



Steenbok Nature Reserve

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The committee is delighted to present this brief pictorial report of what has been achieved over the last year. We thank members of the “Friends of Steenbok” for their financial support and voluntary efforts in the Reserve. Together we are developing a beautiful natural area for the enjoyment of all residents of and visitors to Knysna, both for now and for generations to come.



The botanical work of identifying and cataloguing new species and reducing invasive exotic species such as cotton grass is an ongoing activity. Infrastructural activities have included the installation of an automated watering system and the repairing of seawall damage.



As regards progress in the educational arena we have increased the number of plant naming labels, introduced an aquifer garden at the site of the aquifer storyboard and 100 year old hand pump. Schools have been encouraged to use the reserve for educational outings and to date, three of Knysna’s schools have participated. We continue to generate educational information for our noticeboards, newsletters, posters and website.



The last 12 months have resulted in significant community involvement and recognition. The reserve manager received a Rotary community service award and LIRA hosted an event to rename the “Wandelpad” to “Rogers way”. Our relationships with SANParks, the Knysna Municipality and other relevant organizations remain strong. In July, the Reserve was used for the very successful Rotary children's cycle race.

It has been a busy year, a fulfilling year and a year that would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and generosity of our growing supporter base - Thank you.



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Of course, at the end of the day, it is nature that has the biggest and the final say. As the seasons change throughout the year, so changes the beautiful landscape vistas that greet the eye. Here is a small selection of the sights that have been enjoyed by visitors to the Reserve during the last year.



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