

# NEWSLETTER/ NUUSBRIEF

Keeping the Strandveld community connected and informed/ Hou die Strandveld-gemeenskap verbind en ingelig

## Nota van die Voorsitter Oom De Wet Groenewald

Groete aan al ons Strandveld Plaaswag Lede

Ons het reeds verlede jaar besluit om kwartaalliks, na elke bestuursvergadering, 'n nuusbrief uit te bring.

Op 16 Desember het ons, in samewerking met Gansberg Nuus, 'n Expo by Lomond Wynlandgoed gehou. Die weer het nie saamgespeel nie, maar daar is darem 'n paar rand ge-in.

Ons probeer steeds om 'n gemeenskap rondom die plaaswag te skep, maar het meer ledebetrokkenheid en ondersteuning nodig.

In Februarie het ons gepoog om 'n Algemene Jaarvergadering te hou, maar slegs 15 mense het opgedaag en geen besluite kon geneem word nie, weens die gebrek aan 'n kworum. Kom ons hoop dat daar in die toekoms 'n groter belangstelling sal wees.

Drie gevalle, waar SAPD se dienste benodig was, is aangemeld. Dit sluit in 'n dronkbestuurvoerval, 'n poging tot motordiefstal op Blomrug-plaas en 'n gefnuikte inbraak in die dorp.

Daar was ook twee gevalle waar CMC en CTS gehelp het. Ons het ook 'n paar voorvalle gehad van ongelukke op die R43, sommige weens vee in die pad.

Ons gaan eersdaags 'n verkiesing vir 'n nuwe Voorsitter moet hou soos bepaal in ons Grondwet. Die datum sal aangekondig word.

Groete, Oom De Wet Groenewald,

Voorsitter



## Services we offer the Strandveld community

1. Regular paid - for patrols by CTS
2. CTS support if and when needed
3. Radio platforms and equipment for members to use to communicate
4. Cameras to support vehicle tracking and also improve monitoring in our area
5. Management of maps so that security and emergency services can locate and support members if and when needed
6. WhatsApp groups for ease of communication
7. Attendance of regular local meetings with other role players including the Municipality, SAPS, Community Policing Forums and other Plaaswag organisations
8. Panic buttons, although this system is being reviewed
9. Members can also utilise the services of CMC for any medical emergencies
10. Fund raising for equipment
11. The newly formed reaction unit
12. Management of the website
13. Management of all compliance requirements including registration with certain bodies, management of funds to support patrols and member services and the management of a Plaaswag constitution

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## Note from the Chairman Oom De Wet Groenewald

Greetings to all our Strandveld Plaasweg Members

We already decided, at the end of last year, to bring out a quarterly newsletter after a management meeting. This is our first one.

On December 16, in collaboration with Gansberg News, we held an Expo at Lomond Wine Estate. The weather didn't play along, but at least we received some money.

We continue trying to create a community around the farm watch, but we need more member involvement and support.

In February, we attempted to hold an Annual General Meeting where only 15 people showed up and no decisions could be made, due to the lack of a quorum. Let's hope there will be increased interest in the future.

Three cases were reported where SAPS's services were needed. These included a drunken driving incident, an attempted car theft on Blomrug farm and a foiled break-in in the village.

There were also two cases where CMC and CTS helped. We have also had a few incidents of accidents on the R43, some due to livestock in the road.

We will soon have to hold an election for a new Chairperson as stipulated in our Constitution. The date will be announced.

