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**Minutes of the Annual General Meetings of Directors of
K2011127140 trading as PSI Projects, including Paardeberg Conservancy,
PSI Molekane and
Trustees of the Champagne Valley School Trust (CVT)**

9am on Monday, 26 May 2025 at DORAN FAMILY VINEYARDS Tasting Room, Voor Paardeberg Rd, Windmeul

Attendance: Refer to attendance register

Apologies: Mikhail Accom, *Magnus Joubert, Theuns Muller, Kuyan Kotzen, Freda Burden, Shura Johnsen*

1. Welcome

BJ welcomed everyone and expressed her gratitude to everyone and especially the board members, for their time and effort in attending the meeting. She asked that everyone present give a short introduction of themselves (included at the end of the minutes).

1.1 Reason for Meeting

BJ confirmed the sale of their farm and said that the reason to convene a joint AGM (CVT, PSI Molekane, PSI Projects and Paardeberg Conservancy) is to decide on the continued structure of PSI (Projects), the different subsidiaries (including Paardeberg Conservancy) and the relationship of PSI Projects to CVT and PSI Molekane. BJ welcomed the youth in the room, who are to take over the reigns as she will have limited capacity hereforth and can no longer be involved in fundraising AND implementing projects. She will stay involved for a protracted period to see the transition through, to make sure funders stay onboard and to grow confidence in any new management.

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1.2 Inclusion of AGM in a Study

It was highlighted that everyone was to please read a Letter from Jacques Smit permitting the proceedings of this meeting to be included in his MSc study. All agreed for Bridget to sign the letter on behalf of the group.

1.3 PSI Origin and Development

1.3.1 PSI was established in 2001 as a Voluntary Association to bridge the gap between a passionate Paardeberg Conservancy and conservation-minded landusers, who had become alienated from the Conservancy.

1.3.2 Through participation in the NQF Level 5 Goldfields Diplomate Course (Rhodes University) to address this, Bridget commented that it took 20 years to achieve the goal that she set out in that course.... to register an FPA (Paardeberg is divided into 3 different Municipalities, so any effort involving them is more complex in working with 3 times the roll players/officials). The aim to get exempted from fire breaks (achieved November 2024) ensured that farmers can now get insurance, and the bridge to conservation was established. In order to achieve sustainability, the Paardeberg FPA split in 2016 to join the Winelands FPA and Greater Cederberg FPA.

1.4 Environmental Advocacy

PSI has been significantly engaged in environmental advocacy in the area, to the extent that it is considered a powerful constituted group of environmentally conscious landusers. The area falls within 5 Municipalities, (3 Local municipalities of Swartland, Drakenstein, City of Cape Town METRO, and 2 District Municipalities of West Coast and Greater Cederberg). Logistically this has made objections and comments on proposed developments and activities very complex, but CoCT have now established a division dealing with proposals across municipal boundaries. PSI has successfully consulted with them, as well as individual municipalities to

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achieve a degree of community protection, raising well over R3 million over the past 20 years to oppose undesirable activities and developments in the area.

1.5 Subcommittees

BJ repeated the suggestion from last AGM to use sub committees to steer the various areas of responsibility of the entity, reporting to the Directors so that anyone taking the lead in a subcommittee, exonerates that individual from any legal burden.

1.6 Thanks to Sponsors

BJ thanked the sponsors, Paardeberg Mountain Retreat, Santam (via Fire specialist attorney John Smit) , Doran Family Wines (venue) and Vondeling Wines, who supplied thank you gifts for participants at cost price. She asked everyone to please sign the attendance register. No Items were added to the agenda.

2. Minutes of the 2023 and 2024 AGM

The AGM for both 2023 & 2024 were held on electronic platforms and only dealt with the signing off the Annual Financial Statements, addressing associated queries verbally at the time. No minutes were recorded.

3. Reports

3.1 History and Current Activities of PSI Projects, PSI Molekane and CVT

3.1.1 History of PSI (Slide Presentation)

The Paardeberg Sustainability Initiative, now PSI Projects, focuses on sustainable development and environmental conservation and was formally established as a Voluntary Association in 2006, responding to climate change

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concerns. The organization initially aimed to address conservation, poverty and promote good governance. Paardeberg is part of three different local municipalities and falls under two FPA's.

- PSI registered as an NPC and PBO with Section 18A status in 2011 (501(c)3 equivalent).
- PSI joined Global Giving in 2019 and rebranded in 2020 as PSI PROJECTS
- PSI was approached by Champagne Valley Trust, Kwethu, Epworth, JLMT and others over the years, to assist in organizational development, governance and fundraising.
- COVID presented an opportunity to further develop these partnerships, to plan and implement projects like Choir Legacy Project (CLP), Young Woman of Worth (YWOW), Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures (TESF), etc

3.1.2 Accounting challenges

These collaborative efforts have strengthened PSI income streams significantly. With that came challenges in reporting to funders. Expenses are sometimes spread across several projects. Both income and expenses have to therefore be coded accurately to report appropriately when responding to donors, or requirements that span several projects (e.g. Vehicle use).

Bridget presented the project income and expenses according to the Excel version, requested by the Board for simplicity and accordingly developed by CROWE, the PSI accountants appointed in 2020.

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3.1.3 PSI Molekane and CVT

Bridget gave a development history of PSI Molekane as follows:

PSI was initially a single entity, registered as an NPC. After the NatReM Project, PSI Molekane was created as a compulsory requirement by DEA to receive further government funding, in order to run the SMME's that PSI had developed during the PSI NatReM project. The funding never arrived and PSI Molekane has since been dormant. Both PSI Projects and PSI Molekane are registered PBO entities with SARS, but PSI Molekane is also registered as a NPO with DSD.

A third entity, more recently engaged, is CVT = Champagne Valley Trust (with implementation of any projects by PSI), in order to fundraise for scholarships and the Choir Legacy Project.

In offering a broad portfolio of projects, this collaborative model enables many tax incentives and ticks all the environmental, social and governance boxes when appealing to corporates, for example, to fund scholarships through their CSR and ESG structures.

3.1.4 Paardeberg Conservancy

Paardeberg Conservancy has been mostly dormant for the past 10 years and a new YOUNG and WORKING group is needed to revive the conservancy through getting the landowners to buy into the concept.

The conservancy area spans about 4000ha, but only 2000ha are actively conserved. Farmers are eager to increase conservation efforts through incentives such as carbon and biodiversity credits (in the future), with access to rewards for conservation efforts from established global "voluntary" markets.

