

## PENNINGTON CONSERVANCY – June 15

Dear Members

The collection of plastic recycling took place last Wednesday morning and it was amazing to see just how much plastic arrived in two short hours. The improvement in the quality of the plastic was evident and there were almost no unsorted bags but regrettably there will always be those people who fail to understand the principle of recycling and confuse it with arbitrary dumping.

There is a holiday tomorrow which has upset our schedule a little so, the next collection date will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11h00 when we will collect glass. We are going to try to load the glass directly onto the truck to avoid handling the bags unnecessarily and avoiding possible breakages. This means that it is essential that only clean glass is brought to the Kiosk parking area as we will not be able to accept any other recycling on the day.

One load of recycling has been removed from the recycle depot and we have a few more to go. Sadly, there is a tremendous amount of unsorted and non-recyclable waste remaining at the depot most of which will end up at the landfill.

We are still trying to grapple with opening the recycle depot again and the unclear future of the Tea Gardens simply adds to the problem.

The tender for the Impithi Beach Restaurant closed last Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020. One other bid was submitted from a Mr Naidoo of Hibberdene, however no details of the bids were released. We now must wait for the Municipality to evaluate the functional part of the bids and it is only if the bids pass the functionality test that the financial element is then assessed. There is no clear timetable for this process to be completed which places us and the kiosk staff in a very precarious position. The government assistance for staff who are unable to work due to lockdown conditions started off well and we received two payments in May to assist the staff however, subsequently we only received payments for four employees and it is uncertain if any other payments will be made. We have made provision to ensure that the staff will receive at least 50% of their normal salaries however the situation is deteriorating at an alarming rate as we now also face the prospect of losing the kiosk and our primary source of income. All positive comments and suggestions would be very welcome.

The informal walk through Nkomba is scheduled for Saturday 20 June starting at 09h00. The objective is for members to walk along the paths and other areas and then to create a list of priorities for Nkomba. Please bring along a chair and some refreshments. For any further information please give Mary a call on 083 4415 084 and don't forget to bring some secateurs along to trim the paths.

Finally, a sincere thank-you to all the members who have paid their subscriptions for the year. We will be updating the members list by the end of June. If you know of anyone who for some reason does not receive the emails and notifications, please let us know so we can rectify the situation.

Kind regards

Mike