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Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

BotSoc Talks

Saturday Morning 13th December (not the usual third Saturday). In Pringle Bay's Community hall at 10.30a.m. Alison Kock, Research Manager of Shark Spotters who will speak on Living with sharks in Cape Town - can an improved understanding of shark behaviour help us learn to live together?

SPECIAL DATE Saturday 31st January (not the usual third Saturday) Ethno botanist and member of this branch, Dr Tony Cunningham, will speak on "Ebony and Ivory: the East African trade for musical instruments and Ming furniture." Make a note of the date: Tony is not often in this country.

Contact Merrilee: 028 272 9314

BBRA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association will be held on Friday, 19 December at 2014 at 18h00 in the Crassula Hall. See p3 for detail.

Also see p16 'What's Happening In Our Village'.



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Account No 4066 6164 39

NB! Reference must include your surname and Erf Number. *Please do not send cash.*

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1. Get a copy at the Village Centre Café or Penguin Place, normally first week of each month.
2. Download a PDF version from our web page. Go to link 'The Buzz' at <http://www.bettysbay.info>
3. We also leave a number of copies at the Betty's Bay Library.

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SAPS Emergency Contact Numbers

Charge Office **028 271 8219**

028 271 8200

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082 443 6069

082 522 1831

BETTY'S BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association will be held on Friday, 19 December at 2014 at 18h00 in the Crassula Hall. New members are required for the Committee. We need new ideas and energy to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Please make every effort to attend.

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER, 2014 at 18H00 in the CRASSULA HALL

ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

VRYDAG 19 DESEMBER, 2014 om 18H00 in die CRASSULASAAL

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome : Opening en Verwelkoming
2. Apologies : Verskonings
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes : AGM held on 27 Dec 2013 /
Bekragtiging von die Vorige Notule : AJV gehou op 27 Des 2013
4. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes / Sake Voortspruitend uit
die vorige Notule
5. Chairman's Report : Voorsittersverslag
6. Discussion of Chairman's Report : Bespreking oor Voorsittersverslag
7. Treasurer's Report : Tesouriersverslag
8. Election of Committee Members : Verkiesing van Komiteedele

FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Committee of the Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all our loyal members for all their support and encouragement during 2014. We wish to thank all our advertisers for their support during 2014, without you we would not be able to make the Buzz available to the community and visitors at no cost. Thank you too to all those who give donations when taking a copy, it is much appreciated.

We wish all our members and visitors a very Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year. To all those who will be travelling on the roads after the festive season, we wish you a safe journey.

FIREWORKS

Every year residents and visitor alike welcome the New Year with spectacular fireworks displays, a spectacle most people enjoy, provided those who practice this custom observe the rules and regulations, play it safe and are considerate. For the sake of both man and beast, fireworks may only be **discharged between the hours of 23h00 and 01h00 on New Year's Eve** at the following prescribed location: KLEINMOND MAIN BEACH. Please remember that all rockets and airborne fireworks must be set off over the ocean to reduce the possibility of descending into fynbos and/or mountain areas.

Organised fireworks/pyrotechnics displays are limited to traditional locations and will only be permitted with the consent from the Chief Fire Officer.

Discharging fireworks from any other area (including your own backyard) and at any other time will result in a hefty fine and could even see transgressors spending the first part of 2015 in jail. You can be assured that Law Enforcement Agencies will take action against any person who acts irresponsibly outside the prescribed legislation.

Note too, that the use of any flame-emitting device, specifically Chinese lanterns and emergency flares, is prohibited by law. So, people, be sensible **and don't even think about setting off these items since you have no way of** knowing where they might land, causing a fire and resulting in tragedy for others. Remember that you will be held liable for any damages caused. Finally, be considerate! If everyone sticks to the stipulated terrains and times, animosity between neighbours and the distress this custom causes for animals, can be kept to a minimum.

Any special requests regarding fireworks displays and/or other enquiries must be directed to the Chief Fire Officer on 028 313 8980 during office hours.

BETTY'S BAY FIRE AWARENESS

EMERGENCY CALL 028 313 8111 or 028 312 2400

WESTERN CAPE FYNBOS favours fire and ignites ferociously, so we all need to take preventative measures to ensure that an afternoon braai celebration does not turn into a disastrous runaway wild fire. It will consume everything in its path with heated passion and possibly leaving devastating consequences.

YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OF LIFE AND/OR PROPERTY IF YOU ARE THE IRRESPONSIBLE PARTY WHO CAUSED A RUNAWAY WILD FIRE TO IGNITE. PROSECUTION IS A CERTAINTY.

ACT RESPONSIBLY TO AVOID SUCH A LIFE ALTERING SCENARIO TO UNFOLD.

- NEVER light an outdoor fire when the weather is hot and dry and/or windy.
- ALWAYS have a garden hose connected and readily available to use when holding a braai.
- NEVER leave the fire unattended.
- Extinguish your braai fire COMPLETELY after use.
- Do not discard coals in the bushes.

If a wild fire should sweep through the village and threaten your existence/ family and home, there are a few objectives that you may wish to consider in order to act proactively to avoid complete loss and/or injury. Loss of **property through fire in Betty's Bay is mainly through broken windows** caused by flying debris from fire generated wild winds. External window shutters or mosquito gauze frames help minimize such flare ups to ignite within.

- Firstly, switch off your electricity at the main trip switch;
- Disconnect gas bottles and place them in the centre of a cleared location i.e. centre of lawn;
- Close all windows and doors, seal drafts with wet towels;
- Fill your bath and basins with water;
- Open curtains and leave linen or paper roller blinds rolled up;
- Have buckets of water on standby at high risk zones;
- If a member of your family is outside using the garden hose to irrigate potentially high risk zones, they must remain outside, as a house door opening may ignite a potentially hazardous ember due to the increased draught created by such action;
- DO NOT open your door for anyone unless it is for complete evacuation or rescue - use the thumbs up signal for containment;
- Monitor signs such as intruding smoke to determine hot-spots... douse such zones with water;

Avoid throwing cold water on unbroken heated glass panes.

THE BETTY'S BAY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

BETTY'S BAY - A CONSERVANCY VILLAGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Some facts about our area:

Betty's Bay is situated within the buffer/transitional zone of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve and it is important to think of the Biosphere as not only a floral kingdom, but to take into account the entire ecosystem. The Kogelberg area was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO and Betty's Bay was awarded Conservancy status.

Visitors continue to visit our area because of the beautiful Fynbos, beaches and the peace and quiet. However, so many fail to endeavour to abide by the simple rules of keeping our area clear of litter and adhering to the simple rules and regulations that exist.

Roads

This year we have once again experienced extremely heavy rains and unfortunately many of our roads have been affected. We would request all our visitors and community to please drive carefully, the municipality is really trying their best to correct the situation.

We would like to take this opportunity of offering some hints on the preservation of this paradise.

- **LITTER, WASTE AND RECYCLING**

We have an active recycling programme. Please recycle where ever possible. The white plastic bags are for recycling - glass bottles, paper, plastic and cans. We do have special containers for glass and paper situated at the Waste Station next to the Municipal Offices (opposite the Library) on **Clarence Drive, Betty's Bay.**

- Black bags are to be placed in the baboon proof bins provided on the property. These containers should be placed outside the property on Mondays for collection by the Municipality. Please do not place the black refuse bags outside the property - should there be no baboon proof bins provided it would be appreciated if the bags could be placed in the cage provided at the Waste Station.
- Over the Christmas holiday season refuse will be removed on a daily basis except on Public Holidays. Kindly take any refuse bags that have not been collected to the container provided at the Waste Station opposite the Library at the Municipal Offices in Clarence Drive, this will prevent dogs, mongoose and baboons ripping the bags open and littering the area.

- **PUMPING OF TANKS**

Remember December/January are very busy months with many holiday makers **visiting Betty's Bay, therefore please ensure that you make timeous arrangements to have your tank pumped - please do not leave it until the last minute.**

- **BABOONS**

Baboons will try to enter a house if they see or smell food inside. Please keep all doors and windows closed if nobody is at home. Note that it is illegal to feed the baboons, harm or shoot them.

- **PETS**

Leashes are compulsory when taking dogs for walks, even on the beaches. Please ensure that your pets do not constitute a nuisance or danger to fellow residents, birds and our precious wild life. When walking your dogs it would be appreciated if you would pick up the faecies.

