



Minutes of the Bazley Residents Association Annual General Meeting

13 June 2026 at 17:00
Mac Nicol's Caravan Park, Bazley Beach

1. Attendance

Members present

Brenda Angus; Pete Harvey; Stuart Angus; Robin McCullough; Lungi McCullough; Elizabeth Thompson; Ian MacNicol; Rory Jardim; Hazel Riley; Rodger Riley; Angela Mace; Rob Mace; Roy Jack; Paul and Lesley Harvey; Barry Janse van Rensburg; Don; Ian Adam; Lorraine Barnard; Danie Barnard; Louis Koen; Gordon Guthrie; Vanessa Guthrie; Anton Willemse; Marelize Roux; Maggie Friedman; Colleen MacNicol; Hester Janse van Rensburg; and Frederick Janse van Rensburg.

Apologies

Mike Dewar; Bridgett Dewar; John and Jan Baxter; Elizabeth Forsdick; Charles Goldstein; Heather Goldstein; Celia Pretorius; and Michelle Howard.

2. Welcome and Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson, Angela Mace, welcomed members and thanked them for attending and for their continued support of the Bazley community.

Committee members were invited to introduce themselves so that newer homeowners could put faces to names.

Committee Introductions

Angela Mace – Chairperson

Angela and Rob Mace have been homeowners in Bazley for more than 20 years and permanent residents since 2021. Angela's professional background is in marketing and communications, which has enabled her to support the B.R.A. through development of the website, oversight of the Bazley Buzz newsletter and

establishment of a resident database. She expressed her passion for Bazley, community-building and her privilege in serving as Chairperson.

Rory Jardim – Vice-Chairperson

Rory noted that 3 August 2026 would mark five years since he became a permanent resident. His professional background spans technical communications, IT, training, marketing and product management. Within the B.R.A., he focuses largely on security-related matters, including the camera network and liaison with Gladiator Security. He also engages with Umdoni Municipality, Illovo, SAPS, councillors and other stakeholders, and assists homeowners where possible.

Brenda Angus – Secretary and Database

Brenda explained that one of her key responsibilities is keeping the B.R.A. database updated. Homeowners were asked to notify her of changed contact details or new residents in the area. She reflected on the changes in Bazley over the years, particularly in security, and encouraged residents to get to know their neighbours and wider community.

Elizabeth Forsdick – Conservancy

Elizabeth described her passion for indigenous gardening and protecting the coastal environment. She shared the rehabilitation journey at Shangrila, where invasive vegetation and unwanted trees were removed and replaced with indigenous garden, forest, grassland and wetland areas. She emphasised how indigenous gardens support insects, birds, butterflies and other wildlife, and explained that this motivates her work for the Bazley environment and community.

Pete Harvey – Conservancy

Pete noted that he is the former owner of a game lodge and an Honorary Officer in Hluhluwe–iMfolozi, with 20 years' experience in alien invasive plant removal and animal protection.

Stuart Angus – Maintenance

Stuart shared that he was born in Scotland in 1940 and emigrated to South Africa in 1949. He grew up in the Cape and ran a business in Empangeni/Richards Bay for approximately 30 years. His yachting background contributed to his love of woodwork, which he continues to put to good use in the village.

Special Thanks to Stuart Angus

The Chairperson paid special tribute to Stuart Angus for his long-standing commitment, energy and practical contribution to Bazley. His work has included building the staff shelter, repairing bins, fixing the beach path, constructing bridges and assisting at pothole parties, among many other projects.

On behalf of the B.R.A. and the wider Bazley community, Stuart was thanked for the countless hours he has devoted to maintaining and improving the village. He was presented with a bottle of red wine and a special gift as a token of appreciation.

In Memory of Barry Taylor

The meeting remembered Barry Taylor, who passed away during the previous year at the age of 91. Barry called Bazley home for almost 40 years and, through his work as a local property agent, introduced many families to the village.

He was remembered for his humour, kindness, colourful personality and genuine love for Bazley. The B.R.A. acknowledged with gratitude the contribution he made to shaping the community.

