

Half Yearly Update

Members gathered at KarooPark on the 31st of May for the annual **AGM**. We were privileged to have Councillor Linda Both in attendance who shared some worthwhile insights. Arland Stanley presented the financial statements showing the Chamber to be in a better position than the previous year with a deficit of R2 580 compared to a deficit of R14 700 in 2017. The current auditors GBG were re-elected as was the Executive Committee with portfolios remaining the same as per the following table:

Portfolio	Allocation
Chairperson, Business Safety and Community Liaison	Hento Davids
Vice Chairperson	Dawie Putter
Treasurer/ Secretary	Arland Stanley
Municipal and Stakeholder Liaison	Jimmy Joubert
Infrastructure Development	Okkie Fourie
Tourism and Sanparks	Buks Marais
Marketing, Web Design and Fundraising	Fanie Prinsloo
Administration, Scribe, Media Liaison, Information hub and events.	Kim Imrie

Hento Davids gave a summary of the previous years events urging the need to address changes where necessary. These include re-electing an executive every 2nd year as opposed to every year and the need to increase the reach of the current business chamber to include other areas in the Beyers Naude Municipality. Highlights of the previous year included a visit to the Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber, presentations by the hospital team, a visit from the Small Business Institute

with its vision of a Karoo office and added services to members and finally a visit to our very own Karoo Catch.

Advocate and member Pete O' Halloran gave an enlightening talk on "The Perfect Structure" – For Security and Tax Efficiency. Sufficiently well-informed members then enjoyed a tasty meal of lamb with a variety of delicious sides and good conversation.



AUGUST Network FUNCTION—Doug Stern, Agri EC President is available to talk to us on the 27th. Lets all try support and find out the latest regarding land Expropriation developments.

Date: Monday 27 August 2018, 6 for 6.30 pm Cash Bar available

Venue: KarooPark, Conference room Cost: R80 Finger Supper

RSVP: Kim Imrie, marketing@grcoc.co.za by Wednesday 22nd August.

NEXT Network FUNCTIONMonday 17 September—talk by Professor Charles Wait from Mandela University on the state of the economy. Venue to be advised.

Community Hospital Meeting—27 June

On the 27th of June members of the wider Graaff Reinet community gathered to listen to the first open forum meeting given by the Hospital Development team facilitated by the Business Chamber. Johann Carstens representative of the funders, the Macadamia Fund took the lead in sharing developments with the community since the hospital Business Chamber meeting last October.



According to him the 100 bed hospital will house a maternity and neonatal ward, an intensive care and a high care. There will be approximately 300 new positions likely to open up and Healthshare is already at an advanced stage of the recruiting top medical professionals.

Apart from the hospital there are plans to build a lifestyle residential development for over 55 years and up comprising of 200 residential units and an additional 80 single apartments as per the approved Zoning Plan on Page 3.

Mandela Day Clean Up Initiatives—18 July: Many clean up initiatives were conducted around the town on Mandela Day in view of the 67 minute challenge set by Nelson Mandela, as South Africa and Graaff Reinet remembered his 100th birthday.

