

October Newsletter

AGM

A reminder that our annual AGM will be held on 7 November at the 20h00 at the Kalk Bay Community Centre.

A formal notice of the AGM was sent out both in hard copy and via email last week. Please note that only the owners of property in St James and Kalk Bay are eligible to be registered as members and only registered members are eligible to vote. Nevertheless, the meeting is open to all residents and all are welcome. So, PLEASE:

- Register as a member as soon as possible if you are a property owner. Application forms are available on our website.
- Attend the AGM on 7 November. If you are a registered member and cannot attend, please arrange for a proxy to represent and vote for you. Again, forms and details are available on our website.

Utilisation of Available Surplus Funds

Over the past four years, through careful management of our budget, the SRA board has built up a reserve of about R570,000. Of this amount, the SRA is required to retain about R260,000 as a permanent reserve, leaving about R310,000 for allocation and expenditure by the SRA.

To take advantage of recent favourable developments, including the new City Law Enforcement patrollers, it is intended to propose to our members at the AGM that R230,000 be spent on various projects, including:

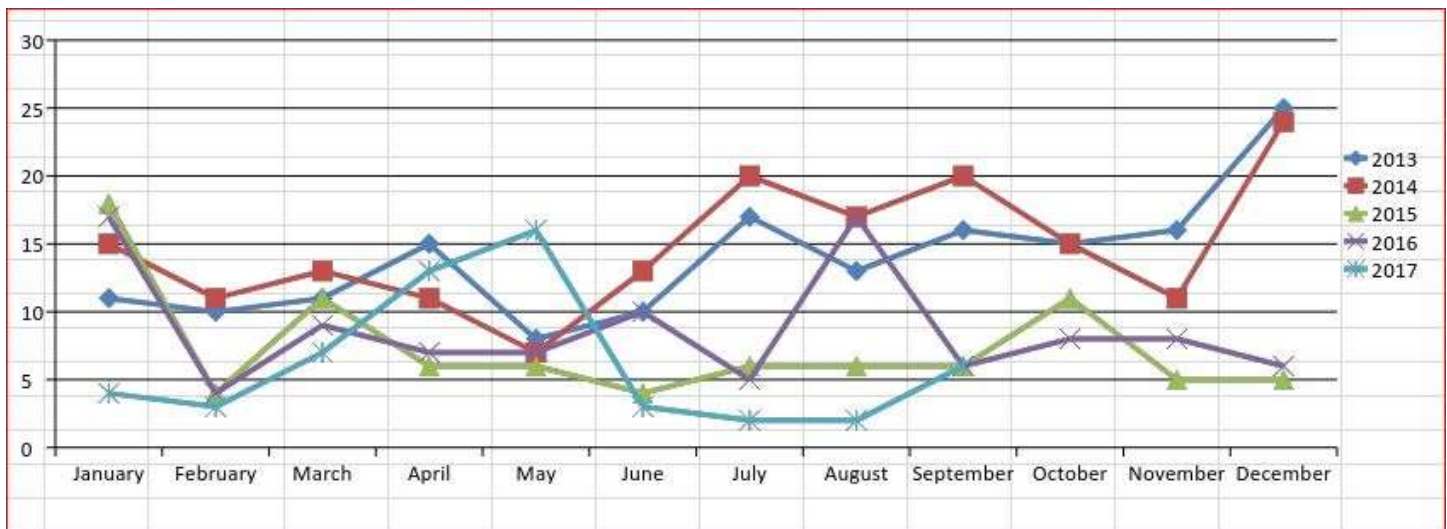
- The repair and recommissioning of four existing security cameras in Kalk Bay and the installation of two new cameras in St James. These cameras will be linked to monitoring facilities in Muizenberg and, in due course, to the City's new control room in Lakeside, where it will be linked to the City's overall crime monitoring system.
- Various other projects, mainly in respect of Public Safety and Social Development.

The proposed allocation is available on our website and further details will be provided at the AGM.

Crime Update

A graph of our year on year crime stats is attached. You will notice from the graph that the number of crimes reported during the month increased from 2 in August to 6 in September. However, this is the same number as in September last year and is significantly lower than in the years before our foot patrol system commenced.

Despite these generally positive statistics, the board remains concerned about various "hot spots" including the St James walk way, and continues to work closely with SAPS and City Law Enforcement to address criminal activity.



Tidal Pools

The City has recently been alerted by qualified interested parties that rare organisms thrive in the tidal pools and have recommended that there be suitable intervention with regards to the cleaning of the tidal pools to ensure that there is minimal disturbance of these creatures. Unique marine species, such as Nudibranchs, Pleurobranchs, Hares, Anemones, Worms, Urchins, Starfish, Sea Cucumbers, Cuttlefish, Octopus, Snails, Limpets, Crustations and fish are found in these pools and for this reason, cleaning of the pools in the manner done previously has been suspended.

These tidal pools fall within a marine protected area and the City felt compelled to adjust the standard cleaning protocol in order to clean the tidal pools more sensitively. Through collaboration with various interest groups and members of the public it has been possible to provide a facility safe for visitors to use while still enjoying the natural marine life.

Measures have since been taken to sensitively clean the pools. Only the tops of the walls, stairs and access points of Dalebrook tidal pool were cleaned on Sunday, 1 October, using scrapers to remove the algae and an environmentally friendly chemical was applied to remove any additional residue. These spaces have hardly any animals on them because they dry out at low tide. Furthermore, the contractor used environmentally friendly chemicals so that the animals in the pool were unaffected by the cleaning and the pool was safe for swimming immediately after the clean. The group of volunteers conducted a search and rescue before the clean and most of the animals were easily relocated.

The City has advertised for a cleaning contractor to clean all the tidal pools between St James and Woolley's pool and expects the scheduled cleaning to commence before peak season. Through this cleaning process the City of Cape Town aims to provide a facility for the public which is safe and enjoyable to use while still maintaining the integrity of the environment in which it is found.

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