Acknowledgements

Conservation

- Gordon and Vanessa Guthrie – security involvement and support against poachers and snares
- Gavin Macdonald – general protection and safekeeping of Bazley's environment
- Rhys Jones – snake catching and general support
- Justin Bowley – herbicide donation
- Peter Bollaert – marine warden
- Leon Broodryk – support against poachers
- Ian Wuth – support against poachers

Maintenance

- Rob Gibb – sponsoring Dumile's time for pothole work
- Ian Adam – sponsoring Sbu's time for pothole work
- Irvan Eggeling – assisting with pothole work
- Vanessa Wuth – maintenance of the garden at the main entrance

Ndasingane Beach

- Theresa Clark – sale and support of Ndasingane permits and keys

Security

- Frederick Janse van Rensburg – security commitment and support
- Matthew Grams – security support
- Dave Weston – security support
- Joanne Hannah – security support
- Tracey Bowley – security support

Market

- Celia and Carika Pretorius
- Lungi and Malcolm McCullough
- Luelle Watts
- Judi Joubert
- Lloyd Meaker – loan of his land for parking
- Elizabeth Forsdick's staff

Surrounding Farmers and Stakeholders

- Vee Lithuli (Illovo) – communication regarding spraying and Ndasingane Road
- James Tucker – Eskom substation clearing and security support
- Vince Drew – security support

The Chairperson then invited committee members to present an overview of achievements during the past year and planned initiatives for the year ahead.

3. Treasurer's Report

Year ended 28 February 2026

3.1 Financial Philosophy

With reserves of just over R211,000, the committee's philosophy is not to accumulate funds unnecessarily, but to invest income back into the community in the most productive and beneficial way possible. The aim is to end each year close to breakeven, with a small surplus or deficit, while directing resources to areas that make the greatest difference to life in Bazley.

The deficit of R10,804 for the year reflected deliberate investment in security infrastructure, road maintenance and the Conservancy. The committee considers this appropriate while reserves remain healthy.

3.2 Financial Overview

Reserves and Bank Balance

The Association held R211,251 across two ABSA accounts and a small cash float at year-end:

- ABSA Current Account (9019 064 809): R30,404
- ABSA Savings Account (9387 496 898): R178,098
- Cash on hand: R2,749

At the date of the AGM, the bank balance was approximately R225,000, reflecting continued collections since year-end.

Results for the Year

Item	2026 (R)	2025 (R)
Total Income	280,710	293,573
Interest Received	11,399	6,866
Gross Income	292,109	300,439
Total Expenditure	305,412	251,674
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(13,303)	48,765
Accumulated Reserves	211,252	224,555

3.3 Income – Sources of Funds

Income Source	2026 (R)	2025 (R)	% of 2026 Income
Resident Subscriptions	171,925	160,496	61%
Ndasingane Permits	58,522	58,790	21%
Illovo Donations	24,000	52,000	9%
Sundry Income	15,030	12,787	5%
Plant Sales / Markets	11,233	–	4%
AIP Projects	0	9,500	

- Resident subscriptions remained the largest and most consistent income source, representing 61% of total income. The increase from R160,496 to R171,925 reflected strong collection efforts.
- Ndasingane permit income remained steady at approximately R58,500 per annum.
- Illovo donations decreased by R28,000 due to an overpayment in 2025 to catch up amounts missed in 2024, together with some payments missed in 2025. Illovo was catching up in 2026.

- Plant sales and markets generated R11,233 as a new income stream. The first community market in May generated net income of approximately R5,000. Three to four markets were anticipated for the 2027 financial year.

3.4 Expenditure – Use of Funds

Total expenditure increased to R305,412 from R251,674 in 2025. The principal items were:

Camera Monitoring and Beach Guard – 19% of Total Expenditure

R56,906 (2025: R46,500). This covered Gladiator camera monitoring services across the village. The increase reflected additional cameras and correction of under-billing in 2025.

Wages – 40% of Total Expenditure

R123,371 (2025: R115,620). The team comprised Taamie (Ndasingane gate and access management), Raymond (skip and waste management), Clement (beach cleaning and alien invasive plant removal) and Patrick (Beach Warden). The increase reflected normal annual wage adjustments.

Capital Equipment

R20,437. This once-off investment included new security cameras (R10,000), a new pole saw (R5,000) and a new brushcutter (R5,000).

Road Repairs

R24,412 (2025: R30,960). Reduced expenditure due to moving from tar to concrete.

Sundry Expenses

R33,408 (2025: R15,120). The increase was largely attributable to accounting fees of R7,800, including audit fees not paid in 2025, and R4,400 for the new Ndasingane guardhouse.

