

**FISH HOEK VALLEY
RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
(FHVRRRA)**

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Newsletter for February 2017

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017. Time: 19h30

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.
2. GUEST SPEAKER: DR ALISON KOCK – MARINE BIOLOGIST (SHARK SPOTTERS)

**TOPIC: SHARK SPOTTERS : NEW TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE
YOUR BEACH EXPERIENCE**

3. MINUTES of the Quarterly General Meeting held on 24 November 2016 & matters arising
4. COUNCILLOR's Report – including application by PicknPay for a liquor licence
5. TREASURER's Report
6. CHAIRPERSON's Report
7. ELECTION of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO) for 2017
8. GENERAL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.

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Our Guest Speaker:

Our speaker is **Dr ALISON KOCK**, a marine biologist and the research manager and co-director of Shark Spotters, an acclaimed non-profit organisation whose vision is the sustainable co-existence of people and sharks.

Dr Kock is an Honorary Research Associate with the South African Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity and the Human-Wildlife Institute at the University of Cape Town, a member of the South African Acoustic Tracking Array Platform and a project leader for the Save Our Seas Foundation. Her areas of research include conservation biology, behavioral ecology and human-wildlife conflict resolution.

She will talk about the Shark Spotters program, the use of drones and a mobile app to improve shark safety and awareness and provide an update on the latest research findings.

Election of the Executive Committee and the future of the FHVRRRA

The work the FHVRRRA does affects everyone – planning issues; infrastructure; roads and transport; amenities such as parks, the beach, etc; social issues; security and law enforcement; input on draft City of Cape Town policies; municipal rates issues; environmental issues; etc. Our motto is: **We love Fish Hoek!**

General Meetings are organised on a Quarterly basis to which a guest speaker is invited and at which our Ward Councillors give feedback on City of Cape Town policies and local issues. The Executive Committee (EXCO) meets once a month on the third Thursday at 17h30.

Longstanding EXCO members Allen Rose-Innes (Chairman – 2002/2008 and 2015/2017) and Janet Holwill (Chairman 2008/2015) are stepping down from the EXCO. Allen is prepared to provide support as may be needed in respect of planning and treasury.

Promotion of the FHVRRRA and growth of its membership base are critical. We need new (and younger) members! If you have an area of expertise or a particular interest in furthering the aims of the FHVRRRA, your input would be extremely valuable on the EXCO.

We appeal to you to join our EXCO and give help to make this the community you are proud to live in!

Fish Hoek Beach and Environs

As we reported in our last newsletter Fish Hoek Beach was awarded Blue Flag status from 1 December to 31 March.

Many things in terms of the Blue Flag status were not being respected but, through the endeavors of the Friends of Fish Hoek Beach and concerned individuals, these were pointed out to the City of Cape Town. Rob Downey, a member on our EXCO and also of the Fish Hoek Improvement District, is the driving force of the Friends of Fish Hoek Beach and he has indicated that things will really be moving forward this year.

Councillor Aimee Kuhl has assured us that she will be giving a lot of attention to Fish Hoek beach.

Fish Hoek quo vadis?

At our Annual General Meeting held in February 2016, Mike Reaper, chairman of the Fish Hoek Improvement District reported on the Improvement Project that had been initiated in November 2015.

Things have been rather quiet after all the energy stimulated at initial workshops. The Centenary of the establishment of Fish Hoek as a village will be celebrated in April 2018 – so we can expect activities to take on a new impetus in 2017.

Councillor Aimee Kuhl has pointed out to us that the renovation so evident in Muizenberg has been driven by groups that have taken ownership of various areas e.g. Friends of Muizenberg Park, etc., all under a greater body called the “Muizenberg Partnership”. The Ratepayer organisation’s function is more directed to planning issues. These groups are not in competition with each other but rather the champions of specific issues.

Application for Liquor Licence by Fish Hoek Family Store (PicknPay)

By e-mail on the afternoon of 2 February we were advised by Sub-Council 19 that the Fish Hoek Family Store (PicknPay) in the Arcade has applied for a Liquor Licence to permit the sale of liquor for consumption off the premises i.e. a fully-fledged Bottle Store for all types of liquor: wines, beers and spirits. It is proposed that Shop #12, next to the Florist, be extended and be converted to become 'Pick n Pay Liquor Fish Hoek'. The closing date for support / non support of this application is **24 February 2017** via Sub-council 19 at the Fish Hoek Civic Centre. See the enclosed Comment Form. This matter will also be discussed at the AGM on 23 February 2017.

Fish Hoek Museum

In our last newsletter we advised of the possible closure of the Fish Hoek Museum. We are heartened to learn that the lease with the City of Cape Town will be renewed for ten years and that a new Board of Trustees is being appointed.

The museum needs funds and appeals for donations. At our upcoming Annual General Meeting we shall arrange for a donation box as we have done in the past.

