NEWSLETTER December 2024

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS – brrag@boesmans.co.za

Please amend you bank beneficiary details as well.

DECEMBER SECURITY

We are planning for our usual additional security during the holiday season. We urge members to contribute towards the December security fund. Please donate generously. We require approximately R 175 000 – R 200 000. Payment can be made as follows:

BRRAG: Standard Bank Port Alfred: Account Number 281116393. reference: Guards.xx.Street.Name. Please send an email notification to brrag@boesmans.co.za to help us identify the correct houses that are contributing towards this protection plan. Riversbend owners, please encourage neighbours to assist – we have traditionally contracted for fewer guards for a shorter period due to the lack of contributions.

Also note, that the amount above only allows for guards at night (18h00 – 06h00) and a slipway and sea carpark guard during the day. If we receive more than the amount above, daily roving guards can be added.

Markings will be placed in the street outside the houses that contribute for easy identification by the guards during December.

New SOS button installed and monitored by HiTec. In an emergency the HiTec operator will assess the situation and dispatch armed response, ambulance, police, lifeguards or any other assistance that may be required.

TOWN HALL FACILITIES - for bookings Sue Muirhead 0842976190

The board room is avilable for meetings. It also has a one hour free WiFi.

The new Boesmans Cave area was completed during late June and has been utlised for private functions. It is ideal for functions for up to 60 people and provides a bar area, braai area and some tables and chairs. BOOKINGS OF THE HALL AND CAVE FOR DECEMBER FUNCTIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

We have erected a new community notice board at the town hall - this is for use of all. Please use the drawing pins provided.

WATER ISSUES

Sadly, the water production at the reverse osmosis plant is even lower than last year. With the influx of holidaymakers we are again expecting water outages from time to time. We suggest that you use your tank water sparingly as it may be required throughout the holiday period.

WHATSAPP GROUP FOR MEMBERS

We have established a WhatsApp group for paid up members of BRRAG. It is an additional communication channel to improve communication with members. If you were on this group, all the above news would have been with you as it happened. If you want to join and read our communications or communicate with us, please send your name and surname and cellular number to us by email. Send it to our email address **BRRAG@BOESMANS.CO.ZA** with the words WhatsApp group in the subject line.

2025 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our annual subscriptions are now due – our financial year is from December to November. Please pay your subscription of R 500 to BRRAG Standard Bank Port Alfred account 281116393 with reference your name / Street address/ subs. Without the wonderful and generous support of our members we are not able to do the work / maintenance / upkeep of our towns. Please support us and ask your neighbour to do the same.

NEW RECYCLING PROJECT

The Bushmans Recycling Centre is now under new management of Akhona 'Kellis' Gqupu, who will be a familiar face to many Bushman's residents. Kellis's team, together with the PETCO trailer, will be stationed at the Boesmansriviermond tennis courts weekly and we hope you will support them by bringing along your recyclable materials, thus keeping them out of the Alexandria landfill.

Kellis collects plastic (not polystyrene), glass bottles and jars (no window or automotive glass), paper (no magazines or newspapers), cardboard, cold drink cans and food tins. Ideally, all appropriate materials (plastic, glass, cans and tins) should be rinsed clean.

At the end of August, the Bushman's Recycling Centre website was launched - https://www.bushmansrecyclingcentre.co.za/. It has useful information, including how to recycle the materials that Kellis does not collect/receive, and explain where what Kellis does receive is sent to, and how it is processed.

Also follow Kellis and his team on Instagram - @bushmansrecyclingcentre - and Facebook – Bushmans Recycling Centre, where you will be kept up to date on what has been happening at the site.

The recycle trailer will be at Boesmans tennis courts every Wednesday 08:30 till 11:30 please deliver your recyclables there and as a responsible citizen support this important initiative.

MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse is collected as follows:

Riversbend – Mondays.

Bushmans's Village – Tuesdays.

River Road – Wednesdays.

The refuse collectors will seek Christmas gifts, despite a municipal ban on them doing so. There are also fake donation collectors. To assist members to identify official refuse collectors, the headman, Mr Blom, will produce an official BRRAG collection list with pages numbered 1 of 10 through to 10/10. Each authentic page is signed in RED. We shall publish a photograph of Mr Blom on the WhatsApp group.

BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVIERMOND
Ratepayers' Organisation / Belastingbetalersorganisasie (BRRAG)
NPO 096-336-NPO/ PBO 930042487
Email bushmansratepayers@gmail.com Website: www.brrag.co.za

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL REFUSE WORKERS 2024

Name	Address			Amount

Boesmans Do not Copy

"We make the difference / Ons maak die verskil"

Executive Committee: Lotter Wepener (Chair), Jacques de Wit (Vice), Willie Enright, Rowene Johnston-Bowker, Sarel Marais (Treasurer), Sue Muirhead, Wanda Nezar, Dalien Pachonick, Gibbon Schickerling, Duard Scholtz, Robert Schroeder, Ferenc Toth.

BRRAG @ WORK

Repairing the retaining wall at the slipway beach

RESULT

UPGRADING THE ABLUTIONS AT THE SLIPWAY

We are working on the ablutions – please be patient. We hope to complete the job by mid-December

VOLO

We have retrieved parts of the Volo that have been washed up during the high seas. Our permit is being arranged by the East London Maritime Museum. Please drop any parts that you encounter that you believe may be Volo parts, at the town hall. We will be working with the authorities to preserve as much of the Volo as possible. (It is illegal to take parts of any wreck without a permit – please leave it at the hall).

SNIPPETS

The winners of the October 100 Club draw were:

1st prize George Simpson R1150
2nd Mandy Wainright R755
3rd Willie Enright R545.

Please join the 100-club. Send us an email to obtain details. Or see our website.

There will be 3 lifeguards at the slipway beach from 6 December to 6 January.

Please read about our Community Camera Fund. Payments can be made into our usual account with ref Name/ Camera. Please click on the “Camera Fund” Tab on the newsletter landing Page.

We have been advised that the newly appointed municipal bylaw officer will be in town from time to time and that owners with dogs without a leash will be fined R 500. We cannot vouch for the correctness of this statement.

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Art on the Veranda Exhibition 2024

Our Christmas Exhibition 2024!

Opening Function
Saturday 21 December at 5pm
Wine and Bread Boards

Open 21- 22 December 9am - 5pm
Monday 23 December 9am - 2pm

On the 23rd the Brrag annual Christmas Mas Craft Market will the exhibition and there will be lots of stalls, food, and fun to be had!

Whatsapp 082 888 3206

19 DECEMBER SHOW

Join the music show in the town hall on 19 December. Bring your own drinks – food stalls will be available. There are only 100 tickets – please call Kerry 082 3270627

ANNE NIGHTINGALE LIBRARY

Our library at the town hall is on an honesty basis. Take what you want and return after reading. Maybe you can add a book!

Thank you to Sue, Dalien, Carolyn and Marilyn for sorting the donation of books received from Tom McGee and transported from Port Alfred by Bobby Millar. Rowene Johnson keeps the library in perfect order.

The original donation by Errol Nightingale is on the town hall veranda and accessible at all times. The other books are accessible when we are open.

TAILEND

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

The BRRAG TEAM

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