



# NATURES VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

## CHAIRMANS REPORT

**L**oad shedding, Covid-19, local elections, the July riots and a battered local economy had all taken their toll on the health and wellbeing of many of us and then the end of this year brought more bad news with the discovery of the new Covid -19 variant, Omicron and to top it all they cancelled the Plett Rage!!

Some good news is that Bitou has managed to navigate its way through a hung Council after the recent municipal elections and it appears that we have a Mayor, Speaker and a majority of Councilors that we hope will make a positive impact in Council and on the municipality. A new Municipal Manager is being actively recruited.



As outlined in this report, 2022 will be an important year for the property owners of Natures Valley. It will be a year in which we ask the community to work as one on agreeing a way forward on a number of important issues that require each and every one of us to communicate our position. Decisions need to be made that will help shape the future of the Valley and place more control over security and safety in our hands. So, in the spirit of "Valley Community" we ask you to please be



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alert to our communications and state your view when asked so that the right decisions can be made for the right reasons – we are counting on you to protect your investment.

Please pay particular attention to Sections 6,7, and 8 which sets out the background for many of the decisions to be made this coming year

## **THE REPORT**

### **1. In memoriam**

This year has sadly witnessed the passing away of the following owners.

Dr Albertyn (erf 88)

Elle Parker (erf 438)

Mrs Botha (erf 129)

Mr Booyse (erf 96)

Mike and Joanna Hervey (erf 55)

Pat Bond (erf 411)

Joey Unwin (erf 393)

The NVRA, on behalf of all its members, extends sincere condolences to the families of the deceased

### **2. Thanks for your support**

Throughout a difficult year for families and businesses alike, we extend our thanks for the support given to the NVRA and in particular to;

- our members who have continued to financially contribute to the NVRA during a difficult year for families and businesses alike. Your support is sincerely appreciated.
- Bitou LM and in particular to Anje Taljaard, Franclyn Samuel, Marcel Minnie and Douglas Baartman
- Our Bitou Superintendent, Marco Bernardo, who, together with his team, continue to make a real difference in maintaining our infrastructure in Natures Valley.
- SANParks and Euginia Mkhathshwa, Fundisile Halana, Mthandazo Tshofela and Pamella Matshayana
- Pippa Reyburn for supporting our many submissions to Bitou LM on zoning and SDP related matters
- James Allan for his support in funding the securing of wheely bins when we most needed it.
- Mike Lowe from Signtec in Plett for updating our NVRA banners (free of charge every year)



- To our residents who have helped with donations of bikes for the baboon monitors  
and to
- The Natures Valley Trust (NVT)

While we were sad to see Duncan Hay leave the NVT this year we extend our appreciation to Brittany Arendse, Kellyn Whitehead and the NVT team and trustees for their support in what has been a challenging year.

Throughout the year, the NVT has provided valuable assistance in areas such as wheely bin monitoring, baboon incident reporting, signage design and educational awareness as part of the baboon management programme and we thank them for their support

### **3. Arrivals and Departures**

We welcome new arrivals in Raymond Steyn (erf 378), Antoinette Reinders (erf 115), Nicky Palmer (erf 193) and Rodger Gilson (erf 305). A number of property owners have recently decided to make Natures Valley their permanent place of residence, and we welcome them home – what a good move!

We were saddened to see that after 53 years, Jeanne and Gustav Biesenbach have sold 305 and left the Valley to focus on life in Montagu. Jeanne unselfishly served Natures Valley as an NVRA committee member, co-opted member, chairperson and vice-chair for the last 20 years. Jeanne's valuable and often combative approach towards any threats to Natures Valley whether they be zoning, the sale of our public open spaces or baboon related, was greatly appreciated by many. The NVRA will miss her advice and guidance but wish both Jeanne and Gustav a well-earned rest and a good health.

### **4. Municipal Matters**

#### **4.1. Bitou Municipality, the Bitou Ratepayers Association**

The recent elections in Bitou saw the DA win 40.36% of the votes, the ANC (29.09%), the AUF (9.03%), Plett Democratic Congress (6.51%), the Patriotic Alliance (5.72%) and the Ikhwezi Political Movement 3.2%

The Council comprises 13 councilors. The DA has formed a coalition with the Active United Front and the Plett Democratic Congress. The coalition has 7 of the 13 seats and controls the Council. The Council representative for Ward 1 (which includes Natures Valley and Covie) is Jessica Kamkam. The Speaker is Claude Terblanche, and the Mayor is Dave Swart. We sincerely hope that the new Council can assist in improving service delivery to all in Bitou

#### **4.2. The Bitou Ratepayers Association**

Very little contact has been held with the BRA other than to exchange views on the various Bitou LM zoning proposals and amendments with the PBRA. We appreciate the advice and support provided by Bill Nel and Oliver Rissik of the PBRA.