Electrical Depot – Silverglades

The FHVRRRA provided considerable support to Silverglade residents in objecting to the proposal by the City's consultants to construct a road from Riverside Road to the proposed new electrical depot (adjacent to the Transport Depot off Poplar Road) on the de-proclaimed 19th Avenue (which is a water course!). The FHVRRRA was instrumental in obtaining support from the City's Head of Roads and Storm Water Design and the City's Head of Environmental Resource Management to rather support access along the existing gravel road from the Kommetjie Road / Sun Valley intersection.

Call to up Water Savings and Water Restrictions (compiled by Kim Kruyshaar)

Our dam levels have dropped to 39.2% (31 January 2017) (compared to 47 % in January 2016 and 76% in January 2015) and are currently dropping at a rate of 2% per week. As the last 10 - 15% of water cannot be extracted because of silt, etc., the residual availability is a matter of weeks if no rains come. The City is implementing three strategies to push harder for water savings.

Firstly, an examination of almost 1 million water meters has identified 20 000 users (mainly households) with excessive water accounts – in the order of 50 kiloliters per month. The City will implement enforcement and education actions against these high users.

Secondly, the City has implementing level 3B water restrictions as of 1 February:

These further restrictions include:

- Municipal drinking water may only be used for watering of gardens on Tuesdays and Saturdays for no more than one hour before 09:00 or after 18:00 with a bucket or watering can. No hosepipes or any sprinkler systems allowed.
- No watering within 48 hrs of rainfall that provides adequate saturation. Facilities making use of boreholes, treated effluent water, spring water or well points are not exempt.
- No washing of cars or boats with potable water.
- No use of porta-pools or topping up of potable water swimming pools without a pool cover,
- All boreholes and well-points must be registered with the City and must display the official City of Cape Town signage.
- Borehole/well-point water must be used efficiently to avoid wastage and evaporation. Users are encouraged to follow the same watering times as applicable to municipal drinking water.
- All properties where alternative, non-potable water resources are used (including rain water, grey water re-use, treated effluent water and spring water) must display signage to this effect.

Thirdly, the City has increased its teams working on water leaks and pipe bursts. It has reduced water losses from 25% in 2009 to less than 15% currently and is working hard to bring this down as fast as possible.

For further information go to: www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater. For queries or to report contraventions email water.restrictions@capetown.gov.za.

Recycling & Waste Collection Service in the Far South Peninsula (compiled by Kim Kruyshaar)

In response to complaints and queries they received from residents in the South Peninsula about the waste and recycling contract, the Kommetjie Residents & Ratepayers Association called a meeting of civic reps, city waste management officials and officials from **Just Breeze**, the contractor, on 24 January.

Key issues addressed by Mr Mafu Zwane, the area manager for Just Breeze, were:

- The contract for waste and recycling collection commenced four months ago;
- Major initial start-up problems were experienced as Just Breeze came to terms with local traffic and topography constraints, but the hiccups have mostly now been sorted out;
- Most communities are happy with the collection service;
- Just Breeze has a pilot contract with False Bay Recycling until June and they are busy looking at the financial implications of a longer contract with False Bay Recycling;
- Many households are confused about what can go into the recycling bag;
- There is some confusion with the distribution of new bags to replace the full bags. New staff are being trained to ensure that bags are given to the correct households and secured so that they don't blow away in the wind.

The City is planning a workshop / open-day at the Fish Hoek Civic Centre to clarify what is recyclable. This meeting will be advertised.

In the interim, people are advised to put the following rinsed and dry recyclables into the recycling bags:

- *YES to all plastic bags, plastic bottles, yoghurt, margarine & ice cream containers.*
- *YES to glass jars and bottles.*
- *YES to milk and juice cartons.*
- *YES to aluminium & tin food and drinks cans and trays.*
- *YES to paper and cardboard.*
- *YES to white polystyrene food trays.*

The following are not recyclable:

- *NO to toothpaste & cosmetic tubes or nappies.*
- *NO to wet or contaminated paper or cardboard.*
- *NO to cling film, clear plastic food boxes (the ones that fruit comes in)*
- *NO to black, blue, green polystyrene food trays.*
- *NO to old clothes and shoes – if serviceable take these to a local charity shop.*
- *NO to any wet waste, food waste or garden waste.*
- *NO to batteries, CFLs or fluorescent tubes. (Fish Hoek Arcade and Kommetjie Waste Transfer station accepts these)*
- *NO to computer parts, cell-phones or printers. (Kommetjie Waste Transfer station accepts these)*

Upgrade of Kommetjie Road, Ou Kaapse Weg and Ou Kaapse Weg intersections

The City has budgeted R171 million for the upgrade of the road infrastructure on Kommetjie Road and Ou Kaapse Weg to alleviate the present critical traffic congestions. Preparatory work started in October 2016 and the actual project will take **30 months** to complete.

