



Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch

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Dear members

OPENING STATEMENT

1. Thank you, thank you to all that have donated into our coffers, this has given us confidence to go ahead with improving our service to the community.
2. Thank you to everyone for your inputs, suggestions and crime reporting. Now that we have moved all the poaching reporting to the correct forums on WhatsApp we have more time following up on other watch admin and development.

MEETINGS

3. On the last Wednesday of each month we meet at the Crassula Hall and discuss matters pertaining to crime prevention. Below is the list of member that get together for the benefit of the community. We also have invited guests to come and talk to us about thing important in the villages. Meetings last about two hours.

Wayne Jackson	Chairperson	BBNW	Active member
Rob Morrisby	Secretary	BBNW	Coordinator
Gerald Scholly	Controller	Sunny Seas	Active member
Zachie Loodts	Controller	Central	Active member
Fanie Krige	Councillor	Ward 10	Passive member
Jacques Oosthuizen	Chairperson	CPF	Advisor
Dennis Greenwood	Responder	Stony Point	Active member
Herman Breedt	Responder	Stony Point	Active member
Analize Breedt	Responder	Stony Point	Active member
Blacky Swart	Responder	Lake Side	Active member
Colin Mc Gregor	Advisor	BBNW	Active member
Donovan Ackerberg	Area rep	Rondevlei	Active member
Ruby Ackerberg	Area rep	Rondevlei	Active member
Conrad Louw	Responder	Silver Sands	Active member
Penny Davidson	Area rep	Rondevlei	Active member
Neville Ackerberg	Area rep	Rondevlei	Active member
Brian Van Der Merwe	Owner	Sandown Bay	Advisor
Johan Westland	Manager & AR	Sandown Bay	AR/Backup
Gerhard Bruwe	Owner	CULIVE	Advisor
Dolly Kirsten	Coordinator	CULIVE	AR/Backup
Freek Van Deventer	Manager & AR	BOLT	AR/Backup
Johan Pretorius	Manager	ASK	Advisor
Warren	Manager	ASK	AR/Backup

At the moment we are looking for area reps, these are people that walk regularly in their area of domicile that would notice changes very quickly and could report these changes to us.

INVITED GUESTS

4. Info talk on how to remove baboons from a house safely by Gavin Lundie and Renee Bish. Gavin Lundie is a resident of Rooiels for three years and previously a resident of Betty's Bay for nine years. He had the opportunity to learn about baboons from Joselyn Mormile and Dr Jenny Stark. Gavin has spent over 250 hours observing baboons in Rooiels. Gavin has on many occasions removed baboons from people's homes. He also knows all 26 of the individuals and spoke to us about getting them out of homes in a safe manner.

We absorbed the following.

5. The most important thing is to remain calm and create a calm and non-threatening environment or space. Clear the way for the baboons to make an easy exit. Two people would be beneficial. Everybody else can leave the immediate area until after the baboons have gone in order to clean up the mess.

6. In the event that the baboons have entered a house with nobody home and they have set off the alarm. The security companies will respond and attempt to remove the baboons, rightfully so as contracted. It is then extremely difficult for them to remove the baboons if they, (the security response people) do not have access into the house to create an easy escape route for the troop of baboons to exit the house. This situation is not ideal.

7. We are to approach them and usher them out quietly with positive body language. When approaching a baboon, they sometimes bare their teeth, this is a "fear grimace", meaning that the baboon is scared of *you*. Slightly bent over with arms gesturing to go out. Then the second person needs to prevent them from coming back into the house whilst the other person is gesturing the next baboon out of the house. Once they are all out of the house both individuals should usher the group/troop out of the garden or area.

8. If for some reason you are too frightened or not comfortable doing the ushering yourself, stand back and call Renee Bish or us and we will try and assist.

9. An important thing to note and keep in mind is that as soon as the baboons get frightened or feel threatened they defecate, start biting each other and jump all over the place. This is when the real damage is caused and we could prevent it from happening.

10. Gavin and Renee stated that in their opinion and with their experience working with baboons for so long, it was not necessary for sticks, stones, air guns, weapons and loud shouting. Calmness is the key here.

11. We were also given some insights to the baboon's body language and other useful tips about them. Interestingly, one of the most important facts is, to remove the human food source from the baboons and they will move on to foraging as they do naturally. We also learned baboons are not dangerous and have not attacked or harmed anybody in Rooiels in over 60 years.

12. Pets sometimes attack baboons but baboons will never attack a dog. The baboon will always try and escape. Baboons, as Gavin put it, are prey and not predators. Female baboons have no large canine teeth.

RUBBISH BINS AND BLACK BAGS

13. What could we do as members of the BBNW, both active and passive members do to help this rubbish and baboon problem? It was agreed that it would be beneficial if everybody had a rubbish bin with secure lid mechanism. The need to leave black bags on the side of the road will be eliminated. visitors and weekend home owners could engage with friendly neighbours to ensure the rubbish is seen to on the appropriate day. If there are no friendly neighbours then neighbourhood watch may be approached to help find an amicable solution.

OWNERS OF PROPERTY THAT RENT TO HOLIDAY MAKERS

14. It is clear that holiday makers have become targets for criminals. Visitors must be informed to be vigilant and security conscious when coming to Betty's Bay. Members are encouraged to spread this information to all.

