



# KLEINMOND

## STRAATWAG / STREET WATCH

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Annual Report 2021

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2021 has been a challenging year for Kleinmond Street Watch (KSW) due to the following factors:

- the impact of Covid-19
- an increase in crime
- lack of support
- ineffective law enforcement

We are however extremely grateful to each of our committee members for their commitment and hard work, the support of many Kleinmond residents and, in particular, the volunteers of our operational arm who offer up their time and energy participating in night patrols.

### 1. Organization of KSW

Kleinmond is divided into 10 wards. The KSW management committee held monthly meetings during which the following aspects received attention:

- 1.1 crime tendencies and statistics
- 1.2 Kleinmond Special Ratings Area (KSRA)
- 1.3 ways to increase voluntary patrol numbers
- 1.4 installation of cameras in co-operation with Betty's Bay Neighbourhood Watch
- 1.5 updating of our contingency plan
- 1.6 financial matters
- 1.7 JOCOM and CPF
- 1.8 training of patrollers
- 1.9 accreditation with DOCS
- 1.10 inventories of equipment
- 1.11 responsibilities of various committee members
- 1.12 co-opting of committee members
- 1.13 appointment of auditors

### 2. KSW's operational arm – Kleinmond Night Watch (KNW)

Membership of KSW does not automatically grant membership to KNW.

KSW members when joining KNW voluntarily, have to comply with the following:

- accept the prescribed code of conduct
- sign an indemnity form
- receive police clearance

KNW members use their own vehicles to patrol Kleinmond's streets. They are, however, able to claim a stipend for their costs.

Special thanks to Sonia Jones and in particular, Jan van der Meulen, who are involved in the extremely difficult task to plan, co-ordinate and communicate the KNW schedules. Jan – along with a number of volunteers – organized a session during which various strategies were discussed with regard to curbing the surge of crime in Kleinmond. Our thanks to everyone involved.

Even though KSRA will start up in September this year, we believe that there will still be a need for KSW to continue with their patrols until such time as the KSRA is well-established and the involvement of KSW is able to be re-evaluated.

### 3. Joint Operations Committee (JOCOM)

KSW attends the weekly JOCOM meetings with the police and other safety and security participants. During these meetings, various role-players concerned with crime prevention, are informed about crime-related matters. These meetings allow KSW to give out information and recommendations, etc to its members, the public in general, social media and the local newspaper.

### 4. Community Policing Forum (CPF)

Johan Carstens of KSW attends these meetings and gives feedback to the committee on points of interest regarding safety and security within Kleinmond.

### 5. Ward 9

Johan Carstens represents KSW at these meetings. At the conclusion of these meetings, he gives feedback regarding matters of interest and developments in Kleinmond.

### 6. Contingency plan

Our contingency plan is being updated and, as soon as Covid-19 restrictions allow, we plan to have a practice run for all involved individuals. Thank you to Gustave Erlank for your leadership in this regard.

### 7. Finances

Thanks to John Tanton for the meticulous management of our finances over so many years. He sets high standards and is a true example of someone giving back to the community.

### 8. Special Rating Area (SRA)

We are very excited about the good progress made to enable SRA to become a reality in Kleinmond.

Special mention and gratitude to Vic Brink who has worked extremely hard – along with the KSRA Steering Committee – to make this possible.

### 9. Thank you

The police, law enforcement and security companies acknowledge the fact that KSW makes a huge contribution to help curb crime in our town.

A special word of thanks to each of our committee members and volunteers for their selfless service to their community.

Thank you to our residents and business owners for their support.