



Newsletter of the Betty's Bay Ratepayers' Association Nuusbrief van die Bettysbaaise Belastingbetalersvereniging

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Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

BotSoc Talks, Nivenia Hall, HPG

Saturday, 15th November We await confirmation of this evening's speaker.

Saturday Morning 13th December 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? Her discussion will include sharks in the Kogel Bay area.

Contact Merrilee: 028 272 9314.

Bonsai

Important notice of future bonsai event 18 - 21 November 2014

From Thursday 18 November all the way through till Sunday 21 November there will be an exhibition at Café El'Ora, Village Centre, Betty's Bay from 9.00 till 14.00.

See p11 for more detail.



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

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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 reelection 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 two nomination forms at the back.

"Con Spiritos" Concert 27 Nov 2014 @ 19H00

The choir will be delivering a performance of music and song in aid of raising funds for our local charity i.e. Hangklip Community Care Centre – Registration 102-000-NPO at 19H00 on Thursday 27 November 2014 in the NGK Church hall in Kleinmond.

This very popular event is always well attended and so you should get in early to obtain your tickets at the very reasonable price of R40-00 each. It is not often that an event of this

quality is offered at such an affordable price in these days of inflation.

Tickets can be purchased from the following outlets or persons:

- 1. Albertyn Apteek Kleinmond
- 2. George Green Bettys Bay 083 283 4454
- 3. Brian Anderson Bettys Bay 028 272 9938

Should you need to establish where else to obtain tickets you can contact either of the above persons.

Come on Hangklip residents help us to support this very worthy charity and at the same time enjoy an evening of superb music.

Adrian de Kock Secretary – Hangklip CCC Cell: 082 940 4619

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The Wind Bloweth...

Hi. there!

I can visualize you all sitting in comfortable chairs with steaming cups of tea or coffee, a can or mug of beer, or glass of wine, (depending on what type of day the weather has coughed up) in eager anticipation of the words of wisdom which flow from my vast store of such... good luck.

My deadline looms large on the horizon and steadily increases in size until the imposing monster blocks the path to thought processes, then flashes in psychedelic colours to emphasize the urgency.

The heart which hitherto has silently pursued its appointed function starts to throb like the loud cacophony emanating from a taxi-load of near-deaf occupants with a totally deaf driver. My blood pressure soars and that feeling of light-headedness follows – not surprising, as there doesn't seem to be anything in it. Blinking ensures that I am fully awake and not dealing with yet another nightmare, but the block remains.

Beverley Green

How to start your own Bonsai?

Often people would look at a bonsai and think, "I would like to do that...someday". Like anything in life there is no better time than now. You may think it to be impossible. Nothing is impossible. All bonsai masters started somewhere. With one pot, some soil, a tree and a vision into the future. You can't be planting a tree as a bonsai without a long term plan for this unique little tree.

Bonsai means - Tree in a pot.

The Japanese and Chinese have been creating Bonsai for ages. In their cultures Elm,

Juniper and Maple are the trees most often used for bonsai.

This art has now been embraced all over the world and are becoming very popular. If you know what to look for, the possibilities are endless. Indigenous trees, especially South African trees, are strong possibilities to turn into a bonsai. You merely have to look around you to find a tree that you can turn in to a bonsai.

There are a few rules to adhere to when creating a bonsai. I say "create", as this is different than to do an ordinary garden. It required visualising the end product and then going out and creating that. Don't be too hung up on rules. Create something that pleases you. You have a personality and that should come out when you do your first bonsai. Think about how you want this tree to look like after 5 years, 10 years or 20 years.

If you are looking for a quick fix, buy a bonsai. You will not make it.

- 1. A few rules before you start.
- 2. Be willing to spend time with your tree(s).
- 3. They don't like being left alone for long periods of time.
- Bonsai has a very shallow root system and heats up and dry out very quickly. Water regularly.
- 5. Make sure that all pots are well drained.
- 6. Never water with water directly from the tap without checking that the water is cold.
- 7. Most trees will grow at best when outside and sheltered with a few hours of sunlight per day.

