



NEWSLETTER



DEAR MEMBERS

Hello again. Some sort of good news to start. The CMLM has been flouted in its plan to build a private school next to the Rugby Club by the school itself, which has declined to move from Nelspruit to White River. It was an ill-thought-out idea in the first place. The municipality has sent out a letter declaring that they wish to sell the land. Actually, they only refer to the land occupied by the Rugby Club itself and not the portion alongside the clubhouse. This was all discussed extensively at the last WRRRA Exco meeting. The WRRRA wants the council to offer the adjoining land to the Department of Education, to build a much-needed primary school.

There was no clarity as to the whereabouts of the actual deeds of donation of the land to the White River Transitional Council, and the documents relating to the transfer of the land to Mbombela. These are important to confirm what conditions were required, if any, by the donor. Further inquiries and searches are being made.

Given that the letter from the council is muddled and without sense, it was decided after discussion that a lawyer's letter would be written to the council asking for an explanation.

"The Only reason they say "women & children first" is to test the strenth of the lifeboats



Ronnie Bester Park Cleanup

Don't you think that The Power of 8000 has done a great job of Ronnie Bester Park, It looks now like a town park worthy of the name. A great contribution and there is apparently more to come. As you know they associate themselves with the WRRRA, in terms of wanting the best for White River and helping the WRRRA to increase its membership. Regretfully there is a large number of residents and ratepayers who think that to report breakdowns on chat groups is enough contribution. One should not forget that the basic infrastructure of the town is crumbling and the WRRRA needs many more members to have sufficient voice to make the council understand that things have to be done and now. having said that the council has requested a meeting with representatives of the WRRRA in order to discuss the issues we have raised. This could develop into real progress.

"I have kleptomania. When it gets bad, I take something for it"



Water In Our Town

Rob McQueen, our committee member who keeps an eye on the water story locally told us that the catchment people have calculated that from 2005 - 2035, White River's water consumption will double. Our existing canals, pipes, and dams will not cope so something must be done, and now. We, therefore, need a council, with funds, that does more than change street lights and fill potholes. Do the residents see now why we need a strong voice to make them act on the major development projects that must be got going. Allocate land for schools, enlarge the sewage infrastructure, run the water treatment works properly, and so on, not to mention build some public toilets, enlarge the clinic.

So dear member, please spread the word about the WRRRA and see if you can recruit another member yourself.

"Laywers believe a man is innocent until proven broke"

VAGRANTS BECOMING A GROWING ISSUE

Vagrants is a growing issue. Again this issue has been raised with the council and the SAPS. Both seem to be incapable of action. It has been reported at high level without response so far.



LAND GRAB JUST SOUTH OF TOWN ON THE R40

I have delayed the circulation of this newsletter to cover the latest news from the attempted land grab just south of the town on the R40. The subject was a small plot of land next to the road, which was already the subject of a court interdict aimed to prevent such activity in 2019. There was a lot of highly charged posting on all the local chat groups. The WRRRA was more than once charged with being absent and essentially worthless Well this was not the case. The WRRRA acted with the Community Policing Forum as soon as the issue arose - quietly and purposefully, without fanfare.

Before the weekend a procedure had been decided, with the SAPS, and this was followed today Monday 24th May. A posting by Dewalt Oberholster has been put on the chat groups for all to see, along with recognition of the cooperation of the WRRRA.

Now one hopes that the residents of the town will see that chatting about a problem achieves very little, but putting on's support behind the WRRRA is what the town needs. Please all you members spread the word so that the WRRRA can act fully for the residents and ratepayers of the town .

"If God intended us to fly, He would have made it easier to get to the airport"

Please stay safe, and remember to spread the word about joining the WRRRA as a paying member. Together we are stronger

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