These works will include;

- a dual carriageway on Kommetjie Road from the Kommetjie Road / Ou Kaapse Weg intersection to just beyond the Capri intersection;
- a dual carriageway on Ou Kaapse Weg between Kommetjie Road and Noordhoek Main Road;
- the upgrade of the Ou Kaapse Weg / Silvermine Road intersection.

The works at the Ou Kaapse Weg / Silvermine Road intersection commenced at the end of January. The excavation of the rock outcrop of 3m, which makes it difficult for motorists to see oncoming traffic, is the first step in improving the sight distance at this intersection. Once this excavation work is completed, works on the western side of Ou Kaapse Weg on either side of the intersection with Silvermine Road will

commence. This work will provide additional lanes for traffic turning left into and left out of Silvermine Road as well as a right-turn lane. Plants and seeds in the vicinity of the outcrop, removed some time ago for care and propagation in a local fynbos nursery, will be replanted in the re-established topsoil of the removed outcrop. Warning signs have been installed along the sections where the works are taking place and a speed limit of 40 km/h will apply.

Telecommunications Mast on the sea side of the PRASA Railway Station

As tabled at the General Meeting held on 24 November, we have objected to the proposed 25m mast with 12 panel antennae and microwave dishes (for PRASA, Vodacom, MTN and Cell C) to be located on the sea side of PRASA land close to the Fish Hoek train station.

This mast of 25m height with its high visual impact will be an ugly landmark especially as seen from the beach, the vista from the Clovelly Main Road corner and the vista from the Jager Walk. The Fish Hoek / Clovelly beaches are a tourist asset with beautiful scenic views and these should not be spoiled by this **in-your-face structure**.

In May 2015 there was communication between PRASA and Councillor Simon Liell-Cock re their GSM-R project for the Muizenberg – Simon's Town line. In their communication they undertook to install masts at absolute minimum height to achieve the required Quality of Service. For Fish Hoek this was indicated as 15m whereas at Simon's Town, Glencairn and Kalk Bay the mast heights could be reduced to 9m. The mast at Fish Hoek would have been much more simple and painted in navy grey to present the least visual impact.

We are of the opinion that the proposed telecommunication station is not aligned with the directives of the Cape Town Spatial Development Framework, the Southern District Plan and the Telecommunication Mast Infrastructure Policy. We have therefore requested that a workshop be organised with all interested parties to determine what the present and future requirements for base telecommunication stations in the Fish Hoek / Noordhoek Valley are, to set acceptable standards in respect of health and visual impacts and to establish design guidelines where they are to be treated as urban landmarks.

E-mail addresses

If you are presently receiving our correspondence (newsletters, etc) by post but do have an e-mail address which could rather be used, please advise Helen O'Regan by e-mail (hnoREGAN@axxess.co.za) or on 021 782 4268.

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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2016 Rands)

	2015	2016
Assets		
Current Assets		
Prepaid expenses/Deposits	572	572
Savings Account	<u>30 925</u>	<u>29 978</u>
Total Assets	<u>31 497</u>	<u>30 550</u>
Equity and liabilities		
Capital and reserves	29 402	27 500
Designated third party funds	-	-
Accumulated funds	<u>29 402</u>	<u>27 500</u>
Current liabilities	2 095	3 050
Sundry creditors	-	-
Subscriptions in advance	2 095	3 050
Provision for legal fees	-	-
Total equity and liabilities	<u>31 497</u>	<u>30 550</u>

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Rands)

	2015	2016
Gross revenue		
Subscriptions (including arrear subs recovered)	14 200	15 780
Other income	988	1 338
Donations received	820	1 170
Interest received	168	168
Total income	<u>15 188</u>	<u>17 118</u>
Expenditure	17 183	18 065
Bank charges	158	81
Consulting /Legal fees	3 000	3 000
Gifts and donations	2 165	754
Hall hire	48	-
Membership subscriptions/contributions - civic associations	900	950
Postage and telephone	2 975	2 224
Printing, copying, computer & stationery	2 605	3 242
Advertising & promotions	-	883
Roving microphone for meetings	-	1 348
Secretarial Services	3 250	2 750
Sundry expenses including meetings	2 082	2 833
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(1 995)</u>	<u>(947)</u>

Notes on major income and expenditure variances

1. Subscription income higher due to higher recovery of arrears and higher payments in advance.
2. Consulting /Legal fees in 2016 reflect the contribution to the "Gatvol" appeal by FSPCF.
3. Gifts and donations in 2016 lower as 2015 included a donation to the Masi Fire Relief Appeal.
4. Postage and telephone in 2016 lower due to more e-mail postage and less hard-copy postage.
5. Printing, computer, etc in 2016 higher due to purchase of printing cartridges.
6. Advertising / Promotions include the new banner to advertise meetings at the Civic Centre.
7. Cost of roving microphone shared with U3A who provide the sound system at our general meetings.

Allen Rose-Innes
Honorary Treasurer