Remember that this experience is something that would last a lifetime and one should not rush it. Sometimes you have to wait for the next season to see where it's going, to plan ahead. Don't be impatient. During winter most of the trees look dead just to surprise you again in spring.

There is great pleasure in doing this.

If you would like to come and have a look at some of my bonsai, they are on display at Café El'Ora, Village Centre, Bettys Bay

Willem Slabber - 079 181 0852

Moonlight Fascination

International Observe the Moon Night was celebrated on 6 September 2014. All over the world people gathered to observe a brilliant Moon in gibbous phase.

What is this fascination we have with our nearest celestial neighbour? For one, our Moon is breathtakingly beautiful. Every night it takes on a new shape as the sunlit portion moves across its face to its own rhythm. From new moon to full moon and back to new moon takes an average 29 days 12 hours 44 minutes

The human brain seems to crave rhythm.

Though solar, lunar and seasonal cycles play a lesser role in modern society, the behav-

iour of our ancestors depended on these natural rhythms.

Scientists have been doing intensive studies on circadian rhythms. These are physical, mental and behavioural changes that follow a roughly 24-hour cycle and produced by natural factors within the body, but are also affected by signals from the environment.

Although not yet scientifically proven, some individuals believe that the Moon also has a great influence on their well- being. They argue that if the Moon governs the tides, surely it would have an influence on the human body as well. There is one problem with this line of thought. The oceans are vast. An individual is but a very tiny speck on Earth.

The Ocean tides are controlled by the forces of gravity (tugging) of the Moon and Sun as well as by the rotation of Earth. Coastal areas usually experience two high and two low tides every 24 hours and 50 minutes. High tides occur 12 hours and 25 minutes apart. It takes six hours and 12.5 minutes for the water at the shore to go from high to low, or from low to high – the rhythm of ebb and flow.

The Earth's axial rotation and the Moon's orbital rotation result in a catch-up situation and moonrise for a specific location (for example at Betty's Bay) will be about 50 min later each day. The Moon is also visible during the day, except during new moon, when it occupies the same region in the sky as the Sun and at full moon

Humans are by nature inquisitive. The Moon is tidally locked to our planet (its orbit of 27.5 days is the same time as its axial rotation), showing just one side to us here on Earth. It was only natural that we would want to know what the far side looked like. Once humans realised that the distance to the Moon could be overcome, missions to the Moon became commonplace and we now know that the most beautiful side is facing us!

Some say they can see a man on the Moon. During full moon I clearly see the rabbit who is still patiently mixing an elixir for Chang'e to be able to return to her beloved husband, Houyi, as in the Chinese legend.

In a world of bright lights we no longer rely on the Moon to guide our daily activities. How often do we forget that it is up there? Yet sometimes as you draw the curtains for the night it surprises you and your gaze locks in utter fascination.

It was fascination

I know

And it might have ended

Right then, at the start

Just a passing glance

Just a brief romance

And next moment

I kiss you

Fascination turned to love - Nat King Cole

Carol Botha

Flight 270

A Serial In Thirteen Episodes

Episodes 1-5 published in previous Buzzes



Dramatis personae:

Chief Pilot: Captain Mamat Munsi 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:

Penang Minister & Friend Mayang Teuku Mamat's wife Aisyah Mussa

Co-Pilot Jamal Hamad bin Tengku

Military Radar recruit Abdul Haqq

Episode 6: Politicking

An ethnic Malay-Chinese family has dominated the Country's politics for years. The Allied Party is largely funded by big business and big business is the Seow Nee Hong & family with their extensive business interests in the region and elsewhere, particularly China.

Paddy

MayangTeuku was the Chartered Accountant who had helped Mamat set up his fish-spotting business. They became good friends and Mamat had helped with Mayang's election campaign to become Chief Minister in Penang state. Both believed in the policies of the Malaysian Democratic Party. This Party based its policy on patriotic feelings for the indigenous peoples of Malaya -- Bumiputra "son of the land" concepts.

The party had become the main opposition to the Allied Party, which was seen to be corrupt, hopelessly in the pockets of big business and the Nee Hong family and too closely linked to the Shia-dominated Judiciary. They had jailed the Malaysian Democratic Party leader, several times on trumped-up charges.

