

Dargle Conservancy



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2023

NOTICE OF THE DARGLE CONSERVANCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at Hebron Haven Hotel

Time : 18h00 for 18h30

AGENDA:

1. Welcome/opening remarks
 2. Apologies and notice of proxies
 3. Minutes of 2022 AGM
 4. Matters arising from 2022 AGM
 5. Chairman's report
 6. Adoption of Chairman's report
 7. Treasurer's report
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 9. Election of committee members
 10. Motions to be put to the AGM
 11. Any other business/matters arising
 12. Activities over the past year - Presentation
 13. Closing remarks
 14. Dinner – Bookings essential - Whatsapp Jenny on: 083 325 0266
- No Entry Fee; R100pp includes 2 course dinner. Cash Bar available.

Welcome





Evert van Breeman

Apologies and notice of proxies

Minutes of 2022 AGM



Treasurers Report 2022-2023

Annual Financial Statement Balances

- ▶ Bank balances as at 28/02/2023
- ▶ Current Account R15 898,83
- ▶ Money Market Account R53 759,37

Total = R69 658.20



DARGLE CONSERVANCY

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	2023 R	2022 R
Revenue	20 700	20 450
Other income	195 428	86 573
Amanzi Ethu Nobuntu income	149 800	67 200
Gifts and donation income	24 690	7 270
Interest received	2 486	1 004
Profit on disposal of camera equipment	-	1 699
Sundry income	18 452	9 400
	<u>216 128</u>	<u>107 023</u>
Expenses	176 653	133 034
Advertising	-	3 600
Alien control programme	29 510	24 138
Amanzi Ethu Nobuntu expenses	115 576	80 762
Auditor's remuneration - fees	3 979	3 519
Bank charges	194	90
Computer expenses	5 174	1 514
Depreciation	3 538	2 765
Donations	1 350	7 260
Meetings	2 050	3 055
Signage	6 578	5 831
Subscriptions	700	500
Uniforms	8 004	-
	<u>39 475</u>	<u>(26 011)</u>
Net profit / (loss) for the year		
Retained earnings at beginning of year	49 955	75 966
Retained earnings at end of year	<u>89 430</u>	<u>49 955</u>

INCOME and EXPENSES

For Transactions Between:
01/03/2022 and 28/02/2023

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP FEES	R 20,700.00	
DONATIONS RECEIVED	R 24,690.00	
TALKS	R 13,742.00	
TRAIL CAMERA HIRE	R 2,600.00	
WALKS	R 2,110.00	
INTEREST RECEIVED	R 2,486.16	
AEN INCOME	R 149,800.00	
		R 216,128.16

EXPENSES

AMANZI ETHU NOBUNTU EXPENSES	R 115,575.60	
AUDIT FEES	R 3,979.00	
ALIEN CONTROL PROGRAMME	R 29,509.80	
BANK CHARGES	R 197.15	
DONATIONS GIVEN	R 1,350.00	
DEPRECIATION	R 3,538.17	
IT EXPENSES	R 1,574.00	
MEALS & DRINKS	R 2,050.00	
SIGNS	R 6,578.00	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	R 700.00	
WEBSITE	R 3,600.00	
UNIFORMS	R 8,004.00	
		R 176,655.72

NET PROFIT/-LOSS BEFORE TAX

R 39,472.44

End of Treasurers Report Questions or Comments?



Chairman's Report



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Communities in Conservation



KwaZulu-Natal Conservancies Association



Annual Dargle Clean Up Campaign in conjunction with neighbouring conservancies



Dargle Clean Up
Friday, 5 Aug 2022 9am-2pm

www.dargleconservancy.org.za



New Dargle & uMngeni River Signage



River Signage Costs and Thanks

- ▶ The Dargle River had 2 badly damaged signs, uMngeni River had no signs!
- ▶ Thank you to Taste Buds Farm Stall for the initial donation of R1900 to kickstart their “Love Dargle” initiative which the Dargle Conservancy jumped on board with. Total cost was R6578, DC then allocated funds to pay SignCo the balance for the installation.
- ▶ We also appreciate the donation of the poles used for the installation, many thanks to Dargle Poles - we love our community!