# Activities and achievements over the last 12 months

## 4.3. The BITOU MoU

Our Memorandum of Understanding with Bitou through which the municipality provides a township superintendent to manage day to day maintenance, community services and communication in Natures Valley automatically terminates after formation of the new Council. Having a permanent Bitou Superintendent is an extremely important benefit to all property owners. An application for renewal of the MoU has been submitted to BLM and we will provide feedback to members on progress with the MoU renewal in the next newsletter.

## 4.4. The Waste Transfer Station (WTS), Waste Management and Recycling

As part of our Baboon Management Plan, the WTS has now been baboon proofed with the construction of a cage which encloses the recycling bins and the access hatch to the refuse building. It would be appreciated if property owners ensure that no plastic bags are left outside of the cage ever!



In view of the baboon issues experienced in Natures Valley, this is a special plea to those property owners who rent their property to holiday makers or friends of the family to ensure that their guests obey these simple but necessary guidelines.

- do not leave refuse in plastic bags on the road verge - either place it in a wheely bin or take it to the WTS and place it inside the brick enclosure. Don't place a bag on the verge next to the bin if the bin is full....this is not really a good idea unless you are a baboon!.....take it to the WTS.
- Make sure your wheely bin is baboon proof or at least make an effort to baboon proof it (bungy cords etc). "Tie downs" can be fitted by the NV Superintendent on request

## 4.5. Bitou waste management

All the Bitou domestic waste is currently carted by road in compacting containers to the PetroSA landfill site near Mossel bay at significant cost. The permit allowing Bitou to dump their waste there has been extended to 2023.

The Eden Region has started the process of constructing a new regional landfill site which should be ready to receive waste in February 2023. This site is also located near Mossel Bay so it is imperative that Bitou minimise the amount of waste to control the costs.

Preparation of a Waste Minimisation Program by an external consultant (Gibb) has been completed with input from interested and affected parties. The draft plan is available for reference on the NVRA website and will be submitted to Bitou's Council for consideration early in 2022.



#### **4.6. Sewerage**

Bitou LM has confirmed that there is no foreseeable plan to consider a bulk sanitation system for Natures Valley as the costs are prohibitive.

Bitou LM has also agreed to the process proposed by the NVRA which is based upon the principle that conservancy tanks will be mandatory in any area of the township known to be affected by flooding or a high water table and in areas where septic tank systems do not work effectively due to underlying clay soils. The use of a septic tank for all new builds or extensions/modifications to existing builds will be subject to approval by BLM based upon a successful percolation test.

Further details, once formalized with BLM, will be available on the NVRA website

Public toilets (or the lack thereof) remains a real requirement at the entrance of Natures Valley and will be pursued during the forthcoming year

#### **4.7. Water Supply**

In October this year we experienced water supply disruptions due largely to failure of old infrastructure and insufficient reservoir capacity. In order to source an emergency supply of water in the event of infrastructure failure, Bitou recently attempted to drill a borehole close to the pump station. The drill was unsuccessful and reinforced the need to construct a new and larger reservoir for Natures Valley.

As reported in December 2020, the IDP budget included a provision for a new 1.5 Ml reservoir for Natures Valley. Municipal budget reviews have resulted in a progressive shifting of the dates for construction of the new reservoir.

The new reservoir is a priority for the Valley and planning and expenditure arrangements will be reviewed with the new Municipal management in the new year. BLM has indicated that the design of the reservoir is mostly complete (construction drawings are 70% complete) and the tender process for the reservoir will take approx. 6 months. Failure of the emergency borehole drill will assist in pressurising the municipality to plan with a greater sense of urgency

#### **4.8. Electrical Supply**

No progress has been made in completing the ring main and many of the electrical kiosks are in dire need of repair.

#### **4.9. Roads**

Maintenance of the roads has been limited to pothole repair during 2021. The NVRA is attempting to cut through the red tape to get the brick-paved section of Lagoon Drive repaired and will continue to push for the completion of the resurfacing of the roads in the village. A request for additional speed bumps and speed limit signs has been given to the roads department and we hope to see some progress in 2022

### **5. Built Environment**

#### **5.1. Erf 130**

Both the defendant (Tranquility Lodge) and applicant (NVRA) have signed the settlement agreement. Supporting signatures are required from Bitou Municipality and Western Cape Province after which



the agreement will be made an order of court. The current lack of a legal representative in the municipality appears to be stalling the process, despite pressure from the NVRA

## **5.2. Local Area Spatial Planning and Zoning Scheme**

In January this year, Bitou LM issued a draft Zoning bylaw for public comment. The draft document was in effect a complete re-write of the "Draft Integrated Zoning Scheme By-law" which was presented for comment in Jan 2020. It was incomplete and omitted a zoning map and zoning register. Upon review, the main concerns with the draft were that (i) there was no category for overlay zonings (ii) there were unacceptable changes to zoning categories for public open spaces and conservation zones (iii) significant changes were proposed to the single residential zones I, II and III. In March 2021, the NVRA submitted a number of concerns and objections to the draft and also included a further request for an overlay zone applicable to Natures Valley. The NVRA were advised recently that the Jan 2021 draft has been withdrawn and that the Jan 2020 document incorporating the comments and objection of all stakeholders, incl the NVRA, had been updated and will be submitted for Council approval shortly. We have had view of this document which now includes a correct, up to date zoning map for Natures Valley and makes provision for Overlay Zones. This is important for Natures Valley if our title deed restrictions are to be respected and the content of the NV LSDF is to form the basis for development planning going forward.