- FIRES

Fires can be a major hazard in our area - Fynbos burns very quickly. We ask that you exercise extreme caution when setting and lighting fires and to avoid doing so at all times when the wind is strong. Please be extra careful to extinguish the fire COMPLETELY and not to let it die down on its own, as the slightest bit of wind can cause a fire. Under no circumstances must hot coals be dumped in the bushes, this has been the cause of many fires in Betty's Bay.

- FIREWORKS

NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED. Please do not discharge any fireworks or crackers in Betty's Bay. **The unlawful discharge of fireworks is not only a fire hazard to the summer Fynbos but also affects animals and annoys your neighbours.**

- WATER

Please use water sparingly as this is a very precious source in the Western Cape.

- LIGHTS

Lights are a pollutant, negatively affecting not only your neighbourhood but also the fauna. Outside lights should not be left on all night. Relax and enjoy the stars!!

- NOISE

You have come to Betty's Bay for the peace and quiet. Please respect this. Sound systems should be for your ears only!!

- SPEEDING

Many visitors to Betty's Bay, especially the youngsters, are often seen spinning their cars around corners on the sand roads. This is not only extremely dangerous but also aggravates the conditions of the roads, especially after heavy rains. We also request parents not to allow young children to drive - we know that the roads are quiet, but this is all the more reason why youngsters ride their bicycles, skate board or play games in the roads.

- SAND DUNES

Please help to protect our sand dunes by adhering to the path ways and not creating new paths every time you visit the beach. Please do not interfere with the natural growth on the dunes. Sand boarding can be enjoyed on the dunes in Silversands.

- SWIMMING

We request parents to please be extra vigilant when taking the family to the beach over the holiday period - make sure that you know where your children are at all times. Please swim within the area designated by the Life Savers and follow their instructions. They are there to look after your safety and to ensure that your experience on the beach is a happy one.

- OYSTER CATCHERS AND BIRD LIFE

We request visitors to please not interfere with the rare Oyster Catchers during breeding season. Areas have been demarcated where there are nests. Please keep children and dogs away.

We would also request you to please respect other people's properties, we have chosen not to have fences but that does not give anyone the right to walk through our properties.

We sincerely trust that you will help to keep Betty's Bay the lovely, peaceful village that keeps bringing you back to visit us.

SECURITY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

- Keep a list of emergency numbers prominently displayed at or near the telephone. An Emergency Contact list is published monthly in the Buzz;
- Never open a door to an unexpected visitor;
- Avoid walking alone, particularly in isolated places;
- Arrange with reliable neighbours for reciprocal surveillance when away from home for any length of time;
- Leave interior lights on when away somewhere at night. As our areas do not have street lights we need to take special precautions as criminal elements are easily able to remain concealed;
- Ensure that residences are easily approachable and free from concealed means such as shrubbery and trees;
- Consider the installation of movement sensor activated lights at front and back doors;
- A watch dog is a good early warning system especially if kept close to the owner or inside the house;
- Be familiar with your environment. Be constantly on the look-out for suspicious looking characters or vehicles and do not hesitate to report them to the SAPS and/or the NW;
- Ensure that Erf numbers are clearly and prominently displayed for emergency purposes;
- Ensure that all windows can be properly locked and are burglar proofed. This will also prevent invasion by baboons;
- Never sleep with windows open unless burglar proofing is fitted, even in upper storey rooms where a window is situated near a drainpipe;
- Ensure that external doors are fitted with adequate locks;
- Never leave door keys hanging in the door;
- **Don't leave spare keys lying around in your house. Place them in a safe place;**
- Firearm owners must ensure that their firearms are kept safe at all times. Firearms must always be under your direct control or locked away in a firearm safe;
- Never leave ladders, axes and spades outside. These are potential house-breaking tools and weapons;
- Ensure that an intruder detection system is connected directly to a security company providing a 24 hour service. Ensure that the system is always activated when away from home. Ensure that the system is periodically checked and maintained and upgraded where necessary;
- When out walking always make sure that your cellphone is concealed. Never leave cellphones lying on a seat in the car;
- Be alert at all times to any strangers, perhaps disguised as workmen or vendors, who may be loitering in the neighbourhood. Also be aware of job seekers;
- Look out for suspicious vehicles that cruise the area at intervals and who may be keeping houses under observation. People and/or vehicles giving rise to suspicion should be reported to the SAPS, along with the fullest possible personal and vehicle descriptions;
- Ensure that front and back doors are not left open or unlocked;
- Keep garage doors closed and locked;

- Ensure that valuable items are not left on seats in cars parked at unprotected and isolated areas. Rather keep them locked away in the boot;
- Never leave car keys in the ignition when away from the car;
- Keep a list of the make, model and serial numbers of electrical appliances and other valuable equipment should it be required for investigation purposes.