AIP clearing - P130, P132, P134



**Dargle Conservancy
AIP Clearing Team**



Alien Invasive Plant Clearing





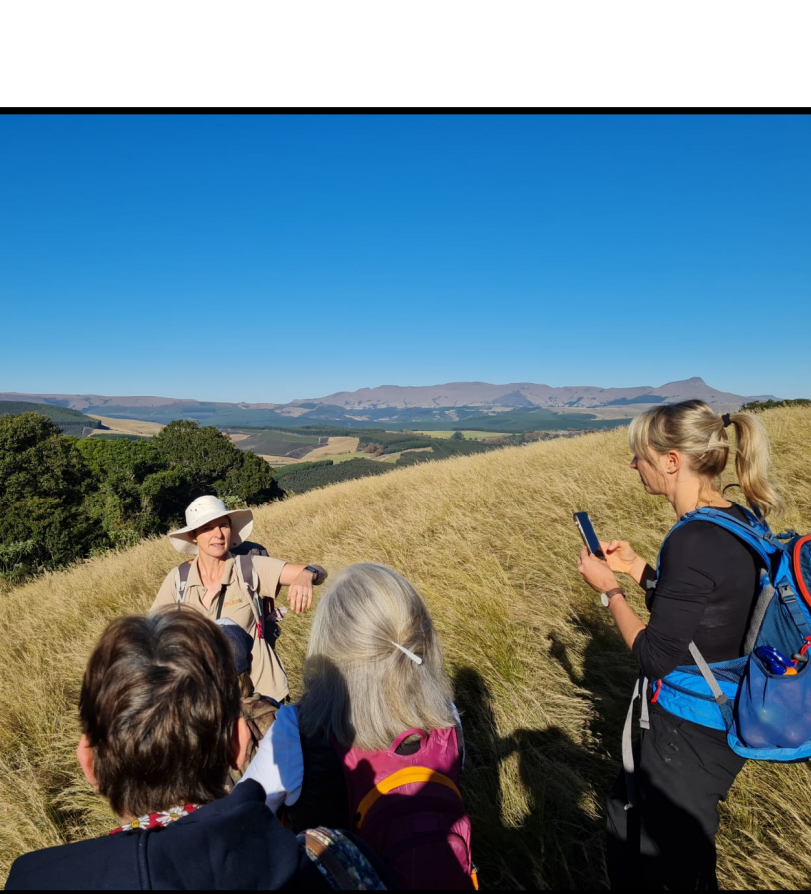
May 2023 - WWF/PepsiCo funded visit to uMngeni River Catchment area in upper Dargle. AIP's removed from river banks include wattle and bugweed. DC contributed R14 000 to Upland to complete previous projects.

Andrew Fowler continues to contribute expertise to Dargle Conservancy.





Activities - Kilgobbin Forest & Grassland Walk with Spekboom Tours to “Treasure the Dargle” - R3000 Donated!



Thanks to Kevin Barnsley for putting videos together and narrating for us!



1st week of September - Arbor Week



Bird Walk with Shane Bennitt



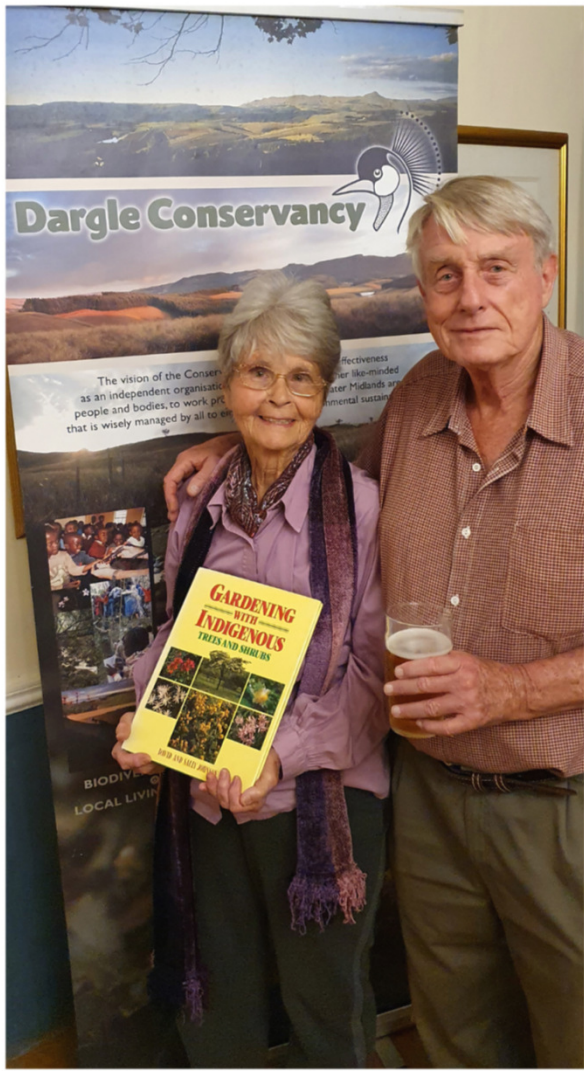


Spots in the
Long Grass...

