

Great Brak River Forum

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September Letter From the Great Brak River Forum.

Dear Member,

Should readers want more details of what is happening at the Great Brak River Forum, you can now download or read information and minutes at

1) www.greatbrakriver.com or on www.greatbrakpost.com

After much consultation and a detailed investigation, we have submitted our response to the proposed Mossel Bay Re-zoning Scheme. The re-zoning proposal standardizes building regulations for the Mossel Bay municipality and whilst having its good points, it has failed to address the many concerns of Great Brak River. The rapid development taking place in Great Brak River and surrounding areas leading to problems encountered with flooding issues is a case in point. We are pleased to see that the municipality are to appoint consultants to investigate the storm water problems.

We have also had some feed back in that the consultation process with the municipality, which has been sadly lacking, appears to be improving.

The Forum organized a meeting to discuss the problems potential occupiers are having with housing at Wolwedans extension One. Councillor Barry Jacobs was the only invited party to attend. The municipality and other representatives failed to put in an appearance. Fortunately Councillor Barry Jacobs enlightened the committee on some of the issues and has undertaken to address the matter. A meeting of the various parties was also scheduled to take place on the 18th of August but was unexpectedly cancelled.

Great Brak River lacks adequate road direction and information signs. This also contributes to excessive speeding as visitors do not know which road to take or how far it is to get there. Typically the sign to Friemersheim fell down some years ago and has never been replaced. Mr D Viljoen from the municipality has undertaken to try and sort this out.

We have requested the following signage to be installed and for the speeding problem in Long street to be investigated.

- 1) Exit from N2 into Great Brak "Historic Village 1859"
- 2) Entry from N2 into Long Street (two) "Village Centre, Information Office and Museum"
- 3) Entry from R102 into Long Street and into Station Road "Friemersheim (with kms)".
- 4) At intersection of Long Street and Amy Searle Street "Information Office, Museum, Greenhaven (with kms), Wolwedans (with kms) and Friemersheim (with kms)"
- 5) Old road to George
- 6) Exit from R102 into Morrison Road "Island (with kms), Hersham (with kms), Outeniquastrand (with kms) and Glentana (with kms)"

A large part of the trouble emanates from the fact that both Station road and Long street are still provincial roads. The province is very reluctant to deviate from its laid down procedure.

Did you know that the greater Great Brak area has three traffic officers. Have you ever seen one except when being caught in a speed trap?

The Great Brak River Festival now has an all important sponsor. Land en Strand will be providing financial assistance for this year's November festival.

The next business bowls afternoon was to take place at 3 pm on the 7th September but was cancelled as the ground was still too soggy. It has been postponed to the 1st Thursday in October..

The municipality are at present assessing the extensive flood damage in and around Great Brak River. Whilst natural rain water must not be deliberately channelled onto neighbouring property, it needs to be able to access the nearest municipal storm water drain. Building high walls around properties on steep slopes is not a good idea.

We thank those members who wrote to us concerning the present road repair work in Long Street. The letter we received from the municipality stated that some of the Great Brak River Streets including Long Street would be sealed (not resealed) which as we understood is retarring. The patch work carried out to date in Long Street is totally inadequate and we will again be writing to them.

At the request of the Great Brak Information Office and to Market the village, Brochure Management are producing an A3 size map of Great Brak River and some of the surroundings. Should you wish to advertise, please contact Lou Van Lieshout at lou@bradandelke.co.za or 083-734-5980

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