There will be no further opportunity for comment on these documents. Any errors that might have been made with zonings etc. will be corrected after the By-law has been implemented, in terms of the process provided for in the By-law itself.

The approval of an overlay zone for a certain area (such as Natures Valley) is an application type in terms of the Bitou By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning 2015 and can thus be applied for and considered independently of the Zoning By-law compilation process. Once the By-law has been promulgated, the NVRA will proceed with the application for an Overlay Zone for NV and members will be advised of progress in this respect.

In September 2021, Bitou LM issued a notice of intention to amend the Bitou By-law on Land Use Planning of 2015.-The amendment would, in the NVRA's view, have had the effect of removing the Municipality's obligations for enforcing the development restrictions contained in the Title Deeds applicable to all properties in NV. The NVRA submitted their objections to this proposal. The final outcome of this process is awaited.

As far as NV is concerned the progress being made by Bitou Town Planning is positive in that they are correcting historical inaccuracies in their records and bringing their By-Laws and procedures up to date as required by national legislation. However, it is clear that all draft proposals need to be carefully scrutinized and action taken where necessary, and we will continue to do this in the interest of our members.

## **5.3. Building activity and the environment**

As has been the case over the last few years, building contractors have been very busy in Natures Valley with both new builds and extensions/modifications and ongoing repairs and maintenance.

To assist homeowners in ensuring that good construction-site housekeeping is maintained the NVRA has produced an updated set of building guidelines. The guidelines can be accessed on the NVRA website. Homeowners engaging contractors in construction works on their properties are requested to ensure that the contractors receive, and are familiar with, the regulations.

## **5.4. Building plan approvals**



19 applications for building plan approvals have been submitted in the year to date.

Lifting of Restrictive Conditions of Title

Property owners should note that building plan submissions requiring the lifting or removal of any restrictive conditions of title will be opposed by the NVRA. Recent applications for the "suspension" of a restrictive condition have been successful if the merits of the application warrant this approach and generally involve the rectification of an historic deviation. Suspension means that the restriction is not removed and any future building work on the erf will have to comply with conditions of title.

**6. NATURES VALLEY SPECIAL RATES AREA (SRA)**

A Special Rating Area (SRA) is a clearly defined geographic area, in which property owners contribute additional rates to enhance and supplement municipal services, such as safety in public areas (such as baboon management), clearing of alien vegetation, cleaning of streets and public places and crime prevention. The SRA allows an additional rate to be levied on property in the defined area to raise funds for these service improvements.

In August this year, 52% of property owners voted in favour of implementing a baboon management plan (BMP) which included the use of baboon monitors. The BMP included a pilot phase of three months which has been extended to the end of February 2022. In February, property owners will be asked to indicate whether they wish to continue with the BMP through the application of a special ratings area levy. In order to submit an application for an SRA, Bitou LM must promulgate a bylaw governing SRA's. Council approval to enable promulgation is expected in January 2022.

The steps required to obtain approval for an SRA are shown below.

Activity	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	
BMP and SRA perception survey	█										
Interim funding of BMP confirmed		★									
Initiate SRA Process		★									
Establish Steering Committee (SC)		█									
SC agrees process		★									
Develop business plan		█									
Bitou (CFO) agree business plan			★								
Public Meeting - NV and virtual				★							
Consent from owners (50% plus 1)				█							
Prepare SRA application					█						
Lodge application						★					
Publish notice of application						█					
Notify all affected ratepayers						█					
Submit objections						█					
Bitou LM Council consideration							█				
Constitute NPC Management Body								█			
Election of Directors									★		
Registration of company									★		
Draft budget tabled in Council									★		
Adoption of budget by Council										★	
Mayoral approval of plan										★	
Payment of levy											★
Commence services											█



The SRA process is likely to take 9 months during which the Baboon Management Plan will need interim funding which must be in place by the end of March 2022. The estimated funding requirement for this 9-month period is approx. R300,000.