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3.1.5 Fundraising

Current status:

- Conservation and running costs of PSI Projects are currently covered through Global Giving fundraising.
- Continued Implementation of Legacy Project with CVT. Funding is needed for the project and is suggested to be run through PSI Molekane in future, fulfilling its NPO registration through the social and educational focus of the project.
- CVT in partnership with PSI Projects offers a scholarship-funding model to corporate donors that better meets their ESG and CSR portfolios. Fundraising is ongoing and has generated 4 full scholarships to Drakensberg Boys Choir School, two being current.

Funding options

- The onerous JOBS FUND is currently open for proposals, with 6 June being the deadline for applications.
- Christo Marais commented that although it is difficult to work with government, it is still an opportunity.
- According to Bridget, funding cycles should be 6 years and not three, because a sustainable model for alien clearing cannot be developed fast. (In the NatReM project, Landowners increased their contributions from R20 to R90 per person per day, but the balance had to be funded).
- Rory Allardice and Christo Marais agreed that cost per 100% invaded hectare is about R24 000 to get the land to a state of a once a year follow up, and that alien clearing needs to be budgeted for a long time.
- Christo Marais recommended follow up three times a year before flowering and seeding.

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Recent publications (2) indicated that in areas where biocontrol was implemented, the rate of spread of alien invasives has come down (especially Rooikrans & Port Jackson).

Funding options

- Philanthropy
- Activities such as hiking or ebiking, that set aside a percentage for conservation (alien clearing) in the Paardeberg.
- Corporate funding, through PSI engagement with the EIA of the Winelands Airport, via their ESG portfolio, offsets or as a CSR-beneficiary of the Airport Operating Company. EWT has been approached as an entity already engaged in managing the offsets and we have approached EWT in turn, to take the PSI and specifically, the Paardeberg mountain / conservancy under their wing.
- Katie van der Walt suggested an economic model To build a sustainable income for the conservancy through a farmers' market eg, vegetable garden selling the produce, and other initiatives or activities. Liam Mcrobert suggested making bio-char and selling it back to the farmer. Bridget nominated the group of youngsters to take this on. Christo commented that biochar will be a bit limited (investigate value chain) but other projects like nature-based recreation can be considered. E.g. the E bike proposal.
- Christo Marais recommended contacting the District Municipality Disaster Risk Management and getting on the agenda for Urban Wildland interface and fuel load reduction.

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- Christo made contact during the meeting with someone in the Community Works Programme ...there could be funding for alien clearing in a structure where CWP appoint an administrator to pay the workers, so you do not carry the administrative burden. Co-funding would be needed for PPE, herbicide and tools. Food companies could be approached again for co-funding (PSI demonstrated in the NatReM project that 50% of household income from supported workers was returned to co-funder PIONEER in the purchasing of Pioneer products)

Barry Schreiber commented that most of the farms here are too small to be productive and are not sustainable except for wine producing farms and therefore Tourism is seen as an alternative, but farmers put a high premium on their privacy. Also, as the Paardeberg is defined as an inselberg (surrounded by development) the area is very sensitive and biodiversity isolated.

Bridget added that renosterveld had once run through the plains right up to the mountain but has been converted to agricultural land. Tourism must remain low key on the mountain. This limits the tourism options. Paardeberg Conservancy has always limited hiking groups to 12 or less, and decided cyclists were best kept off the mountain.

Extreme weather events occurred in past 3 years. The hot unseasonal New Year fire of 2023-2024 meant that recent floods caused major erosion problems, damage to infrastructure (four bridges on Vondeling were destroyed, dams overflowed and erosion dongas formed with topsoil washing away. Barry drew attention to dams filling with sand and therefore losing their profile (i.e. storing less water), with increased alien invasive infestations after the fire and flood.

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- More lifestyle farmers are buying property in the area, and they might also from their point of view want to support a conservancy.

3.2 Current Active Projects:

3.2.1 Paardeberg Conservancy

- Various surveys have been completed... botanical (CREW, Vondeling-funded)), ornithological (UCT BDI), entomological(US), large fauna (Bool Smuts /Landmark Foundation) and fire management(GCFPA and Cape Nature).
- Bridget reported that they are aware of 4 leopards that live on the mountain. The female adult gave birth after last year's fire to a youngster. Only 2 of the 30 cameras were lost during the 2024 fire, so there is a good collection of large fauna images pre-fire and post-fire. The images showed the animals migrated to the fire break, because the fire jumped the fire breaks, leaving low-cut grazing for antelope post fire.
- Collaborations with universities (Stellenbosch and UCT) and organizations (CREW) continue to oversee responsible management of natural resources and biodiversity.
- The Global Giving Funded "Paardeberg Fire Prevention and Alien and Invasive Management Project", works closely with the FPA's in the region. RA and BJ implement the project, and alien clearing is done by a team from Saron when affordable. Paardeberg has achieved "Exemption from Firebreaks" status ...vital for insurance purposes (as not much of the natural vegetation would have remained on the mountain if full requirements of the VFFA are implemented by creating a firebreak around each farm) The Paardeberg Business Unit of the GCFPA

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incorporates the community (for past 20 years), and the FPS Business plan describes each with a roll to play, with protocols to follow and resources available for fire management. Challenges remain logistical as Paardeberg is allocated to West Coast District Municipality, Winelands District Municipality, Drakenstein Municipality and Swartland Municipality. Landowners can opt for Winelands FPA, or Greater Cedarberg FPA

- The cross-border issues are being addressed by CoCT as all three municipalities tend to think of Paardeberg as their backyard, thus tending to direct unwanted activities and developments to the Paardeberg.
- Paardeberg is 4000 ha in extent, of which approximately half is conserved.
- Wildfire training is done every second year with the Municipality, local FPS and the farmers (with their workers). Bridget commented that you're a fire debrief as soon as possible after a wildfire provides good community participation with a record of decisions to raise funds for relevant project implementation. Dept Agriculture (Ilze Trautmann) indicated that they are willing to help with strategic fire breaks to divide Paardeberg into 6 blocks. A co-signed letter must be sent ASAP.
- Bridget thanked Christo Marais and Jim Taylor of WESSA for their recommendation of PSI to the Landusers Incentive Scheme 2013-2017. Christo Marais explained that the budget at that time was R2.06 billion and R1.97 billion was spent in that term. 14 SMME's were created during the PSI NatReM project, but after waiting seven months for the second 3-year tranche of funding from to arrive from DEA, the project was suspended. The fact remains that alien clearing remains expensive and is financially unsustainable, so farmers need financial support in their initiatives. Christo commented that it is challenging to work with

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government but it has R 2.3 billion in the current scheme and there are still opportunities.