The Wind bloweth...

I have just counted, and discovered that Christmas day is but 37 days away... 5 weeks and two days... the latter sounds further away and more manageable. How come the year between successive Christmases seems shorter and passes faster as one gets older? My mind turns back to those years when we were raising our sons, and often can't believe how we managed to attend, and sometimes help organise the year-end functions, school concerts, church and Sunday school activities, and also crafted those handmade gifts and decorations? We then owned a beautiful German Shepherd named Pontius, whose life revolved around jogging with the family and tennis balls to chase and catch, and every year a brand new ball was faithfully wrapped, tied with ribbon, and placed under the Christmas tree with the rest of the family gifts. He knew the ritual, and on cue would approach the tree, sniff out his gift and in a dignified manner proceed to unwrap it; somehow the Christmas day ball throwing was enjoyed the most.

This Christmas we will have another puppy to share the celebration... some of you will have met our Mandy, who we adopted from KAWS as a mutual 50th Wedding anniversary gift. Her Christmas present will be easy – anything that can be chased, chewed, tossed around, torn to shreds, dived under, jumped over or growled and barked at. At four months of age, anyone's fingers or toes will do, and a walk to discover more delights of nature will be the proverbial cherry on the top. To date she has discovered birds of varying sizes and shapes, the mongoose who views her with suspicion, frustrating butterflies who can't be caught, annoying frogs who jump into ponds and boring tortoises who simply retire into their shells. Fascinated by the dung beetles, she nevertheless seems to disapprove of their habits, and growls and barks as the beetle's prize disappears down the hole. Ants are fun to chase, but always get away...

The lure of the sea is irresistible to South Africans at Christmas time, and the holiday species of Homo Sapiens is due soon. They tend to arrive in groups large and small and frequent beaches for maximum lengths of daylight hours in minimum amounts of body covering. Some of them tend to suffer from diminished comprehension when it comes to obeying municipal rules for cleanliness of long stretches of sand and protection of bird life and dune plants, but unfortunately, as with our baboons, they have a seasonal right to be there. Let us grit our teeth, bite our tongues, count to ten, and urge them politely to use the refuse bins, etc. However, we do enjoy the friendly, nature loving majority who share our conviction that Betty's Bay is the most beautiful place on earth, and deserves to be kept in pristine condition for local fauna, flora, and permanent resident humans... us, naturally!

Some of our number will be fortunate enough to travel to other countries and experience a white Christmas, such as used to be depicted on those beautiful old Christmas cards sent by snail mail, when the postman delivered them to your post box or front door, before the days of postal strikes and Christmas e-mails. It was my ambition, at the tender age of about four, to paint my own pictures on those exciting cards and send them all over the world, and today's kids find graphics on the internet and click on "send"... but back to the travellers – may your journeys be safe, your Christmas be blessed with the

warmth of family love and friendship, and may you return with wonderful memories to share with us.

To all who stay behind, may you have the opportunity to pause between the various stages of preparations and enjoy the season of peace and goodwill while it lasts. I have had the opportunity to read about the lives of authors of the beloved old Christmas Carols, and their lives, on the whole, were anything but quiet and serene, yet the words they penned live on in hearts all over the world, centuries later. My prayer this year is that we all will open our ears to the message of the coming to earth of the Son of God, open our eyes to recognize His Deity, our ears to take in and enjoy the songs of the angels, and open our hearts in response to the overwhelming love of God behind it all. 1 John 4:14 - 16 reads: "We have seen and testify that *the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.*"

A last note of warning to the sunbathers on the beaches... not all dogs will be on the required-by-law leads, and our little Jack Russell dynamo runs off at the speed of lightning with any small garments not securely fastened...

Beverley Green

Nominations For BBRA Committee

Special Notice Inviting Nominations for Election to the Committee 2015

The current members of the Committee have served anything from 2 to 5 years on the Committee and some have given timeous notice that they will not be available for re-election to the Committee in 2015. Dan and Liz Fick in particular have been involved on the Committee for the last 10 years and are taking a break and will as a result not be available for re-election.

