



# PORT OWEN MARINA AUTHORITY (NPC)

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## POMA Newsletter: March 2017

**This is our second newsletter of the year, and contains information you, as our members and clients, MUST read, please.**

### Leadership

- 1) Mrs Sandra Crafford indicated that she absolutely cannot give enough time to accept the position as Chairperson of the POMA Board, and Abe Uys was elected unanimously as Chairperson for 2017. The Berg River Municipality subsequently confirmed that Mrs Crafford should not fulfil any executive position or function on the POMA Board.
- 2) Admiral Island & Pelican Bay Home Owners association appointed Mr William Laing on 25 March 2017 to represent them on the POMA Board. This is a very positive development and the POMA Board wishes to welcome Mr Laing with the promise that he will be working hard for the Community.
- 3) All the Directors received induction training at REKO on 15 March and are now well aware of their responsibilities as dictated by the current legislation.

### Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI)

- 1) POMA contracted our auditors, REKO, to subject the current MOI and MOA to a compliance scrutiny of the documents to the latest legislation and also the principles as laid down in the KING IV report, which was accepted by the POMA Board in November 2016. REKO was contracted after NOLANDS, the then accounting firm used by POMA, withdrew from their relationship with POMA.
- 2) We have received the REKO report and the POMA Board will meet on 29/3/17 to finalise a draft new MOI for approval by the membership and clients. This draft will also contain recommendations regarding the structure, election of office bearers and voting rights and will conform to all existing legislation and the KING IV principles.

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## Berg River Municipality (BRM)

- 1) At a meeting on 17 March 2017 at Piketberg, The POMA Board was advised by the Municipal Manager, Adv. Hanlie Linde, that the BRM interpretation of the 99 Year Lease was that POMA has to take responsibility for ALL costs, of capital nature as well as routine maintenance, for the waterways and public open spaces contained in the original stand no 581 ( die Moeder erf) of Port Owen Township.
- 2) The POMA Board is not happy with the above interpretation and will seek legal advice on the way forward.
- 3) In the short term, however, the Board has to work with this assumption in completing the budget for 2017/18 and business plans for 2018/19 and 2019/20 respectively.
- 4) BRM also advised that the annual grant paid to POMA is not guaranteed and was made available subject to budget and priority constraints. They have indicated that a grant for POMA is included in the 2017/18 BRM budget and we can confirm receiving R843 000. 00 on 9 February 2017.

## Canal Embankment Maintenance and Repairs

- 1) This POMA responsibility was confirmed by BRM, and we are prioritising urgent works.
- 2) BRM has agreed to do an audit of building work not compliant with agreed building plans and the results will be made available to POMA.

## Dredging Season 2017.

- 1) Our biggest challenge lies with our Environmental Authorisation (Dredging Permit). This is outdated and needs to be changed to enable POMA to do a major dredge of the waterways (both the Loop and Main Marina). This is a major priority and needs to be resolved before we can do a major dredge, which is planned for the 2018 season.
- 2) The settling dams have been emptied, following a concession by BRM with the supply of a disposal site, and we are in a position to do a maintenance dredge this coming season (April to September). Detail of the specific plans will be communicated shortly.
- 3) The grant funds received from the BRM are supposed to be spent in the financial year it was received. The current year funds was received late (February), but we are still required to spend some of it .BRM has agreed that a portion can be carried over to the next year. We consulted with the membership and the majority indicated that, at least, some emergency dredging needs to be done. Due to the availability of funds carried over from last year, we expect to roll over sufficient funds to fund a major dredge next year , assuming we receive similar injections of grant money as this year.

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### Insurance of risks in the Main Marina

- 1) Please refer to the new Maria Rules and Regulations regarding POMA's liability. Please ensure that your craft is adequately insured and secured.
- 2) POMA has adequate Public Liability Cover in place, if needed.

### General Membership and Client Meeting: 22 April 2017

- 1) You will receive a notice of the above meeting, as well as an agenda, under separate cover. Please make every attempt to attend this meeting.
- 2) The agenda will include presentation and approval of the budget and business plans and presentation and approval of the draft Memorandum of Incorporation.
- 3) It is the intention that enough time will be allowed to deal with all questions at the meeting to ensure that everybody gets a fair opportunity to clarify issues that may be unclear.

### Sea Lettuce (Ulva)

- 1) We are still busy with the experiment of removing dead plants on a continuous basis and this will continue through April, but there is consensus that shallow water is responsible for the excessive blooming. The winter months and a major dredge should help alleviating the problem.
- 2) A permanent solution is still being researched.

### Communication

- 1) We are intending to have information meetings with all the clients before the general meeting of 22 April 2017. Please look out for the notifications from your member organisations.
- 2) Please remember our "Open Door" policy. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the directors for information you may require.

Please enjoy the beautiful autumn weather, we are looking forward to see you all at the meetings planned for April.

Abe Uys  
Chairman

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