- Bridget reported that erosion control and restoration is ongoing in areas where the fires destroyed all vegetation leaving soil barren and susceptible to alien invasion, so these areas are being prioritized by landowners.
- Wildlife training of workers is ongoing, and offered by the FPA's and Municipality periodically

3.2.2 PSI Partnership Projects:

3.2.2.1 CVT

- PSI has partnered with Champagne Valley Trust in the Choir Legacy Project (implemented in Greytown), now suggested to be deferred to Siphwe and Scelo as they have proved their capabilities over the past 3 years. Siphwe gave a background to the project.
- The project uses song to bring awareness regarding fire prevention, biodiversity, environmental issues, use of water, agriculture
- There are 4 schools involved at present and choristers rehearse once a week. In parallel, teacher development into a conductor is a major part of the project. Children show improvement in articulation, confidence, literacy (15% increase). Currently the project has been completed in 17 schools, but it is hoped it can be implemented in 40 schools eventually.

3.2.2.2 Eduponics Project

- Aquaponics is now registered as a matric subject in government schools. Eduponics is a new potential partnership project focused on STEM schools, through Mikhail Accom (This could be put forward for funding in collaboration with the jobs fund as a possibility).

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- Christo Marais ask the question if the program cannot also focus on promoting math skills among scholars as he comes across M. Sc graduates that lack skills in that capacity.

3.2.2.3 TESH Project

- Using our resource-based approach in fundraising, PSI participated in the TESH (Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures) Project with R600k awarded over 3 Years to establish choirs in primary schools (Greytown & Pietermaritzburg). Songs are selected to destigmatize environment and agriculture. The aim is to get to forty schools so that government can adopt the principle of education using song with the establishment of choirs in schools nationally.
- Bridget suggested that, due to the value of its NPO registration to social development, PSI Molekane remain separate from PSI and that fundraising for the Legacy Project going forward be promoted through PSI Molekane.
- A new perspective to the project is to find a way to improve numerical and digital literacy in a similar manner to English/language literacy. The Green Climate Fund concentrates on fires, droughts and floods and living relations as protecting the habitat of fauna & flora (Analogy Rivers = veins, Wetlands = kidneys, Mountain = heart). It was proposed as a potential funder.

3.2.2.4 Global Giving Projects

PSI has supported other organisations in fundraising while supporting governance and SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for struggling entities, through its partnership with Global Giving.

- YWOW (Young Woman of Worth) is currently implemented by Epworth in Pietermaritzburg. PSI Projects assisted with fundraising for the

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Epworth Foundation from past learners based abroad. Through implementation of the Legacy Project at Epworth, supported by this funding partnership, 6 half-scholarships were raised from THE BEAST FOUNDATION for YWOW candidates to attend 5 years of High School at Epworth(1) and Wembley College, Greytown(5)

- ECD Project, Salt Rock KZN, implemented by Dawn Earl, is also a Global Giving partnership project on the PSI Projects platform to assist children of domestic workers.
- Johnny Lowe Memorial Trust (JLMT) partnered with PSI Projects and CVT in running 2 Weekend Environmental Training Camps for teachers and principals. Bridget reported that children grasp environmental terms and connections easier than the teachers themselves. PSI Projects hosted these trainings at Weenen Nature Reserve in 2024 with limited success. Scelo Mbonambi commented that it was quite an experience, and neither the environmental talks nor camping resonated with the participants. They did however, engage on topics such as population explosion and consumerism.

3.2.3 Paardeberg Tourism and Events :

3.2.3.1 Farmer Open Days:

- For 2024, the Farmers Day was a Fire Debrief after the 8 day fire over New Year (A debrief should be held as soon as practically possible after a fire otherwise landowners lack the appetite to understand the detail and important lessons learned)
- In 2025 the Farmers Day hosted 40 MBA students from the University of Florida (Minutes attached). The 80-odd attendees heard about the proposed Winelands International Airport from CEO Deon Cloete, while the Dept. of Water and Sanitation

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invited questions from landowners regarding high water bills received. Legal expert for Insurance Companies John Smit presented updates to the Veld and Forest Fire Act, insurance access and responsibility of the landowner in terms of preplanned fires. Andrew Taylor presented the Uilenkraal industrial bio-gas project for the dairy farmers and gave an informative talk, but unfortunately, they did not attend the Farmers Day.

- 3.2.3.2 E-biking project, in response to a RFP from CoCT , was awarded funds but these were never received. It offers a sustainable model for conservation funding, yet to be implemented when funds permit. .
- 3.2.3.3 Music Concerts (La Rochelle), Hiking and Cycling events have contributed small amounts of funding for preserving, Paardeberg Fynbos,
- 3.2.3.4 Faith In Action Project (in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Saldanha Bay and St Clement Chapel) providing weekly services (on a Wednesday) for workers, has been well-established on Vondeling (by Julian Johnsen). Sunday services are also now a regular occurrence with Vondeling covering costs of inter-denominational Pastor Keith from Kuilsriver. PSI manages collections of R4000+ received to date.
- 3.2.3.5 Birding for Twitchers and Bird-Ringing is hosted in partnership with Vondeling, Fynbos Estate and BDI (UCT), using several sites including the new Martin Lambert bird hide and 2 Vondeling cottages for accommodation.

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3.3.1 PSI is participating in the Public Participation Process of the proposed Graafwater feedlot project

3.3.2 PSI supported the application for a Solar Farm in the Paardeberg area and commented as an I&AP.

3.3.3 PSI is assisting with objections to the application to host a Rave/Jazz festival (for 3 days) over 2026 New Year. This is proposed to take place near Modderkloof and Lemoenkloof farms.

3.3.4 PSI has appointed an environmental consultant to comment on Cape Winelands International Airport. PSI is participating in the Public Participation Process of the proposed Winelands International Airport to get the best result for our area, specifically in funding support through the ESG and CSR budgets of the Airport operating entities. The airport has already engaged EWT in offsets, so Bridget envisions that EWT may partner with the Paardeberg Conservancy to be their feet on the ground, and to look after the mountain as part of their conservation mandate. A meeting has been set up in this regard with EWT.