Nominations are therefore being invited for election to the Committee of the Association.

Only members of the Association in good standing may be nominated.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded in writing by two (2) members of the Association and accepted in writing by the nominee.

The Committee shall consist of no less than (4) and not more than eight (8) members. We have the option to co-opt additional members to the Committee.

In terms of the Constitution the elected Committee shall at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting in December elect from its nominated members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other Officers as it may deem necessary.

The BBRA has grown in strength over the last years having established additional Portfolios to deal with Sand Dunes, Firewise, Security, Neighbourhood Watch, Volunteer Firefighters and Website not to mention other associated committees on which committee members also serve. The community is more and more relying on the BBRA for assistance and guidance in dealing with specific municipal matters.

The BBRA currently has 369 paid-up members and is the largest Ratepayers' Association in the Overstrand and needs to go from strength to strength.

It is therefore essential that we give early attention to recruiting suitable candidates for nomination to the committee next year. We desperately need new ideas and energy to meet the challenges that lie ahead. The general appearance of Betty's Bay is wanting and the community will need to tackle some of these issues themselves.

Dan Fick, Chairman BBRA

[See nomination form on following page.](#)

BETTYSBAAI BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING

NOMINASIE VAN KOMITEELEDE

1. Ek(naam in drukskrif)

Van(Erf nommer)

EN

2. Ek(Naam in drukskrif)

Van(Erf nommer)

NOMINEER(Naam in drukskrif)

OP DIE BBBV KOMITEE vir die jaar 2015

Geteken: 1

Geteken: 2

GENOMINEERDE SE AANVAARDING

Ek(Naam in drukskrif)

Van(Erf nommer)

IS BEREID OM OP DIE BBBV TE DIEN

Geteken:

Pos na: Posbus 48, Bettysbaai, 7141

BETTY'S BAY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. I (Please Print Name)

Of (Erf Number)

AND

2. I (Please Print Name)

Of (Erf Number)

NOMINATE (Please Print Name)
TO SERVE ON THE BBRA COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2015.

Signed: 1.

Signed: 2.

AGREEMENT OF NOMINEE

I (Please Print Name)

Of (Erf Number)

AGREE TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE BBRA COMMITTEE.

SIGNED:

Mail to: P.O. Box 48, Betty's Bay.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Overstrand Emergency	24 Hours	028 313 8111
Fire Department	Control Room	028 312 2400
	Marlu Rust	082 776 9287
	Wendy Tawse	082 442 8005
	Fires in Reserves	082 783 8585
Police	Emergencies	10111
	Charge Office	028 271 8219
	Station Commander	082 778 6793
	Sector Policing Officer	082 522 1831
Security Providers	Safe Security	028 272 9110
	Response	082 410 7845
	ASK Security (Office)	028 272 9500
	24 Hour Emergency	082 951 1892
		071 135 9029
	Sandown Bay Security	028 271 5633
		028 271 3306
		028 272 9575
Ambulances	Provincial	10177
	ER24	084 124
Doctors	Dr Du Plessis	028 271 4227
	Dr Van Niekerk	028 271 4227
	Dr Morkel	028 271 4227
	After Hours	082 653 6355
	Dr Greeff	028 272 9999
	After Hours	082 659 9437
	Dr Moses	028 271 3152
	After Hours	078 417 5628
Dentists	Dr Duvenhage	028 271 3467
	After Hours	082 861 0616
	Dr Engelbrecht	028 271 3662
	Dr Visser	028 271 5321

