

# **STEENBOK NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022/23**

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## **KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY (KM) – LEISURE ISLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LIRA) JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

KM – LIRA Agreement signed for continued joint management of the Reserve for 10 years.

## **STEENBOK NATURE RESERVE (SNR) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The SNR Management Committee comprises:

- KM representatives: Sharon Sabbagh, Ivan van Wyk.
- SANParks representative: Owen Govender.
- LIRA representatives: Craig Carter (chair), Peter Surgey.
- Trust portfolio holders: Diana Stromberg – Reserve Manager, James Botha – Finance, Ingrid Meter – Membership, Dave Stromberg – Planning and Projects.

Vacant portfolio positions: Communications, Horticulture, Public Relations, Infrastructure.

New portfolio holders to be recruited to fill vacancies and succession plans to be developed.  
Regular Management meetings to be held.

## **FRIENDS OF STEENBOK NATURE RESERVE TRUST**

The Trustees are:

Brian Steele (chair), Craig Carter, Peter Surgey, James Botha, Diana Stromberg, Dave Stromberg.

## **TRUST MEMBERSHIP**

Current database has 334 addresses, with 142 annual contributors.  
Committee to assist with the recruitment of new members.  
Membership database to be updated monthly.

## **FINANCES**

Financial Statements prepared monthly. Budget reviewed mid-year.  
2023/24 Budget to be prepared by end-September 2023.

## **COMMUNICATION**

E-mail correspondence to be answered daily.  
Four Newsletters to be published per year, and one AGM Notification.

Noticeboards to be updated after each Newsletter, and rainfall charts updated monthly.  
Two Facebook articles to be posted per week.  
Website updates with Newsletters and Facebook posts, Children section, Fauna and Flora sections and Factsheets updated.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Maintain good relationships with KM, SANParks, Knysna Basin, LI Boat Club, LI Country Club, general public etc.  
Host educational tours for school groups, societies etc.  
Manage Steenbok stall at Leisure Isle Festival.  
Hold fundraising events.

## **PLANNING**

Update SNR map with inputs from KM and SANParks, to reflect correct property and lease boundaries.  
Continue efforts to protect the Reserve through rezoning or incorporation with SANParks.

## **GARDENS AND GRASSED AREAS, AREA WEST OF THE TENNIS COURTS**

Manage Ivy Garden Services – prepare annual and monthly programs and undertake weekly supervision.  
Ongoing clearing of alien and invasive vegetation.  
Co-ordinate and direct KM mowing, trimming and clearing teams.

## **SALTMARSH**

Boardwalks to be maintained regularly.  
Signage prohibiting dogs from Saltmarsh to be erected.

## **KINGFISHER CREEK**

Implement project to protect saltmarsh.  
Erect educational signage to discourage walkers, cyclists and dog owners from damaging saltmarsh flora and fauna.  
Make improvements to the highwater path which serves as main access to Land's End.

## **LANDS END**

Undertake trimming of low and invasive vegetation to increase visibility, aesthetic appeal, cleanliness and safety.  
Continue frequent Allsound patrols.

## **SEAWALL**

Undertake maintenance and repair breakages in the seawall as authorised by SANParks.

## **PATHWAYS**

Undertake regular maintenance and weed killing on paved pathway.

Co-ordinate KM mowing and trimming of pathways and towpath.

Arrange for the uneven gravel parking areas outside the main entrance to the Reserve to be surfaced.

Investigate the feasibility of extending wheelchair and disabled access across the Reserve.

## **PUBLIC TOILETS**

Boat Club toilets to be kept accessible to Reserve visitors.

Investigate options for toilets for the disabled, and for seasonal toilets for Land's End.

## **FENCING**

Maintain and repair the post-and-rail fencing around the Reserve.

## **SIGNAGE**

Temporary signs to be used as required and for 'Dogs in the Reserve' notifications.

Erect new educational signage at Kingfisher Creek.

Prepare new Reserve Map to replace the old map on signage, brochures, website etc.

## **BINS AND LITTER**

Manage cleaning and litter collection staff with weekly inspections, monthly payments.

Supply bin bags, dog poo bags and cleaning materials.

## **BENCHES**

Maintenance to continue on existing benches.

Old concrete and timber benches to be replaced as sponsors become available.

## **IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

Seasonal maintenance and adjustment to be done quarterly. Service provider to undertake repairs and improvements as required.

## **AQUIFER WATERPUMP AND SEEDPOD**

Regular maintenance to be done.