Newsletter November 2017

Dear Beneficiaries,

AGM coming up this coming Thursday, 30th November, 19h00 at Claudine Bennett's home, 36 Roscommon Rd, Parkview. Claudine tel 011-646-7594. Please try and come as some important issues need to be discussed and decisions need to be made. Also the Trustees and ManCom needs your support!

SAFETY ISSUES – COMBINATION LOCK ON GATE

Combination lock on Hamerkop gate – the combination is (big secret, please!) 3914

There is (should be) a security door key at each main house door, either on a long string or on a hook next to the door. Please make sure that those keys stay there, as every one, adult & child, needs to be able to unlock the outside security door in case of emergencies such as fire, so they need to know that that key is there!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Hello Steve Spottiswoode,

Ref: Registration as I&AP in respect of Sparkling Waters Hotel Project

We have just received a list from Shakti Environmental Services cc which, according to them, indicate the I&APs who are registered. (see attached doc) Please see the list and if your name does not appear on it, please register immediately. The deadline for registration is 30 November at 12h00.

Write a short letter requesting to be registered as an I&AP. You do not need to provide any reasons. Send the email to shanthi.chetty@polka.co.za . Please use the above ref.

The meeting will take place at 11h00 at Sparkling Waters Hotel on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

See you there,

Regards,

Werner Odendaal

RGKB Chairman.

Date: Saturday, 02 December 2017

Venue: Sparkling Waters Hotel And Spa (Board Room)

Location: South East Of Rustenburg, Accessed Via The Existing Ring Road (D1491) Of The R104 And N4 Leading To Rustenburg And Buffelspoort
Time: 11:00am To 12:30pm
notice is given in terms of the national environmental management act (act no. 107 of 1998), government notice no. R.326 (7 April 2017) section 41 (as amended), of intent to carry out the following:

PROJECT:

Full scoping / EIA process for the extension of rights and change of land use on portions 3, 20 and 32 of the farm Rietfontein 348 jq, Rustenburg local municipality from "Agricultural" to "Special" for

a resort including a hotel & conference facility, by the applicant Sparkling Waters Hotel and Spa – Shepherd H. Bushiri, which triggers the following listed activities
R. 325, (Listing Notice 2: Activity 15)
"The Clearance Of An Area Of 20 Hectares Or More Of Indigenous Vegetation"
R. 327, (Listing Notice 1: Activity 46)
"The Expansion And Related Operation Of Infrastructure For The Bulk Transportation Of Sewage, Effluent, Process Water, Waste Water"
R. 324, (Listing Notice 3: Activity 12)
"The Clearance Of An Area Of 300 Square Metres Or More Of Indigenous Vegetation Within Critical Biodiversity Areas Or Ecological Support Areas "
R. 324, (Listing Notice 3: Activity 17)
The expansion of a resort, lodge, hotel and tourism or hospitality facilities where the development footprint will be expanded"
Public meeting will be held as follows:
All comments received on the background information document (available on request) will be included in an issues report that will be submitted with the draft scoping report to the north west provincial department of rural, environment and agricultural development.
For further details and in order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and affected party (I&AP), please submit your details to the contact person within 30 days of the publication of the advert.
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):

Mrs S. Chetty (contact person)
Shakti Environmental Services cc
P.O. Box 3093
Dalview
1544
Tel: 011 743 3688 Fax: 086 295 0810
Email: Shanthi.Chetty@Polka.Co.Za
Date Of Notice: 01 November 2017

The trustees have agreed that the more people listed as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) the better. As per an email received this afternoon from the RGKB:

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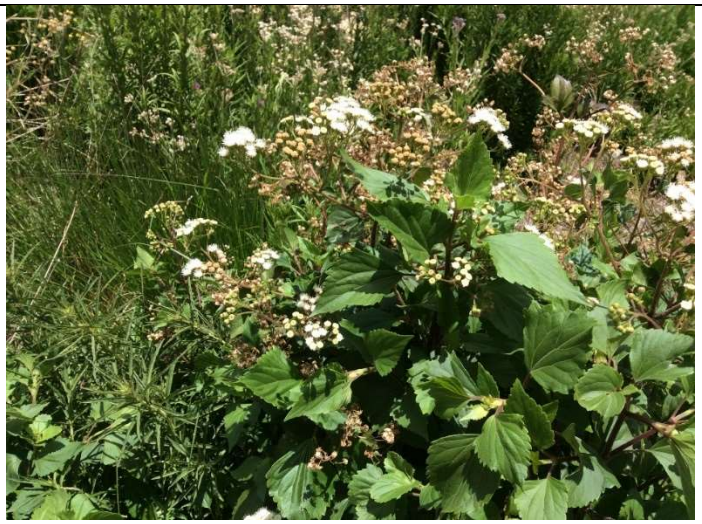
> (List of registered I&APs attached)