Hospitals	Hermanus Provincial	028 312 1166
	Hermanus Medi-Clinic	028 313 0168
	Vergelegen Medi-Clinic	021 850 9000
Child Welfare	Kleinmond	028 271 4044
Veterinarian	Dr Dave	028 271 4183
	After Hours	083 440 5191
KAWS	Animal Welfare	028 271 5004
Pharmacies	Albertyn Pharmacy	028 271 4666
	After Hours	082 927 5240
	After Hours	082 868 4267
	Kleinmond Pharmacy	028 271 3320
	After Hours	082 652 4309
Optometrists	Obermeyer	028 271 3119
	Optical Eyes	028 271 5684
Municipality	Betty's Bay	028 272 9263
	Kleinmond	028 271 8400
	Fire & Water	028 313 8111
	Law Enforcement	028 313 8111
		028 271 8466
	Traffic	028 313 8111
	Sewerage Removal	028 271 8435
	Hermanus	028 313 8000
Seawatch	Betty's Bay	028 272 9532
	Mike Tannett	082 994 9300
NSRI	Gordons Bay	021 856 1992
	Hermanus	028 312 3180
Electricity (Eskom)	Electricity	021 859 5304
	Emergencies	08600 37 566
General	Councillor Lisel Krige	028 272 9533
	Betty's Bay Post Office	028 272 9363
	Centre Shop	028 272 9230
	Penguin Place	028 272 9257
	Tourism Bureau	028 271 5657
	Hangklip Community Care Centre	082 378 1614
	Fire Extinguisher Service	083 741 9914

Burgermeester Nicolette Guthrie-Theron Open Speelarea By Pikkewyntjies

Wat 'n wonderlike geleentheid was dit nie. Almal was uitgenooi, van ons Burgemeester tot donateurs, volonteers en sommer net al ons vriende van die skool. Hierdie was 'n groot geleentheid vir Pikkewyntjies Kleuterskool. Lank is daar gespaar vir geld wat Gloria en Peter Langer uiteindelik in die hande gekry het van hul oorseese gaste. Hierdie borge het spesifiek gevra dat die geld wat hul borg gebruik sal word vir ons speelarea en groentetuin. A very big thank you to Gloria and Peter and our sponsors.

Dae lank is daar gebak en gebrou en natuurlik was daar nog 'n goeie mens van Pringlebaai wat aangebied het om al ons sout-eetgoedjies te maak en dit alles uit haar eie sak. Baie dankie Serene, ons waardeer dit baie. Ons gaste het gesmul aan al die lekker vingerhappies en daarna het ons Burgemeester die lint geknip na ons speelarea en groentetuin. Die kinders het vir die gaste gesing en almal was in vervoering.

'n Baie spesiale dank aan ons Burgemeester wat altyd tyd inruim om ons verrigtinge by te woon. Dit word opreg waardeer! U is al deel van ons skool en kindertjies en het al baie diep in ons gemeenskap se harte gekruip.

Something To Think About

SON: "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

DAD: "Yeah sure, what is it?"

SON: "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?"

SON: "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "If you must know, I make \$100 an hour."

SON: "Oh! (With his head down)."

SON: "Daddy, may I please borrow \$50?"

The father was furious.

DAD: "If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I work hard every day for such this childish behavior."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money?

After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think:

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$ 50 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door.

DAD: "Are you asleep, son?"

SON: "No daddy, I'm awake".

DAD: "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$50 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, smiling.

SON: "Oh, thank you daddy!"

Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

DAD: "Why do you want more money if you already have some?"

SON: "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do."

"Daddy, I have \$100 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness. It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life. We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$100 worth of your time with someone you love? If we die tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family and friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than to our family.

Some things are more important.

What's Happening In Our Village Over The Christmas Period?

Carol Service, Lakeside Chapel, 12 December 2014, 19:00

The annual Christmas Carol Service of the Lakeside Chapel will be held at the Chapel at 19:00 on 12 December 2014. All are welcome to attend. The well known Handevat Marimba Band under Stefné van Dyk will take part. Several music students from different universities will swell the ranks of the local musicians and music learners. A group of singers from the Chapel will lead the carol singing.

Carols by Candlelight in the Harold Porter Garden 22December – 19h00

It will be a real community project! Young people from the Narrative Foundation's music development programme as well as talented musicians and artists from the community are all involved. The Handevat Marimbas will also participate. This promises to make it a very special and memorable evening.

Anybody who is interested to sing in the community choir or play in the orchestra are invited to join us. Rehearsals for the choir starts Saturday 29 November at 14:30 at the Harold Porter Garden. Contact Stefné van Dyk at 08 2923 2723 to arrange participation.

Bring your picnic goodies and join us that evening to see how the joy of music boosts the spiritual, psychological, emotional and even physical wellbeing of people. Music creates natural, spontaneous and delightful opportunities to build bridges because it knows no racial, religious, age, gender or class differences....!

