

Friends of Die Oog
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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TREASURER'S REPORT 2009-2010

The financial statements of the Friends of Die Oog for the year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are available for inspection. The Friends have managed to keep their heads above water during the financial year. We started the year with a balance of R9,486.44 and ended with a balance of R10,854.01. The main sources of income were subscriptions R4,040 and donations R9,141.70 and we must thank many members for their generous donations. A very valuable additional source of income was R3,647.04 from the sale of notelets of views, flowers and birds of Die Oog by Poll and Malcolm Pearce and we owe them a big debt of gratitude for their initiative and endeavours. The main expenditure was R9,310.00 for the salary of the gardener Sibu Mandla who is vital for the maintenance of Die Oog. Without the income from donations and the sale of notelets we would have been unable to continue to employ a gardener. A worry is the fall in the membership of the Friends from 136 in the year 2008-2009 to 84 in 2009-2010. Rose Marie Morris who was then Treasurer made every effort to contact members who had not renewed their membership. Rose Marie has been on extended leave overseas and has regretfully indicated that she will be unable to continue to act as Treasurer and we thank her for her valuable contribution. The Friends of Die Oog do not have any other sources of income and do not readily attract sponsorships. We must thank the Lions Club of Bergvliet for their continued support and in particular for the funding of our website. I must also particularly thank all the members who have once again renewed their membership and recently made very generous donations to the Friends of Die Oog. The response of members of the Friends to my last newsletter has been heart-warming and has given great encouragement to the Committee.

I would like to draw special attention to new series of notelets with new photographs of Die Oog that Malcolm and Poll Pearce have taken and had printed. They are available here at the AGM or directly from them at 19 Farmsedge, Pekalmy Road Bergvliet tel 021 715 8666.