

VOORWOORD

Welkom by Yzerfontein Toerisme se nuwe nuusbrief. Een van die grootste uitdagings vir Yzerfontein Toerisme is goeie kommunikasie na ons lede, asook na die publiek wat nog nie lede is nie. Hierdie is een van ons addisionele pogings om ons lede in te lig oor ons doen en late, buiten ons web tuiste en ons Facebook bladsy. Terloops, ons is besig om beide ons web tuiste en Facebook bladsy op te gradeer en sal binnekort spog met spik splinter nuwe aanlyn fasiliteite.

Ons moes ongelukkig einde Mei vir ons beamppte, Leané Koegelenberg, totsiens sê. Ons wens haar alle voorspoed met haar nuwe uitdagings. Ons weet sy sal daarvan ook 'n sukses maak. Baie dankie Leané vir al jou harde werk hier by Toerisme, ons gaan jou vriendelike gesiggie mis.

Gelukkig kan ons 'n ander vriendelike gesiggie aan ons lede voorstel, Lin Coetsee. Die van u wat haar nog nie ontmoet het nie, maak gerus 'n draai by die Toerisme Kantoor. Lin maak lekker koffie.

Die befondsing van Yzerfontein Toerisme se projekte en inisiatiewe is totaal afhanklik van ledegeld ontvang. Dus vra ons dat gastehuse en besighede lid word van Yzerfontein Toerisme en sodoende by te dra om ons te help terugploeg in ons dorpie, dit te verfraai, interessant te maak en te bemark. Selfs inwoners van Yzerfontein kan lid word as "Vriend van Toerisme" en sodoende 'n bydrae maak. Kontak gerus vir Lin by ons kantoor.

Ons hoop u vind die nuusbrief vol inligting en ondersteun ons projekte wat ons loods. Dis baie exciting times vir ons.

Die Yzerfontein Toerisme Bestuursspan



WATERKRIP

Tydens ons onlangse droogte het ons weer bewus geword van die wonderlike voorreg om 'n kraan oop te draai en daar is water. Dit was natuurlik nie altyd die geval in Yzerfontein nie. So 80 jaar gelede toe die vakansiegangers, veral boere van die omliggende areas, hier kom kamp het, was daar geen lopende water, elektrisiteit of selfs plaaslike bestuur nie. Elke boer het maar met sy eie melkkoei kom vakansie hou om te verseker dat hy vars melk het elke dag. Hul het ook met perdekarre gekom van heinde en verre. Vakansiegangers van daardie tyd moes maar self hul water uit die gorras agter 'n groot duin gaan uittrek en dit elke dag na hul tente of huise aandra. So het hul ook 'n krip gebou waar hul diere kon water drink. Baie naby die krip is al water aangewys wat daarop wys dat daar moontlik 'n put of windpomp vroeër jare kon gewees het.

Hierdie krip was jare laas sigbaar en baie van die inwoners is nie eens bewus daarvan nie. Die krip is tans heeltemaal toegegroeï en die moontlikheid bestaan dat die struik die mure van die krip kan omstoot. Dus het Toerisme besluit, tesame met Bewarea, om die historiese erfenis van Yzerfontein te herstel en beskikbaar te maak vir almal om te sien. Teen einde Julie sal daar 'n paadjie aangelê word. Hou die area in Derde Laan dop. Toerisme sal ook 'n bordjie oprig sodat almal maklik na die krip kan gaan kyk. Geen onnodige plante of struik sal verwyder word nie.



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Krip toegegroeï*

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Leense van Dyk by
die waterkrip toe
dit nog sigbaar
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YZERFONTEIN BEACH CLEANUP 2018

Every wave, every tide, every beach is unique, and ours are no different. It's our time to invest in our beautiful seaside town and clean our beaches once again. Our ocean is a source of life, it's a source of oxygen for us all and so much more... We all love clean beaches, and more often than not it's polluted with plastics and all strange objects. Plastic pollution can now be found on every beach in the world, nowhere is it safe anymore. Scientists have recently discovered micro plastics embedded deep in the Arctic ice. Every day approximately 8 million pieces of plastic pollution find its way into our oceans. Plastics consistently make up 60 - 90% of all marine debris studied. Recent studies have revealed marine plastic pollution in 100% of marine turtles, 59% of whales, 36% of seals and 40% of seabird species examined. 100 000 Marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution annually.

