

# News from KZNCA

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## Our Vision

Through our members, to be a recognised and significant contributor to Conservation and environmental management in KwaZulu-Natal.

## Greetings!

Welcome to Newsletter No. 8, May 2015 issue.

*The Association AGM was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and the good turnout voted in favour of creating a proper management structure for the Association*



Making milk in darkest Africa – Ixopo district

## AGM votes in favour of a management structure

### *Forum and Conservancy management plans approved in principle*

At Thursday's KZNCA AGM held at Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife headquarters in Queen Elizabeth Park, Pietermaritzburg, there was unanimous approval for proposals to:

- *Change the Association into a Trust*
- *Submit the newly-worded Constitution to SARS to allow tax concessions to corporate donors.*
- *Proceed with the new management structure of the Association with a Board of Trustees, a CEO, a Secretariat and a Conservation Committee.*
- *Proceed with the new Forum management plan*
- *Proceed with the Conservancy management plan*

## **New services for KZNCA members**

The AGM has approved the appointment of a new KZNCA secretary to manage communications with members, process membership applications and introduce new administrative processes.

Dinky (Diana) Oliver will be based in Durban and the office will be open from 08.30 to 12.30 weekdays.

The telephone number is 082 789 7868

KZNCA email addresses will now use "kznca.co.za"

- [dinky.oliver@kznca.co.za](mailto:dinky.oliver@kznca.co.za) (Secretary)
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## **WHAT IS THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE?**

The Conservation committee replaces the old KZNCA Committee which used to be elected at the AGM.

The Conservation Committee comprises the CEO, the Forum chairpersons (so far 4) and up to 4 co-opted persons chosen for their experience and/or skills.

## **A representative turnout**

There was good representation of Conservancies at the AGM with members from the North and South Coasts, the Midlands, the Drakensberg and Ethekewini attending.

There was also a very good turnout by members of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife. Ethekewini counsellor Gill Noyce was also present



## Did you know?

*That 96.5% of the Earth's water is contained within the oceans and that, of the remaining 3.5%, more than half is locked up in glaciers and polar ice caps?*

*That natural geysers exist in only 5 countries – the USA, Russia, Chile, New Zealand and Iceland – and that most of them (almost half) are found in the USA's Yellowstone National Park?*

*That Ruppell's vulture from the Sahel region, is the world's highest flying bird and has been recorded at 11,300 metres – 2,500 metres higher than Mt Everest!*



*Ruppell's Vulture – no oxygen tank needed*



No, not *Barleria greenii*, but the pink version of *Barleria obtusa*

### Glyphates and humans

The effect of the widely used weed-killers containing Glyphates and their possible effect on human health is becoming a contentious issue. Here is a Google link to a fairly balanced viewpoint that might help

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/alicegwalton/2015/03/21/monsanto-herbicide-dubbed-probably-carcinogenic-by-world-health-organization-are-they-right/>

### **An Association or an Organisation – what's the difference?**

KZNCA needs to become more “organised” – or at least that is the opinion of most members.

But does that mean we should become an Organisation rather than an Association? In fact, what is the difference?

The dictionary says that to “associate” is “to join together as partners or colleagues”

But it says that to “organise” is “to form as or into a whole, consisting of interdependent or coordinated parts, **especially for united action**”

So it sounds as if we should be an **organised Association** – which is exactly what we're trying to do!

### **KZNCA and KZN Wildlife**



KZN Conservancies Association has a formal MOA with KZN Wildlife that promotes joint and supportive co-operation between the two parties.

And yet, the MOA has never really been used within a partnership programme between the two.

At the AGM, one of the subjects discussed was **Conservancy Management plans**: what form would they take and how would they be implemented?

KZN Wildlife is now to look at how it can help develop biodiversity mapping and management plans for Conservancies, as a specialist service to KZNCA.

This could pave the way to a valuable, ongoing working relationship within our MOA.

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