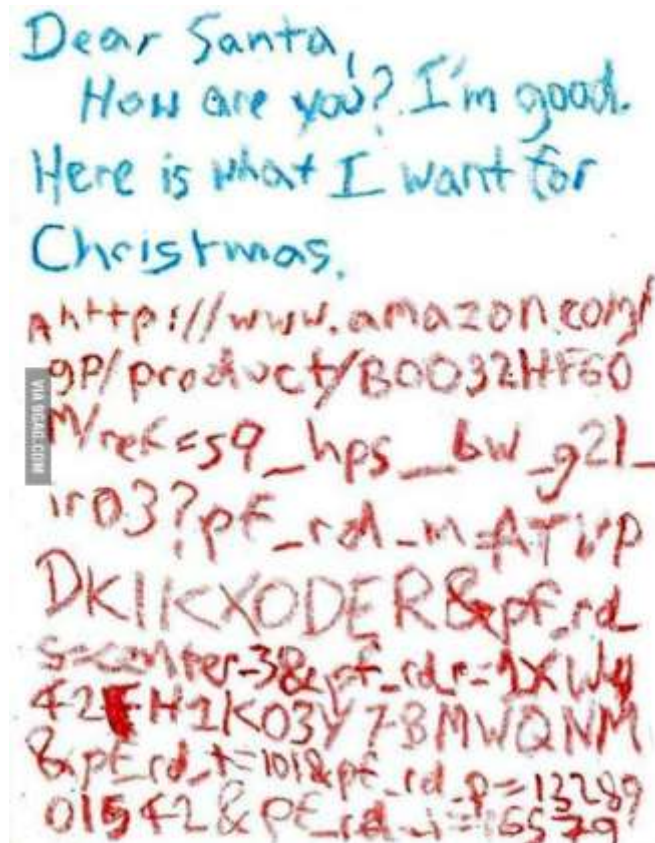
## Other News

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). Send 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.
5. The Health24 Health of the Nation survey results are out ☺ ! Health24 recently conducted a comprehensive survey into the health of every-day South Africans. The survey was sponsored by FedHealth Medical Aid and conducted exclusively online. The survey was completed by over 10 000 people, with a female response rate of 63% and 37% male. **"Interestingly George is the happiest and least stressed place in South Africa, and they also consider themselves healthier than people in other cities."** (From Ruan Fouche: **"Then Wilderness must be the happiest and least stressed place in THE WORLD ☺!"**)
6. <http://m.news24.com/Health24/News/Public-Health/Health24-gives-insight-into-the-health-of-South-Africans-20151105-2>

## Embrace Technology

Grandma & Grandpa please take note :



- **WRRRA Member's Feedback :**

**From:** [nanno@etime.co.za](mailto:nanno@etime.co.za) **Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 9:12 AM **To:** [nevilleewing@telkomsa.net](mailto:nevilleewing@telkomsa.net)

**Subject:** Wilderness Improvement Program

Hi Neville, I was in Wilderness last week to have a look at our building (Blue Olive and Sotheby's) and was impressed by the whole ambience for visitors (no nuisance from hangers-around, tidy streets and gardens). Please carry on the good work! Kind regards *Nanno Evenhuis*  
Wheatfields Inv 57 (Pty) Ltd

**From:** David Pfaff [<mailto:david@maestroinvestment.co.za>] **Sent:** 09 December 2015 02:24 PM  
**To:** Wilderness Ratepayers & Residents Association  
**Subject:** RE: Wilderness

I have just spent 10 days up in the Wilderness and never seen the Village looking so good and so busy. It is wonderful to see and I'm sure it's going to be a cracking season for all business owners. Not to mention the lovely environment for locals with all the tourists around. Well done on your efforts. Keep up the good work. Kind regards, David Pfaff

**PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY.** This accident happened recently when the driver lost control over the vehicle on the wet gravel surface of Whites Road. The driver who is employed at a business in Wilderness and his passenger were fortunately not harmed in the incident. ( Courtesy of Wild Info)





## The Last Word:



Well, the “silly season” is here and Wilderness is already a buzz of activity. Local visitors and many from overseas are streaming in to “take over” our normally quiet sedate Village.

It’s a time to reflect and to look forward.

Looking back at 2015, the Association has accomplished much – not always very noticeable to everyone. However, if you live in areas where street markings have been re-done, street lights repaired, etc., you will have noticed what can be achieved with the great cooperation of our municipal officials and councilors. Of

course there have been frustrations like the burst water pipes on Waterside Road and the non-arrival of the Go-George busses. But Rome wasn’t built in a day! We have endeavored to keep Wilderness clean, friendly and safe and the gardens neat and tidy and Wilderness being the place where anyone in the world would want to live.



Looking forward, we are encouraged to learn that already test runs are being made with the Go-George busses to Wilderness. The next phase will link Wilderness (as far as 8th Avenue) with George and this should be pretty soon in the New Year. I’m optimistic that this will alleviate the enormous transport issues for many of our local workers as well as be an excellent (and cheap) way to get to George for people who don’t have or don’t necessarily want to use their cars. We have also received a commitment from the municipality that the water supply issues on Waterside Road will be prioritised along with R1, 2 million allocated to Wilderness roads, including 3rd Avenue. Let’s all give our municipal officials gratitude when they deserve it.

Please also don’t forget the N2 that is due for an up-grade next year. There have been SO many complaints over the years about the N2 and yet only three people have come forward identifying areas that need attention/changing etc. We need your input if we are going to influence the road upgrade.

Unfortunately, we cannot be complacent with regard to security and safety. This time of year brings its unique challenges so please be extra vigilant an extra cautious.



Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and holiday season, be it with friends or family. Make the most of the time together.

Cheers

Neville

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.



## Wilderness Village Monitors

The VILLAGE MONITORS, identified by their uniforms and bright yellow caps, are here for your safety and convenience.

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO SUPPORT THEM IF YOU SO WISH.**

**PLEASE DO NOT support the local self-appointed car guards. They are a nuisance and have led to thefts from cars, snatching of shopping etc.**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:  
*Wilderness Ratepayers and Residents Association and the Wilderness Business Community.*

**HELPING TO MAKE WILDERNESS CLEAN, SAFE & FRIENDLY**



## Welcome to



**FOR YOUR SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT, PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- ✘ Do not leave valuables on the seats of cars – lock all valuables in the boot.
- ✘ Do not leave valuables unattended when you are on the beach.
- ✘ Do not walk on the railway line unless in groups of at least 6 persons.
- ✘ Do not openly display expensive cameras, mobile phones etc.
- ✘ Do not swim other than in designated swimming areas and when lifeguards are on duty.
- ✘ Do not go deeper than waist depth – strong currents are extremely dangerous.
- ✘ Do not give money or food to beggars – there are programs in place to support the indigent.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Wilderness Police Station  
National Sea Rescue Institute

044 877 0011  
082 990 5955

