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Spring is in the air! And with it, excitement regarding positive developments in Port Owen, specifically within the Marina environment.

The first boats are appearing on the water, the yachtsmen are preparing for the sailing season with its competitions and “sleep over” trips and the Velddrif Mile Swim is just around the corner.

At POMA, we are starting to prepare for the end-of-year formalities, such as finalising the budget for the 2023 financial Year and the all-important Annual General Meeting where the new Board will be confirmed, based on the nominations received from the Members.

We are looking forward to a Special Information meeting regarding the outcome of our application for a dumping at sea and coastal waters discharge permit, soon.

Governance

We are delighted to announce that the property owners on Admiral Island, at a recent General Meeting, have voted by a large majority, that the Admiral Island and Pelican Bay Home Owners Association should nominate a director to represent the Island on the POMA Board, and to contribute towards the management of the Company and its affairs. Angelo Foce was voted in as the preferred candidate and he will attend his first board meeting on 21 September 2022. We wish to welcome him to the Board and wish him well in his endeavours.

We are, still, waiting for 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.

The recent Berg Estuary Advisory Forum meeting, held on 4 August, was well attended and there was lively debate on some of the issues on the agenda. I shall summarise the most important ones below:

- 1) The exact relationship between the Bergrivier Municipality and CapeNature regarding the Groot Berg Estuarine Management Plan (BEMP) is still not clear. The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the parties for the 2022/2023 financial year have not been agreed and the document has not been signed. This is a

DIRECTORS

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H Lambrechts (Alt); P Viljoen (Alt); J de Meillon (Alt); L Delpont (Alt)

real concern. Because law-enforcement and visible policing are the two aspects of estuary management that residents seem most concerned about makes up a large portion of the responsibilities spelled out in the draft MoU.

- 2) Housing developments on the riverbanks in the Estuary seem not to be controlled. The Riparian Farmers association, as represented on the Forum by Jurgen Kotze, offered to give full details of the positions of the developments to CapeNature.
- 3) The appointment of the Responsible Management Authority (RMA) for the Groot Berg Estuary now seems to be uncertain, because the fact that there is a proclaimed harbour in the estuary, a National, rather than a Provincial, department might have to assume the RMA role. We hope that agreement can be reached soon, not to delay the approval of the BEMP any further.

Dredging

Like you, we are waiting too!

We had an indication of a determination by mid-August, but that did not happen. Hopefully we shall be able to give you good news very soon.

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).

General

Until we receive feedback from DFFE:O&C, our summer programme cannot be finalised. Full details of the dredging plan and any restrictions associated with it will be presented at a public meeting.

In the meantime, be careful out there!

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