

Clifton-on-Sea and District Bungalow Owners' Association

Clifton, Glen Beach & Bakoven

Newsletter 4
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Annual General Meeting

We had a great turnout at the AGM, and an informative talk by Steve Townsend which focused on the history of our bungalows and the value attached to our heritage status. Minutes for the meeting have been circulated - please take particular note of the Title Deed item which has implications for your heirs as well as any plans you may have for developing/renovating your bungalow.

The Committee members / representatives for 2014/15 are as follows:

Paddy Walker	Chair
Steve Gordon	Vice Chair
Alan Berelowitz	Vice Chair
Diana Boynton	Treasurer
Warren Chapman	Second beach
Tony Mostert	Third Beach
Nina van Zyl	The Ridge
Cyril Harrisberg	Fourth beach
Damian Halford	Fourth beach
Tony Hare	Bakoven
Mitch Brown	Bakoven
Caro MacDonald	Bakoven
Emma Fonzari	Secretary (ex officio)

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Garage/Precinct Development Proposal

Dave Marais of City council gave the committee an informal update of their proposal to upgrade and develop 4th beach garages and surrounds. We await documentation from Council which we can share with the community. We will keep you informed of any developments in this regard.



BOA Fees & Payment

Fees: R2,250 per annum. If you haven't paid your 2014 fees please pay NEDBANK ACC: 1232099376 Reference: NAME/BUNGALOW No.



Upcoming Events

21 June

The annual Polar Bear swim is now in its 17th year on Saturday 21st June (nearest Sat to Solstice) at 10am. Plunge in to get the T-shirt – All welcome and the swim is for free.

Building and Planning

The BOA receives for comment all plans for renovations and/or building in the Clifton, Glen Beach and Bakoven bungalow areas.

We have addressed our concerns to the C of CT regarding lack of procedure. Like many other areas in Cape Town, the system of gaining approval for plans, lodging applications for departures and a non-responsive City Planning section causes frustration for everyone. We are soon to meet with officials to work out a way to ensure smooth transition of plans through the system.

We are working with Environmental and Heritage management to create a set of guidelines for bungalow owners. This is an opportunity to ensure Heritage Management is a key factor in the environmental and building planning, and it is incorporated into the official planning process. In the interim we urge you to familiarize yourselves with the Heritage Guidelines.

Click Here: http://www.capetown.gov.za/en/EnvironmentalResourceManagement/publications/Documents/HAP04_DesignInHeritageContext.pdf

Clifton Lifesavers Club

The Clifton Lifesavers are growing from strength to strength and has become one of the premier life saving clubs in South Africa. Something to be proud of as the Association has a long history of supporting the club.

Like all volunteer groups the club relies on sponsorship to buy equipment, maintain their crafts, clubhouse and boat shed and DHL has now filled that spot. Sponsors, as always, want bang for their buck – advertising and signs.

We are now looking at what signage we feel is appropriate in the area so as not to compromise the environmental heritage and beach experience for our residents and visitors.

We aim to create a set of guidelines for signage, both temporary and permanent for Clifton, Bakoven and Glen beaches and surrounds.



Problem Buildings

Number 76 Fourth Beach continues to be neglected and occupied by vagrants. We are persisting in our efforts to get this bungalow status resolved. Rumors persist about ownership and planned renovations and we know for a fact that the City is owed a huge sum for unpaid rates and that negotiations are underway to settle this debt. No sale or renovation can take place until this debt is sorted.



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Organised Ball Sports

At the AGM the thorny issue of ball sports on the beach was raised again. The committee is investigating an apparent commercial venture which is against all regulations.

Beach goers should be able to enjoy sand sun and sea without being restricted by roped off areas with balls like lose cannons threatening the safety of small children and others. More to follow.



Supporting our Community

The BOA has donated R5,000 to this initiative for much needed equipment. They continue to provide an invaluable service to our community.

Camps Bay schools are collecting books for their libraries. If you have any spare books lying around please contact Michele and she will collect the books from your home.

The Funny Festival Camps Bay High School Fundraiser is here again. Please consider getting a bunch of your friends together and supporting their Fundraiser which features the funniest South Africans performing live at the Baxter. Contact Michele for tickets. michele@tictac.co.za



How would you spend R700 000?

Ward 54, including Clifton and Glen beach has money to spend on a CAPEX project of our choice in 2015/16 year. Please send any suggestions of where you would like to see the money spent.

We will select the project of greatest value to our community and forward the suggestion to sub-council 16.

Please contact Emma as soon as possible with any ideas you have.

Proposals need to be submitted to council by 19th May. So far suggestions include removing and replacing the rusty path railings, better signage – directions to the beach and bungalows, greening the verges of the paths, security cameras, revamp of entrance to 4th beach and the promenade and reinforcement of banks.

Thanks to Beverley Schafer who has served our community extremely well and now heads off to Province. We wish her a thick skin and lots of luck.



Subscriptions

Subscription invoices for the Clifton residents have been posted and we urge you all to pay your dues. Last year we had 67 bungalows contributing and we hope to increase our collection rate this year. These are the only source of revenue the association has and we rely on your support to continue our work. The subscription amount remains unchanged at R2250 per annum for Clifton Bungalow owners and R300 for Bakoven and Glen Beach residents.