3.4 Exploratory areas

- Biobee
- Aquaponics
- Regenerative Agriculture

4. Finances

4.1 AFS 2025 for PSI Projects, PSI Molekane and CVT

- Jaco Odendaal of Crowe (Stellenbosch) presented the AFS for PSI Projects and PSI Molekane. The AFS were distributed in advance and Jaco invited attendees to air questions. The AFS of the entities were accepted and signed by directors.

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- On the balance sheet dated 28 Feb 2025 equity fixed assets and liabilities were reflected as equity of R 41 000 in 2025 and R81 000 in 2024 (including applied depreciation)
- Current Loans fronted between the entities were cleared in the 2025 financial year. Current assets were listed as R52 000 while the cash receivable balance is mostly VAT. Liabilities amounting to R12000 (due to internal loans) have also come down and there is provision for audit fees (R10 000).
- From the income statement the revenue total for 2025 was R753 000 in comparison of R1 286 000 in 2024. Expenses also decreased from 2024
- There were no questions raised. The accountants handle most of the administration so for those wanting to get involved now, this takes out most of the onerous work.
- PSI Molekane has a bank account with a cash balance and the expenses consist of bank charges and accounting costs. No questions were raised
- CVT will be completed within the week and presented to Bridget. Jaco will continue to give an Excel summary of the financials, as for 2024. CVT still holds the property (school leased-to purchase by RISE UP NPC). CVT has a R600 000 cash balance with R235 000 (part of the initial deposit of R250 000). Jaco advises allocating the R235 000 as a liability until the sale goes through and the property is transferred.

4.2 Budget 2025-2026:

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- A monthly budget report has been introduced by the accountants as a protocol to manage finances so that decisions can be made on known fixed income and expenses.
- Bridget explained the funding model of Global Giving, that contributes to the PSI Projects operational funding. PSI Projects implement projects for PSI Molekane and CVT under the PSI Projects profile and retains 10% of all funds received From Global Giving partnership projects as an Admin fee, while Global Giving takes 7% of the same.
- Global Giving issues tax certificates to USA donors and UK adds Gift Aid...increasing UK donations to GG by up to 25%. A report for each project is submitted to GG quarterly and all donors receive these reports.

4.3 Insurance

- Bridget commented that the short-term insurance is covered by Hollard and the policy is renewed annually.
- Directors & Officials insurance (against Director liabilities) is with AIG (incl Asset cover) and carried by Bridget and Luci for the Champagne Valley Trust, as a subsidiary organisation.
- The insurance on the assets will have to be cancelled when the assets are disposed of or sufficiently devalued.

4.4 Bank account balances currently (indicating new banks):

CVT ([R240,740.39](#)) ABSA,

PSI ([R32,500.82](#)) NEDBANK

PSI MOLEKANE ([R40,791.64](#)) CAPITEC

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4.5 Signatories

For all entities, dual signatories are required for all payments or requests to the financial institutions. Generating beneficiaries also requires two signatories

4.6 Inter-company transfers

To accommodate VAT claims inter- company transfers do take place to facilitate the refund of VAT paid. This also allows us to invoice for either with or without vat.

4.7 Future allocation of Assets consisting of 2 vehicles, 6 trailers, with some equipment.

- 6 trailers are not currently in use and have been stored undercover, free of charge for PSI Projects at Bowwood Farm. Bridget requested to keep one trailer and to give the one “bakkie- Sakkie” which included a new pump (value R10 000) to the FPA as no-one uses it even when there is a fire.
- Bridget commented that the trailers are undercover at Bowwood and could fetch around R20 000 each if they are sold. All the trailers and vehicles are registered and licensed. Rory will be taking on alien clearing projects in the area but the board / directors will have to decide if the trailers will still be of use. The trailers will have to be relocated if not sold by year-end.
- Barry would like to view the trailers to potentially purchase one.
- The Nissan Bakkie will return to Paarl from KZN as it is not used there and is needed for alien vegetation management on Paardeberg.
- There were no objections.

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- **Transferring ownership of 2011 Toyota D/C to Bridget:** A resolution was signed for Bridget to use the vehicle as private vehicle in 2022. Bridget continued that the current estimated value is R180 000 exl VAT (360 000 km) but Jaco Odendaal commented that the vehicle may have been depreciated to zero in PSI Projects Books. Fuel/insurance/services/tyres/repairs are currently covered by JRJ, as has been the case since 2022. Should she terminate her directorship of PSI Projects, Bridget requested retention of the bakkie and one trailer with contents of an approximate value of R50 000 in lieu of many years of pro-bono work when she moves to a new farm, especially if alien vegetation management is required in the area. The committees/ directors will revert to Bridget with the decision after the meeting.

5. THINK TANK SESSION: Future of PSI Projects, PSI Molekane and CVT, including Governance

- Bridget commented that she needs to resign in time as a director but will stay for 1- 2 years to ensure smooth handover. She is happy to continue fundraising but cannot be involved in ongoing implementation of the projects. She said if she has to continue running three entities, they will all close down in the next year. So if this work is to continue, we must decide on the steps to be taken to ensure their sustainability. Bridget asked the younger people in the room to step up to take PSI Projects into the future.
- Bridget proposed that Chloe Cormack take over some of the integrated tasks that Bridget has handled, and Chloe accepted in principle, but will have to look at what the time requirement is.

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- Bridget proposed that 3 people should be appointed to each entity as subcommittee members to familiarise themselves with directorship for potential takeover. Bridget asked that Chloe facilitate the process of appointing the subcommittees and steering decisions made for each entity, but all present agreed that all 3 entities could be discussed in the group.
- It was noted to attract bigger funding an entity requires a turnover of R1 000 000 as a benchmark. PSI Projects is used in funding applications when this is required. CVT allows PSI Projects to increase its turnover by paying scholarships to schools via PSI Projects, and vice versa. CVT and PSI Molekane are useful in funding applications that require turnover below R1 000 000.

5.1 Conservancy

- Katie (& Peet) van der Walt and Lorraine Euvrard will assist with getting the Conservancy members involved to plan the way forward for the conservancy.
- The conservancy will continue to be managed through PSI Projects until an active membership decides otherwise.
- Christo mentioned another possibility is that K2011127140 NPC, the CIPC registered non profit company trading as PSI Projects, could also trade as Paardeberg Conservancy. Working closely with the FPA makes it possible for conservancies to get conditional grants.
- Bridget confirmed that quite a few farms have changed ownership and mostly to lifestyle farmers. She commented that there are about 50 Landowners, and a new face will be well received.
- In light of the very independent farmers in the area who are not always eagerly want to take accountability for the mountain, Bridget

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asked Lorraine if she would be willing please to engage with landowners? Lorraine agreed to start with strategic engagement and Katie will contribute as well, especially in the administrative tasks.

