

Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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The words, "Now is the winter of our discontent" (William Shakespeare, from his play "Richard III") seems to echo the feelings of most people concerned about the state of the Port Owen waterways at this moment. It certainly reflects my own feelings.

However, just as it is envisaged in the play, the situation will improve with the coming summer, and I believe it will.

Whilst we struggle with the dredging issue, we should remain careful on the water and be vigilant as far as the Covid is concerned.

Governance

We have not had a response from the Bergrivier Municipality on our objections/suggestions regarding the Municipal IDP. We believe that it is crucial for POMA to get written recognition for its functions which are carried out on behalf of the Municipality and will continue to engage with them until our goal is achieved. We shall keep you posted.

CapeNature has provided us with their agenda for the BEAF meeting scheduled for 4 August 2022. The presentations, as indicated in the agenda, will provide all the information required by the stakeholders and should enable the Forum to monitor the actions co-ordinated by the RMA effectively.

Dredging

We hope to be able to bring good news soon. I believe that we shall know exactly where we stand by the end of August 2022.

Embankments, Walkways and Open Spaces

The planned work, as per the budget, continues.

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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 (<u>www.poma.co.za</u>).

General

The work on the slipway has been completed and the curing of the concrete should be complete by the end of July. Clients will notice the additional fenders that have now been installed.

Thank you to the clients who have responded positively to our request for updating of jetty installations. Good and up-to-date admin and documentation will always be advantageous to all parties involved.

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

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