Other important features of the SRA application are as follows;

- SRAs have been and are being established in many areas around South Africa. The Jonkershoek SRA and Techno Park SRA in Stellenbosch are already operational. Hermanus, Onrus and Vermont and Kleinmond are the first three areas in the Overstrand to apply to establish SRAs
- The Bitou SRA draft bylaw will be very similar to that promulgated by Overstrand
- The SRA will be Natures Valley specific and will include all erven in Natures Valley.
- The SRA business plan would include 2 or 3 modules – the BMP (including waste management) and Security improvements and verge maintenance and bush/alien vegetation clearing
- The Municipality will be obliged to maintain all existing service levels
- The business plan will be a 5-year plan – the plan can only be extended by submission of another application
- The additional rate or levy will be determined by the Municipal valuation and will amount to a tariff x the property valuation per annum
- The bylaw will require that 50% plus 1 of all property owners (a majority) consent to the formation of the SRA (the content of the consent forms will be pre-agreed with Bitou LM)
- Only property owners can vote for the SRA based on one vote per erf
- Voting will be electronic (through an emailed link) or by hardcopy
- In the event that a majority of property owners do not approve an SRA then the baboon monitoring programme will terminate with the prospect of returning to the invasion chaos of April-June 2021

## 7. BABOON MANAGEMENT

Baboon invasions (55) and break-ins (11) increased in alarming proportions between March and June this year resulting in a request from property owners to implement measures to control raiding baboons.

An NVRA task team was assembled to develop a Baboon Management Plan (BMP) with financial support amounting to approximately R285,000 being provided from 142 property owners. The BMP was launched in August 2021.

Of the 390 properties canvassed, 201 owners (52%) supported the BMP, 21 voted against the plan and 168 did not reply.

*QR code Baboon Management Plan*

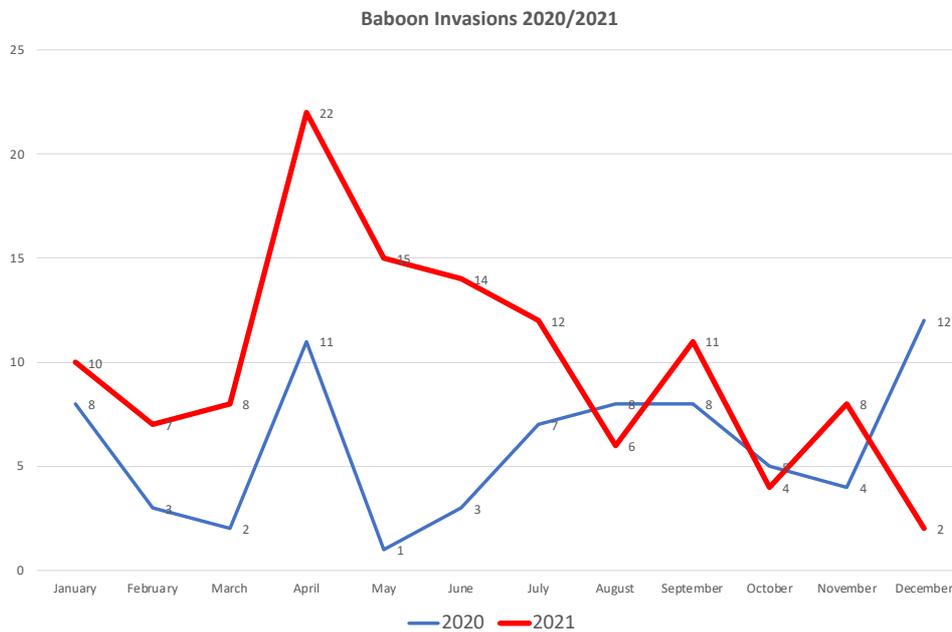




Sufficient donations were received to fund the employment, uniforms, and equipment for 6 baboon monitors from both Kurland (3) and Covie (3) from sunrise to sunset and from August 2021 to the end of February 2022. A summary of the accounts to the end of November 2021 for the BMP donations is provided in the Section 10 of this report.

In addition to the baboon monitors, the BMP account has funded the baboon proofing of the Waste Transfer Station.

Using baboon invasions as a benchmark the following graphical representation indicates a substantial reduction in invasions in 2021 from the calamitous month of April when 22 invasions were reported. As at this report date, three invasions have been reported in December. The perception from many residents is that the general level of baboon activity has declined significantly due largely to the impact of the monitors, however, we are expecting an increase in activity during



December and January as holiday makers, unused to living in an active baboon area, visit the Valley.

As mentioned above, 142 or 35% of all property owners are currently funding the BMP up to the end of February 2022. Long term funding of the BMP by such a minority group is neither equitable nor sustainable. The only fair mechanism to continue with the BMP is through a special rate or levy on all property owners. The process for obtaining approval to be able to charge a special rate or levy is provided in Section 6 above.

