



**NKONKA TRUST,
50 Haygarth Road, Kloof, 3610**

Chairman's report for the year 2016/2017

The first meeting of the new Trustees took place at 50 Haygarth road on 8 August 2016 and was attended by Chris Harburn, Iain Geldart, Patrick Scott Martin, David Cairns and TC Chetty.

David Cairns gave the meeting some background to the trust and handed the box of records over to Chris Harburn for continuity.

Since then the committee has met every month and debated the way forward. We have had several walks on site and noticed that the fence line was in some places damaged and in need of repair. It was during one of the inspections that we came across the major environmental contravention by a neighbour, Mr Naiker who had taken the fence down and excavated a large section of the Nkonka managed reserve. This was reported by us to the Mahogany Ridge Rate payers association as well as the City and during this investigation we became aware that we did not in fact own the property and that it was owned by the Durban City and leased to Nkonka for 99 years. Since then we have been trying to get to grips with the rights and responsibilities of the Nkonka trust and the lack of involvement from the City.

During the year we attended the MRRRA annual general meeting and reported to them the change of Trustees. They very kindly made a donation to Nkonka of R50 000. We also had a visit from an environmental specialist, Roland Jones on 28 May 2017 who helped us prioritise the major issues and we believe that we need to proceed along this path as soon as we can get permission from City. The main priorities are as follows:

1. Ensure that ESOR rehabilitates the area after the pipeline installation is complete. This includes the access road, the removal of the gum trees along the road and the seeding of grass on the newly constructed bank.
2. Create a perimeter access road (similar to Tanglewood farm on the adjoining property) which would serve the purpose of being able to repair the fences easily, create fire breaks and allow walkers a route to enable them to comfortably get around the place.
3. Create a website which will be the platform for us to reach out to the community and create an awareness. This could lead to additional income generating ideas as well as garnering more local support for the area.
4. Fix up the fences and access gates. Ensure that the electrified fence is working and that no unauthorised access is creating a nuisance.

The Trust finances are in a good shape and we currently have R 825 730 in the trust account and R49 882 in the FNB working account.