Other Notable Expenditure

- Fibre cameras: R7,150
- Signs and consumables: R7,761
- Insurance: R5,859
- Ndasingane keys: R9,134
- Data: R2,600
- Refuse-removal cage: R2,880

3.5 Priorities for the 2027 Financial Year

- Security – a significant new security project was under consideration and would be shared with residents once finalised.
- Beach and skip cleaning.
- Road repairs.
- Alien invasive plant removal.
- Snare removal and protection of local wildlife.
- Community markets – three to four markets were anticipated during the year.

3.6 Closing Remarks

Despite the small deficit, the B.R.A. remained in excellent financial health. Reserves had grown from R175,791 two years previously to R211,251 at year-end, with the bank balance at approximately R225,000 at the date of the AGM.

The Treasurer thanked residents for their continued support and contributions.

Robert Mace

Treasurer – Bazley Residents Association

4. Security Report

Bazley remained costly for Gladiator Security to service, at an estimated loss of approximately R30,000 per month.

- Additional cameras were installed at the beach and railway areas.
- A plan was in place for Ndasingane and a revamp at Mac Nicol's.
- Random additional Gladiator guard shifts were being deployed at strategically identified hotspots.
- The Bazley Crime Response Team and its WhatsApp group had been formed.

Security Incidents: January to May 2026

Incident Type	Number
House break-ins / theft	7
Attempted break-ins / suspicious activity	2
Vehicle-related crime	1

Key Observations

- Most incidents occurred between 02:00 and 04:00.
- Beach-facing and easily accessible properties remained the most vulnerable.
- Several incidents involved unsecured windows or other easy-access entry points.
- Security patrols and CCTV monitoring assisted in multiple responses.
- The most affected areas were Marine Drive, Ridge Road and Lagoon Drive.
- Of particular concern was an increase in organised early-morning house robberies and repeated targeting of vulnerable beachfront access routes.
- Suspects frequently fled towards the cane fields or beach access points.

Frederick Janse van Rensburg explained that he sometimes sends voice notes when he does not have time to type. He appealed to holiday-home owners to ensure that guests know how to operate the alarm systems and use them consistently.

Umdoni Municipality

- Umdoni Municipality consists of 19 wards, of which 15 are predominantly rural and four are urban and rate-paying.
- With the municipal election expected in November, residents were encouraged to vote. Bazley forms part of Ward 7, with Sezela Library identified as the voting station.
- The municipal environment was described as volatile and unstable, with concerns regarding delivery against commitments.
- D. D. Naidoo, Acting Municipal Manager, was serving a second three-month contract and had not delivered on planned meeting action points.
- The Ward 7 Councillor continued to experience difficulty securing resources and services for Bazley.
- Relationships were in place with key stakeholders, including Alan Cutten, Zurett Opperman and Eddie Baptie.

uMngeni-uThukela Water

The water system supplied from the Mtwalume Water Works was described as ageing and deteriorating. A lack of budget for rehabilitation and repairs was contributing to damage to roads and stormwater drains. Operations were viewed as largely reactive, following a break-fix approach, with limited proactive planning or maintenance.

Rory Jardim reported that he had been in contact with Jay Chetty of the Coastal Marine Task Force. Residents interested in becoming Honorary Marine Wardens and willing to undergo the required training were encouraged to contact him.

Rory Jardim

Vice-Chairperson Bazley Residents Association

5. Conservancy Report

Alien Invasive Plants

The Conservancy focused on eradicating four principal Category 1 alien invasive plants: lantana, chromolaena, bugweed and castor-oil bush. These non-indigenous plants grow rapidly, overwhelm local vegetation, may be toxic and add little value to the local ecosystem.

During the year, public open spaces, verges, beach car parks, the P560 and Ndasingane Road were cleared. Several private properties and streams flowing into Bazley were also cleared.

Alien invasive plant removal is ongoing, with chromolaena receiving priority while in flower and before seeding.

Animal Protection and Snares

- Three types of snares were identified, using single-, double- or multi-strand wire for different species.
- Snares were constructed using wooden frames and placed in locations frequently used by bushbuck, duiker, bushpig, dassie, cane rat and monitor lizard.
- Poachers generally live close enough to check snares every 24 hours. They understand animal behaviour, snare for financial gain and often return when they believe it is safe.
- Approximately 60 snares were found along the Ndasingane River, particularly around the lagoon and near the railway bridge.
- Approximately 20 snares were found along streams flowing into southern Bazley and around the skip.
- A further 120 snares were found in the riverine forest on the northern bank of the Ifafa River.