As indicated in Section 6, an application to declare Natures Valley as an SRA will take approx. 9 months and therefore residents will need to decide whether to terminate the baboon monitor programme until such time as the SRA is approved or alternatively fund the programme for a further 9 months

## 8. SECURITY

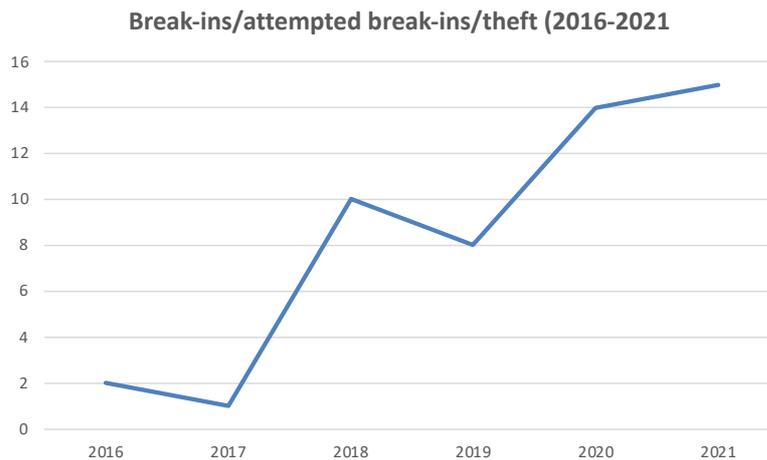


The security incidents recorded for 2021 (excluding December) are shown below.

	armed robbery	break-in	attempted break-in	fires	theft
January	1	1			1
February					
March			1		1
April					
May					
June					
July					1
August		2			
September		1		1	
October		1		1	2
November		1	1		1
December					
	1	6	2	2	6

One of the two reported break-ins in August was well planned with the perpetrators cutting the wires to cameras located at the entrance to the Valley before the crime. The armed robbery resulted in a conviction as did two of the break-ins.

Since 2016, there has been a significant increase in the number of break-ins, attempted break-ins and property theft as can be seen in the graph below. The Plett area in general has experienced growth in more organized crime such as cable theft, perlemoen poaching and armed robbery. In order to safeguard the safety and security of property owners, the NVRA will be establishing a security sub-committee tasked with developing a security plan for Natures Valley. The plan will consider those suggestions provided by residents in the security WhatsApp discussion group and summarized by the NVRA in April 2021.





Property owners should note that the plan will not impact upon the current agreements between Fidelity ADT and its clients. Personal security will remain the responsibility of the homeowner and the SRA is not a substitute for this responsibility. The role of the SRA will be to monitor public spaces and render supplementary security services.

The intention is to present the plan as an integral part of an application for an SRA as described in the section 6.

## **9. ENVIRONMENT**

### **9.1. The Contractual National Park Agreement**

The NVRA in conjunction with SANParks and Bitou has held two Contractual National Parks (CNP) meetings this year which are designed to review the management of the beach ablution facilities, lagoon and its shoreline, the dunes and the lagoon parking areas by SANParks according to the provisions of the management plan. SANParks continues to manage these properties but within very tight financial constraints limiting the amount of maintenance on beach access ways and the lagoon parking area infrastructure.

### **9.2. The Groot and Sout River Estuary Steering Committee**

As reported last December, the Western Cape Government has now formally issued a Groot (Wes) River Estuarine Management Plan (v5) (EMP).

In October this year, SANParks issued a Situation Assessment Report for the Sout (Oos) Estuary Management Plan to affected communities. The NVRA and NVT participated in the review process which will act as a basis for the establishment of an EMP

#### **Water quality monitoring of the Groot estuary (7 months, May – November 2021)**

Water quality samples are recorded in collaboration with NVT, Bitou Municipality, Garden Route District Municipality, and SANParks.. Water Samples that were taken are assessed against the limits set out in the Department of Environmental Affairs' SA Water Quality Guidelines for Coastal Marine Waters – Volume 2: Guidelines for Recreational Use, which was published in March 2012.

test results as illustrated below show that the indicators for E. coli across the seven months were well below the limits set out by the guidelines (i.e. Less than 500 counts per 100ml), with slightly elevated at two of the sampling locations, and elevated at the stormwater pipe in August recording above 200 counts per 100ml sampled. This is to be monitored during peak holiday season. However, the indicators for E. coli were all within the acceptable limits set out by the guidelines across the seven months and at each sampling site. It is to be noted that this was in accordance with the limits set out in the Department of Environmental Affairs' SA Water Quality Guidelines for Coastal Marine Waters – Volume 2: Guidelines for Recreational Use, which was published in March 2012. The river and estuary area monitoring protocols will continue as is and the frequency of tests will be increased to once per week during the peak holiday season.

The risk of gastrointestinal illness indicated by the faecal coliforms levels increases if the average levels are consistently in the range of 600 - 2 000. Noticeable gastrointestinal health effects can be expected in the swimmer and bather population. Caution should be taken as these higher levels can pose a potential health risk, particularly if such events occur frequently.



