



PENNINGTON CONSERVANCY – November 2019

Dear Members

It won't be too long and Pennington will be bursting at the seams with holiday makers and visitors. We have a lovely village and there is a great sense both of pride and appreciation of the beauty of Pennington. And, yes there remains much to be done but the spirit of protecting and enhancing what we have remains strong and hopefully the New Year will see definitive strides made in this regard. As I write this, we still await decision from the Umdoni Municipality regarding the lease of the Impithi Beach Restaurant (the official municipal name). Our lease officially ends at the end of November so hopefully a decision will be made in the near future.

An event for all members is the Annual Cocktail Party which will be held on the 29th of November at 17H00. Tickets at R 75 are available from the Kiosk and it would be advisable to get your tickets early as the legendary snacks and treats are hugely popular.

There are also two opportunities to enjoy an early Christmas lunch either on the 21st or 24th of November. Please remember to book early. These lunches are very popular and wonderful value. Please see the Facebook page for details.

On the 15th December 2019 we are hosting a book launch for the new book written by Dr Judy Mann on interesting things to see in the inter tidal zones. The book, Rocky Shores, will be a great asset to assist beach goers to identify the myriad of interesting life forms in the rock pools along our shores. I'm hoping that we can find some interesting edibles to enhance the menu at the kiosk. This event will be advertised closer to the time.

The project for the supply of fresh organic vegetables will have its first run during the third week of November. To date 16 boxes have been made available and there has been considerable interest in the project. If you would like to participate in the project step one is to reserve your box with a refundable deposit of R 100. You will then get your name written on a box and each week the box will be filled with fresh and organic vegetables. The boxes will be available at the Kiosk from the first week of November.

My apologies once again for the mistakenly setting up of a WhatsApp Group. It was supposed to be a WhatsApp Broadcast but sadly I pressed the wrong buttons and things went steadily downhill from there. I'm grateful to Arnoud Wienese who came to the rescue and now the WhatsApp Broadcast is operational. If you want to be part of the WhatsApp Broadcast you need to add the Pennington Conservancy number +27 66 371 5631 to your contacts and send a WhatsApp to that number. This has the advantage of receiving notifications of upcoming events without receiving the responses common to WhatsApp Groups.

I had hoped to provide details of the plans for the future of the Kiosk and other projects but we will need to stall on this until we have some confirmation regarding the lease.

kind regards
Mike Lillyman