Trail Cameras

Trail cameras are used to assist the B.R.A. in protecting local wildlife. They operate continuously and are placed in areas where snares have been found.

- They provide early warning of poachers and help identify animal species in the area.
- Twenty mammal species had been identified, including five species of mongoose.
- They support monitoring of animal wellbeing and behaviour.
- Several poachers had been captured on camera and frightened off.

Alien invasive plant removal and protection of wildlife form part of the B.R.A.'s broader effort to enhance residents' quality of life.

Elizabeth Forsdick & Pete Harvey

Conservancy Bazley Residents Association

6. Projects and Maintenance Report

Ndasingane Beach and Boom Hut

- Sections of the beach path were repaired with concrete, and steps leading onto the beach were concreted.
- The pathway along the stream edge was widened to improve safety and accessibility.
- An additional blue refuse drum was installed at the head of the path.
- Angela Mace and Michelle Howard painted the boom hut with a marine theme, and a door and window were fitted.

Other Projects

- ‘Stuart’s Toll Bridge’ was constructed and installed over the railway line at Woolwich Beach to make the crossing easier and safer.
- The chute at the refuse cage was repaired to prevent mongoose and other animals from entering.
- Rusty bins at four beaches were replaced with blue plastic bins.
- B.R.A.-owned equipment was maintained and kept clean.
- The Bazley stand was staffed at the Shangrila Food Markets.

Stuart Angus

Projects and Maintenance Bazley Residents Association

7. Market and Communications Report

Shangrila Market

One of the highlights of the year was the launch of the Shangrila Market, which created an opportunity for the community to gather while raising funds for the Conservancy.

Special thanks were extended to Elizabeth Forsdick for making her home and gardens available as the venue, and to Brenda Angus for managing much of the planning and logistics.

The first market attracted 23 stallholders and received very positive feedback regarding the setting, atmosphere and quality of stalls. Several stallholders expressed interest in returning.

Picnic baskets proved popular and provided visitors with another way to relax in the gardens.

Denzil Bazley was thanked for lending the sound system used for the live music.

The markets generate valuable income for the Conservancy and support environmental initiatives in Bazley.

Homeowners were encouraged to attend future markets, both to support the fundraising effort and to meet neighbours, support local businesses and enjoy the community atmosphere.

Next market: 19 July 2026 – Christmas in July.

Communications

Bazley Website

The Bazley website, www.bazley.org.za, had 4,695 active users. It continued to grow as a resource for homeowners and visitors, providing local news, community contacts, a holiday guide and information about the area.

Bazley Buzz Newsletter

The Bazley Buzz newsletter had moved from a bi-monthly to a quarterly publication schedule. The next edition was due to be distributed later in June 2026.

Newsletter archive: <https://www.bazley.org.za/newsletters/>

Cloud-Based Database

The B.R.A. began building a comprehensive homeowner and property database in 2023 and migrated it to a cloud-based platform in 2024. The system has improved record-keeping, communication and the Association's ability to respond to community needs.

Brenda Angus was thanked for her detailed knowledge of Bazley homeowners and her ongoing assistance in keeping the database accurate.

Angela Mace

Chairperson Bazley Residents Association

8. Appointment of Office Bearers

All current committee members indicated their willingness to continue serving on the B.R.A. committee for a further year.

The Chairperson invited nominations from the floor and welcomed any residents willing to contribute their time and skills.

As no further nominations were received, the existing committee was reappointed for another year.

9. Closing

The Chairperson thanked all members for attending and acknowledged the holiday-home owners who were unable to be present.

Residents were thanked for every contribution, large or small, which enables the B.R.A. to continue improving Bazley and maintaining the community's 'little slice of paradise'.

Members were invited to a community braai at Shangrila Guest House on 26 June 2026. Fires and salads would be provided, with attendees asked to bring their own meat, drinks and good company.

Ian and Colleen MacNicol were thanked for making the venue available for the AGM. Members were invited to remain afterwards for a boerewors roll and an opportunity to socialise.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18:12.

Chairperson:	
Date:	5 August 2026