

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2016 was a challenging year for many of us and the RPA was no exception. We saw PB residents and home owners become a soft target for increased crime, while abalone poaching gained momentum. Attempts were made with the help of our ward councillor to address this issue with SAPS as well as the Western Cape Government. I would like to encourage good neighbourliness in 2017 – let's escalate our efforts to look out for each other and to show genuine concern for one another's well being and property. At this point, I would like to thank Johan du Toit and his wife Carla, for taking the initiative and starting up the liaison whatsapp group. For those who haven't yet signed up as part of this group, please contact Johan personally. Please continue to use this facility judiciously, - it is a valuable and useful tool which shouldn't be abused. Together let's also take better care of this beautiful and picturesque environment we are privileged to enjoy.

The Municipality has assisted us in maintaining the roads and infrastructure at PB. We are thankful to Kat Myburgh, Jean de Villiers and their staff for their efforts in supporting us.

Two of our committee members received recognition in the area of real estate and the company they are employed by was also acknowledged as the top sales agency in the Overberg and Western Cape. Nelia and Dave, we salute you.

We once again extend thanks to our ward councillor Alderman Dudley Coetzee, for the role he played in 2016 in expediting our many and varied requests.

I have asked Dudley to present his ward councillor's report to you and hopefully you will get an idea of some of the activities and projects the RPA - with your help, could consider becoming involved in.

The RPA held its annual Pearly Beach Affaire on 20 December which proved on the whole to be a successful experience. We are grateful to Matt Hurter and friends for providing the music for the day. However, there were some disappointments with several stallholders not being able to honour their commitment. The 2017 committee will obviously be considering how to improve any future events of this nature.

Regrettably the Christmas Celebration - Carols on the Green scheduled for Thursday, 22 December had to be cancelled due to strong wind. Marcques Kotze had very kindly agreed to assist us with the presentation of the Carols by offering us the use of his blow up screen.

If the RPA has the opportunity, we would like to take advantage of this by possibly holding a video screening on the village green during the year, in addition to the holding of the Carols on the Green event in December.

Marcques has successfully held video screenings in the Overstrand area and has expressed his willingness to help us in the future.

My sincere appreciation to the 2016 committee – Viv, Pete, Mike, Nelia, Isolde, Dave, Jason and Dudley - each of you carried out your duties conscientiously and I thank you for your faithful service to the PBRPA this past year.

Finally, please help us to recruit new members and as an association let's work together for the benefit and upliftment of Pearly Beach, The Pearl of all Beaches, but to us who know and love it, the Pearl of the Overstrand.

SHIRLEY COETZEE
CHAIRPERSON

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