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POMA Newsletter: April 2017

This has been a very busy month, specifically with preparing the budget and business plans. I hope you will find this newsletter informative.

Marina Manager:

We have appointed Mike Little as full time Marina Manager with a contract for 3 years.

Mike is well known in the community and has been doing the work in an acting capacity since the beginning of February this year, proving that he is capable in the position. Please give him your full support.

Marina Rules and Regulations:

The updated rules and regulations were published at the end of March 2017 after thorough consultation with the membership.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the content. These Rules and Regulations will be included in the new Municipal By-laws for the Berg River Estuary, which are in the final stages of promulgation after a very lengthy development process.

There will be a public meeting on 4 May 2017, where the final draft will be approved. The venue is the Velddrif Town Hall and the time is 18h00. Please ensure that you attend and participate.

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Memorandum of Incorporation:

A draft of the proposed new document is available in electronic format from the POMA office as well as the member organisations.

The document and the main changes versus the existing one was discussed at the Public meeting held on 22 April 2017 and we are awaiting comment from our members and clients.

Our aim is to have the new document approved at the AGM in September.

Budget and Business Plan 2017/ 2018/ 2019/2020

This was presented at a well-attended meeting on 22 April 2017.

A copy of the presentation is attached to this newsletter, but we would like to focus your attention on the following:

- 1) This budget process has proven that the level of the current rates as determined a year ago, indeed is at the required level to sufficiently fund the necessary maintenance required for the waterways. POMA is proposing to keep the structure unaltered for the 2017/18 year and to increase the fees by 7%.

You will see from the attached rate sheet that we have included a new 9 meter category for the Candoc berths and that we are still in consultation regarding the non-standard Candoc jetties. The final rates for these will be published by end May 2017.

- 2) A major assumption in our Business Plan for 2018 is a long term loan to finance a major dredging operation . We are in negotiations with our bankers in order to secure a loan of R 4 million , with a further R 1 million in 2019, to enable us to call for tenders from capable contractors.

Dredging Operations:

The dredging plan for this season can be summed up as follows:

- 1) The work will be carried out by ourselves with contracted labour. Derek Robinson and Briers van Rensburg will manage and supervise operations.
- 2) The capacity of the settling ponds will determine the extent of the work done, but the aim is to let the river do the work of transporting the fine material (less than 0,5 mm).

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- 3) The objective is to open the main waterways to improve flow. This will include dredging of the main entrance channel to the yacht basin, the entrance to the Eastern Loop, the narrow channel connecting Pelican Bay and the main marina, and, lastly the channel to the slipway.
- 4) If there is still capacity in the settling ponds after the above was done, selective work, still to be prioritised, and subject to funding, will be carried out.

Other Maintenance:

- 1) We are busy prioritising a programme for embankment repairs to be completed before end June 2017.
Clients affected will be advised during the second week of May.
- 2) 80 meters of walkway in the main marina has been repaired and only emergency/safety repairs will be done for the rest of 2017.

Communication:

We have had well- attended meetings with the Admiral Island & Pelican Bay Homeowners Association, the Waterway Action Group , Port Owen Yacht Club and the Port Owen Waterway Association. A meeting with the Port Owen Property Owners Association will be scheduled during the next two weeks.

Thank you very much for attending the meetings and making a contribution. You are the reason for POMA's being, and our sole objective remains to restore Port Owen Marina to its intended state for everybody to enjoy and be proud of.

Enjoy the last of the good weather and let's hope for good rainfall this winter.

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