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The end of the year is nearing rapidly, and I hope all your plans for the coming Festive Season are firmly in place!

It has been a hectic but satisfying year for the POMA Board Members and Management and everybody is busy finalising the arrangements for the dredging to commence, keeping in mind to not intrude on activities during the holidays.

Governance

We have received all the nominations for the POMA Board, except from WAG, which has not been able to have their AGM yet. However, the Directors nominated to date will be accepted at the next Board Meeting, scheduled for 7 December 2022. The Board will decide how to deal with the WAG vacancies but will go ahead with the election of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair and the members of the EXCO.

The following individuals have been elected to serve as directors by their constituencies:

- 1) Admiral Island & Pelican Bay HomeOwners Association – Angelo Foce (alternate still vacant).
- 2) Bergrivier Municipality – Johan Moolman
- 3) Port Owen Property Owners Association – Abe Uys and Herman Lambrechts
- 4) Port Owen Waterway Association – Derek Robinson and John de Meillon
- 5) Port Owen Yacht Club – Ian Macintosh and Pieter Viljoen
- 6) WAG – vacant

Estuary Matters

It has been resolved that the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Oceans & Coasts Division will be the Responsible Management Authority for the implementation and management of the Groot Berg Estuarine Management Plan. CapeNature will still be the biodiversity custodian and RAMSAR site manager and will act as RMA until April 2023 when a final determination will be made regarding the integration between DFFE:O&C and CapeNature. This will determine the responsibility for enforcing the

DIRECTORS

A J Uys (Chairman); D Robinson; J Moolman; I Macintosh; B Van Rensburg; AT Foce
H Lambrechts (Alt); P Viljoen (Alt); J de Meillon (Alt); L Delport (Alt)

Bergvriër Municipality by-laws and thus also the MoU between BRM and CN which has still not been finalised.

The above is a new development, because of the fact that the estuary accommodates a proclaimed harbour, and we shall have to see how the responsibilities will play out in practice.

We still do not have an approved Groot Berg Estuarine Management Plan, the process now becoming the responsibility of DFFE:O&C. Good progress has been made at the Berg Estuary Advisory Forum and we sincerely hope that the new structure will allow us to continue refining and therefore allowed to make a meaningful contribution to estuary management. POMA must continue to play a role as an important member of civil society in the protection of our natural resources and beautiful environment.

Fees for 2023

The official schedule can be viewed on the POMA website (<https://poma.co.za/fees-2023/>).

The general increase applied is 6%, rounded off to avoid a decimal. The structure and application are unchanged from 2022.

Clients wishing to pay an annual fee in order to enjoy the 7.5% discount must please arrange for an invoice and make payment by end January 2023.

Embankments, Walkways and Open Spaces

The planned work, as per the budget, continues, but will scale down in December to ensure that no unfinished work remains at the end of the year. In the case of emergency or urgent work required, please contact the Marina Manager.

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

I am not available to continue as POMA Chair for the new term, and therefore this will be my last newsletter to you. Thank you for the comments and contributions received over the years, it certainly kept me on my toes! It was a pleasure to keep you informed of all developments.

I wish the new, to be elected, chairperson, all the best for the future and am looking forward to “read all about it!” on a regular basis.

Therefore, for the last time through this medium, be careful out there!

Abe Uys