- Bridget reminded the group that half of the Paardeberg mountain is owned by conservation-minded landowners, who have been conserving for 10-25+ years, so some of the mountain is in a good state.
- Jacques Smit suggested that the priority is to get the landowners around the fire and where the opportunity presents itself, to promote joining/reviving the conservancy.
- Christel Liebenberg commented that they found that paying a person (e.g. Extension officer) to run the conservancy once the landowner commits results in the biggest long-term return for the landowner. She spoke in her personal experience with Bottelary Hills Renosterveld Conservancy.
- At present Bridget nominates and pays for the 5 members of Paardeberg Conservancy who are conserving landowners, and then just pays personally for Paardeberg Conservancy membership of Conservation at Work (umbrella body for Conservancies) on their behalf. Too much effort otherwise to collect the R500/annum.
- Christel Liebenberg concluded that the most important thing is to get the landowner to buy into sustainable farming.
- Lucinda volunteered to assist in getting funding or funding ideas for the conservancy. Christo and Rory commented that money motivates farmers at the end of the day and that is how most of the successes in Overberg and Grootvadersbosch were brought about.
- Christo suggested:
 1. Find a source of money for a 3 – 5-year period to get continuity
 2. Landowners must contribute.

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3. You can then get a driven person in the office because the landowners do not have the time to co-ordinate conservation on their farms.
 4. It must be understood that the engagement of landowners is essential to buy into long-term conservation / conservancy and seeking funding is a parallel process.
- Liam McRobert commented that from his point of view a set budget should be defined so we know the financial input that is needed and plan how to get the conservancy self-funding and sustainable.
 - Scelo Mbonambi commented that we should rather focus on the positive attributes of conservation in the Paardeberg Conservancy as a success story that would attract funding to sustain the success. Therefor to the package the Paardeberg Conservation SUCCESS story to seek local or international funding.
 - Bridget reminded those present that Wendy and Anthony Hitchcock, leading CREW at the time, prescribed that any group on the mountain must be limited to only 12 people. The Conservancy adopted this in 2006. When considering nature-based recreational or tourist activities to help the conservancy, this should always be kept in mind..

The e-bike project that was never realized took this into account in its design, keeping cyclists on farm roads in GUIDED groups only. . The landowners en route agreed to participate in the project and provide services & food along the way while the cyclists contributed a conservation fee per KM, in a sustainable model so this form of income can still succeed with minimal start-up funding. .

5.2 Winelands Airport Engagement

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- There were no objections to pursuing the funding option (approx. R500 000) as a participant in addressing offsets in the EIA, or as an ESG/CSR beneficiary of the Cape Winelands International Airport.
- One option discussed will be that the Conservancy becomes a project of EWT in such a way that EWT gets some reward out of it.
- Luci also spoke to her EWT contact to enquire if any contractors had been appointed on the Cape Winelands Airport project, and was advised none as yet.
- Bridget will follow up with EWT and requested that those involved in running the conservancy would please need attend any meeting with her.
- PSI Projects appointed Dave Rudolph for R15 000 to deliver inputs to the Cape Winelands EIA in a professional, co-operative manner. Dave requested special permission to submit late comments, which was authorised by PHS Consultants as the EAP for the Winelands EIA.
- PSI Projects input to the EIA were handed in on Thursday, 22 May 2025, and included that the risk of bird strikes had not been addressed.
- Bridget attended the Cape Winelands Airport (CWA) Open Day together with appointed EAP Dave Rudolph, at which she also proposed that the flights arriving from the east or south to land in a north-south direction at CWA, or before turning east after take off in a south-north direction, be moved to north of Riebeeck Kasteel, to avoid flying over the Paardeberg .

5.3 Eduponics

- The partnership with the INR (Institute of Natural Resources) who introduced tower gardens in the KZN Legacy Project was constructive and productive.

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- Since then, Aquaponics has become a registered Matric subject and been introduced to a few schools in the Cape.
- Mikhail Accom is driving the Aquaponics agenda through his EDUPONICS Pty Ltd entity in the CAPE SCIENCE ACADEMY and has already put in the infrastructure to present Aquaponics as a tool to present many subjects.
- Bridget agreed to propose today that PSI partner with Eduponics to extend this project to communities and the broader public around schools as a Hub, therefore the proposed Joint Venture. (Also see 5.5)

5.4 Accountant and Auditor

Bridget thanked the accountants for the fact that the accounts are now being captured on a month-to-month basis and are properly coded against the correct project. PSI did run at a loss in 2025, when depreciation was also factored in. The auditing fees however are onerous to carry. Having used the same auditor now for some 7-8 years good governance would support the change of auditor after 2026 financial year-end. Katie van der Walt commented she would find out from the farmers if they had an auditor that would do this work for PSI pro bono or at a discount rate greater than that offered by our current auditor. The decision will depend on the outcome, otherwise Carina Odendaal will be appointed to continue as Auditor for another year (2027).

5.5 Resolutions

1. Molekane / PSI to sign a resolution to partner with Eduponics to participate in a Joint Venture Project with JobsFund and other funding applications to promote aquaponics in schools and to the public (with possible use of Lucis modular units). This project includes teaching of

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biology, science and math's through the subject of Aquaponics. Luci offered to take the lead here. Co-funding must be sourced but this type of project has the potential to also draw significant co – funding. Previous funders of PSI Projects may be interested.

Bridget asked if everyone could have a look at the standing operating procedures (SOP's) that organisations use when collaborating with one another, accountability, how do you work with each other (guidelines). Chloe commented that the first step is MOU/ Letter of intent clearing stating the mandate. Christel Liebenberg commented that it must be a legal binding document. Formal agreement and description of the relationship between the entities should follow withore specifics. Scelo Mbonambi concluded that it is his experience to start with a list of tasks / activities, name them, define them and then assign them so that , PSI becomes more of a conduit/ convening organisation

2. CVT resolution ... See 6.2 below

6. Risks

6.1 Risk Profile or portfolio

- **Security**

Private security is larger than SAPS

Expropriating / taking land, farm murders, unrest

Increase in theft, had to join a farm watch group that also go to the community meeting with police, no further incidents

Gang members are more than National Defense force officials, spread of territory of gangs.

Drug abuse leading to violent crimes

- **Economic/ Socio Economic**

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The image of RSA to international investors

Failing to grow economy, job creation x poverty, associated with increase in crime.