FreeMe Wildlife Talks



“The Life of Trees” with David Johnson and his wife Sally.



“Meetings with Remarkable Rocks” - John Roff

Kilgobbin Forest Walks

Nikki Brighton



Kilgobbin Forest Walk

First Thursday of every month
09.00 - 11.00

A quiet wander in mist-belt forest.

Donation R50 Book: Nikki 083 473 3074



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A quiet wander in mist-belt forest.



Andrew Fowler of Upland River Conservation was invited by Dargle Conservancy Vice-Chair, Kevin Barnsley, to lead a walk along the Poort Stream on Ivanoe Farm.





The Amanzi Ethu Nobunto team was hired to help with the clearing of the AIP's.

Nirvanah Ramsaram then gave the group a demonstration on how the water quality is tested using a miniSASS test.

Trail Cameras
(R200pm for members)

Michael Goddard
captured images
and videos on Riverdale



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06/19/2022

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Southern Ground-Hornbill

Lynne Garbutt





Ashley Crookes



Thanks Lawrence
Mac Dougall -
Hastings Farm

Education - Snake Talks with Pat McKrill

- ▶ Pat was invited by the Dargle Conservancy to go to 4 local schools: Dargle Primary School, Misty Meadows, Corrie Lynn and Lions River Primary School. Took place over 2 days.
- ▶ The snake talks were well received after not having been done since before Covid.
- ▶ The Dargle Conservancy has already requested that Pat include the schools again for his 2024 calendar (Currently R1000 each).

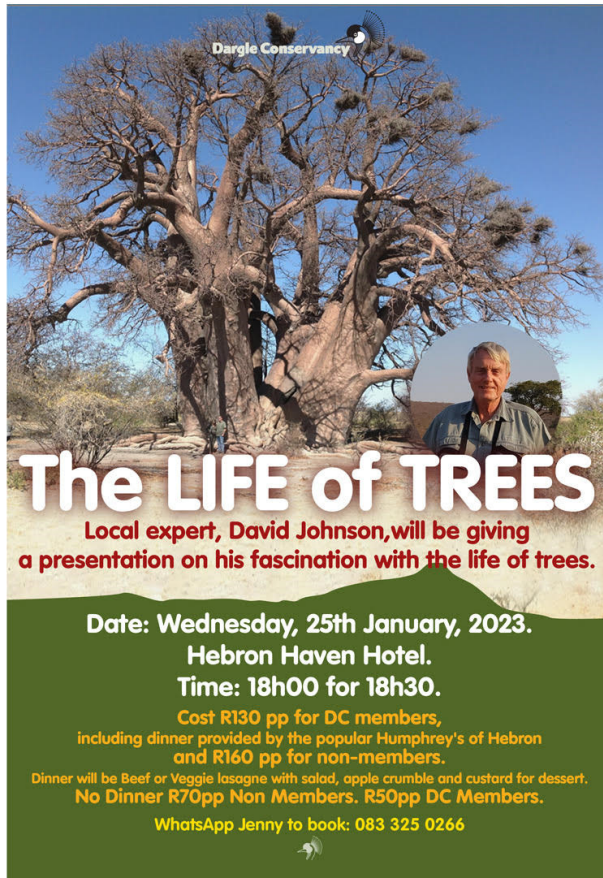




Membership Program

- Our sincere thanks to Kirsten Horne and the staff of Hebron Haven Hotel & Humphrey's of Hebron Restaurant for hosting our AGM this year.
- We will continue to support our local establishments with talks and presentations. Post Postino will be sorely missed for committee meetings!
- **Thanks to Merrill King and family who continue to sponsor the committee meeting drinks & meals!**
- New Members who have joined this year - Kandy Slater and Anthony Mark; Justin Hatting; Derek & Yolanda Noppe; Robin & Alison Cunningham; Shane Bennitt; Hastings Farm members; Craig, Keri, William, Samuel and Isabella Strachan; Megan Volker and Calvin Jones; Paul & Belinda Charlton.
- Currently 74 Dargle Conservancy Members.

