

Kleinmond Street Watch Annual Report 2018

We are grateful to be able to report that Kleinmond Street Watch is active in its efforts to contain crime and keep Kleinmond safe. We attribute this to the widespread support of the residents of our town and the truly selfless endeavours by a small group of volunteers, the members of the Kleinmond Night Watch.

We would also like to stress the excellent cooperation between our members, the local SAPS, security companies, the Law Enforcement and Traffic Departments of the Overstrand Municipality, the Community Policing Forum, the Kleinmond Ratepayers' Association, the *Overstrand Herald* and other roleplayers. Because of everyone's cooperation and mutual trust we could focus on our task and prove that we are a force to be reckoned with.

1. Organisation

Kleinmond is divided into 10 wards. One new ward coordinator was appointed during the past year, while one ward is without a ward coordinator:

Ward 6 Sea West	Nico Boshoff
Ward 10 Buisness Chamber	Vacant

- **The chamber of commerce was instituted in this period, and has not yet appointed a representative to serve on the KSW committee.**

The KSW held monthly committee meetings and reported to members once every two weeks. The SRA steering committee who examined the possibility of having Kleinmond declared a Special Rating Area by the municipality has worked very hard over the past two years.

- **This committee has reached the stage in its work where a draft business plan and budget could be submitted to the Overstrand Municipality (OM) for their approval to continue to the next step in this process.**

We urge all residents and property owners once again (as we have throughout the year) to register as members of KSW and display the KSW notice at their properties. Membership numbers for the past three years are as follows:

February 2016	1174
February 2017	1257
February 2018	1303

- **This constitutes a growth of nearly 11%, for which we are grateful.**

KSW's operational arm, Kleinmond Night Watch

Membership of KSW does not mean automatic membership of KNW. A KSW member has to join KNW voluntarily. They need to accept a prescribed code of conduct, sign an indemnity form, and receive police clearance. KNW members use their own vehicles to participate in the organised patrolling of Kleinmond streets. There are of course costs to patrol work and that is why KSW regularly asks its members and local businesses to participate in the patrols and/or support them financially. KSW membership is not affected, however, if a member does not participate in the patrols.

The number of people willing or able to do patrol work is decreasing, as can be seen in the table below:

- 2014/2015 275
- 2015/2016 255
- 2016/2017 200
- 2017/2018 154

- **This is a decrease of 44%.**
- **We appeal to all our members to participate in the patrols. Please talk to your neighbours and friends and get them involved, too.**

The number of our donors is also decreasing slowly.

- 2014/2015 414
- 2015/2016 412
- 2016/2017 312
- 2017/2018 297

- **There is a 28 % decrease in donors, and therefore a corresponding decrease in donations.**

The numbers shown above are proof that the decision to examine the possibility of having Kleinmond declared an SRA was the right one.

2. Weekly meeting with the police (JOCOM)

The KSW chairperson and secretary attend the weekly JOCOM meeting with the police. Here the various roleplayers concerned with crime containment are informed about crime-related matters in so far as the police are allowed to make them known. These meetings allow KSW to give out information, warnings and tips regarding crime to its members via its website and the local newspaper. **KSW mostly communicate to its members via e-mail, and we therefore ask members who do not receive its bi-weekly letter to members to contact KSW and provide their e-mail address.**

The KSW chairperson and one other committee member represent KSW on the Kleinmond/Hangklip Safety and Security Forum. The forum meets regularly with the OM Department of Law Enforcement (Appendix B3) to discuss matters such as operational plans for holidays when thousands of people visit the area and this department is put under huge pressure. These meetings form an additional base for cooperation between the various roleplayers.

3. Community Police Forum

A new CPF committee was elected, with Edward Richards as chairperson. We wish them every success. KSW is represented on the CPF by its chairperson, Hugo Krijnauw. Committee member Johan Carstens will take his place when necessary.

4. Department of Community Safety

The KSW chairperson attended several workshops on community safety in Hermanus during the past year. During these meetings it came to light that Kleinmond, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooiels do not have a **contingency plan**. We therefore decided to design such a plan and a committee was formed under

leadership of Gustave Erlank for this purpose. The street watches in the various towns were involved in the process. Although good progress has been made, much work is still needed on this vital project.

