

Great Brak River Forum

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October Letter From the Great Brak River Forum.

Dear Member,

Great Brak River is beginning to settle down now that the massive flood damage has been assessed. Various crisis meetings some with the municipality have been called to find out when urgent repairs will take place. Our village roads are fast breaking up and if not dealt with soon will cost many thousands more to repair.

We thank those members who wrote to us concerning the present road repair work in Long Street. The letter we received from the municipality stated that some of the Great Brak River Streets including Long Street would be sealed (not resealed) which as we understood is retarring. The patch work carried out to date in Long Street is totally inadequate and we have again written to them.

The inadequate storm water system has not kept pace with the rapid expansion in Great Brak. There has been too much talk of what the municipality is going to do but too little action.

We have been in communication with First National Bank for some time now however they are adamant that the bank agency is to remain closed. Apparently despite the rapid growth in Great Brak over the past five years, First National have lost custom. We believe one of the reasons is that they have treated the Great Brak office as an agency and hence do not know who their customers are.

Not to worry; a little bird has whispered in my ear that another bank is seriously looking at opening a full branch.

The team working on the preparation of this years three day November Festival is in full swing and they are having weekly meetings to address the program. Should you wish to obtain the latest details, please contact Paula Grimbeek on 082-788-2461.

As you no doubt know by now Great Brak River will be 150 years old in three years time. To meet this very important milestone it has been proposed that we undertake a revival of the village and turn it into a tourist mecca. This will be good news for everyone and will help provide many new job opportunities and investment chances. The intension is to enhance the original village buildings and to recreate the friendly culture as it was in previous decades. To do this will require a large amount of planning and some changes in the way the village operates. We need more businesses to invest in and to help the village grow but without disturbing the past historic character and links. A good deal of the proposed work has been going on in the background and many discussions have already been held with the Mossel Bay municipality. At last the green light is in place.

Since this is probably news to many, we will elaborate on it in the coming months.

The next business bowls afternoon has been postponed to 3 pm on the 5th October. Meet you there.

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