Regards, Oom De Wet Groenewald,

Chairperson

## Dienste wat ons aanbied aan die Strandveld-gemeenskap

1. Gereelde betaalde patrollies deur CTS
2. CTS ondersteuning indien en wanneer benodig
3. Radioplatforms en toerusting vir lede om te gebruik om te kommunikeer
4. Kameras om voertuigopsoring te ondersteun en ook om monitoring in ons omgewing te verbeter
5. Bestuur van kaarte sodat sekuriteit en nooddienste lede kan opspoor en ondersteun indien en wanneer benodig
6. WhatsApp-groepe vir gemak van kommunikasie
7. Gereelde bywoning van plaaslike vergaderings van ander rolspelers insluitend die Munisipaliteit, SAPD, Gemeenskapspolisiëring Forums en ander Plaasweg-organisasies
8. Paniekknoppies, alhoewel hierdie stelsel hersien word
9. Lede kan ook gebruik maak van die dienste van CMC vir enige mediese noodgevälle
10. Fondsinsameling vir toerusting
11. Die nuutgestigte Reaksie-eenheid
12. Bestuur van ons webwerf
13. Bestuur en nakoming van alle vereistes insluitend registrasie by sekere liggame, bestuur van fondse om patrollies en lededienste te ondersteun en die bestuur van die Plaasweg Grondwet

## Important contact info

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### *CTS ons plaaslike patrolliediensverskaffer*

Die Standveld Plaaswag werk saam met CTS in Gansbaai. As deel van u lidmaatskap voorsien CTS die volgende aan al ons lede:

- 24/7 nood gewapende reaksie
- 24-uur beheerkamer
- 24-uur reaksie om verdagte voertuie en mense te assesser
- CTS sal ander nooddienste (Brandweer, SAPD, CMC) kontak indien nodig en hierdie dienste na u eiendom of na die plek waar die noodgeval plaasgevind het, begelei.
- 24-uur paniekknoppie/radio paniek en noodkanaal monitering en reaksie
- Vuurwapenopleiding
- As lid kan u 'n terreinbesoek deur CTS aan u eiendom reël sodra lidmaatskap bevestig is (moet deur lid gereël word)

### *CTS our local patrol service provider*

The Standveld Plaaswag works with CTS based in Gansbaai. As part of your membership CTS provides all of our members with the following:

- 24/7 emergency armed response
- 24 hour control room
- 24 hour response to asses suspicious vehicles & people
- CTS will contact other emergency services (Fire, SAPS, CMC) when needed and escort these services to your property or emergency site.
- 24 hour panic button/radio panic & emergency channel monitoring and response
- Firearms training
- As a member you can arrange for a site visit to your property from CTS once membership has been confirmed (to be arranged by member)

## *CMC Kritieke Mediese Sorg Lidmaatskapdienste*

Ingesluit by die Strandveld Plaaswag ledegeld is 'n CMC uitroep en stabilisering diens.

In die geval dat u of 'n familielid 'n ambulans benodig, skakel u CMC en hulle sal 'n eenheid of 'n Rapid Response-eenheid na u ligging uitstuur en die pasiënt, sonder ekstra koste assesseer en stabiliseer. Indien die pasiënt na 'n hospitaal vervoer moet word, sal die pasiënt se mediese fonds hierdie koste dek. U gee u besonderhede aan hulle en u kry 'n CMC-lidmaatskapnommer, sodat ambulanspersoneel u mediese geskiedenis, agtergrond en mediese fondsnommer het. Dit voorkom dat u moeilike vrae moet beantwoord of papierwerk moet invul tijdens 'n reeds moeilike situasie.

## *CMC Critical Medical Care Membership Services*

Included in the Strandveld Plaaswag membership fees is a CMC call out and stabilization service.

In the event that you or a family member need an ambulance, you will call CMC and they will send out a unit or a Rapid Response unit to your location and assess and stabilize the patient at no additional cost. If the patient needs to be transported to a hospital, the patient's medical aid will cover this cost. You give your details to CMC and you will receive a membership number so ambulance staff know your medical history, background and medical aid number; so having to answer difficult questions or filling in paperwork is not needed during an already difficult situation.



## Portefeulje-opdaterings - Kommunikasie

### Radios: hou ons verbind

Ons het die afgelope paar jaar baie vordering gemaak met die radios, en met beurtkrag, en die selfoontoring in die Bbos-omgewing wat gereeld af is, het radios selfs meer belangrik geword vir ons veiligheid.

