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## COMBINED NEWSLETTER, MAY AND JUNE

### AGM AND BERG RIVER RESORT

#### **Trekkers Laager 8 Annual General Meeting 31 May 2026**

We had contemplated going to Sandvlei for our AGM, that park being a centralised venue and thus ensuring a good attendance. However, the apathy and general disinterest encountered when trying to make a booking together with the red tape that is required led to our abandoning the idea. As an alternative the Browns offered to host the meeting and thus it was, with a good attendance to boot.

The existing committee was willing to stand for re-election with the exception of the secretary. As there were no other nominations the existing committee was re-elected. In the position of secretary, Carol Henstock was nominated and she accepted. Welcome Carol and thank you to our loyal committee members.

We all enjoyed a braai after and all was relaxed and most enjoyable.

#### **Berg River Resort 19 June 2026**

The resort is usually quiet during the colder months and advance booking is not required, except for the river front sites. Alex and Colleen chose to arrive on the Thursday and found one river front site next to the chalets. Alas the power point was not working so they elected to move back into C block. The wind was blowing with vigour necessitating a set up facing the ablutions. Not ideal but you do what you must. The Browns arrived on Friday and set up next door, almost touching vans. A touch rude but we had a cosy space to accommodate the conga between us. Alex and Collen had prepared a delicious spaghetti bolognese for supper to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> outspan. Thankyou Alex and Colleen. The previous days wind was completely absent providing a perfect evening for just the 4 of us.

Saturday was a perfect day and we could admire the beauty of the park and river front. Pruning of the trees was underway throughout the park and large piles of branches awaited

collection and harvesting of firewood. It was evident that quite a few of the older, larger trees had been cut completely down resulting in providing more space on some sites. The river level was surprisingly low but to be expected I suppose as the Berg River dam is not yet full.

We noticed that a new mall has been built opposite the major intersection where you turn off to Franschoek. The bumpy road under the rail bridge will soon be closed as a new bridge over the railway has been built along with a road alignment to bypass that whole area. Anyway, we were tempted to visit the mall but due to the excellent weather we elected to stay put. Angela wanted to make a pot bread so we did that and enjoyed piping hot slices with butter.

During the afternoon we set up our chair on the grass to take advantage of the view of the river and the other campers. The warm weather with no wind was a blessing and one could believe it was a summers day. We set up the braai and the Conga for the evening and remembered that June is World Campers month. Cheers to all.

Sunday was again a glorious day and we could not remember ever having such a perfect weekend. At indaba Alex and Colleen were presented with a 50<sup>th</sup> outspan disc and we took photos to put on the Trekkers National Outdoor Recreation club web site

Birthdays for July are Johan Conradie 2 July and Brian Heath 3 July

#### **Future outspans**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| July      | Berg River Resort                   | 24 to 26 if no rain |
| August    | Klein Paradys                       | 21 to 23            |
| September | NAGM Maselspoort                    | 25 to 27            |
|           | Alt. Suggest Fish Eagle River lodge | 25 to 27            |
| October   | Ou Skip Birthday outspan            | 23 to 25            |
| November  | Imhof Christmas outspan             | 27 to 29            |

Safe towing until next time,

Angela & David