

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2015

I know that thanks and acknowledgements are usually reserved for the end of the meeting, but I would just like to thank the management committee of the Ratepayers' Association for their commitment and dedication to the upliftment and improvement of our village. It has been a privilege for me to work with you these past months. I know you often have to bear the brunt of complaints from the ratepayers and I salute you all for your forbearance!

It would be remiss of me not to mention our Ward Councillor Dudley Coetzee. There was many a time when we needed to call on him for help or advice and it was always forthcoming.

On 18 December we undertook a friendly roadblock together with the some members of the Conservancy. Tony Blankenberg represented Law Enforcement and it was quite amusing watching the faces of holidaymakers arriving at Pearly Beach and being confronted by a traffic official, thinking that somehow they had broken the law (and indeed some had as they admitted later, absent driving licences and seat belts being some of the omissions!)

The Village Green has been utilised for a number of functions including the Conservancy Market and Pearly Beach Affairs in March and November this year. I am not going to elaborate on the work that has been undertaken here as Jason covered this extensively at the Conservancy's AGM.

The RPA is however extremely grateful to those who have helped to develop the village green.

The 2nd phase of the upgrading of the Pearly Beach Water reticulation network has now been completed

All the Boardwalks that needed maintenance have been repaired.

183 BGN (Breaking New Ground) Houses in Eluxolweni were completed this year and handed over to their new owners.

Please help the RPA by reporting to us any broken signage or maintenance that needs to be carried out in the village.

The municipality have been very obliging in assisting us to keep our little village pristine. We have a reference number which we use to report maintenance that needs to be undertaken

We have a drop off zone located in the village where household refuse can be deposited and we want to stress the need for residents and holiday makers alike to utilise the facility. It is a contravention of the municipal by-law to leave refuse out on any other day other than collection day, which is Monday. We want to discourage scavengers such as dogs and seagulls from ripping open refuse bags.

Please speak to your neighbours if you observe this kind of negligence. A large lone male baboon has been observed on the dune at the Resort and I have seen possibly the same one just outside Pearly Beach on the R43. So the baboons are coming over the mountain! Once they realise there is a steady supply of food, they will move in and take over! We need to avoid this at all costs, since once they are here, they are here to stay! Please be sensible about refuse removal.

Finally I would like to record my sincere thanks to the municipality and its employees for their courtesy and willingness to assist our community.

SHIRLEY COETZEE
CHAIRPERSON