

We are pleased to report that the SRA has had some success in dealing with the social problems arising out of homelessness and poverty.

All the young musicians plying their trade along Main Road, Kalk Bay, have been enrolled in the Waves for Change surfing program run in Muizenberg by Tim Conibear and his team, where they also receive a meal of soup and bread. Ester, the SRA Social Worker, has also managed to obtain school uniforms and has got 5 of them back into their respective schools. She is making visits to their parents to try to ensure that the children stay off the streets. Unfortunately it is extremely lucrative for the children (and their families) to continue to beg. PLEASE, we urgently request that you do not give any money to the street children as this only compounds their problems!

A joint community effort between residents has resulted in the triangular piece of ground between Anderson and Gatesville Roads being cleaned up. Overhanging branches had been used as sleeping and toilet facilities. This will be an ongoing project to make this area more attractive and easier to monitor. Ester is aware of the situation and is working to relocate those who have been using this area as their base.

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> March, Father Wilfred Meyer of the Holy Trinity Church in Kalk Bay has kindly offered space at the church for Ester to have an office from which to work and counsel.

A combined operation between Mountain Men Tactical Tracking Unit, Observation Unit and Special Response Team (SRT) was held on Saturday and Sunday. This resulted in the arrest of three people from Hanover Park (who had arrived in their own vehicle) on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The three suspects broke into and stole property out of a car parked on Boyes Drive, and then proceeded to remove the battery. Mountain Men officers closed in on them in a well-coordinated manoeuvre and arrested all 3 suspects. They were then handed over, together with the recovered stolen property, to the Muizenberg police officers who had arrived on the scene.

The directors of the SRA are currently carrying out an in depth review of its approach to Public Safety. This includes identifying the sources of crime and our priorities in terms of resources and our budget.

The following actions have already been undertaken:

- The incidents of car break-ins have been analysed and conclusions drawn on sites and times of occurrences
- The mountain observers have been increased in numbers and hours worked
- Plain clothes security personnel are being deployed on the ground based on the analysis of incidents
- A monitored high resolution camera is being set up in a property overlooking a number of hot spots

**PLEASE NOTE** - board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and any property owner or member of the public is welcome to attend the first half hour. Attendees are requested to forward any question or complaint to the Manager in advance so that a proper response can be prepared.

**KBSTJ SRA Management**