Each of us can make a difference and by being aware of the huge problem we can start small with cleaning our beaches. Together we will strive to a more positive future for our oceans and our beaches.

Yzerfontein Tourism will arrange another beach cleanup in October 2018 after the winter stormy season. Specific dates will be announced soon.



Left: Pollution on the beach after the storms last year

Below: The Beach cleanup group in action on the 9th Sept 2017



ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

Yzerfontein Tourism would like to raise the awareness of the importance of archaeological discoveries in Yzerfontein to unravel our natural history and heritage.

An example of cooperation happened in June this year when old bones were discovered on a construction site on the corner of Atlantic Road and Sundowner Crescent. It was reported to Dr Graham Avery, Honorary Associate at the Natural History Collections Department of Iziko Museums, who came out the very next day to inspect the bones. It was found to be an ancient hyena lair, resembling more or less the same age period and animal types as were discovered at the archaeological site at the harbour.

As construction on the site had already started, the owner, Mr Marc Knott who's positive attitude is exemplary, kindly granted permission to investigate the occurrence before construction continued.

All developers and construction people are encouraged to follow suit !!!



Right: The owner, Mr Marc Knott

Bottom left: Dr Graham Avery



Top Left: Adult Hyena teeth

LIVING IN THE HARBOUR MORE THAN 100 000 YEARS AGO.

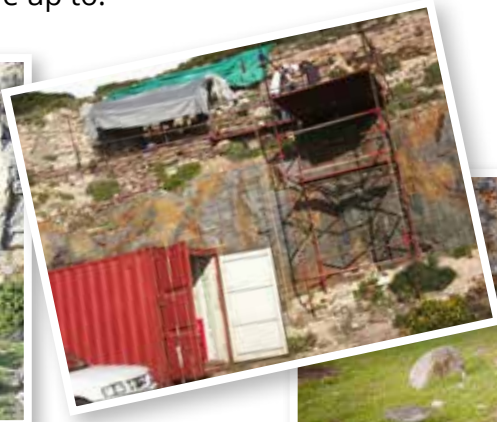
We, at Yzerfontein Tourism, are passionate about our ancient history, and of the opinion that all heritage sites should be preserved and posted with information boards to tell the story of long ago.

For some, the stone walls and sandbags above the cliff at the harbour entrance will be a familiar sight. Others might be aware of it, but not know what it is about, or not be aware of it at all and that it was the site of an archaeological excavation in 2003. The sandbags covering the ancient cave have started deteriorating and some erosion of the sample material has already taken place. Dr Duncan Miller, an archaeologist, geologist and metallurgist, who retired in Yzerfontein, was concerned about the condition of the site, and therefore facilitated a meeting between members of the management committee of Yzerfontein Tourism and archaeologists from Cape Town, wherein it was decided to take certain stabilization action, prior to final preservation of the site, hopefully towards the end of the year.

Yzerfontein Tourism installed a temporary information board, which will be replaced with a permanent board once the site has been fully preserved and our application for a Provincial Heritage Site has been approved. New sandbags were also placed to prevent further erosion.

We wish to thank Loedolf Pienaar, Jackie Pienaar, Anja Nel, Dawid Makiet and also Christine Joonè who made snacks and coffee for the event. Marissa Nieuwoudt took the photos.

Please do pay the site a visit, read what it was all about and let your imagination take you to what these Middle Stone Age antecedents of all modern peoples were up to.



OUR NEW BROCHURE

Did you know that Yzerfontein was once an Island?

Do you know how many Dolosse was used in the Harbour to build the new wall?

That people lived in the Harbour 100 000 years ago?

Or that Dassen Island was also called Coney Island?



Well, you will find all the answers in our new 32 page Yzerfontein Tourism Brochure. We compiled a brand new brochure with some interesting information about our history, historical buildings, structures as well as our abundance of bird life and flowers that bloom throughout the year.

Information about the Lime Kilns, the history of the Lighthouse, our rich history of the Vishuis, the Radar station that was secretly run by women in 1943, the interesting history of Dassen Island, the WACS International optic fibre Cable project and many more will all be found in this brochure. There are also articles of NSRI, Residents Association, Yzerfontein Conservancy and an informative map to guide you to all the interesting spots in Yzerfontein.