Salinity (Table 1 and Figure 1) ranged between 0.1 ppt in upper reaches to 35 ppt at the mouth, depending on mouth state and rainfall. Temperatures (Table 2) ranged between 10°C in the upper reaches to 19°C in the middle reaches and 15 °C at the river mouth. River mouth currently open, there were two artificial breaches (Both occurring in June) from May to November 2021.

Table 1: Average salinity readings across the sampling months for 2021.

Month (2021)	Salinity (ppt)
May	12,03
June	16
July	26,81
August	22
September	11,39
October	20,02
November	16,79

Table 2: Average temperatures across the sampling months for 2021.

Month (2021)	Average Temperature
May	14,7 °C
June	14,0 °C
July	13,9 °C
August	12,3 °C
September	15,2 °C
October	18,4 °C
November	17,7 °C

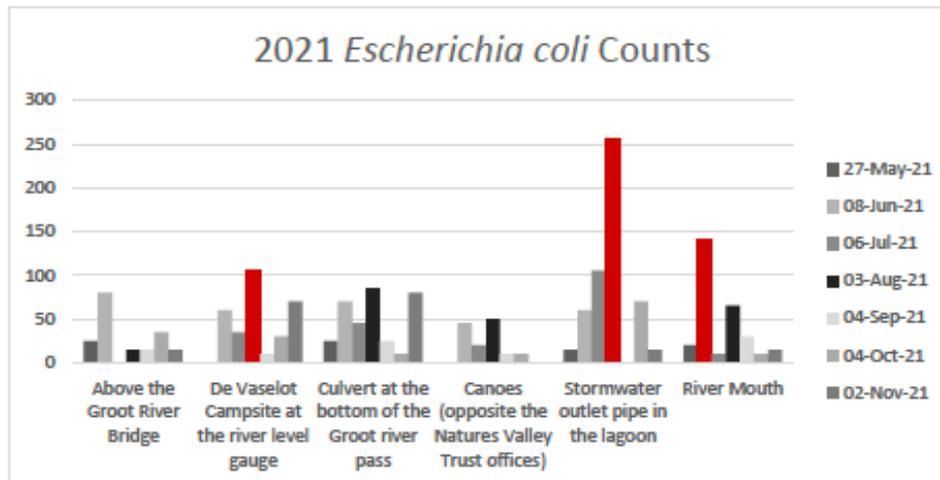


Figure 2: Bitou 2021 samples of *Escherichia coli* levels across seven months in the Groot River Estuary highlighting problem areas and forecasting an increasing trend.

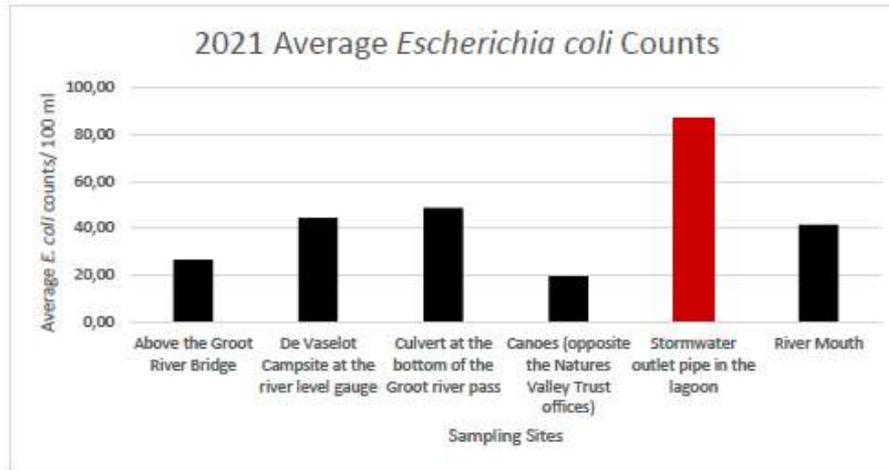


Figure 3: Bitou's sampling average of *Escherichia coli* levels in the Groot River Estuary across seven months to indicate problem areas.

### 9.3. SANParks Breaching report - January 2021 to November 2021

There were 13 river mouth breaches in 2021 of which 2 breaches were artificial and both occurred in June

The comparable data for 2020 was 15 breaches of which 6 were artificial breaches 3 of which occurred in June

Month & Year	No. of times breached	Reason for breaching
January 2021	1	Breached naturally
February 2021	1	Breached naturally
March 2021	2	Breached naturally
April 2021	1	Breached naturally
May 2021	1	Breached naturally
June 2021	2	High salinity levels
July 2021	1	Breached naturally
August 2021	1	Breached naturally
September 2021	1	Breached naturally
October 2021	1	Breached naturally
November 2021	1	Breached naturally
December 2021	-	To date