“Music will be the salvation of our people”

- Nelson Mandela

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SUMMER SUNSET CONCERTS

Concerts	Date	Time	Adults	Youth 6-18 years	Children under 6
Delft Big Band	20 Dec 2014	19h00 - 20h30	R80.00	R40.00	Free
Carols by Candlelight	22 Dec 2014	19h00 -20h30	R40.00	R20.00	Free
Antho- nieBougas	27 Dec 2014	19h00 - 20h30	R80.00	R40.00	Free
Gugulethu Tenors	03 Jan 2015	19h00 - 20h30	R80.00	R40.00	Free

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Episodes 1-6 was published in previous Buzzes

A Serial In Thirteen Episodes by Peter Joubert

Dramatis personae:

Chief Pilot:	Captain Mamat Muni b 1961
Sweetheart:	Mei Mei Hong
Her Father:	Lee Hong
Imam of Al-Alidayh Mosque on Penang Island:	Shaykh Ibn Sina
Instructor on Bayan Penang International Airport:	Paddy
Penang Minister & Friend	MayangTeuku
Mamat's wife	Aisyah Mussa
Co-Pilot	Jamal Hamad bin Tengku
Military Radar recruit	Abdul Haqq



Episode 7: Mayang had business contacts who had obtained some venture capital because a previous Malaysian budget carrier was going bankrupt on old, inefficient Boeing 707's. They would start up a new Budget Airline to be called 'Betterfly Wings', flying mod-

ern cost-effective Airbus A320-200 jets.

They headhunted Mamat and then appointed him Chief Pilot. He was sent to France to train on the A320 flight simulator, along with a team of other young pilots. The Airline leased five second-hand 1993 Airbus A320-200 aircraft at US\$ 50,000 each.

The branding company they hired knew their stuff and pitched the brochures at the international tourists seeking choice places to visit yet were content to forgo some of the frills of air travel to save money.

Mamat and Mayang both bought shares in the company, which had done its homework. Teaming up with a major Hotel Chain on Phuket Island in Thailand (but only a stone's-throw from Panang) for advertising world-wide and special-offer rates, and did the same for a range of two and three-star budget hotels on the island.

The Company based itself at Phuket international airport and concentrated on short hops to and from choice attractions in the region:

Angkor Wat, Cambodia, the Thai Stupas, Mysterious Myanmar, The Gibbons of Borneo, Bali in Indonesia, the scuba diving mecca of the seaside resort at Nha Trang in Vietnam, and the like.

They succeeded spectacularly, Mamat, now in his early thirties. Enhanced his reputation by the manner in which he conducted the flying operations. He set a simple and effective example by keeping contact with his passengers at all times, using humour and his pleasing manner to keep passengers abreast of what was happening on the flight. If there was a problem, he shared it with his hearers, but with confidence in his ability to cope and with reassurance as to the successful completion of the trip. In particular he impressed with his skill in landing – invariably silky smooth even under difficult conditions, invoking admiration from the disembarking passengers.

With troublesome children aboard, he would hand over controls to his co-pilot, enter the cabin kneel to their level and instigate a game to their delight and that of the parents.

While on the Malaysian Airline flight to France, Mamat heard a soft, beautifully modulated voice:

“Good morning sir, what may I bring you to drink?”

He looked up; a petit woman instantly enchanted him with her flawless skin and a figure to write sonnets about. She was dressed in the colourful stewardess uniform of the Airline, her jet-black bun tightly drawn up to one side of the crown. Her heart-shaped face smiling sweetly with a tiny mouth, showing perfect child-like teeth. Her warm, slightly slanted dark eyes glowed with depth. And, overwhelmed, he stuttered”

“Ah, just some orange juice please”

“Certainly sir. Dinner will be served in two hours and we are offering chicken curry and beef stroganoff. Both are Halal sir.”

“Thank you, I'll have the chicken”

“Certainly Sir”

He could not help staring as she walked away to the galley on tiny feet, the tight skirt swaying from side to side with her very enticing feminine gait. He could not concentrate on the

paper-back he had brought along, gazed out of the window. She must be very perspicacious he thought, I never mentioned that I am a Muslim. After dinner he had difficulty falling asleep, but eventually dreamt fitfully about a beautiful woman, unattainably enticing, ever fading from his embrace. The next morning, as he disembarked they smiled at one another and he wondered if they would ever meet on a less formal occasion.

