# KABELJOUS NEWS – August 2018

Dear Kabeljous Friends, here are some highlights of recent activities and some updates.

## Boots on the ground – news from Dirk Teubes

***Trails***: All the existing trails have been cleared and from now on will only require regular maintenance. Dirk is still working on taking interested people on guided walks.

***Clearing aliens***: Clearing of Rooikrans is ongoing. Barry Hickson is looking for help with removal of jointed cactus; protective gear will be required because it is prickly and Wednesdays are preferable. Please contact Barry on 0782563248 if you can help.

***Signage****:* Our first proto-type sign is up at the R102 parking area (see right), with some much appreciated financial support from Featherfoot Horse Trails (R500) and Dirk's sister (R 200), which together covered 80% of the cost. Dirk has made some smaller wooden signs showing trail options. A donation from Conservation Outcomes (Wentzel Coetzer) will be used for additional signage.

***Projects:*** Dirk has made initial contact with BUCO J/BAY who indicated that they will assist with construction of a bridge over the creek in the reserve

## Facebook Page – Catherine Hayward

Catherine has prepared a Facebook Page and a website for KRAG and they can be viewed here:
https://www.facebook.com/KRAG6330/?modal=admin_todo_tour
https://6330krag.wordpress.com/
Catherine is looking for videos and photos so please make contact if you can contribute anything - catherinehayward10@gmail.com Many thanks Catherine for a great start in raising the profile of KRAG.

## Animal Activity – Dirk and Hennie Swanevelder

The good news is that Hennie released a porcupine in the reserve that was trapped at Paradise Beach. The bad news is we lost a Bushbuck Ram the same day. Marks on the throat suggest that it was taken by a dog and the absence of a hind leg suggests that someone, possibly the dog owner, removed a hind quarter. Bushbuck numbers in the reserve are down due to the drought so this loss of a lovely ram, which we often sighted, really hurts! And this is why dogs are not allowed in the reserve.

## KRAG Constitution and NPO Status – Hennie Swanevelder

Since there have been no requests for changes to our draft constitution, Hennie will proceed using it as a working draft. He will be liaising with a local firm of accountants to initiate the first steps towards registering as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO), which is necessary if KRAG is to play a full role in helping to manage and conserve the reserve and its expanded extent in future.

## Marketing

Kouga Express gave KRAG a short editorial that has delivered more requests to join our mailing list, which now stands at 30. As a result of this Estelle de Beer has offered us use of meeting space at Seashells.

## Financials

Grieta Teubes reports that our KRAG account at CAPITEC has a balance of R3530.

## Next Meeting

We envisage the next general meeting to be in November, date and details to be announced closer to the time. In the interim Hennie will call a committee meeting if needed.