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## Newsletter: August 2021

Spring is here, despite some of the coldest weather this year! Lush green fields, beautiful wild flower displays and plenty of snow on the mountains – who could ask for anything more?

The Covid virus is still amongst us and we need to be careful in the coming months. Please remain super - vigilant.

### 1) Governance

- 1.1) Blommie Koen left the employ of POMA at the end of August, to further her career elsewhere. She did an excellent job whilst at POMA and we thank her for her service and wish her well in her new position.
- 1.2) Elaine Visser is now the Administration and Financial controller and has already started in the new position. We welcome her and we ask that you support her during the first couple of months of settling in.

### 2) Dredging

- 2.1) Our consultants, WSP, is doing the final work towards completing our application for the permits.

The recent unrest in KZN has caused a hold-up in the analysis of soil samples (the CSIR laboratory responsible is situated in Durban) but we should be in a position to submit the final applications by the end of September.

The specific issues being addressed at the moment are:

- A dredging plan, detailing specific areas to be dredged, the quantities to be dredged, as well as the rate and sequence of dredging.
- Analysis of alternative dump sites.

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- Analysis of possible alternative uses of the material to be disposed of.
- Analysis of possible contaminants in the dredging spoils.
- Analysis of the potential oxygen depletion of the water in the estuary, downstream of the proposed dump site.
- Analysis of the potential socio-economic impacts of dredging / not dredging.

As you can see, it is quite a mouthful, but we are confident that we will be successful with our application.

2.2) We are still waiting for the publication of the draft BEMP for public comment.

### 3) Embankments and Walkways

We are making good progress with the walkway and embankment rehabilitation as per the budgeted schedules.

### 4) Law Enforcement

Please note that the waterways will remain open during the current restrictions. You are expected to adhere to all safety and health protocols for the duration.

### 5) Fire Prevention

Please note that the Basic Standard Operating Procedure for Fire Prevention in the Marina is now available on the Poma website.

### 6) General

Please be extra-careful out there. Be mindful of the health requirements and always be safe!

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