His fame spread and the Airline prospered. Soon they could afford to buy first five more Airbusses, then five new Boeing 777 Airliners. Mamat and his best co-pilots were sent to the Seattle Campus of the Boeing Aircraft Company and trained extensively on their 777 Full Motion Flight Simulators. They all were granted Type Ratings and he completed the First Officer Program.

Betterfly now spread their wing further. They organised routes to Perth, Sydney, Shenzhen in China, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Manila, Bangkok, Bangalore, and Delhi. Seychelles. They organised special rates for their clients at Budget hotels.

Then Mamat had to deal with his first real emergency. Two hours into a flight from Phuket to Delhi the port motor on his Airbus burst into flames with a spectacular bang. The cabin resounded with screams and the cabin staff scrambled to allay fears they themselves were feeling. The fire stopped within three minutes.

“This is your Captain Mamat speaking, we were a little busy for a while back there, forgive me for not speaking sooner. As you saw, we had a serious problem, but everything is under control now. We have extinguished the fire and closed the left engine down. This Aircraft flies perfectly well on one engine as you can see. It might take us a little longer, but we could get to Delhi if we wished. The engines on this aircraft are very reliable, despite the evidence you have seen to the contrary, but some of you may have noticed that the sun has moved around a bit. That is because I have decided to divert to Rangoon or Yangon as they prefer to be called –international airport. You will be accommodated in a five-star hotel and another aircraft will take you to Delhi – perhaps even tonight, but certainly tomorrow. We will be there within the hour. If you have any questions, ask a cabin crew-member, and anything they can’t answer, they will refer to me. Enjoy the rest of the flight; I hope to be with you again very soon.”

The landing at Yangon International was silky smooth.

The incident and Mamat’s skillful and empathetic handling of the crisis was much appreciated and soon made the rounds of the flying world. His reputation grew.

The Chinese living in Malaya are a potent political force because of their dominance in business and it is unclear how much their Party influences the Malaysian and Indian party coalitions were due to the massive financial support it receives from Big Business. Communist China came to support the coalition with money, but possibly also gave undercover support for Radical Islamic movements. An unstable Malaya is to China’s advantage.

The main Malaysian Democratic Party was in opposition, struggling. Patriotic, underfunded and hounded. Their leader hounded and in and out of prison on trumped-up charges.

Mamat and Mayang became actively involved in the Democratic Party and Mamat, well known in Penang was very influential in Mauang’s election as First Minister of Penang State. Both campaigned against the Allied Party. The venal machinations of the Chinese in the Allied party disgusted them. Corruption was rife, much committed by the Nee Hong

family and Nee Hong himself was seen as a greedy spider spinning a dastardly web of intrigue in a quest for money and influence.

Mamat was particularly opposed to Radical Islam, which he knew to be blasphemous and anti-Islam. He never lost his belief in Ibn Sina's teaching. He said his five prayers daily, went to a mosque for Friday prayers whenever possible even when in foreign parts.

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Silversands Art Group Hou Jaarlikse Uitstalling

Die SILVERSANDS ART GROUP hou hulle jaarlikse kunsuitstalling vanaf die 17e tot die 30e Desember 2014 in die klein saaltjie by Disakloof Jeugkampterrein in Bettysbaai. Die kampterrein is maklik bereikbaar – op die hoofweg deur Bettysbaai net langs die Botaniese tuin. Die ingang is duidelik gemerk met 'n rooi klip. Die saal is geleë op pad na die groot saal waar die jaarlikse Kunsmark plaasvind. Die uitstalling is daagliks oop vir besigtiging en verkope tussen 10h00 en 18h00.

The Silversands Art Group was formed in 2012. The main aim and objective of the society, is to promote the practice and appreciation of the Arts for the benefit of the members and the community. The Society consists of artists in the Kleinmond/BettysBay vicinity.

Kunstenaars wat uitstal, skilder hoofsaaklik in olieverf en skilderye dek 'n groot verskeidenheid onderwerpe, o.a. plaaslike temas soos seetonele en die alom geliefde Overberg landskappe.

Behalwe die skilderye wat te koop aangebied word, is daar ook pragtige glaskuns deur 'n glaskunstenaar van Bettysbaai.



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