Crime syndicates impeding supply of energy for agriculture use and overall growth of the economy (Eskom)

- **Environmental**

Failing authorities – impede flow of funding

Not managing invasive and alien vegetation, higher intensity of fires
Increase in natural extreme weather events and intensity, fire, drought floods, also humans starting fires and not extinguishing fires
Onerous requirements for a landowner to register a contract nature reserve with Cape Nature and devaluing land. Effects landowners' willingness to participate and reach outcomes. Could be mitigated by conservancies or OCEM.

The remaining natural vegetation to conserve is in the hands of private landowners.

Storing herbicide, older containers leaking. To request new containers from suppliers.

(There is herbicide available if landowners need for alien clearing)

- **Financial**

Decrease in the value of the Rand

Cashflow constraints

Decrease in available funding local and abroad

Jen Marais suggested that the current list of risks is quite broad and only risk associated with the activity itself and the mitigated should be listed. Christo Marais commented that with risks comes opportunities, getting involved with the local FPA and then trying to get on the Disaster Risk Management agenda for Urban Wildland

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interface and fuel load reduction or if you can get into the Community Works Programme both run by the District Municipality.

6.2 CVT and Exposure of RISE (R600 000+ of own money spent)

- Bridget explained that CVT is currently still the owner of a redundant school and as per legal advice received in the past, CVT was lease or sell the school with urgency.
- It was broadly advertised and RISE UP (NPC) offered to lease-to-purchase by paying a significant deposit, the balance being paid off over an agreed period of 7 years. The property has been committed to RISE UP contractually.
- The municipality has now claimed retrospective rates and taxes and that are disputed, delaying projects for RISE UP and the transfer of the property.
- Getting the transfer done will release R150 000+ to the CVT.
- Rise has now stopped paying the monthly payment as they are afraid that they will get stuck with a municipal bill.
- Bridget requested CVT Trustees to pass a resolution to facilitate the transfer by paying 50% of the rates bill, even if the Municipality do not reduce the amount, so that the property can be transferred. The other 50% would be covered by RISE UP.
- There is also about R150 000 still owed to CVT by RISE UP for the lease.
- Luci and Eseza as fellow TRUSTEES of CVT supported the motion proposed by Bridget and agreed to sign a resolution for shared payment of the rates bill with RISE UP to resolve the impasse and facilitate the transfer.

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6.3 CVT and risks with RISE as Implementing Agent

- There is an urgency to finalise the sale due to increased risk now that RISE UP is running environmental camps for private schools on property.

6.4 POPIA

As per the POPI Act, everyone in PSI Projects, PSI Molekane and CVT has been made aware of their rights. Signed indemnities are vital for all photographs depicted on PSI/CVT/Legacy Project websites and social media, especially for learners, as well as staff or other project participants. Full names in reports are only permissible if the information is already public or permission from the individual has been obtained.

7. Way Forward

7.1 Directors

The following people were nominated/ are staying on to serve as directors or trustees:

PSI Molekane: Craig Greggor, Simphiwe Mbonambi, Lucinda Fairhurst-Bremer

PSI Projects: Bridget Johnsen, Rory Allardice, Lucinda Fairhurst-Bremer, Scelo Mbonambi

CVT: Bridget Johnsen, Lucinda Fairhurst-Bremer, Eseza Nambassi,

No objections were received.

7.2 Sub committees

The following people were nominated / volunteered to serve on sub committees:

PSI Molekane: To be nominated

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PSI Projects:

- Rory Allardice will remain involved in the Fire Break Program and working with FPA.
- Bridget proposed that Chloe be co-opted to set up subcommittees for operations, funding and more. Chloe accepted.

Paardeberg Conservancy Subcommittee:

- Katie & Peet van der Walt, Lorraine Euvrard accepted.
- No objections were received.
- Jacques Smit said as his schedule clears up closer to the 4th quarter he will be available to assist.
- Lucinda will assist in procuring funding to support the conservancy (Lotto).
- Jacques also offered to do a presentation about C@W when conservancy is ready.
- Christel Liebenberg commented that Adele Touwa is not currently employed and could be considered to get involved
- Theuns Moller expressed availability to assist but only after hours.
- Kuyan Kotzen (Racing stables) and Shura Johnsen also offered their assistance on an *ad hoc* basis.

CVT: No subcommittees needed at present.

8. Summary and Close

Bridget thanked everyone for taking part in discussions and amicable resolutions for the way forward. Rory thanked Bridget for all she has done for the organisation. The meeting was closed at 15h20

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1. Ingrid Du Plessis

Ingrid du Plessis matriculated in Pretoria and obtained her B.SC Hon degree in Geography & Environmental management at Stellenbosch University and later completed a financial management course through UNISA. She has been working for Whale Coast Conservation for 11 years and for this period also been involved in die administration of Conservation at Work, both Non-Profit and PBO entities. She values nature, life-balances and efforts to protect the natural environment. She is currently offering her services to PSI Projects for a three month probationary period, in replacing John Thorpe, who left us for full time employment in Feb 2025

2. Jo Nel

Jo is a Professional Accountant (commerce degree & SAIPA registered) with over 35 years diverse experience, including over 15 years as CFO, Commercial Manager, Finance Manager, over 20 years on remote African mine sites working for multi-national companies, plus manufacturing, hospitality, agriculture, and non-profit industries. Strong computer skills – excel, word, various ERP systems and other applications. Experience includes management of and hands-on participation in commercial, financial and management accounting and reporting, taxation, compliance, budgets, forecasts, procurement and warehousing, IT, communications, human resources, administration, on-site accommodation and catering, and leading multi-disciplinary multi-cultural teams. Experience also includes establishment of new sites, acquisition and implementation of new software, cost control and reduction, improvement of existing systems, staff recruitment, development, and knowledge transfer.

3. Jaco Odendaal

Jaco Odendaal grew up in Bredasdorp where he matriculated in 1995. He studied at the University of Stellenbosch where he obtained his B.Accounting Honours degree in 1999. Jaco started his career as a Chartered Accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Cape Town and qualified as a Chartered Accountant (SA) in 2003. His career initially focussed on accounting and auditing, but in 2010, he decided to change direction somewhat to focus on corporate advisory services and corporate tax services. As part of his continued professional development, Jaco also continued studying formally and obtained post-graduate diplomas in Auditing, Advanced Value Added Tax, Tax Law and B-BBEE. He currently lives with his wife and two sons in Stellenbosch from where he also runs his practice.

