



# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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## Newsletter: June 2022

We are in the middle of winter, halfway through the year and we need airbrakes to keep a check on the flying time!

Whilst the Covid regulations are no more, we must still remain vigilant. You never know what is going to happen next.

### Governance

The Municipal Council has approved and published the official Integrated Development Plan and Municipal Budget for 2022/23. It becomes effective on 1 July 2022. They have promised to respond in writing to the public comments received on the Draft IDP and Budget, but we have not received any to date. We shall share the responses with you when it is received.

There is great unhappiness with the performance of CapeNature in their role as Responsible Management Authority (RMA) for the Groot Berg Estuary. Lack of visible policing, control over illegal fishing and watercraft use were some of the serious complaints levelled at the RMA. The public claims to have accepted the licencing of boats on the river with the promise that the funds will be applied towards law enforcement – which is now not forthcoming.

CapeNature has agreed to provide very specific detail regarding their MoU with the Bergrivier Municipality (BRM) as well as their Operational Plan and Budget for 2022/23 to the Berg Estuary Advisory Forum on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2022. POMA is well represented on the Forum and the information supplied will be made available to all clients. Likewise, the Bergrivier Municipality has agreed to table their views on their responsibilities regarding the Groot Berg Estuarine Management Plan.

By putting all the facts on the table, the Forum should be able to get the commitment of DEA&DP, CapeNature and BRM senior officials and to agree on the way forward.

### Dredging

Since the technical meeting held on 14 April 2022, and the letter from our lawyers to them, we have not had any response from DFFE: Oceans & Coasts. Our next step is to involve the Provincial MEC, Anton Bredell.

We hope to be able to bring good news soon.

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## **Embankments, Walkways and Open Spaces**

The planned work, as per the budget, continues.

## **Law Enforcement**

- The number for the Marine Rangers has changed. Please use the new number:
  - Berg Estuary Standby - 084 387 0682
- The e-mail addresses for complaints regarding Air Quality in Port Owen:
  - Angila Joubert (BRM) – jouberta@bergmun.org.za
  - Amawandle Fish Processors –complaints@amawandlep.co.za

We urge clients to log complaints when necessary.

## **Fire Prevention**

Please note that the Basic Standard Operating Procedure for Fire Prevention in the Marina is now available on the POMA website ([www.poma.co.za](http://www.poma.co.za)).

## **General**

You have been advised of the closure of the POMA slipway during June 2022. This is to enable us to do much needed maintenance work on the paving at the top of the ramp.

For the brave ones, going out in the cold, please be careful and be safe on the water.

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