



## Dames Aktueel sluit jaar af

Tydens die onlangse jaarafsluitingsfunksie van Dames Aktueel by Traumerai in die Langeberg Mall het Sandra Brits en haar dogter met hul pragtige sang as kunstenaars opgetree tervyl Elna van die Diaz Boekwinkel 'n paar boeke uitgestal en 'n boekvolesing gedoen het. Dames Aktueel bedank vir Traumerai wat hulle vanjaar tydens elke byeenkoms só gasvry ontvang het. 'n Geseënde feesgety en 'n voorspoedige Nuwejaar word hulle asook al die Dames Aktueel-vriendinne toegewens.



## Round Table helps fishermen families

The Mossel Bay Round Table donated a number of food supplies to the families of the deceased SeaVuna fishermen, to assist them through the tough times. The food supplies is donated from the Buffalo Rally proceeds. The survivor, Wilhelm Isaacs also received a donation.

# Fransmanshoek Conservancy receives Cape Nature Award

The Fransmanshoek Conservancy is a conservation organisation which boasts an 18 km almost untouched coastline and have recently been awarded for the efforts towards the conservation of the Fransmanshoek.

The conservancy was established in 1994, making it the oldest established conservancy in the Western Cape and is situated approximately 35 km's west of Mossel Bay.

The main objectives of the conservancy are the conservation, protection and rehabilitation of its coastline - from Springerbaai Eco-Estate in the east to Cape Vacca Private Nature Reserve in the west. The conservancy is very active with educational programs and the implementation of law enforcement, among many more functions.

Today the conservancy stands head held high, honoured with an award from CapeNature for services towards conservation and ensuring long term conservation and sustainability of the area's biodiversity. The Fransmanshoek Conservancy forms the Gouritz-Eastern Coastal Corridor Project



The beautiful Fransmanshoek Peninsula, the heart of the Fransmanshoek Conservancy.

(GECCP), acting as the implementing agency and coordinating body for the project.

The GECCP was established in response to the Gouritz Initiative (GI) project's aims and objectives. The GI is a landscape wide initiative which aims to establish biological corridors across landscapes, by incorporating private landowners and statutory bodies.

The GECCP aims to establish a coastal ecological corridor from the Gouritz River Mouth to Mossel Bay, in partnership with other conservancies.

The establishment of the GECCP and the appointment of conservancy rangers was the culmination of 10 years of hard work by all the conservancy members. Fransmanshoek Conservancy took the lead and initiated conservation projects in the area.

The most noteworthy being the erosion control and management of the Fransmanshoek Peninsula, huge alien vegetation clearing projects and baseline data collection.

The continued support of Eden District Municipality and Cape Nature has facilitated the ongoing contribution that the conservancy has made to the conservation of the greater Fransmanshoek-area. Since 2005 the conservancy has employed full-time rangers to fulfill its roles.

The conservancy has a wide range of baseline data collection projects. A few examples are African Black Oystercatcher monitoring, dead marine animal monitoring, snake DNA sampling, roving creel surveys (angler surveys) and many more.

"How can one manage a conserva-

tion-area if the components and their functions are unknown or not studied?" says Fransmanshoek Conservancy head ranger, Wayne Meyer. Consistent monitoring is so vital towards biodiversity conservation!

The conservancy is very active with alien vegetation clearing projects, tackling species like Rooikrans and the newly and active invader of fynbos and thicket, Manatoka. The GECCP holds large portions of pristine Gouritz Valley Thicket which is found along the coast and therefore provides the essential linkage of the thicket corridor to the coast which the GI strives for. Various animals and plants (pollination) use these corridors and by stopping alien plant invasion, its natural biodiversity can thrive once more.

The Fransmanshoek Conservancy has initiated two new projects this year which will enhance its contribution towards biodiversity even more. Wayne Meyer has started with recreational angler studies, where anglers get interviewed. With this data, fishermen efforts, catch and harvest rates can be calculated.

Lock Nel, another conservation ranger at Fransmanshoek has initiated an animal survey technique using digital trail cameras which pick up motion. Lock is monitoring the mammal populations within the conservancy, as well as drawing up a digital species list.

The Fransmanshoek Conservancy is honoured to be given this prestigious award and will continue conserving the area as best it can. One day we all can say: "I walked the beaches of Fransmanshoek Conservancy and what a lovely walk it was!"

NEVER SEEN BEFORE IN SOUTH AFRICA

COMING SOON to Mossel Bay

*"A World of Fun"*

BLASTERS

Family Entertainment Centre

FUN ACTIVITIES for the whole family

SPORT BAR

with large screen LCD's, pool tables, etc

FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT

with large terrace and family braai area

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>

Promotions!

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

Brutal Fruit Berry  
Sours Shooters R5  
Hypnotic Sambuca R5

DJ Porky & Kie  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> ENTRANCE R25

GO GIRL  
Sours Shooters R5  
Hypnotic Sambuca R5

5 Stuk Band  
"MILESTONE"  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup>

Desperados

14 INDUSTRIEWEG | VOORBAAI (LANGS FRUIT & VEG) | 044 695 2131