4. Bridget Johnsen

After giving up Equine Veterinary Medicine to raise a family, Bridget's career objective has been to contribute effectively to the ever-increasing complex challenges of a planet striving for sustainability. As an active citizen with innate drive to leave the world in a better state than she found it, she runs three non-profits committed to issues surrounding the environment, agriculture, biodiversity, education, and children. From an executive, fundraising, and project implementation position over the last 20 years, Bridget has developed an extensive portfolio of networks to lead programs and initiatives for positive change. Her collaborative efforts have brought people and organizations together to merge resources and experience into operation, such as the Paardeberg FPA, TESF program and a Choirs for Literacy Project. She is a member of NASCEE (National Association of Social Change Entities in Education), SAIF (South African Institute of Fundraising), C@W (Conservation at Work), IAIA (International Association for Impact Assessment, South Africa), Botanical Society, SA and has served on the Integrated Development Forum for Drakenstein Municipality as well as Boards of Drakensberg Boys Choir School, Michaelhouse, WESSA (Wildlife and Environment Society of SA), KWETHU and C@W.

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5. **Lucinda Fairhurst-Bremer**

Lucinda is a dedicated and enthusiastic project manager with around 20 years extensive experience in managing projects at multiple scales and levels. She is an adaptable and transformational team member with an ability to work independently and is well experienced in making critical decisions during challenges that minimize project risks. She has numerous documented success in planning, estimating, and organising the overall implementation of projects that ensure specifications and deadlines are met within budget. She has built relationships and networks that are cross-functional and work in a collaborative approach with great interpersonal skills to engage, motivate and encourage others. Her major experience lies in working with key stakeholders with African governments and strategic development partners at various levels with a focus on sustainable development and natural resource management in changing political and natural global climate. She has also spent a considerable amount of time working strategically with local NGOs and cbos across numerous focus areas such as violence against women, child trauma and sustainable agriculture to establish themselves as organisations that can legally receive local and international funding.

6. **Rory Allardice**

Rory is a Natural Resource Manager with over 40 years of applied experience, the last 20 or so being specifically aimed at improving the well-being of local communities through sustainable management. A successful project manager with experience in managing large internationally funded projects, he has specific experience in managing government and privately owned protected areas, their legal status and integrity, and their budgetary, financial and logistical management. He has developed unique and specific stake-holder facilitation skills in management and strategic planning, with inter-organisational objective and outcomes alignment. He is a registered SAQU trainer/Facilitator (CATHSSETA) and has served on the Board of PSI Projects for the past 10+ years.

7. **Craig Greggor**

Craig has been a generous and participative Board Member of PSI Molekane for the past 7 years. As General Manager of Makoya Amanzi Environmental Solutions, he has over 20 years of experience in water sustainability projects. Specializing in water and wastewater treatment projects, compliance reporting and consulting, he is a Fellow of The Water Institute of South Africa but describes himself as a general laborer.

8. **Eseza Nambassi**

Eseza trained as a medical doctor, graduated from medical school in the mid 1980. Her clinical practice career was focused on HIV. She has always been passionate about the role of nutrition and other lifestyle choices in disease prevention. In 1998 her brand called Simply Healthier was born, the mission is to help individuals and families to shift focus from sickness to wellness, by taking responsibility for their lifestyle choices and habits. Since 2000 (with CoViD and lockdown) she chose to stop full time clinical practice in hospitals and to actively build Simply Healthier. She is married to Dr Edward Nambassi, and they have 3 children (all adults) and 2 grandchildren. Eseza has served on the Kwethu Childrens Village Board, and currently a Trustee on the Champagne Valley Trust.

9. **Eddie Nambassi**

Edward W Nambassi, Medical Practitioner over 45 years. Worked mainly in public sector specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Studied in, and started work in Uganda, then moved to Zambia in 1985. Moved to the Eastern Cape in 1988. Had exposure in the UK for 2 years in 1996, before returning to RSA. Moved to KZN in 2000 to date. Served mainly in underprivileged communities and worked for Missionary hospitals as well. Currently semiretired and pivoting to health coaching and integrative medicine. Also serving on board of Ubuntu Partners in Bergville.

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10. Scelo Mbonambi

Scelo Mbonambi serves as the Fundraising and Liaison Officer at Wembley College in Greytown, KwaZulu-Natal. With over five years of experience in corporate and educational fundraising, he plays a pivotal role in building partnerships that support the school's mission. Scelo is instrumental in the Wembley College Greytown Collaborative Education Initiative, a collective of local schools working to sustain and enhance education in rural communities, particularly in the wake of economic challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. His efforts focus on creating mutually beneficial relationships between educational institutions and corporate partners, ensuring the vitality and progress of the community's educational landscape.. Scelo serves on the Fundraising Subcommittee of PSI Projects

11. Sipiwe Mbonambi

*Sipiwe Mbonambi is a South African performance artist, applied theatre maker, and researcher whose work explores the intersection of embodiment, identity, and social healing. With over two decades of experience in educational and community-based theatre, she has created transformative performances for diverse audiences—from rural schools and mining communities to international platforms like the Kampala International Theatre Festival and the Oslo Held residency. Her signature methodology, **Theatre of Touch**, merges massage and performance to address trauma, gender, and self-care—particularly within Black womxn's experiences. Rooted in both rigorous research and lived experience, Sipiwe's practice is a compelling fusion of art and activism, committed to fostering dialogue, connection, and collective healing.*

12. Chloe Cormack

Chloe is a climate change entrepreneur. CEO and Cofounder of EcoRestore currently, with a history in the biotech startup world through her first Startup, BAOM Eco Solutions. Coming from a background in climate change consulting and sustainable development project management, and having worked on the the presidential report pertaining to the National Development Plan on SDGs, she has a broad understanding of the structures in the country that require reform. Raised by a conservationist and activist family, she is deeply passionate about nature and social upliftment, Chloe dedicates her work to finding solutions at the nexus of people and planet.

13. Jill Berning

Grew up on Twinstreams, KZN, as youngest member of deeply conservationist Garland family. BA from UKZN. Experience in the farming sector having farmed and established a farm supply business which she and husband Mark owned for 17 years. Experience in business having established and run a restaurant, a weavery, a tanning and sheepskin slipper manufacturing business. On moving to the Western Cape, ran a back packers in Greyton with Mark, home-schooled their daughters then retrained as a teacher (BEEd UCT) and taught for fourteen years; trained as a Life Coach (Dip in Practitioner Coaching TCC) and now run my own coaching business concentrating on supporting those in business.

