



MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 27 June 2016, 09h00 for 09h30.
Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

THE STILBAAI DUNES.

Niel van Wyk.

Niel worked in the Department of Nature & Environmental Conservation in the previous Cape Province and from 1992 in the Western Cape Province for nearly 30 years. He began his career as a researcher on estuaries and the coastal zone, and, although he served in top management in later years, he retained his interest in estuaries and the coastal zone.

In the talk he explains how coastal dunes are formed, and their role in nature; followed by a discussion of the interactions between winds, the sea and dunes at Stilbaai. The significant effects of climate change on the coast, and the implications thereof for the Stilbaai dunes, is highlighted. He talks about man's impacts on the Stilbaai East dune system, and the problems resulting from these impacts. The talk concludes with proposals to address these problems.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend the talk, admittance is free.

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Results of vote for Afrikaans name

Last month we requested members to indicate their preference for an Afrikaans translation of the word 'Age' in the context: University of the Third Age. The direct Afrikaans translation for age is 'ouderdom', but in this context it is not correct to use 'ouderdom'. There are four words that could be used – all of them are correct; they are: 'Leeftyd, Tydperk, Era & Fase'. We put this to the vote and 30 people responded. The results were that 60% voted for 'Era', 30% for 'Fase'; and 'Leeftyd' and 'Tydperk' together received 10% of the vote.

The Afrikaans name will thus be "Universiteit van die Derde Era", but we must emphasise that we will continue to use the acronym "U3A" in both English and Afrikaans – this is the usage in most countries in the world.

We thank those who responded, and also for the valuable comments and suggestions many of you made during our investigations and in your responses.

Report back on GM : 30 May

Our thanks to Daan Toerien for his informative presentation of facts and trends in business development for the various towns in the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve. Daan shared graphic representations of many aspects pertaining to Stilbaai, and with his audience he discussed Stilbaai's current status and its growth potential. Much appreciated information. Thank you.

Daan's report: "*Enterprise Development and Dynamics in the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve*" is available on the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve website – www.gouritz.com.

Inaugural Meeting

Our inaugural meeting takes place on Monday 25 July 2016 at 09h30 in Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch. The agenda will be sent to all members in early July. We hope that the meeting will not take too long as we would all like to enjoy Belinda Gordon's interesting talk.

U3A Committee

Anybody interested in serving on our committee should please contact us on info@u3astilbaai.org — names for the committee will be presented to the members at our Inaugural Meeting. There is really not much work to do, but we do need some more brain cells for the committee. And, just imagine what your friends will think if you tell them you are on the University's managing committee!

Membership fees

Membership Fees for the 2016-17 year remains at R30 per person per year. Although only due from 1 July, you are welcome to pay at the next meeting. Members will receive our newsletter and other information that we circulate from time to time. Thanks to those that have already paid for the coming year.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

Courses are for smaller groups of members with like-minded interests. The following courses are offered or being planned:

- **Beginners Art:** Draw or paint in medium of choice. Meet first Thursday of the month. Contact Julie at wilson.julie222@gmail.com.
- **Natural Science Course U3A :** Courses have not started. Any members who would like to share their knowledge or expertise with us for a short natural science presentation are welcome to contact us. If necessary we can help with setting up your presentation. Contact Brian and/or Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org.
- **Hiking Groups :** The group meets every Friday to walk different interesting routes. Contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Armchair Travel :** Contact Brian for date and time of meetings at info@u3astilbaai.org.
- **Bird Watching Group for Beginners :** The course in August is full. The next course will be in 2017 – it will be in Afrikaans. We will provide more information later in the year.
- **Power, Ritual and Exclusion :** This course is on Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th July at 10h00. There is limited space, so the number will have to be limited. Contact Janet Stonier at jet33@telkomsa.net or phone 028 754 3844.

Please feel free to give us feedback on any of the courses that you have attended, or proposals for any new courses you would like to see introduced to U3A Stilbaai. Email: info@u3astilbaai.org.

TALKS TO COME

We have some interesting speakers and topics for general meetings. Where possible speakers will use both English and Afrikaans in their presentations.

- 25 July 2016: Belinda Gordon: *The Anglo Boer War - the Colesberg Actions from November 1899 to March 1900.*
- 26 August 2016: Roberto Anastagi: *Syria under the rule of Rome and during the Crusades.*
- Provisionally Sept: Stefan Pretorius: *4 Trips in, and escape from – Iran.*
