

# Membership of the Friends

It's time to renew your membership of the Friends which expires at the end of March. The good news is that the fees will remain the same, as does the procedure. All that will change is the colour of the sticker you will receive when you renew. Just to remind you.....

**• Membership fees**

- Ordinary R120 • Senior R 70
- Family R240

**• Renewal procedure**

You will need to (1) complete and sign a *new* membership form, (2) hand it in at the Visitor Centre and (3) pay the required fee.

Various options are offered to facilitate this process,

**• Obtaining membership forms**

These will be available at the Visitor Centre and may be completed there. Alternatively, a copy may be downloaded from the Friends website, printed out, completed at home, then handed in at the Visitor Centre.

**Please note: ID or passport numbers** are essential for all adults listed on the form and the date of birth for children aged 4 to 18 years. Please ensure that *all* the information is filled in.

**• Payment of membership fees**

This can be **cash or credit/debit card or EFT**. If payment is made electronically, please bring a *printed* proof of payment with you when you hand in your form (*no e-mails*). Bank details are below.

**Membership stickers**

Each member renewing, receives a coloured sticker with the new "Valid until" date printed to paste on his/her card. This identifies the card holder as a fully paid-up member.

Therefore **please bring the membership cards of all persons listed on your form** with you when you come to renew.



▲ Friends membership card



◀ Sticker for adult members



◀ Sticker for members, 4 to 18 years

**Entry into the reserve**

Members are required to display their cards to the staff member on duty at the gate on entering the reserve and to carry their cards with them while in the reserve as a means of identification.

We remind you that membership cards are *not* transferrable and may only be used by the person whose name is printed on it.

**Membership Guide**

All members should have received the Membership Guide when they renewed or became members. It outlines the Friends' objectives, mission and management, as well as volunteering opportunities. If you would like another copy, please request this. No charge!

**You may renew your membership at the Visitor Centre, from 23 March 2018 onwards (open daily from 10:00 to 16:00).**



**Friends Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 09 May 2018,**  
**at 17:00**  
**at the Mike Woods Environmental Education Centre in the reserve**

**All** members are invited to this most important event in the calendar of the Friends, where you will have the opportunity to hear about the activities and achievements of the past year, as well as the challenges ahead.

Most importantly, you will be able to take part in the nomination of candidates for and election of the Friends Management Committee.

This year we are again planning a tightly programmed agenda to ensure ample time for discussion before the meeting closes at 19:00.

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Come at 17:00, enjoy a glass of wine and some light snacks before the official start of the meeting at 17:30.

**Early Riser Keys 2018/19**

The City of Cape Town has agreed to the continued use of the early riser key system. The use of a key is subject to certain strict terms and conditions. Only a limited number will be available at a cost of R200 per key. Application can be made **from 28 April 2018**

*The newsletter, to be published shortly, will provide more information.*

**Friends website** to access a form: [www.helderbergnaturereserve.co.za](http://www.helderbergnaturereserve.co.za)

**Bank details** for membership payment only:

- **Bank:** ABSA • **A/c Name:** Friends of the Helderberg Nature Reserve
- **A/c No:** 9072029429 • **Reference:** ID or Passport Number