



WESTERN HEADS / GOUKAMMA CONSERVANCY

WHGC AGM 2024

- ◉ Welcome & apologies
- ◉ Confirming minutes of the 2023 AGM
- ◉ WHGC Annual reporting
 - ◉ Overview & Confirmation of WHGC Objectives
 - ◉ TMF Project = DE
 - ◉ NPO, Fundraising & finances - DE
 - ◉ PR, Marketing, Website, Newsletter – HE
 - ◉ Membership – HE
 - ◉ Fauna & flora – Christa le Roux
 - ◉ Fire management – Dirk Smit / Christo Lombaard
- ◉ Election of Chairperson & 5 ManCom Members
- ◉ Objectives for the coming year - Chair
- ◉ General issues
- ◉ Closure



- Knysna Sand Fynbos (FFd10 – SANBI, 2018) - Critically Endangered vegetation type of which only 17% is in an untransformed state
- WHGC host populations of many Red List plants as well as three threatened butterfly species (Edge, 2014)
- Contains important ecological corridors along the dune cordons (east-west) and between the ocean and the Knysna estuary

Confirmation Of WHGC Objectives

- To promote, protect, manage, and grow this endangered ecosystem to the benefit of future generations
- Promote, encourage, foster and support
 - a. understanding and appreciation
 - b. eradication invader plants and animals
 - c. reclaim, rehabilitation and management of degraded areas
 - d. Zero environmental impact/loss
- Foster strong relationships with residence, conservancies and environmental bodies

Overview of previous year – High Lights

1. **Conservation outcomes** progress via TMF
2. **Stronger network & awareness** in WHGC – conservation, safety and security, disaster mitigation, etc
3. **Strong relationships** with KM Environmental Dept, SANParks, Cape Nature and FPA
4. **NPO**, Bank account and finances
5. Awareness of the sensitive & special nature

Overview of previous year – concerns & challenges

1. **Increase in invasive growth** on properties of existing landowners resulting in threat to sensitive nature and fire risk to residence
2. Ignorance or self interest resulting in destruction of nature
3. High property demand result in wrong marketing messages that attract new owners with unrealistic plans: “Properties for Sale”
 - Ready for Development
 - Agri Zone – you can “traditional farming”
 - Location and number of new dwellings

WHGC Trails

Johan Labuschagne

Why Trails

- **Sharing** this special area in an environmental responsible way with the local communities
- to **foster an appreciation** and love for this habitat and to creating support for conservation efforts.
- **boost the Eco Tourism value** in the area and **support conservation efforts;**
 - increase the property value and
- create a deeper understanding, and support for the challenges that the owners and communities are facing

Progress with the Trail Network



Objectives for 2024-2025

- Structure of ManCom with monthly meetings
- Deliver on WHGC-TMF project objectives
- Input to the new SDP
- Increase awareness and education
- Foster stronger relationships
- Strongly encourage eradication of invasives