Daar is slegs 'n paar lede wat hul radios aktief gebruik, terwyl die meerderheid lede met radios dit nie gebruik nie, of nie weet hoe om dit te gebruik nie. Meer aandag sal deur die Plaasweg gegee word om lede met probleme, en diegene wat radios wil aanskaf, by te staan. Terugvoer van die lede wat hulle radios daaglik aktief gebruik, is goed. Die hele Bbos- en Gansbaai-gebied is gedek, met die uitsondering van 'n paar geïsoleerde blindekolle. Ons sukkel met ons huidige diensverskaffer wat nie die nodige rugsteun en ondersteuning verskaf nie, maar ons hanteer die probleem.

'n Paar wenke vir die nie-aktiewe radiogebruikers met die Hytera PD485:

1. As u radio in die laai gelê het of vir 'n lang tydperk nie gebruik is nie, skakel dit af en weer aan, gaan na buite en druk op die stuurknoppie. Dit help om die radio uit die "slaapmodus" te kry en weer by die toring aan te meld. Maak seker dat u skanderingsfunksie aangedui word volgens die foto hieronder (klein sirkel links aangedui met twee sirkelvormige pyltjies). Wanneer die skandering aan is, sal u uitsendings op die noodkanaal ontvang.
2. Agri Wes-Kaap het ook 'n noodfrekwensie beskikbaar gestel wat ons op die radios van alle lede geprogrammeer sal kry. Ons kyk ook na 'n gemeenskapskanaal vir algemene dringendheid. As u byvoorbeeld met 'n pap band vassit, kan u hierdie kanaal gebruik om hulp te kry.



## Portfolio Updates - Communications

### Radios: keeping us connected

We have made a lot of progress over the last few years with the radios and with loadshedding and the cellphone tower in the Bbos area being down frequently, radios have become even more vital for our safety.

There are only a few members actively using their radios, whereas the majority of members with radios don't use it, or don't know how to use it. More attention will be given by the Plaaswag to assist members with problems or those who would like to acquire radios. Feedback from the members who are actively using it on a day to day basis is good. The whole Bbos and the Gansbaai area is covered with the exception of a few isolated blind spots. We are having trouble with our service provider who is not providing the necessary backup and support, but we are busy dealing with the issue.

A few tips for the non-active radio users with the Hytera PD485:

1. If your radio has been lying in the drawer or has not been used for an extended period of time, switch it off and on again, go outside and press the transmit button. This helps to get the radio out of "sleep mode" and log onto the tower again. Make sure your scan function is on, as indicated on the picture below (little circle top left indicated by circular arrows). When the scan is on you will receive transmissions on the emergency channel.
2. Agri Western-cape also made available an emergency frequency which we will have programmed on all members' radios. We are also looking into a community channel for general urgencies. Should you, for example, get stuck with a flat tyre, you can use this channel to hail assistance.





## Cameras:

We continue to invest heavily in LPR cameras. We have also recently replaced some of the older cameras with new ones. These are used for monitoring and also vehicle tracking on the NAVIC LPR system, which can also give us early alerts and also support monitoring by SAPS and CTS. We have also had to deploy UPS units for these cameras so that they continue to work when there is loadshedding



## Kameras:

Ons belê steeds baie in LPR-kameras, en ons het ook onlangs van die ouer kameras met nuwes vervang. Dit word gebruik vir die monitering en ook voertuigopsparing op die NAVIC LPR-stelsel. Dit gee ons vroeë waarskuwings en ondersteun ook monitering deur SAPD en CTS. Ons moes ook UPS-eenhede vir hierdie kameras ontplooi, sodat hulle aanhou werk wanneer daar beurtkrag is.

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## Website and WhatsApp Groups and locations

Please visit our website for any additional information and any application forms

<https://strandveldplaaswag.co.za>

For any communications or enquiries around membership, or to add members to the WhatsApp information or emergency groups, please contact the Treasurer, Carla Kessler, on 079 432 2838 (**WhatsApp Only**) or email to [strandveldplaaswag@gmail.com](mailto:strandveldplaaswag@gmail.com)

We also request that you please share your PIN locations with us so that, should there be an emergency, it will be easy to share your information with CTS or emergency services.

Ons versoek dat u asseblief u PIN-liggings met ons deel sodat, indien daar 'n noodgeval is, dit maklik sal wees om met CTS of nooddienste u inligting te deel.