CRIME STATS

15. In the future only one person from BBNW will attend JOCOM as opposed to two members and the official stats will be accepted as given. However we will also add our own stats to the mix when compiling our report to our members.

STREET/HOUSE NUMBERS AND ERF NUMBERS

16. This is a request to all our residents to try and put up on their walls the street/ house number as well as the erf number to make it easier for us to respond to emergencies. ie. There are new members added to our Watch all the time and not everybody is familiar with how the sequence of erf numbers work. When does a 5000 number pop up in a string of 3000 numbers and most importantly where? The street/ house numbers don't do this and follow a strict even and odd number system from the beginning of a road to the end.

BBNW AGM 2020

17. The AGM for 2020 will take place on Saturday 5 December at the Crassula Hall. Time 10:00. For now the following is important:

- a. There may only be 50 people present in the hall at any one time. Therefore the first 50 members that indicate that they are going to attend will be accommodated.
- b. An agenda will be made available prior to the meeting and everyone may return comments prior to the AGM to the Chair of the BBNW. The comment, opinions and suggestions will be collated and taken into account on the day. They will be read out to the members present and will form part of any decision taken.
- c. There will be a few constitution changes to be voted on and again this will be made available to everybody for comment prior to the AGM.
- d. There will be a few guests and award recipients invited to attend the AGM. This number will be kept to a minimum.

OPEN DAY

18. This is a day set aside for members and all home owners to engage on a one on one with the leadership of ASK, BBNW, BOLT, CULIVE and Sandown Bay Security. These days are set out as follows:

- a. Saturday 19 December 2020 from 10:00 to 12:00 followed by a “bring and braai”. Venue: the vicinity of Crassula Hall parking and BBNW HQ behind the Crassula Hall building.
- b. Saturday 9 January 2021 from 10:00 to 12:00 followed by a “bring and braai”. Venue: the vicinity of Crassula Hall parking and BBNW HQ behind the Crassula Hall building.

TRAINING AND PROJECTS FOR 2021

19. The following was agreed:

- a. Some sort of security training would be beneficial to the BBNW members. The what, the how and by whom will be finalized in 2021.
- b. Radio training will take place in January 2021 by Rob Morrisby for all radio users.
- c. DoCS training. There is a presentation produced by DoCS which is valid, relevant and important. Selected people will be approached to present sections of the presentation to the Watch members and whoever else would like to attend. Open to all depending on legal limitations.
- d. Discussions around the camera systems we require will continue this year and hopefully for implementation in 2021.

20. Accreditation remains a challenge for reasons we cannot comprehend. However we will continue operating under the authority of our CPF and SAPS.

BRAAI

21. On the 25 of November 2020 we will be having our end of year “bring and braai” at the back of Crassula Hall. Time 16:00 until completion. The braai is open to ASK members, BBNW active and passive members, BOLT members, CULIVE members and Sandown Bay Security members. If you receive this email, then you are a passive member and may attend. You may also contribute to the event if you so desire. We will not discuss religion or politics.

PARKING AREA MANAGERS

22. It was agreed that the BBNW if required would manage the process of recruiting and oversight of the members during the holiday period. This is to be finalized shortly and implemented. Members will be cleared by the SAPS. The idea is to have car guards at Dawidskraal, Main Beach, Draadbaai and Silver Sands parking areas.

THANK YOU TO THE MUNICIPALITY

23. We also give a big thank you to the operations manager, Mr Denovan Van Rhodie, for his prompt response to two sign board replacements. The "To Beach" sign on corner of Myric and Disa was replaced within two days of us raising the matter. The other is the sign at the bottom of Crassula Rd indicating the penguin colony. This sign has been ordered and is waiting delivery.

IMPORTANT DATES

24. The following important dates are summarized below:

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| a. | 25 November 2020 | Braai |
| b. | 5 December 2020 | AGM |
| c. | 19 December 2020 | Open day |
| d. | 9 January 2021 | Open day |

CONCLUSION

25. We are in a good space going into the holiday season, however we all need to stay vigilant and report anomalies. May we all learn the importance of being part of community activities and how important we all are for each other's safety. For those that are leaving us for the holidays, may you have still winds and calm seas. For those returning and those that are staying, please be part of our safety efforts.

26. On the 28th of October we had our last meeting for the year and this might be the last bulletin for the year. If there is anything you would like to add or comment on please feel free to contact us.

Figure 1 The account details are as follow: Our ref is your erf no and bbnw

- **BBRA Current Account ABSA Hermanus,**
Branch Code 632005,
Account No **4066 6164 39**

Figure 2

Zone	Name	Surname	Cell number	Call sign
BBNW	Wayne	Jackson	0829281260	Alpha
Rondevlei	Donovan	Ackerberg	0728868323	Romeo
Stony Point	Rob	Morrisby	0825286053	Bravo
Central	Zachie	Loots	0834532344	Charlie
Sunny Seas	Gerald	Scholly	0832225598	Echo
Betty's Bay	ASK		0711359029	ASK
Betty's Bay	Bolt		0612001246	Bolt
Betty's Bay	CULIVE		0861626347	CULIVE
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 1
Betty's Bay	Sandown Bay		0670655420	Sandown Bay 2

Figure 3

