



## KOGELBERG VILLAGES ENVIRONMENTAL TRUSTEES

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Reg No: 287-258 NPO

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TO: Pringle Bay CBD Businesses

Dear Business Owners,

This letter is to ask for your support in the implementation by the Kogelberg Villages Environmental Trustees (KVET, reg no: 287-258 NPO) of the PILOT PB BIO's PROGRAMME. KVET is a new NPO formed by local residents to take an active role in protecting our unique biosphere.

### **The Pringle Bay BIO Programme**

KVET's Pringle Bay Baboon Information Officer (PB BIO) Programme is designed to lessen human/baboon conflict, protect both wildlife and property, and raise awareness of what it means to live in and around a biosphere.

KVET will hire and train Baboon Information Officers (BIOs) who will be stationed in and around the Pringle Bay CBD. During the pilot these BIOs will also receive training from various experienced organisations and persons.

BIO tasks will be as follows:

- to assist the businesses by way of warning signals (whistles) if baboons enter the CBD.
- to assist shoppers to and from their cars with their grocery bags.
- to alert the general public when baboons are in the area.
- to educate the general public about baboon behaviour.
- to maintain a baboon free zone in the CBD for as much as is possible using "Humane. Not. Pain" tactics.

The BIO's will in no way interfere with the current baboon management programme. KVET's PB BIOs are a resident-lead initiative to supplement existing programmes.

### **3-Month Pilot**

The PB BIO Program will be piloted from DATE to DATE in the Pringle Bay CBD.

- This pilot program will station 3 BIOs per day, 7 days per week, in and around the PB CBD.



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- The pilot will track Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) such as ...
- KVET will solicit feedback about the programme from businesses, visitors, and residents.
- There will be no cost, fees, or charges to the PB CBD during the pilot.
- As the pilot concludes, KVET will publish a report on its progress, changes being implemented or considered, and an estimated budget to continue the programme as well as proposing fee structures for comment. KVET is committed to transparency, and cooperation.
- KVET welcomes and encourages all feedback from businesses, residents, and visitors. With your help we can operate a valuable service to all.

### We Need Your Support & Feedback

KVET is committed to employing local residents as BIOs, paying fair wages, and providing quality supplies, uniforms, and training. KVET is funding the pilot through donations from private citizens and corporate channels, with the goal of establishing a year-round programme. In order to support a year-round programme KVET will need local businesses to supplement these funds.

**It is critical that local businesses find value in the programme.** KVET is comprised of locals, as a service to locals. We would not ask you to pay for something that is useless to you. Your participation in the pilot will help KVET to assess and improve the programme.

**All CBD businesses are welcome to provide feedback** about the pilot and on an ongoing basis. If you choose not to sign the Letter of Support you will still have opportunity to give feedback.

### More Information

If you have questions before signing on, please contact KVET's Baboon Programme Manager Sunel Vissers below.

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### **We appreciate your support!**

Many thanks to Pringle Bay and the wider Kogelberg Villages community for supporting KVET. We're just getting started.

Kogelberg Villages Environmental Trustees

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