

## WRRRA NewsBites November 2019

### *Wilderness Ratepayers and Residents Association*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS DIARY

#### **27 December 2019: Annual Beach Volleyball Team Challenge**

*08:30 Leentjies Beach, Wilderness to raise funds for the Precious Tree Project  
([www.precioustreeproject.org.za](http://www.precioustreeproject.org.za)).*

4 persons per team (limited number of teams)

R800.00 per team entering (price includes pizzas from Beach House)

Prize Giving at Beach House @ 16h00 - food and live entertainment

**To enter contact: Melissa 084 4908876 or Leah 060 871 7985**



#### **WRRRA TALK**

Don't miss the first talk of 2020!

*Wednesday, 22 January 18:00 for 18:30 at the Wilderness Hotel*

#### **An Insight into the Point of Human Origins**

Well known for his archaeological discoveries at Pinnacle Point in Mossel Bay,

Dr Peter Nilssen will use their history as a lens to examine the drivers of human behaviour and how we have shifted from a thriving to a barely surviving species

**Don't forget to email your suggestions for future speakers or topics using the [WRRRA Talk suggestion](#) link on the WRRRA website!**

#### **REMINDER: ADDITIONAL DATES TO PENCIL IN FOR 2020**

WRRRA AGM: *19 February 2020*

WILDERNESS ART FESTIVAL: *27 – 29 February 2020*

#### **NO FIREWORKS!!!**

The George Municipality has issued a press release reminding visitors and residents that fireworks, firecrackers, flares, paper lanterns and other such paraphernalia are considered a major fire risk and are not allowed in public or private spaces in the municipal area this summer, or at any other time. George Fire Chief Neels Barnard said "We make an urgent appeal to all who live and visit here to respect the fireworks ban and to be generally fire-aware wherever they go, whatever they do. As a community still reeling from devastating fires over the past two years, the people of George



and the Garden Route need everyone's help to raise fire risk awareness and be safe. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support."

**Please report illegal trade and setting off of fireworks in George to Law Enforcement at 044 801 6350 or after hours at 044 801 6300.**

**Please report illegal, irresponsible and unsafe fires to the Fire Department on 044 801 6300.**

**FIRE EMERGENCIES: 044 801 6311**

*The full press release is available on the WRRRA website.*

### **WRRRA FIRE FORUM NEWS**

A fire management workshop was held recently including all the municipalities that fall under the disaster management area. Further meetings will be held in 2020 with the aim to involve the community.

The official fire season is now upon us and more resources will be here during this period. This includes Firstcare Wildfire Support that has established a satellite station in Wilderness Heights. This is a voluntary group that includes trained firefighters and people skilled in dealing with wildfires.



### **SAFETY AND SAPS LIAISON**

The recent spate of attacks on tourists at Dolphin Point and within the village is very concerning, so much so that a special safety meeting was organised by George Municipality recently in order to discuss the issue and look at what interventions can be taken. Our Councilor, Marlene Barnardt and WRRRA Committee member Ian Willis, who is responsible for SAPS liaison, attended the meeting. A number of suggestions were discussed including:

- Additional police and/or guard presence at peak times
- Additional cameras in strategic spots
- The possibility of offering a reward for information leading to a conviction
- Consideration to apply to become a Special Rates Area where residents pay an additional amount on their annual rates that is ring-fenced to be spent on security
- Working closely with local security firms to agree what assistance they can offer

**Get up to date insight into local safety and security issues by attending the NOVEMBER POLICE FORUM, MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 17:30 AT THE WILDERNESS HOTEL**

### **REMINDER: HOLIDAY SEASON SECURITY APPEAL**

Please help WRRRA to fund additional security personnel for the village over the holiday period by making a contribution towards the Security Fund. Contributions will be used to

cover the Peak Security Risk Days of 16, 25, 26 December and 1 January plus the weekends in between.

Please bank your contributions directly to the WRRRA bank account, reference your NAME and "Security". Account Details: WRRRA, NEDBANK, Garden Route Mall, Branch Code: 153614, Account Number: 1110522444.

Many thanks for your assistance in helping to keep our village safe and secure.

### **VILLAGE TALK:**

**Road signs in the village have been painted.**

**The process is underway to allocate street names to unnamed streets in Wilderness Heights. This is essential to assist our emergency services**

**Street lights in George Road have been repaired and stronger light bulbs have been requested.**

**The "upgrade" of all our wooden bins in the area is now complete and we would like to invite our local businesses to take the opportunity to advertise on an available bin. Please email [wrra@tiscali.co.za](mailto:wrra@tiscali.co.za) for further information.**

**Bookshelves overflowing? Don't forget about the 'Little Library' located at the bandstand in Milkwood Village. This free initiative is for both visitors and residents to donate and / or borrow used books.**

**The recent Blind Pig Beach Clean was a success with 5 full black bin bags of rubbish collected between NSRI and Leentjiesklip. Further beach clean-ups will be scheduled for 2020.**

**Our neighbours in Hoekwil recently conducted a successful 'hacking' exercise in order to deal with alien vegetation.**

**Team photo prior to the event!**