The brochure will also include emergency numbers and important information regarding our wild life. Everything you want to know in one booklet. The brochure will be free to all home owners and tourists courtesy of Yzerfontein Tourism.

All our registered members for accommodation, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, businesses and activities will also be included in the brochure.

We are combining the old A3 map and the old brochure map which will include each tourism member's contact details.

Now is the time! If you want your establishment, accommodation or business to be listed in this new and exciting brochure, as well as on the new Yzerfontein map that's included in the brochure, please contact Lin at the Yzerfontein Tourism office to register before the cutoff date of **20 July 2018**.



Last years brochure

Die babapoel in 9'de straat het ontstaan rondom 1973 toe daar op daardie punt seewater uitgepomp is vir die bou van die teerpad tussen Darling en Yzerfontein. Dit het egter vinnig 'n gewilde plek geword vir klein kindertjies om in veiligheid te plas en klipvissies te vang.

Ongelukkig het hewige storms aan die Weskus die keerwal stelselmatig afgebreek en die eertydse sitbankies verniel. Met die streng omgewingsbewarings maatreëls van vandag kan die poel nie in sy oorspronklike glorie herstel word nie. Yzerfontein Toerisme het besluit om van tyd tot tyd onderhoud op die poel en omgewing te doen deur hoofsaaklik te keer dat mosselskulpe dit mettertyd heeltemaal bedek, en ook om onwelriekende skulpe te verwyder.

Op 28 Mei vanjaar het ons die ergste stormskade van Junie 2017 herstel, in samewerking met Top Tool, die hulp van Loedolf en Bokkie Pienaar, Dawid Makiet en Christine Joonè en met die toestemming van Swartland Munisipaliteit en die Departement van Omgewingsake. Omdat daar 'n beperking is op die hoeveelheid materiaal wat ons mag verskuif, sal die onderhoud in fases gedoen moet word. Die volgende skoonmaak aksie word beplan vir Oktober, wanneer die sterk winter see verby is en om gereed te wees vir die vakansie seisoen.



Links: Voor die skoonmaak begin het

Onder: Op die dag



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

DOKTERS

Yzerfontein

GP - Dr Lindy Walters..... 022 4512 941
 Atlantic Medical Response 082 222 6323 or
 083 900 3334

Darling

Dental Surgeon

GP - Dr Anine Vermaak..... 022 492 2339
 Dr G. Husselmann..... 022 492 2671



PHARMACY

Yzerfontein

..... 022 451 2095 / 083 708 1262

Darling

..... 022 492 2782 / 022 4512 463

AMBULANCE

..... 10177

NETCARE (24hr emergency assistance specialists)

..... 082 911

HOSPITALS



Netcare Blaauwberg Hospital..... 021 554 9000
 Swartland Hospital..... 022 482 1161
 Tygerberg Hospital..... 021 938 4911
 Panorama Medi-Clinic..... 021 938 2111
 or 24Hrs Emergency 021 930 4180



FIRE STATION

Malmesbury..... 022 487 9400 or
 022 487 9479

POLICE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Yzerfontein

Law Enforcement Officer 022 451 2366
 Armed Response 022 451 2747

MUNICIPALITY

Swartland Municipality 022 487 9400
 Yzerfontein Municipality..... 022 451 2366 or
 022 451 2258
 Electricity / Water Emergency..... 022 487 9400
 Darling Municipality 022 492 2237



ESKOM

SNAKE CATCHER *Yzerfontein* 082 370 9768 (*Johan Snyman*)

HARBOUR AND MARINE

Harbour Master..... 082 921 1192 (*A Crews*)
 NSRI Station 34 - Yzerfontein..... 082 990 5974 (*Willem Lubbe*)
 Marine And Coastal Management... 076 987 1596 or
 073 008 6192 or
 022 451 2 344

PETS



Darling Animal Hospital..... 022 492 2545 or 022 492 3269
 A/H 022 492 3133
 Yzerfontein Dierkliniek 022 451 2087 or
emergencies 083 868 0520
 SPCA (*Darling*) 022 492 2781
 VET (*Darling*) 022 492 3780