



Chairman's Report 2022 AGM

The JRA has had a busy year and I would like to provide you with an overview of the major projects/activities managed & undertaken by the committee during 2022.

We had a successful Easter Kunsmark and Pannekoek bak and at the time of writing arrangements are well advanced for the December Kunsmark/Pannekoek bak and Lanternloop. We also had our first Lente “Opskop” at Privilistea this year. It was a stunning evening. My sincere thanks to all the wonderful people who give up their time to ensure the success of these events.

At this point I would like to introduce a concept which will allow people to really use their imaginations regarding fund raising for Jongensfontein. It is called “Jongensfontein Kook”. This is obviously a play on words whereby we can perhaps compile a recipe book for sale or at the other end of the spectrum ‘n “Opskop wat kook” or anything inbetween. I would love to hear your ideas!

Our gardener William has proven to be a very committed and diligent employee of the JRA. He works two days a week and provides ongoing maintenance of paths and lawns as well as generally tidying up around the town. Always cheerful he appears to have a good rapport with the people he meets.

The JRA “manne” also did their bit by cleaning the slippery “swemgat stairs” while Mike Steyn has dedicated hours repairing and maintaining the water sprinklers on the grass opposite drie pikkewyne. Thanks Mike and the Guys.



Probably the most important challenge faced by the JRA during the course of 2022 was opposing the sub-division of a farm on the urban edge of Jongensfontein where the developer intends to set up an eco-estate comprising 28 erven with water and sewage services provided by Jongensfontein. The documentation involved was almost overwhelming and it took close on 6 weeks working full time in order to compose, compile and submit opposing documentation to both the Hessequa Municipality as well as the Provincial Government. I wish to thank my wife Monica, who was my “editor” and

“typist” during this time and ensured that we met the various deadlines. To date we have not received any feedback on the proposed development.

Water issues were problematic during the second half of 2022. Jongensfontein is totally reliant on its dam/natural springs plus two pumps for its water requirements and distribution. The water flows from reservoirs located high above the town and the resultant pressure coupled with an ageing pipe system leads to pipe bursts.

In early November a combination of unfavourable circumstances led to a situation where we came close to severe water restrictions.

Two main pipes (old asbestos) burst and both pumps failed. The Hessequa engineering staff excelled themselves working day and night and installed two new pumps as well as replacing the piping. Great work on their part and it is noted that the JRA has strongly motivated the inclusion of a standby pump in the Hessequa 2022/23 budget.

The water situation remains very closely monitored and I check it on a daily basis.

The JRA Sage Pastel Admin system continues to run very efficiently in the capable hands of Celente while Denise plays an excellent backup role both with Admin as well as event organisation.



Although costs continue to rise the JRA Committee has decided not to increase the annual membership fees and accordingly these will remain at the current R900 / annum.

I would like to conclude with a word on security.

This year the JRA arranged and paid for armed security over the Easter period to ensure that everyone was safe and sound.

Now that we have the basics of a Buurtwag in place we will place strong emphasis on the “co-ordinator system” over this December and Easter next year in order to test the viability of the system.

Plans are also in place to purchase two security cameras for installation in the new year and these will be sited at the Swemgat and on the cnr of Strand and Kamp sts.

On behalf of the JRA committee we wish you a happy and safe 2023.

Kind regards,

John.