14. Jacques Smit

Jacques Smit is the current manager of the Rooiberg Breede River Conservancy. He enjoys nature and all that comes with it - camping, hiking, mountain biking and more. His experience in conservation took shape at Cloof and Burgherspost Wine Estates (both being WWF Conservation Champions), where he was responsible for the conservation management of these estates, including alien clearing, ecotourism, wildfire management, game management, and environmental compliance. Jacques has a Bachelor of Science in Conservation Ecology from Stellenbosch University and more recently completed a part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management with Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership in 2021. There, he developed a particular interest in Environmental Governance, and intends to specialise in conservation stewardship by completing his Master of Philosophy thesis in conservancy governance and management in the Western Cape Province.

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15. Christel Liebenberg

Christel Liebenberg describes herself as a dedicated conservation foot soldier. She has managed the Bottelary Hills Renosterveld Conservancy (BHRC) since 2019, serves as vice-chair of Conservation @ Work and consults to the Greater Simonsberg Conservancy. Her commitment to conservation and ability to engage with stakeholders have played an important role in the growth of the Bottelary Hills Renosterveld Conservancy to 55 landowners. She has built a strong public-private partnership network that funds specific community projects within the BHRC. Her key focus remains the preservation of the remaining tracks of endangered Renosterveld within the BHRC, alien vegetation clearing, managing the 130km MTB trail network, community development, fundraising and marketing. In addition, she renders extension support to the WWF Conservation Champion programme within the BHRC.

16. Peet van der Walt

With over two decades of experience in project management, operations and high-level maintenance, Peet brings a grounded, solutions-focused approach to every project. From managing rope-access operations in the UAE to installing complex electrical systems across agricultural and commercial sites in South Africa, he has consistently combined hands-on technical skill with operational leadership. He has managed large teams of professionals across multiple job sites throughout his career. Known for his reliability, calm under pressure, and commitment to safety and quality, Peet is a natural problem-solver who gets things done

17. Katie van der Walt

Katie is one of the Stuarts of Dundarach, a fourth generation farm on the southern Paardeberg. With a career spanning 17 years in digital marketing and media strategy, she brings a rare blend of commercial acumen, creative thinking and a long-standing commitment to purpose-driven work. She has led global paid media teams and driven digital strategies for eCommerce, B2B, and nonprofit clients, always with a focus on impact and measurable growth. Her early career included environmental research and data development with ERM Southern Africa, where I helped build the National Climate Response Database and with Camco Global, a climate and impact fund manager in London. Coupled with a keen interest in finance, accounting and corporate governance she is a Trustee of various trusts. Rooted in the Paardeberg where her family still farms. She is passionate about the community, sustainable development, the land and legacy.

18. Liam McRobert

Liam is an AI Developer, Full-Stack Web App Engineer, Technical Strategist and lives on the Paardeberg. He specializes in building AI-powered systems and scalable web applications tailored for real-world business operations. With a background in full-stack development and automation, he helps companies streamline workflows, connect services, and turn complex requirements into efficient software solutions. His experience spans:

- *Designing and deploying intelligent sales and service agents.*
- *Building custom frontend dashboards and Firebase-driven backend architectures.*
- *Integrating real-time data systems for retail, logistics, and laboratory environments.*
- *Fine tuning LLMs to meet a specific need.*

Before moving into advanced web development, he earned a diploma in jewelry design and ran a camera security installation company, giving a grounded understanding of both visual design and small business operations. He also worked as a developer at Patho Solutions, where he built lab-oriented web apps for sample tracking / crop disease tracking and results management. He brings a strategic mindset to every build focused on modular design, long-term maintainability, and cost-effective scaling. Whether it's creating intelligent workflows

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or refining user interfaces, he works closely with clients to deliver systems that are powerful, understandable, and built to last.

19. Barry Schreiber

Barry grew up in the Paardeberg literally on the mountain and in its valleys. As boys they spent many a weekend on the mountain, eg Uys se Huis. A deep appreciation of, and responsibility to protect the fauna and flora of the Paardeberg was fostered. In those days no human threat existed towards the mountain. This changed in the 1990's when 4x4 tracks and fynbos harvesting etc became apparent. Thus in 1992 the conservancy was formed. Barry has served as Chair of the Conservancy, and is currently representing the Paardeberg Unit of the Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association (GCFPA).

20. Christo Marais

Dr Christo Marais stepped down as Chief Director: Natural Resource Management (NRM) Programmes of the South African Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment on 1 August 2021. Until then he was responsible for the Working for Water, Working on Fire, Working for Wetlands and Working for Ecosystems programmes, all aimed at ecological restoration and conservation at a national level. His history of involvement in NRM includes invasive alien plant -, mountain catchment/watershed -, rivers and wetlands -, integrated wildland fire -, and protected area management. He now specializes in translating NRM and economic theory into practice focusing amongst others on ecosystem-based disaster management, more specifically nature-based solutions to droughts, fires and floods. His most recent projects focused on mainstreaming biodiversity stewardship in South Africa, strategic planning for large scale restoration programmes and the mentoring of African cities on the contribution of nature-based solutions to flood mitigation.

21. Jen Clover

Dr Jenny Clover is a development specialist with 40 years of progressive experience. Since the early 2000's she has focused on the governance of natural resources (including strategic interventions that aim to restore and enhance the health and vitality of ecosystems, communities, and economies) and on integrated approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk management (landscape level and urban contexts) that build resilience. She has working knowledge of the following areas: environmental security (land, water, and food security) including working in conflict and post-conflict African countries; climate risk assessments; ecosystem-based solutions for DRR and climate change adaptation; nature positive urban development. Professional engagements include the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), NTU International consulting firm, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Dept of Water Affairs & Forestry (DWAF, now DWS) - Working for Water, the Independent Development Trust (IDT), the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Africa Institute. She has engaged with international organizations, all levels of government, NGOs, and the private sector and has enjoyed working in challenging environments across the African region. This includes Southern Africa (South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana, Angola, Zambia, Namibia and Tanzania); East Africa (Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia); & West Africa (Sierra Leone, Liberia; Burkina Faso).

22. Lorraine Euvrard

Lorraine, 39 years of age, has a BCom degree in business management and is also a director at FTQS, a company that does quality control on export and local fruit/veg. She married Pieter Euvrard for 12 years ago, and they have 2 boys aged 6 and 9, all living and working on the farm Orangerie, Siebritskloof, Paardeberg. She has a deep appreciation and respect for nature and the Paardeberg holds a very special place in her heart.

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