Both men vehemently opposed elements of radical Islam which were becoming prominent in the country. The Allied Party was being week-kneed in their response. They suspected that the Nee Hong family was supplying arms and

money. Communist China benefitted from destabilising Malaya.

Relaxing after Mayang's election as chief minister on Penang, the good friends were discussing the most influential people in their lives to date,

"Well Mayang, you, of course, and my father, but Ibn Sina has influenced me greatly. I have learnt to distinguish right from wrong from him and to judge what lies in the secular or the religious domains of life"

"He certainly is a great and wise man—do you know, I still attend Friday Prayers at his mosque whenever I can" $^{\prime\prime}$

"You too are a good man. I owe a lot to my Free School years at Georgetown—particularly to speak English well.

"One thing I regret though is that I did not understand at the time, how influential the Library mistress was in my education. She quietly and subtly directed my reading into all sorts of avenues I would never have followed on my own. Philosophy, Comparative Religion, Broader issues of Science, History of the world, as well as that of Malaya, Atomic Power and many, many more directions.

"I particularly remember a book she recommended; 'Worlds in Collision' by Immanuel Velikovsky. It spoke of a large object coming into near collision with Earth and causing innumerable mythical catastrophes (including the opening of the Red Sea to allow Moses to cross dry-shod). All of course not supported by the scientific community today, but you can imagine how exciting it was for a poor Muslim boy to think about."

 $^{"}I$ am Ashamed to say that I cannot remember her name and have not been able to find out what happened to her. I would very much like to meet her and thank her in person"

"Perhaps Mamat, you will meet her again in Paradise!"

Episodes 7 –13 to follow

Hangklip/Kleinmond Community Police Forum

Notice: Annual General Meeting 13 November 2014 @ 17h00 Crassula Hall, Betty's Bay

The Annual General Meeting of the Hangklip/Kleinmond Community Police Forum (CPF) is scheduled to be held on the 13th November to accept new membership and also to elect an Executive Committee for its new term of office. Representation from all community based organisations is invited and it is essential that Betty's Bay remains active on the main Forum to ensure that the needs of our community continue to receive attention. The Hangklip/Kleinmond CPF covers an area from Arabella in the east to Rooi Els in the west.

The Constitution of the RSA provides for the establishment of CPF's. The principle aim of a CPF is for community based organisations and SAPS to establish a partnership to seek solutions to safety and security matters of mutual concern and to promote co-operation between the community and SAPS aimed at safeguarding its community against criminal

activities and striving for a safe and secure environment. A further aim of a CPF is to exercise civilian oversight in respect of the SAPS aimed at ensuring local police accountability, transparency and effectiveness in a community.

The dramatic increase in crime in our respective areas calls on all of us to ensure that the Forum remains effective in assisting SAPS in seeking ways in combating crime and dealing with our specific problems.

The Forum is representative of Community Based Organizations and Community Safety structures. The respective Ratepayers' Associations of Kleinmond, Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay have been active in the past in establishing structures (Neighbourhood Watches) in their respective towns but it is essential that other organisations also become involved.

An Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, Project Coordinator, Public Relations Officer and Additional Members shall be elected from these community based organisations. To achieve this we need to invite applications from:

Ratepayers' Association;

Community Safety Structure (Neighbourhood Watches);

Community Organisations;

Church Groups;

Business Chamber:

Social Welfare:

Schools.

The SAPS Station Commander and Sector Police Officers of the respective sectors will be statutory members of the Executive Committee. Municipal Law Enforcement and Private Security Providers will also be encouraged to attend meetings of the Forum.

The Ward Councillor will be an ex-officio member of the Forum.

We appeal to all interested organisations to give serious consideration to registering as a member and nominating a representative.

Dan Fick

Bonsai Event

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There will also be master classes available to anybody who would like to start their own bonsai collection. Cost there off will be available at a later stage.

Anybody who would like to find out more on this event can call Willem Slabber on 079 181 0852 or visit at Café El 'Ora at Shop 1, Village Centre, Betty's Bay

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