



**Autumn Newsletter 2017**

#### **DARLING MUSEUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Many thanks to all the Darling Museum Friends who attended the AGM and ensured that we had the necessary quorum. Linda Mumm had stepped down as Chairlady during the course of the year and she thankfully agreed to remain on the committee. Many thanks Linda. Rika Mitchell resigned from the committee for personal reasons and it was suggested that Sharon McClure become a full committee member.

Your current committee comprises Cathy Hall (Chairperson), Linda Mumm (Vice Chair), Peter King (Treasurer), Dianne le Roux (Secretary), Jane Wallace, "Van" van Rensburg and Sharon McClure. Sue Hooks agreed to stay on as a co-opted member to assist the committee. Michael Rangasamy represents the Swartland Council.

We are committed to ensuring that our Museum remains a worthwhile tourist attraction and that fundraising events during the course of the year attract as many of you as possible. Dianne regularly attends meetings of the West Coast Museums Forum comprising 14 museums on the West Coast and our own Darling Museum is often given as an example of how a successful museum should be run. That is due to a committed committee and you, the Darling Museum friends. Many thanks all round.

The AGM was followed by a book signing by Nina van der Westhuizen. After 10 years in the making, Nina has produced a wonderful book cataloguing the history of Darling. It covers the discovery of this area of the Western Cape by the Dutch East India Company, Darling's establishment in 1853 and its subsequent development and expansion. Nina's book is a wonderful preservation of the history of Darling. If you have not yet purchased a copy, it is available at the Museum and also at The Book League.

#### **ANNUAL MUSEUM FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you to all those Friends of the Museum who renewed their annual membership at the AGM. For those of you who were unable to attend the AGM, please pop into the museum to renew your membership, a mere R40 for the year. Please remember to take your membership cards with you so that Dianne can give you your updated sticker. Many thanks in advance, from your Committee!!

#### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Two fundraising events have been held so far this year. The first was a "Robbie Burns Supper" which was held in conjunction with Darling Tourism. The evening attracted about 60 guests and offered a 4-course meal, including haggis, of course, and the latter was serenaded in by a

piper. The Scots present donned kilts and Alan Mezzetti toasted the "lassies", responded to by Omnia. It was a jolly and entertaining evening.



The other fundraising event was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Darling Garden Party, held in the garden of Jane & Dave Wallace. One long table seated all the guests, the majority of whom "dressed to kill". The 2 voted the "best dressed" were Elza Jacobs and Enid Robot, both of whom had gone out of their way to "dress the part". There was a buffet, fine music and a fun time was had by all. Many thanks to all who supported the event.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TASTE OF DARLING

#### Darling Museum's Artisanal Bakes & Bites

The Museum will be manning a stall outside the Darling Wine Shop on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We will be selling delicious homemade goodies, both sweet and savoury. Please support us by making and donating a favourite bake or dessert of yours that we can sell on our stall - muffins, tarts, cup cakes, quiches, cakes, brownies, biscuits or whatever takes your fancy. If you or your friends are able to help, please drop off your goodies at the museum on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> or at our stall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. And don't forget to visit our stall on the Saturday!

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