



## AGM 2022

June 2022

*Dear Members,*

We are now well into the year and it's time to prepare for our 2022 Annual General Meeting. This letter serves to convey the first bit of information concerning the AGM to you, and serve as a "save the date" for the event.

### AGM Date and Time

We will be hosting our 2022 AGM in August this year. Covid created a bit of havoc with our past AGM dates, which is traditionally held in May or June. The 2021 AGM was held in September following relaxing of lockdown regulations, but we are trying to move the date back to mid-year now that we have the opportunity to do so. The 2022 AGM will be moved one month earlier to August, while it is anticipated that the 2023 AGM will be held in June or July.

In any case, herewith the important information you will need to know to help with planning:

- Date: 13 August 2022
- Time: 10AM

The date coincides with the regular Saturday Pretoria Group meeting, which will be replaced by the AGM for the month of August.

### AGM Venue

Due to renovations taking place at the regular venue (Unitas hospital), we are moving the 2022 AGM to Gordon's place. The venue is used by the Pretoria Group and Gordon has kindly agreed to the Society utilising the facilities for the AGM this year.

The move to Gordon's place actually simplifies much of the administration surrounding the AGM, and will, amongst others, allow us to restart the traditional AGM Shell Exhibits, which was put on hold due to Covid prohibitions since the 2019 AGM.

The address for the 2022 AGM venue is as follows:

Entrance to Prestige Nursery and Aftercare Centre  
Plot 35  
348 Cecil Avenue  
Sinoville  
Pretoria

Google maps links: <https://goo.gl/maps/keKxepA61UypmjAs6>

### AGM Proceedings

It is not a voting year, so the AGM will follow the regular agenda. This will include an overview of the year's accomplishments, feedback from the Committee, adjudication of Shell Exhibits and the usual AGM auction. There will also be plenty of time for interaction and opportunity to trade.

Gordon and family have kindly offered to provide lunch to AGM participants. Those attending the regular monthly Pretoria Group meetings will attest to the promise of a great lunch, given the track record of lunches served at the Pretoria meetings!

### AGM Shell Exhibits

As noted above, we will be reinstating the traditional AGM Shell Exhibits at the 2022 AGM. Since we have not had the opportunity to allow our Members to be creative in this regard since 2019, we have decided to keep it simple and not specify an Exhibit "theme". You may therefore prepare an Exhibit in a theme of your own choice within any of the following Categories:

- Beginner
- Shell Family, Genus or Species
- Scientific
- Artistic

An award will be bestowed within each Category, plus an award for "Best Exhibit of 2022". Each Exhibitor will also be rewarded with an Exhibitor Certificate.

Attached to the email are the Guidelines for persons wishing to prepare an Exhibit (or multiples, of course). Please note these are only guidelines – the important factor is to have fun and participate!

### AGM Auction and Trade


As in times past we will be hosting a mammoth Auction once again at the 2022 AGM. Included will be a host of shells, plus books and mystery boxes.

And if you have some spare change left after the auction dust has settled, some of our Members will have lovely specimens for sale at hugely competitive prices.

The 2021 AGM Auction was a massive success in all respects, and I am sure we will trump it this year, too!

### In Conclusion

The 2022 Committee is hoping for a great turn-out and I am hoping to see you at the 2022 AGM. I am asking that Members indicate as soon as possible if you will be able to attend, to allow Gordon and family to plan for catering.

A vibrant underwater scene featuring a diverse coral reef. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from the surface, creating rays of light. Numerous colorful fish, including yellow-striped snappers and various reef fish, are swimming throughout the scene. The coral is diverse, with various shapes and colors like purple, green, and yellow.

More information to follow in a follow-up letter closer to the time.

*Until next time, happy shelling!*

*Bill Seede*

President, SCSA  
25 June 2022