

The Ratepayers' Association has been in existence for 75 years. Our objective is to preserve the character of our suburbs, and to keep a watchful eye on by-laws that could impact the natural and built environment of our suburbs. The participation of our residents is essential to our cause. Please join the Association to show your support for what we are doing for the good of the community.

The Objectives of the Association

- to **maintain the standards and values** of the natural and built environment of our suburbs.
- to keep a **watchful eye** on planning matters: applications for developments, subdivisions, removal of title deed restrictions, departures, prevention of commercial creep into the residential area, land use contraventions, illegal signage, and anything that could impact negatively on the character of our suburbs.
- to **deal with matters** regarding municipal by-laws and policies; maintenance of municipal infrastructure, traffic, roads, drainage, electricity, water, rates, health, environment, amenities; and provincial legislation as far it affects our area of operation.

How We Achieve Our Objectives

- ❑ Bergvliet Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association (BMRA), is a non-governmental civic association that is **registered with the City of Cape Town**. We act as a civic organization which represents our community in any consultation processes with the City.
- ❑ The Executive Committee of BMRA meets monthly to **review and discuss** matters affecting our suburbs. Our Ward Councillor is invited to these meetings, giving us a direct line whereby we can express opinion to the City Council and get its feedback.
- ❑ Through its Executive Committee BMRA is able to **comment on, object to, or support** land use applications, proposed subdivisions, departures, the Council's zoning scheme regulations, by-laws and all challenges to the natural and built environment. BMRA also deals with complaints at local government level, such as repairs to roads, traffic, signage, dumping and refuse collection.
- ❑ The Bergvliet/Meadowridge area has always had a **strong community spirit** and has fought gallantly against the setting up of bottle stores, hotels, and other unsuitable forms of development which would harm the character of our suburb.
- ❑ In order to **maintain the character of our suburbs**, BMRA endeavours to protect the residential integrity and preserve the built and natural environment of the area, particularly our valued public open spaces and local amenities.

We Need Your Support

- ❖ **An effective ratepayers' association is an asset** to any community and, if you reside in our suburbs, BMRA may indirectly or even directly help to protect and enhance your property value.
- ❖ Therefore, to help sustain and grow our Association, we **invite all residents of our suburbs to join Bergvliet Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association**. Annual membership is currently R120 per household.
- ❖ BMRA is **run by volunteers** and no income is paid to them from members' contributions. Funds are used to promote the quality of our suburbs and the civic well-being of residents. BMRA **relies on the community** in our suburbs to help in preserving and enhancing the environment in which we live.
- ❖ Every October we hold an **AGM when the Chairman reports back** on the year's challenges and activities and when residents can comment, provide input and meet the committee and other residents over drinks and snacks after the meeting. A newsletter is also sent to BMRA members twice a year.

Bergvliet Civic Association was founded in 1947, and in 1955 **Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association** formed. The two associations amalgamated in 1968 to form **Bergvliet Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association**.



A few of the many things we can be proud of in our suburbs



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Meadowridge Library



Meadowridge Common

How to join the Association? Visit Our Website at <https://www.bmra.co.za>
 Please visit our website where you can find how to join, find news items about our suburbs, useful contact information for dealing with the Cape Town City Council and much more that will be of interest.