WORK HAPPENING AT HAMERKOP

I have asked Aleck, our new factotum, who is managed, looked after by Gary Cundill cell 083-440-7833, to work on the weeds shown below. He is also working on the MCSA campsite just off the drive way

ALIEN INVASIVE PLANTS NEEDING ATTENTION NOW



Crofton weed (Mexican Devil), flowering now (October, November). Has typical triangular leaves, grows in water, has reddish stem and stink stem and leaves. There are many at the top of Hamerkop Kloof, even near the top spring. We have asked Aleck to pull and dig them out.

Verbena is another declared weed – there is *Verbena brasiliensis* and *Verbena bonaeriensis*, they look quite similar. Flowers are purple, turning brown when seeding. The stems are coarse like rough sandpaper and square in diameter. They too like growing in or near the water

Bramble – please pull out? These prickly bushes are very unpleasant to walk through! They may be indigenous but the dense stands they form in the stream is just not nice!

Jointed cactus and Prickly Pear needs thorough extermination, as each little thorn patch (cladode) can start a new plant, so picture above shows brutal treatment, put cactus on a flat rock and with a smaller rock break it up in pieces.

HAMERKOP SIGHTINGS

Bush baby – we saw a few during our stay at Hamerkop, late afternoon on Wednesday 15th November

The next morning we saw squirrels emerging from the annex.!

HAMERKOP DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

PRETTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES - as shown on the Hamerkop noticeboard

Cleaning Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday & Saturday for 2 hours, either 8-10am, or 9-11am – beneficiaries can let her know what time is good for them.
Tuesday spring cleaning 8-14h00

If beneficiaries would like Pretty to do extra work for them, please pay her a minimum of R25 per hour.
She is very good with children and can baby sit or look after children whilst parents go off for their own walk at a negotiated rate, suggested same rate of minimum of R25 per hour

Pretty and Aleck have found a church nearby so attend that church on Sundays.

She has instructions on how to clean and which cleaning materials ingredients to use.
Any concerns, queries, alternative cleaning suggestions, please let me know? I am her manager ☺!

Pretty and Aleck are paid at the end of every month by our Hamerkop treasurer Andre Dalais
They each get R100 airtime for their cells every month.
They are given toilet paper for their use.
Beneficiaries are welcome to give food but not obligatory.
Any gifts, donations, please make it clear that the gift is either for Pretty or Aleck themselves, to do with whatever they like (eg. can send to their family in Zimbabwe), or that it is something that must stay at Hamerkop when they leave eg curtains, fridge, bedding.

BENEFICIARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AT HAMERKOP

Please report to Gary Cundill if anything is not working/ malfunctioning eg. leaky toilet. Preferably fix it yourself if possible? Also broken, missing lightbulbs – preferably replace them yourself☺?
Please bring the following:
Toilet paper, garbage bags, towels, soap, own linen/ bedding.
Please take home with you all the garbage and make sure that the pool has been emptied before you leave?
The Oracle security service does work; Pretty has met with them and has their contact number.
Their tel. number is on the Hamerkop notice board

OCCUPANCY OF HAMERKOP

Please let Duncan Barker (cell 083-414-9939, email duncan@serala.co.za) know if you are unable to take up your week, so that another beneficiary may be able to occupy your week? It is very important for the house to be occupied!

In the Hamerkop kitchen you will find the Hamerkop Occupancy book, which has one page per week to be filled in by the beneficiaries in order to see how much the house is occupied. Both beneficiary and Pretty must sign for each week.

GROOTKLOOF – JUNCTION POOL – ILLEGAL FIRES

Please check and ask transgressors to leave?

Is there perhaps a volunteer to constructing and erecting a "Strictly no fires" sign? MCSA and regular patrolling may be necessary?

That's all for now ☺! Keep well, do hope to see you at the AGM, this Thursday and the Public Participation meeting at the Sparkling Waters Hotel regarding rezoning of the valley from an Agricultural to Special for a resort, hotel and conference facility

Kind regards,

Karin Spottiswoode - Cell 072-595-6991, Tel 011-674-2980