



AGM 2019

AGM Note 2

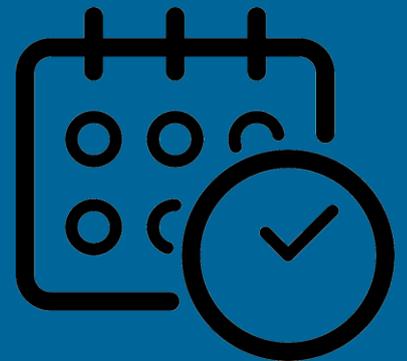
Dear shell friends,

This is a last note to remind all our Members of our upcoming AGM and to provide final details concerning the event.

Date, Time and Venue

The 2019 AGM:

- Will be held on 1 June 2019.
- Will start at 10:00 (10AM).
- Will be held at *Unitas* Netcare Hospital, Centurion.
- Will take place in the Lecture Room on the 4th floor (detailed directions in the Agenda).



Please take note of the change in venue from our most recent AGMs – and once again a big *thank you* to our Secretary, Anton Groenewald, for securing the venue for us free of charge. Anton also said he would arrange for validated parking tickets, so your parking for the day will also be free (read: “more auction money”).

Agenda

Included in the email containing this Note is the Agenda for the AGM. As you can see it is a pretty standard Agenda with no specific matters and no voting requirements. We should be able to cover the Agenda items fairly quickly, leaving more time for socialising and shell trade.

Our 2019 Agenda also includes the AGM Talk and the AGM Shell Auction – two items everyone always looks forward to.

AGM Talk

We will be entertained by Mrs Christelle Deysel and her husband, Ed, who will be sharing with us their recent experiences whilst diving the tropical seas around Bali Island, Indonesia. We are sure to see some lovely images and videos taken by the couple of the underwater paradise, and hear first-hand accounts from their travel – perhaps even a few tips for those of you wishing to undertake such a trip.

Another *big thank you* – to Ed and Christelle – for taking the time to prepare the presentation and share this with us



AGM Auction

As mentioned in the previous Note, the 2019 Auction will not be as “momentous” as the 2018 event (being our 60th Anniversary Auction), but it will still contain a lovely spread of items at very competitive starting bid prices. We will distribute a list soon.

Shell Trade

There will be ample time to engage in shell trade – both before the time and after the official AGM event has concluded. I invite our Members – and our resident shell dealers – to bring along any shells you wish to sell or exchange and engage in a bit of trade.



AGM Lunch

Anton has also managed to arrange a lovely chicken curry for us courtesy of the hospital caterers. Don't worry, we will make sure the caterers keep the heat down – we'll turn it up again once the AGM Auction starts!

Shell Exhibits

Just a final invitation to those of you planning to attend the AGM to put in the effort to prepare at least one Exhibit for us to ogle at 😊 . I am always amazed at the level of creativity and inventiveness (is this even a word...?) on display at the AGMs. Even if you are not gunning for a trophy, you will still receive a certificate (a revived tradition) that you can display with pride somewhere in your home or office.

Just another reminder: we have not specified a specific *Theme* for the Exhibits at this year's AGM (we decided to leave this up to the Exhibitors). However, adjudication will, as before, take place within one of the following four *Categories*:

- *Category 1: Artistic*
- *Category 2: Scientific*
- *Category 3: Beginner*
- *Category 4: Shell Family, Genus or Species*



So, you need to decide beforehand within which of the above Categories your Exhibit will be entered for the award; an award will be bestowed within each Category. And, as before, you may bring along as many Exhibits as you can fit into your car boot and therefore enter as many Categories as you wish, but an Exhibit cannot “span” multiple Categories; you need a separate Exhibit per Category.

Please be sure to review the Society's Exhibit Guidelines for additional information, especially if you are aiming for an award.

In Conclusion

I invite all our Members from far and near to attend the AGM. It is always an enjoyable event and a place where we can catch up with old friends and make new ones. Save up for the AGM and the expected shell trade and come and join in on the fun!

Till the 1st,

Happy shelling!

A handwritten signature in white ink, reading "Andre Meredith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Andre Meredith

President, SCSA

16 May 2019