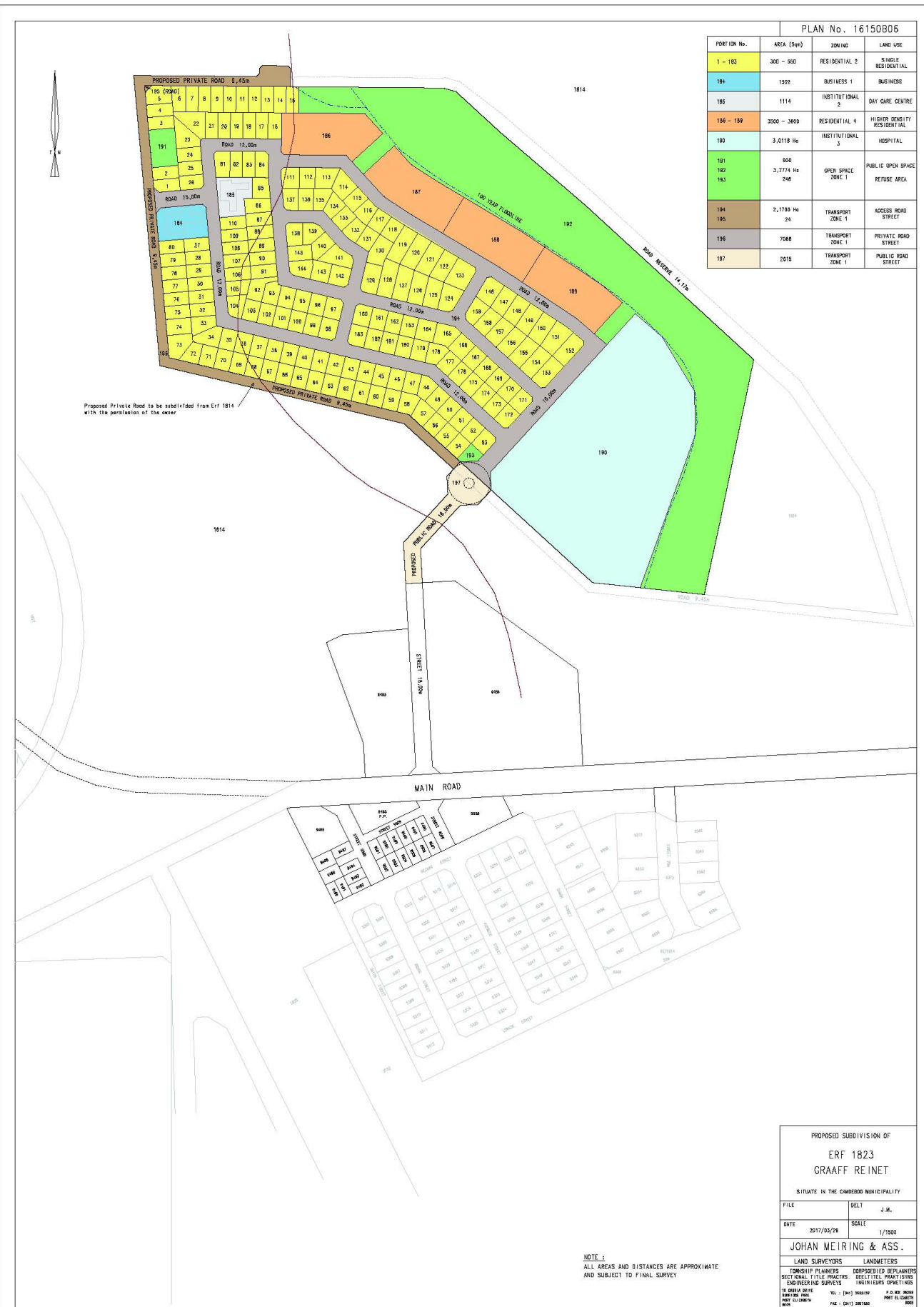
Arland Stanley Accounting took to Hope Street and filled 20 black bags in one hour...



Others set off to Mountain Drive where more bags were filled



Approved Hospital Development Zoning Plan



Bourke Street Manor Opening

On the 1st of July Bourke Street Manor was officially opened by Business Chamber member Johan Bouwer. The main double storey house has been restored to its former glory and has 8 en suite rooms available at a monthly rent of R2500. The building at the back has 6 rooms containing a kitchen, bedroom and bathroom for R3000 per month.



@ Karoo Guesthouse

Business Chamber member Roland Kroon together with his wife Sam launched **@ karoo Guesthouse** on 18 July, the location of the oldest B&B in town. There are 10 rooms and one family unit available. Darron Slater of Mount Camdeboo fame will be your host.

