

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

The **Natures Valley Special Ratings Area Steering Committee** hereby give notice of a **Public Participation Meeting** to present the proposed Natures Valley Special Ratings Area Business Plan.

The Public Participation Meeting will be held at

2.00pm on Monday 19th December 2022

NGK Church Hall,
St Georges Avenue,
Natures Valley.

The meeting will also be streamed virtually. To register for the virtual meeting or to make any enquiries, please contact info@nvsra.co.za or call 0445316699.

R A Nichol
Chairman NVSRA Steering Committee

SRA Application Progress

We are pleased to report that the Bitou CFO has given approval for our Business Plan (Step 4 Below) and we can now move onto the Public Participation Meeting (PPM – Step 5). We will shortly be publishing notice of the meeting in the local media (See Notice above), on the Bitou Municipality website, as well as NVRA and NVSRA websites.

PLEASE NOTE: - This is an important meeting for all homeowners so PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

The Public Participation Meeting will be held in the NGK Church Hall for all property owners and other interested parties and will also be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person. A live streaming link will be provided to allow you to join the meeting.

We will email the Business Plan and Consent Form to all property owners before Thursday 8th December and make them available on the NVSRA website. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr Bianca Currie-Killick (professional facilitator) and you can either send any questions you may have regarding the Business Plan prior by email to the meeting to info@nvsra.co.za, or ask your questions during the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: - This meeting is NOT the NVRA AGM which is still scheduled for 20th December 2022 at the same venue.

IMPORTANT DETAILS FOR STAGE 6 – COMPLETING CONSENT FORMS

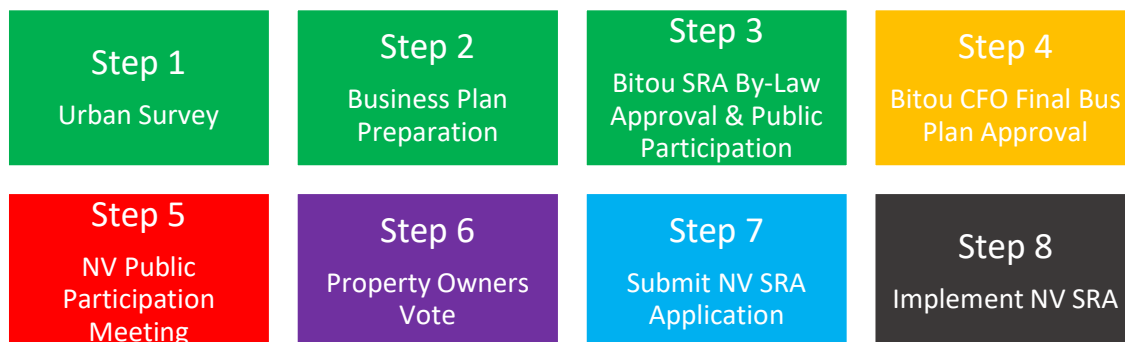
Because the festive season is coming up soon, here is some information on Consent Forms which will help make completion of the form easier.

Each property is entitled to complete **one consent** form as each property has **one vote** irrespective of the number of owners.

1. **INDIVIDUAL(S).** Properties owned by an individual. The Consent Form must be signed by the individual registered owner. Where the property is owned by 2 or more individuals, then all those owners will have to sign the same form.
2. **TRUSTS, COMPANIES and CLOSE CORPORATIONS. (ENTITY)** Because these are all legal entities it will be necessary for the person who is responsible for completing the consent form to have written authority warranting that he or she may act on behalf of the entity. This authority must contain the person's full name, SA ID number and state that they have been nominated to consider the Business Plan and vote on behalf of the Entity and be signed by the Trustees, Directors Members. The written authority must be attached to the consent form when it is submitted.
3. **MULTIPLE OWNERS.** Where one individual or Trust of Company or CC owns more than one property it is acceptable for one consent form to be submitted provided that all the ERF numbers are entered on the form.

Any questions about the above process should be sent by email to info@nvsra.co.za or by telephone 044-531 6699

The step-by-step SRA Application Process



We are happy to report the following progress made to date: -

- ✓ **Step 1** – The urban perception survey is complete - refer to Issue 2 of 4th April 2022
- ✓ **Step 2** – The draft business plan has been completed and key aspects of the plan such as geographical area, scope of services and indicative costs, have been discussed with the Municipality.
- ✓ **Step 3** – Bitou Municipal Council approved the SRA By-Law and SRA Policy and completed a 30-day public participation process in August. The SRA By-Law obtained final approval from Council on 31st October with publication in the Government Gazette to follow later in November.

- ✓ **Step 4** – Revised SRA Business Plan and budget to be presented to the Bitou Municipality CFO for final approval in the early November. We will be sending out a notice of the meeting date as well as all relevant information as soon as arrangements have been made. It is very important all property owners are involved in this process so please look out for the notice.
- **Step 5** – Business Plan to be sent to all NV property owners by email and presented on 19th December 2022 at a public participation meeting facilitated by Dr Bianca Currie. The NVSRA Steering Committee will be available at this meeting to answer questions on the SRA.
- **Step 6** – NV property owners vote on proposal to implement the SRA proposal.
- **Step 7** – Submission of the SRA application to Council in December. This to be followed by a period of public comment and the establishment of financial administration arrangements with Bitou Municipality before final Council meeting regarding approval in March/April 2023.
- **Step 8** – Implementation of the NVSRA company to manage the SRA on behalf of residents in April 2023. Details of company formation and structure to be communicated in Business Plan.

Update on Interim Funding for the Baboon Monitors

In November 2022 we sent out a request for additional funding to extend the Baboon Monitoring Project while applying for Natures Valley to be declared a Special Ratings Area (SRA).

Income

Total funds received from the November appeal to date, including interest, is R 167 000.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter our target was R215 000 to see us to 30 April 2023. Currently we are still short of that target. Also, it now appears that we shall have to fund the project until the end of June 2023 which we estimate to be another R 60 000.

Our sincere thanks to all the property owners who have contributed so generously to date. May we take this opportunity to encourage owners who have not yet contributed to please assist us in reaching our target.

Banking details for contributions: -

Account: Standard Bank Market Linked Business Savings Account

Account No 10154030161

Branch no 0510001

Account name - Natures Valley Ratepayers Association

Please put your ERF No, Name and "B" on the transfer details so we can identify payment for the baboon management plan. Please send a confirmation email to office@nvra.co.za