

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

Dear NRPA Members,

There are many worthy projects taking place in our creative valley and recently we have identified a few (more) that we hope you would agree are worthy of our financial support.

The Noordhoek Community Centre (NCC)

There has long been a need for a physical community centre in the valley. Thanks to the initiative of the Chapmans Peak Neighbourhood Watch and the hard work of a dedicated group, the Noordhoek Community Centre on Avondrust Circle is well on its way to becoming a real asset for the wider community.

So far, the NRPA has donated the tables and chairs for the meeting room and we will provide a further R2 000 as a start up fund for the ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the centre.

The National Sea Rescue Institute

Whether at sea or on land, in flood or in fire the selfless service of this amazing group of volunteers needs no introduction and many of us have experienced their help first hand. We had no hesitation in donating a much-needed R1 200, the cost of a life buoy, to the NSRI to be used wherever they feel the need is greatest.

Project Noordhoeked

Have you noticed that the beach, and Noordhoek in general, is looking a lot cleaner these days, a lot less dog poo on the paths or plastic lying on the verges? We have, and Sonette Hill came to a recent NRPA meeting to tell us a bit more about her project.

What started as a spontaneous plan to clean up the beach seems to be snowballing. Not only is Paul Kata employed on a regular basis but clean-ups have taken place on Ou Kaapse Weg and Houmoed Rd with the help of many men remunerated in either cash or kind. Another exciting outcome is that Sonette has involved the children of the Noordhoek Football Club. The kids were amazed at how quickly they filled so many bags of rubbish around the sports fields; while 60 boys filled hundreds of bags outside Masi. The project also supported them by sponsoring soccer clothes and balls and has contributed enormously to a growing awareness amongst the children of the implications of tossing sweet papers and more onto the ground.

The NRPA will assist by pursuing some of the broader issues to support the initiative e.g. with the city regarding the lack of bins at the sports fields; with the rugby and soccer clubs about cleaning up after themselves; with the recycling organisations that make a mess as they collect. The NRPA will also donate R500/month to the project for a period of 1 year as an initial commitment.

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Regards,
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