5. Special Rating Area – SRA steering committee

The SRA steering committee, with representatives from KSW, Kleinmond Ratepayers' Association (KRPA) and Kleinmond Nature Conservation Association (KNCA) have made good progress in their research into the viability and expedience of an SRA for Kleinmond. The purpose of said SRA would be to ensure that Kleinmond is a safe place for residents and visitors by making sure that residential areas, businesses, beaches, hiking trails and recreational amenities are safe, clean and attractive.

In order to gain the municipality's approval for becoming an SRA, the following needs to be done:

- Approval by the OM council of bylaws prescribing the SRA procedure and conditions of acceptance.
 - **This has been done and accepted by the OM council.**
- Submission of a Memorandum of Intent.
 - **This has been done and accepted by the OM council.**
- A public survey completed by at least 20% of all Kleinmond ratepayers in order to discover their opinions and perceptions regarding matters related to the proposed SRA.
 - **This has been done. An analysis of the results of the survey has been submitted to OM for their information and consideration.**
- Developing precise aims for the proposed Kleinmond SRA after consultations with the community.
 - **Proposed aims have been developed, but have not been made available to the community.**
- Making all the necessary information regarding the proposed SRA available to ratepayers.
 - **This needs to be done by means of public meetings which are planned for the near future.**
- Obtaining contact details (especially e-mail addresses) of all ratepayers.
 - **The municipality has made these available to the steering committee.**
- Organising as many public meetings as are deemed necessary to inform the public about the process, aims of an SRA, costs involved and benefits to ratepayers, and also to receive ratepayers' input.
 - **This will be done as soon as possible.**
- Developing a business plan and budget representing the expected income and expenditure of the SRA in consultation with ratepayers; and determining the levies to be paid by ratepayers.
 - **A draft business plan and budget have been submitted to OM. We are waiting for their response. The business plan and budget will be made available to ratepayers at the planned public meetings.**
- Approval by more than 60% of ratepayers is needed before the SRA can be declared. Only then will the special rates apply to all ratepayers.
 - **This needs to be done. OM promised its help with this process.**
 - **We also appeal to all ward coordinators, street coordinators and members to help us by going door to door with the voting forms, should this prove to be necessary.**
- Establishing a non-profit company to which the income collected by OM by means of special ratings will be paid.
 - **This has not been done.**
- Election of a board of directors by the ratepayers.
 - **This has not been done. We appeal, again, to all ratepayers of Kleinmond to start the process of identifying potential board members. The board will consist of five directors with full voting rights who will be elected by Kleinmond ratepayers, and two directors with no voting rights who will be appointed by OM.**

In the meantime KSW continues with its normal activities, depending heavily on volunteers' participation, support and financial donations. **Although the crime rate in Kleinmond (sector 1) is not as low as we would all like it to be, it is still lower than it was in the corresponding time a year ago.** People are more aware and more willing to accept responsibility for their own safety, and often supply information that leads to arrests. We thank you all for this, and ask that we continue as we have started.

6. Thank you for exceptional service to the community

At a special function at the end of last year KSW thanked all the regular patrol riders, as well as the KNW organisers Vanya Jones, who has retired, Cynthia Tack, also retired because of work pressure, and the new organisers Sonia Jones and Delarey Calitz. **We would like to repeat our thanks here.** These people really did a stellar job. We also want to thank the residents and business owners who donate to KSW. Without this support we would not be able to continue the patrols. Lastly we wish to thank all our partners in the fight against crime:

- Members of the SAPF
- Dir Neville Michaels and his team at the OM Department of Law Enforcement
- *Overstrand Herald* for publishing our crime reports.

A vote of thanks also goes to the KSW committee and the SRA steering committee for their service to the community.

7. Information about cameras

KSW plans to erect 2 LPR (Licence Plate Recognition) and 5 PTZ (Point, Tilt & Zoom) cameras in Kleinmond as soon as possible. It will be done in cooperation with the OM Department of Law Enforcement, and we will share the costs. There will be one LPR camera at the western entrance/exit and one LPR camera at the eastern entrance/exit of the town. There will be two PTZ cameras near the LPR cameras while the remaining three PTZ cameras will be at other strategic points in the town.