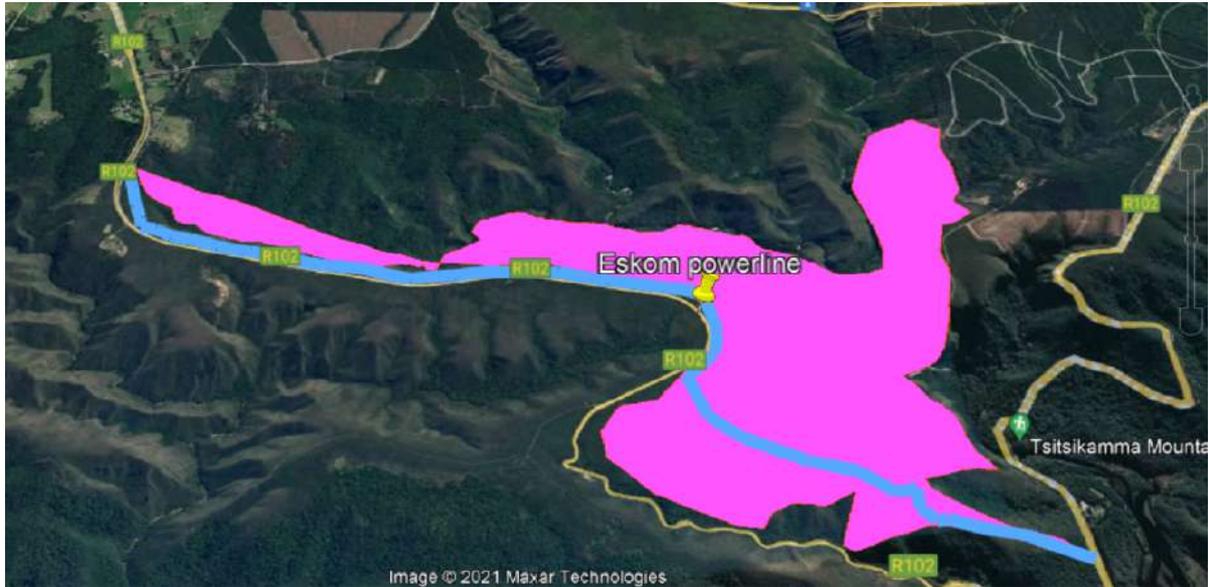
### 9.4. Fire Prevention

No fires have occurred local to Natures Valley in 2021.

In March, a fire occurred in an area north of the Crags and was monitored by SANparks and MTO in spotter planes as was a fire reported between Bloukrans and Coldstream in June. A well controlled burn was carried out at Perdevlakte between the Bobbejaan and Groot Rivers and I am again happy to report that the level of coordination by the Southern Cape Fire Prevention Association (SCFPA) and our local Crags FMU teams, SANParks Tsitsikamma FMU and MTO was very professional and the burn was completed without incident.

A controlled burn (again coordinated by the SCFPA) of the de Vasselot west of the R102 section (the pink area shown below) is planned to take place in the first quarter of 2022 (subject to available

funds!). Further information will be released as and when the burn plan is developed. Controlled burns on the western side of the R102 will be planned for the later part of 2022, or early 2023.



A request - when you trim branches on your property please ensure that you remove the dead branches from the Valley as soon as possible and arrange to dump them at the municipal transfer site at Kwanokhutula in Plett – don't dump the waste on the verge and expect the municipality to cart it away.

### 9.5. Signage



The NVRA has recently erected 12 dog poop signs with bag dispensers, 5 baboon awareness signs, 5 roadside dog zone signs and we have renewed all 18 circular beach side dog zone signs with clear indications as to whether a dog should be leashed, allowed to run free or restricted from walking at all. There should be no excuse for not being aware of dog rules on the beach including the requirement to pick up dog poop. All members/property owners are encouraged to lean on recalcitrant dog owners to comply.

### 9.6. Invasive Aliens – sword fern

Swathes of sword fern are developing on many properties in Natures Valley. This is a category 1b invasive alien invader plant and should be removed by property owners. This plant has the ability to spread rapidly and form dense infestations which outcompetes and replaces indigenous vegetation and transforms natural habitats. Property owners who have sword fern infestations on their property are kindly requested to implement a removal plan with gardeners who should ensure that the plants tubers are removed (not just the leaves) and disposed of at the municipal landfill (not in the forest!)



## 10. FINANCIAL



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## 10.1. NVRA Accounts

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the 12 Months to 30 June 2021.

	R	R
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>252 381</b>
CONTRIBUTIONS/ DONATIONS	247 147	
BANK INTEREST	5 234	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>234 049</b>
CONTRACTS (Salaries)	95 418	
OFFICE EXPENSES	35 693	
COMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTERS	2 650	
COVIE CHRISTMAS PARTY	3 266	
LEGAL FEES	80 686	
REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE	6 459	
SOUTHERN CAPE FIRE PROTECTION SUBSCRIPTION	3 773	
WAGES SUPERINTENDENT STAFF	1 800	
WEBSITE	4 305	
<b>SURPLUS of INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>		<b>18 332</b>
<b>FUNDS ON HAND at 30 JUNE 2021.</b>		<b>194 963</b>

## 10.2. Income

R252,381 had been received for the year to 30 June 2021, of which contributions for the 2020/21 year were R247,147 received from 206 owners (52%) of which 37 had paid more than the requested R1000. Other income comprised R14 for printing and Interest of R4 595.