Special Thanks



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The LIFE of TREES

Local expert, David Johnson, will be giving a presentation on his fascination with the life of trees.

Date: Wednesday, 25th January, 2023.
Hebron Haven Hotel.
Time: 18h00 for 18h30.

Cost R130 pp for DC members, including dinner provided by the popular Humphrey's of Hebron and R160 pp for non-members.

Dinner will be Beef or Veggie lasagne with salad, apple crumble and custard for dessert.
No Dinner R70pp Non Members. R50pp DC Members.

WhatsApp Jenny to book: 083 325 0266



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Get Together

Serval

"Spots in the Long Grass"

Wade Whitehead

from FreeMe Wildlife

Date: Wednesday 15 June 2022
Venue: Hebron Haven Hotel
Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Dinner and talk: R120pp Dargle Conservancy members
R150pp non-members

Meal info: Butter chicken or Butternut and chickpea curry with basmati rice, Naan Bread, sambals & chutney.

Attend talk only: R50 pp DC members. R70pp non-members

Contact Jenny to book on WhatsApp: 083 325 0266

Further details: chairman@dargleconservancy.org.za



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South African BIRDS

Adam Riley, founder and owner of Rockjumper Birding Tours will be doing a presentation on South African Birds

Date: Wednesday, 26th April, 2023.
Hebron Haven Hotel.
Time: 18h00 for 18h30.

Cost R130 pp for DC members, including dinner provided by the popular Humphrey's of Hebron and R160 pp for non-members.

Dinner will be Beef\Chicken\Vegetarian Lasagne, Greek Salad with Dressing.
Dessert is Brownies with Cream.

No Dinner R70pp Non Members. R50pp DC Members.

WhatsApp Jenny to book: 083 325 0266. Limited seats!

Thank you to Barry Downard for another year of amazing posters!

End of Chairman's Report
- Questions or Comments?



2022-2023 Committee Volunteers

- ▶ Ashley Crookes (Chairman)
- ▶ Kevin Barnsley (Vice-Chair, Projects & Development)
- ▶ Lynne Garbutt (Treasurer)
- ▶ Jenny Goddard (Secretary) - Retiring (after 7+ years!)
- ▶ Gugu Zuma (Education) - Resigned
- ▶ Gilly Robartes - Wildlife Cameras
- ▶ Stephen Lourens - Volunteer
- ▶ Michael Goddard - Volunteer - Retiring




Election of Committee Volunteers for 2023-24


- ▶ Ashley Crookes (Chairman)
- ▶ Kevin Barnsley (Vice-Chair)
- ▶ Lynne Garbutt (Treasurer)
- ▶ Belinda Charlton (Secretary - Newest Volunteer)
- ▶ Gilly Robartes - Wildlife Cameras
- ▶ Stephen Lourens - Volunteer
- ▶ Any other Volunteers?

Any other motions to be put to the AGM?

- ▶ DC Constitution Quorum - 40% of members required for AGM to take place and votes to be included - Are we able to reduce that?
- ▶ Also a proposal that membership will apply to direct family members of the main member (clause B). Note as a matter of interest that Hon Members do not have voting rights? We should rather honour certain people as Life members - no subs, but can vote (clauses 3.11 & 3.12).
- ▶ Clause 2.2.3 mentions “formation & maintenance” of Dargle Nature Reserve - remove “formation”?

Upcoming June Event



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The Rise of the Phoenix

Raptor specialist, Tammy Caine (FreeMe Wildlife)


**Date: Wednesday, 21st June, 2023.
Hebron Haven Hotel.
Time: 18h00 for 18h30.**

**Cost R130 pp for DC members,
including dinner provided by the popular Humphrey's of Hebron
and R160 pp for non-members.**

**Dinner will be Chili Con Carne with Yellow Rice and Greek Salad.
Veg Option: Chili Bean Con Carne
Malva Pudding with Custard**

No Dinner R70pp Non Members. R50pp DC Members.

WhatsApp Jenny by 20 June to book: 083 325 0266. Limited seats!



This is also our 20th Year Celebration!

Thank you to all our members
and supporters for another event filled
year.

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