

## NRPA Newsletter November 2016

In this newsletter you can read about:

1. The status of the cell mast application in Dunedin Avenue
2. The required (by law) removal of Cape Wattle/Stinkwood from your garden
3. A summary of Level 3 water restrictions with distinction between municipal water and water from other sources
4. Eradicating the use of plastic straws in Noordhoek
5. SAN Parks/Equestrian meeting outcome
6. Planned Pecha Kucha evening for the Valley
7. Our Fibre in Noordhoek Survey
8. Slow Down and other 2030 related signage working group
9. NRPA EXCO succession for 2017

### **Planning and Land Use:** Cell Mast Application: Dunedin Avenue

Over 100 objections and some letters of support were copied to the NRPA. When asked for confirmation of these numbers after a report in the press, the city issued the following communication, *“Regarding the number of objections, this information is not available at this stage as the various letters of objection, support and late objection still need to be collated.”*

Objections will now be referred to the applicant for comment before a report is compiled. Depending on whether the case is approved or refused, the applicant or objectors will be able to appeal. Should this situation arise, the matter will be referred to the Mayor’s advisory panel for a final decision.

### **Treading Lightly:**

#### Alien Vegetation - Take responsibility

According to legislation, landowners are required to remove invasive aliens from their property. The November alert is for the Stinkbean or Cape Wattle which is a Category 1 alien.

If you have any of these on your property, please remove them. If you want advice on how to do so in an environmentally friendly way, please email [civic@nrpa.org.za](mailto:civic@nrpa.org.za).



### Level 3 Water Restrictions

The new water restrictions aim to keep usage in line with levels similar to the winter months.

Restrictions are already in place (as of 1 November 2017) and failure to comply will result in tariff increases for households not meeting the targets, from 1 December.

The following guidelines for the use of **municipal drinking water** should be observed:

*(i.e. Not groundwater, rain tank water, grey water...)*

- Gardens
  - ✓ Water with bucket only
  - ✓ No specific days but only early mornings and evenings when cool
  - ✓ Fountains must use recycled water only
- Cars and other surfaces
  - ✓ Bucket only
- Pools
  - ✓ Can top up with hose only if you have a pool cover to prevent unnecessary evaporation
- Sports Fields
  - ✓ Can water but no laying of new fields or new planting/landscaping (unless using non-potable water)
- Businesses & Schools have different guidelines.

More information can be found at [Water.Restrictions@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Water.Restrictions@capetown.gov.za)

*If you use sources other than municipal water (i.e. Boreholes, well-points, grey water, rain tank water) please be aware that this is NOT an unlimited resource. Should your source dry up, it may not replenish and you will have to relocate your pump. There is no guarantee that once dried up, you will find a different aquifer on your property. It is in all of our interests to preserve our underground water resource.*

*Signage is required if you are making use of other water sources and details can be found below:*

- Distinguish between ground and other non-potable water
  - Non-borehole/well point sources: Signage required – must be visible (visit website: <http://resource.capetown.gov.za/documentcentre> to print)
  - Ground (borehole/well points) must be registered and you will receive the correct sign to use [www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater](http://www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater) or [Boreholewater@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Boreholewater@capetown.gov.za)
- **Please use all non-municipal sources of water responsibly and sparingly. Water only in the early mornings and evenings.**
- **For the 24 hours after ground-soaking rain – no watering is permitted regardless of the source.**

## Plastic Straws

A local resident, Karoline Hanks, has initiated a campaign to promote the use of paper straws in local restaurants. This is aimed at raising awareness about the long life-span of plastic straws in the environment.



## **Horses**

A second meeting was held regarding the surveying and reopening of paths in the wetlands. This is a joint project between SAN Parks and Noordhoek Equestrian User Group. In future a new Environmental Management Plan will be needed to address the needs of this group.

## **Noordhoek Unplugged**

Pecha Kucha (The art of concise presentations – 20 images in 20 seconds.)

Tentative plans are being laid to host a Pecha Kucha event in the Valley in April 2017. Anyone who wants to volunteer with organisation of this is asked to email [info@nrpa.org.za](mailto:info@nrpa.org.za).

You can find more information at [www.pechakucha.org](http://www.pechakucha.org).

## Fibre in NH

Ratepayers are encouraged to participate in the survey on the NRPA website. Once there is evidence of the size of demand we can try to get Noordhoek further up the list, for connection to the cables which have already been laid.

## Slow Down & Other "Vision 2030" Signage

We are forming a project team to develop a wish list of "Slow Down" "Equestrian" "Leopard Toad" and other related 2030 signage. If you are keen to help us map out the signage required and where to locate such signs, in Noordhoek – please email [civic@nrpa.org.za](mailto:civic@nrpa.org.za).

## **Good Neighbours**

### Adult Education Classes (for Matrics)

Eric Mqambeli who works with ABET, is offering Adult Education classes in Masiphumelele. The classes run from Monday to Thursday and are held in Ukhanyo Primary School from 18:00 to 21:00. Registration fee: R100.00

Anyone interested can obtain further information by emailing [lindiex@webmail.co.za](mailto:lindiex@webmail.co.za) or calling cell: 0731154830

In addition to this, students have access to educational support and guidance from Susan Alexander at the Masiphumelele Library.

### Joint Ratepayers Meeting Organised by Constantia Ratepayers

An EXCO member attended a joint meeting of ratepayers representing Bergvliet, Bishopscourt and Constantia organised by Constantia RRA. There is much to learn and share between communities.

## **EXCO succession**

Two EXCO members will not be standing again at the 2017 AGM in March. Both Lynn Brown and Robin Stott have served 3 years, first on the Steering Committee and then as EXCO members of the NRPA. Our Constitution **requires** us to have 6 elected EXCO members, meaning that we will be 2 members short of fulfilling this requirement. Please consider standing. There is an opportunity to shuffle existing EXCO members so it is not a necessity that you volunteer for the Civic and Communication portfolios specifically. Anyone who wants to understand more about how much time this involves before committing can email [info@nrpa.org.za](mailto:info@nrpa.org.za). This is an opportunity for us to continue to grow our young organisation by adding new insight and expertise.

With thanks

NRPA Exco and Support