The comparative figures for the twelve months in 2020 were R209,214 received in total of which contributions for the 2020/21 year were R204,605 from 183 owners (46.2%).

## 10.3. Expenses

### Legal Fees.

No Legal fees for Erf 130 have been paid in the year, R 75 000 was budgeted. It is hoped that the matter can be brought to a conclusion in 2021/22. However, R 80 686 was spent on legal and other fees in respect of the Bitou draft rezoning By-law and a title deed search.

## 10.4. Cash balance

At 30 June 2020 the cash in bank was R 176 631 and at 30 June 2021 R 194,963.



### 10.5. NVRA Contribution

We take the opportunity once again, to thank those who support the NVRA financially. The current recommended contribution to the NVRA remains at R1000 for the year ending June 2022. If you have already contributed for the financial year ending in June 2022, our grateful thanks. If not, we trust we can rely on your ongoing support and note the NVRA's banking details below.

Banking details:

Account: Nature's Valley Ratepayer's Association

Account No: 082 60 9217

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Plettenberg Bay

Branch Code: 05 07 14

When making payment please include your name and Erf no. as a reference and if possible send a confirmation of payment to the office at office@nvra.co.za. Please remember that we do not send out receipts for internet payments, but they are available at the office on request.

### FINANCIAL – Baboon Management Plan Account

#### BMP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period 27th July - 30th November 2021.

	R	R
INCOME		276 985
	Nos	
CONTRIBUTIONS/ DONATIONS	142	275 846
BANK INTEREST		1 139
EXPENSES		144 306
MONITORS WAGES		69 213
TRANSPORT		19 640
EQUIPMENT		47 700
RADIO RENTAL		2 185
TRAINING		5 383
BANK CHARGES		185
SURPLUS of INCOME OVER EXPENSES		132 679
FUNDS ON HAND at 30 November 2021.		132 679
OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES		
WTS Cage (50%)		12 225
UIF & Workmans Comp		2 384
FORECAST MONTHLY EXPENSES		32 677
Monitors		21 492
Transport		9 000
Radio hire		2 185
NUMBER OF MONTHS COVERED		4
<b>FUNDING REQUIRED FOR A 9 MONTH SRA APPLICATION</b>		<b>294 093</b>



## Income

Income of R276 985 has been received to implement the pilot phase of the BMP. Sufficient funds were received to extend the pilot phase until February with a further 1 month's contingency. Contributions were received from 142 property owners being 70% of the 201 owners who supported the BMP and 36% of all property owners.

## 10.6. Expenses

Monitors wages and transport form the greater percentage of expenses. Equipment included the supply of uniforms, boots, backpacks, paintball markers, gas and gas bottles and paint balls. The cost of constructing a permanent baboon proof cage around the WTS amounting to R24,500 is also included

## 11. NVRA COMMITTEE FOR 2022

As Chairman, I wish to thank the current committee members and co-opted members for their commitment during the past 12 months, as well as Annamarie Kovacik for her dedication in administering the affairs of the NVRA.

The Full NVRA Committee currently consists of the following members:

Dave Owen – Chairman (LAC), Doug Blaine (LAC), James Martin – Deputy Chairman and Treasurer (LAC), Julian Muller (LAC), Dup Venter.

LAC (Local Area Committee) refers to those members who are "local" and able to attend meetings regularly and deal with day-to-day matters.

Both Julian Muller and Dup Venter will not be available for re-election, and we thank them for their valuable contributions to the committee.

Co-opted members committee members are Paul Erens, Geof McIlIeron, Roy Parkhurst and Conrad Wiehahn.

Messrs. Owen, Blaine and Martin have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-election.

Paul Erens has kindly agreed to be co-opted to assist with building plan approvals and Conrad Wiehahn continues to assist with municipal planning matters when required as a co-opted member. We thank them all for their service and contribution over the years.

New Nominations:

Nominations for committee members are requested as set out in the AGM Notice and members are urged to join our committee and assist in protecting the well-being of our Valley. Nominations may be submitted by email to [davidowen1425@gmail.co.za](mailto:davidowen1425@gmail.co.za)

## IN CONCLUSION



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I sincerely hope that the efforts of the NVRA over the past year give you some comfort that much effort is being applied towards making Natures Valley an enjoyable place to live or visit.

On behalf of the NVRA Committee, I wish all owners a peaceful Christmas, and that you and your families remain healthy and Covid free. We wish you well for 2022, stay safe, wear your mask in public, avoid crowds and visit the Valley as often as time permits.

Yours Sincerely

Dave Owen

Chairman