## FINANSIËLE BESTUUR

### REKENINGE:

Lede kan een van die volgende betalingsplanne kies:

- Maandeliks (betaalbaar op die laaste dag van elke maand)
- 6-maandeliks (betaalbaar op die laaste dag van Januarie & Julie)
- Jaarliks (betaalbaar op die laaste dag van Januarie)

Ons reik fakture 6-maandeliks uit, ongeag die gekose betaalmetode van 'n Lid, maar enige betalings wat ontvang word, word onmiddellik aan die Lid se rekening in Sage Accounting toegeken.

Ons stuur slegs state uit wanneer dit deur 'n Lid versoek word, of wanneer 'n Lid se rekening agterstallig is.

Ons is hier om te help, so kontak asseblief ons Tesourier, Carla Kessler, by 079 432 2838 (slegs WhatsApp) of strandveldplaaswag@gmail.com, indien u enige rekeningnavrae het, of as u finansiële situasie verander het.

U kan 'n *Aansoek om die Vermindering/Opskorting van Ledegeld* vorm voltooi, wat sal verhoed dat u rekening agterstallig raak en u lidmaatskap gekanselleer word.

Dit sal ook verseker dat u op ons WhatsApp-groepe en op die ledelys wat aan CTS gestuur word bly.

Indien u van die Strandveld Plaaswag wil bedank, voltooi asseblief 'n *Lidmaatskap-bedankingsvorm*. Bogenoemde vorms is beskikbaar by ons Tesourier of u kan hulle aflaai vanaf ons webwerf (strandveldplaaswag.co.za).

Na voltooiing, WhatsApp of e-pos asseblief aan ons Tesourier.

### Lede:

Ons het tans 76 lede, 28 Buurtwag en 48 Plaaswag.

Ongelukkig moes ons onlangs die lidmaatskap van 'n paar Lede, wie se ledegeld langer as 2 maande agterstallig was, kanselleer.

Ons doen 'n beroep op Lede om asseblief te verseker dat hulle:

- hul ledegeld voor die vervaldatum op die faktuur betaal, om te verhoed dat hul rekening agterstallig raak.
- ons Tesourier in kennis stel van enige veranderinge aan hul kontakbesonderhede (selfoonnommers/e-posadresse), sodat CTS en CMC altyd hul korrekte kontakbesonderhede het in geval van nood.



## Portfolio Updates - Member and Financial Services

### ACCOUNTS:

Members can choose from one of the following payment plans:

- Monthly (due on the last day of every month)
- 6-monthly (due on the last day of January & July)
- Annually (due on the last day of January)

We issue invoices 6-monthly, irrespective of a Members' chosen payment method, but any payments received are immediately allocated to the Member's account in Sage Accounting.

We only send out statements when requested by a Member, or when a Members' account is in arrears.

We are here to help, so please contact our Treasurer, Carla Kessler, on 079 432 2838 (WhatsApp only) or [strandveldplaaswag@gmail.com](mailto:strandveldplaaswag@gmail.com) should you have any account queries, or if your financial situation has changed.

You can complete an *Application for the Reduction/Suspension of Membership Fees* form, which will prevent your account from going into arrears and your membership from being cancelled.

This will also ensure that you remain on our WhatsApp Groups and on the Members' List sent to CTS.

Should you wish to resign from the Strandveld Plaaswag, please complete a *Membership Resignation* form.

The above mentioned forms are available from our Treasurer or you can download them from our website ([strandveldplaaswag.co.za](http://strandveldplaaswag.co.za)). After completion, please WhatsApp or email to the Treasurer.

## Members

We currently have 76

members,

28 Neighbourhood Watch

and 48 Farmwatch.

Unfortunately, we've recently had to cancel the memberships of a couple of members, whose membership fees had been in arrears for more than 2 months.

We urge Members to please ensure that they:

- pay their membership fees before the due date on the invoice, to prevent their account from going into arrears.
- inform our Treasurer of any changes to their contact details (cellphone numbers/email addresses), so that CTS and CMC always have their correct contact details in case of an emergency.

# Members