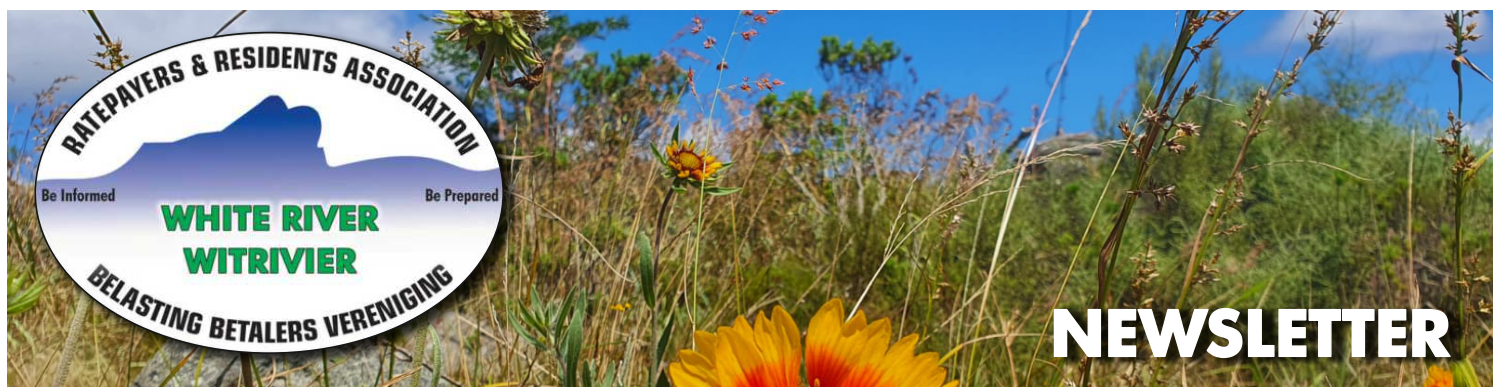




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Good day everyone. We have had quite a varied month with periods of heavy rain and some sweltering days in between. At least the CMLM has been able to finally deal with some of the problems affecting residents. It too far too long for them to discover that the supply pipe from the water treatment works was broken and delivering water direct into the drain instead of into many households. Ten days is a long time to be without water. There are still manholes to be covered, potholes to fill, streets to clear of weeds and grass, and others. Keep your observations coming, so that Rowan can pass them on.

QUESTION

How do I keep my 60 year old husbands heart rate up?

Answer: Tell him you are pregnant

An interesting proposed development has come to light – namely to create a blueberry farm next to the R40 on the left-hand side of the road on the way up to Casterbridge.

The WRRRA has registered as an Interested and Affected Party even though the farm is not in Ward 30. A few issues have been raised already, not least the abstraction of water.

We will keep you posted.

QUESTION

Where should 60+ year olds look for glasses?

Answer: On their foreheads

At the last monthly committee meeting a proposal was put forward which, if followed through, will affect every resident of White River. It was decided after some considerable discussion to take the initial steps in declaring a dispute with the Mbombela council.

This action can be taken if a community decides that service delivery from its council has become so poor that the said community wishes to undertake management of its own infrastructure and other affairs by itself.

Of course, this requires:

1. With-holding of rates payments and creation of an account to fund the town

2. A large amount of money to cope with legal fees
3. A group of contractors to be engaged to take on the maintenance and repair work.

The committee has decided to seek legal advice on the proposal as an initial step. The process has been successfully completed in other municipalities in the country, so it is not impossible.

However, the cash resource to fund such a move is very large and it can only be considered if a large majority of the residents and owners are not only in favour, but are willing to actively support it. There is no doubt that the existing membership and reserve funds are not enough, but the thought is that to make the Council aware that we are unhappy about their exiting service delivery might bring about improvement.

Please therefore consider the idea seriously and feel free to ask questions on the subject. It is a big move so give it some deep thought.

Please wear your masks, to cover your noses as well. Vaccines are slowly arriving so this way of life should not go on for ever!

QUESTION

Is it common for 60+ year olds to have short term memory storage problems?

ANSWER

Storage is not the problem, retrieving it is. The memory banks get crowded with age and for an item to find its way to the front takes time

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