

# FRIENDS OF DIE OOG

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### 1 JULY 2008 TO 30 JUNE 2009

The Friends of Die Oog was established in 2003 and the past financial year was the first year in which the Friends did not receive any grants for any projects. At the beginning of the financial year, after the Annual General Meeting in September 2008, the funds in hand were not sufficient to meet the commitments of the Friends in the coming year. This included the services of a gardener for one day a week which is essential for the maintenance of Die Oog. An appeal was therefore made to all the Friends of Die Oog and several members made very generous additional donations. In September 2008 two members of the Committee, Poll and Malcolm Pearce, arranged for the printing of "notelets" of photographs of birds, flowers and views of Die Oog taken by Malcolm. The initial printing was undertaken with the aid of a grant by Michael Greef. The "notelets" were sold in packs of 8 at R50 per pack and the proceeds, after meeting the cost of printing, were donated to the Friends. The sale of the notelets has been an outstanding success. In addition Poll Pearce arranged for boys from the Western Province Preparatory School and girls from Herschel Primary School to collect funds and to visit Die Oog. Cubs from the 1<sup>st</sup> Bergvliet Scouts will also be visiting Die Oog and have already collected a substantial sum. The sale of notelets together with the funds raised by the boys, girls and cubs in the past financial year amounted to a credit of R8,575.60 to the Friends of Die Oog. The sale of the notelets is ongoing and a new series is being prepared. These will be on sale from the Annual General Meeting on the 15th October onwards. Thanks to these additional funds the finances of the Friends of Die Oog are now relatively healthy with a balance of R9,705.24 at the end of the financial year. The main expenses for 2008/2009 were the salary of the gardener of R8,320 and the sum of R4,875.00 paid to Jenny Landscaping (a BEE group) for the removal of weeds from the recreation area. A grant of R50,000 was received from the Protea SubCouncil in 2007/8 for the repair of the dam wall and this was paid directly to the Parks Department of the City of Cape Town who undertook the project. The Friends of Die Oog are particularly grateful to Poll and Malcolm Pearce without whose efforts the Friends would have been unable to continue its activities at the present level. Thanks are also due to all the Friends who responded to the appeal for additional donations. Die Oog Nature Reserve is not situated near any businesses and does not readily attract corporate sponsorships. The Friends of Die Oog will continue to depend upon the support, generosity and efforts of its members.

The funds of the Friends of Die Oog are held in a business bank account with the Standard Bank on the signature of two members of the Committee and the cash in hand is kept by the Treasurer. The Friends have no investments or other deposits. An asset register of the gardening equipment belonging to the Friends has been prepared and the equipment is currently valued at R6,000.

The accounts have been submitted to and reviewed by Alex Frew (CA)

**D A Davey.....Treasurer**

**15 October 2009**