



Craythorne Lane Bergvliet

The lane running behind the Sherwood Shopping Centre between Children's Way and Clunie Road has been named Craythorne Lane and street signs were put up this month.

Craythorne Lane has been named in honour of Dr Donald Craythorne for his work and contribution to Bergvliet Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association which he served as Chairman for 17 years. Dr Craythorne passed away in 2010 but his significant contribution to our area and to the City of Cape Town as a whole is remembered and honoured.

As BMRA Chairman from 1991, he dealt with issues such as liquor licensing, land use planning, planning frameworks, enforcing zoning scheme regulations and making representations to the City on various issues that affected our suburbs. During his time as Chairman, BMRA established a neighbourhood crime watch which was the forerunner to BKM Crime Watch.

Dr Craythorne commenced his career in provincial government in 1951, and from 1972 served the Cape Town City Council. He spent three years as a Director of Constitutional Affairs of the previous Cape Provincial Administration, and five years on the Thornhill Committee which was involved in initiatives for local government political and structural reform. He also worked on the establishment of Security and Civil Defence in Cape Town, preparing emergency plans resulting from the establishment of Koeberg Nuclear Power Station where he served on the Committee for the Safety of the Residents of Cape Town.

After retiring as the City of Cape Town's Senior Deputy City Administrator in 1991, he took over as Chairman of BMRA, whilst continuing to serve the City as a consultant for a number of years. During this time he was appointed as Chairman of the Provincial Municipal Demarcation Board, he drafted the City's first Ombudsman By-law and was involved in the logistics for the 1994 elections.

Dr Craythorne's wife, Winnie, also deserves our recognition. She worked tirelessly as the Secretary of BMRA for over 25 years and is still active today. Winnie could often be seen hand-delivering mail to members, knocking on doors to canvas new members and helping BMRA in many other ways. She has received three awards from the City of Cape Town commending her service.

We owe our thanks to both Donald and Winnie Craythorne for their lifetime service to our community.

Best regards

Keith Barton

Chairman Bergvliet Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association