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POMA Newsletter: January 2019

1) Governance

1.1) Resignation of Marina Manager

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mike Little. Mike has served POMA well for the last 21 months and will leave our employ at end March 2019. He was instrumental in the formalisation of administrative processes, policies and procedures in a team effort with Blommie Koen and now deserves a well-earned rest.

We have started a recruitment process and hope to have a replacement in place effective 1 April 2019.

1.2) Berg River Municipality

1.2.1) We met with the management team of the BRM on 24 January 2019 and can confirm that the Municipal Manager, adv. Hanlie Linde and her team promised their full support for POMA in our endeavours to secure the necessary authorisations for dredging operations.

1.2.2) It was confirmed that the accumulated funds will remain in a POMA account, to be reserved for dredging, as well as that the annual grant will be paid over in July 2019, even though we may not have a definite date for the start of dredging operations.

1.2.3) It was agreed that Port Owen Marina should be treated as an integral part of the Berg River estuary, which was not the case in the past. This matter will be debated with the provincial authorities at a meeting scheduled for 8 February 2019. Cape Nature and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) have in the past chosen to ignore the maintenance requirements of the Marina in their Estuarine Management Plan for the Berg River.

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- 1.2.4) The POMA slipway has, for some unknown reason, never been listed as required by Law. BRM has now agreed to apply for a listing as a Public Slipway. This is an administrative requirement and will not affect current arrangements with regard to permits and fees.
- 1.2.5) We shall attend a meeting on 8 February 2019, where the implementation of the Municipal By-Laws concerning control of boating activities on the Berg River will be discussed. The Port Owen Marina rules and Regulations will form an integral part of the by-laws and once implemented, the control function of POMA will be much easier.

2) Dredging

We are of the opinion that the road to obtaining the remaining dredging authorisations is going to be long and arduous. It will include a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and this normally requires at least 18 months to complete. Clients will be informed regarding progress.

3) Strategy

3.1) Save the Dates

3.1.1) The Strategy Meeting will be held on 13 March 2019

3.1.2) The annual General Meeting will be held on 13 April 2019

4) General

We have a big job ahead of us this year and I can assure you that your Board and management is determined to resolve the dredging issue in the next 12 months.

The other maintenance projects, such as the repair of the embankments and walkway restoration will continue as budgeted. The development of the Yacht Basin is dependent on the dredging programme and will not be finalised this year. Wooden jetty maintenance will be carried out to ensure that the remaining jetties remain functional.

Enjoy the weather, water and be careful and safe out there!

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