



# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018, Time: **19:30**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies
2. **GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
**MARTI WEDDEPOHL: Day Zero: Will it be a Crisis?**  
**NATASHA HOFFMAN: Day Zero: Communicating the Plan**
3. COUNCILLOR's REPORT
4. TREASURER's REPORT
5. CHAIRPERSON's REPORT
6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO) for 2018

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

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**OUR SPEAKERS from the South Peninsula Water Task Team (SPWTT)**

**Marti Weddepohl**



Marti was appointed as the Community Risk Mitigation Advisor to the Western Cape Legislature. She has worked in Humanitarian Aid and Incident Management since 2010.

**Natasha Hoffman**



Natasha is a Freelance Marketing Consultant leading the team’s communications and ensures getting the correct responses to questions posed.

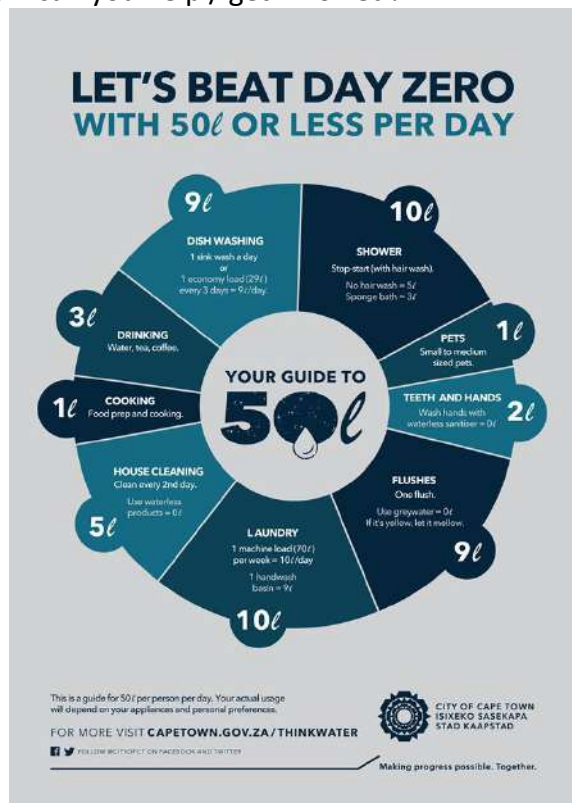


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**Day Zero: Will it be a Crisis?**

The purpose of the water task team now is to better manage the difficult process of water distribution from Day Zero. Besides the City’s Metro Police, SAPS, local organisations involved in emergency response, neighbourhood watch coordinators etc. will also be involved.

- \* The SPWTT:
  - Who are they?
  - Why was it started?
  - What are they doing?
  - Under whose mandate?
- \* What is the Current State of Affairs with Water?
- \* What is being done by the authorities?
- \* What is being done by the task team?
- \* How can you help / get involved?



**Anti-monster Food**

Bayer (Monsanto) wants to introduce another genetically modified organism (GMO), a soybean, that can withstand their herbicides. Current food production is capable of feeding twice the world’s population. GMOs initially produce a larger, pest-free crop when sprayed with their herbicides, but the quality is lower. Later on the crop yield drops, the bugs get smarter and super-weeds are born. Pesticide usage increases six to 18 times, not halved as claimed. Studies show that even very low doses of pesticides, well below official ‘safety’ levels, pose a significant risk to public health from pesticides in our food supply. They accumulate in the environment and our bodies. The real world farmer uses a cocktail of different pesticides and herbicides and not just the “one” tested by the seed companies. Glyphosate (RoundUp) is a hormone disrupter and has been linked to chronic kidney and reproductive problems and cancer in humans and animals. GMO foods have been linked with leaky gut syndrome, heightened food allergies (ex. gluten intolerance) and several inflammatory diseases. GMOs contain more pesticides than non-GMO foods, which possibly explains the increase in autoimmune diseases due to the higher toxic-burden. We objected.

**Drought Charge (previously: water levy)**

So, you've decreased your consumption of water and now the City wants to recoup that lost income for its previously unplanned water projects. The main problem is that the City wanted to introduce a "wealth tax" based upon our property value (10% to 11%). A couple of pieces of legislation prevent this. However, there is nothing stopping the City from changing to an exponentially increasing tariff based upon consumption, which they did. That is, use a little water, pay a small amount. Use a lot of water and pay a massive amount, with the latter more than enough to cover for the loss of revenue. The City has already dropped the initial six kiloliters of free water. Obviously, the City has already forgotten the huge negative response to its proposed Home User charge for electricity. We objected.

**National Credit Amendment Bill**

This Bill is about improving debt intervention, but debt counsellors say that the real problem is "reckless credit lending". Credit lenders are not justifying that they used suitable affordability criteria, even to the courts. The bill needs teeth to suspend the credit agreements to curb this practice and even disbarring habitual reckless credit lenders needs to be considered. When credit is declined, the client should be referred for financial literacy and budgeting skills programme. A National database should be used by all credit providers and all credit applications and affordability criteria should be stored there. Credit providers not reviewing the client's indebtedness in this database should be fined or disbarred. We commented.

**Level 6B Water Restrictions**

Borehole water use for outdoor purposes is discouraged in order to preserve groundwater resources. Municipal drinking water may not be used for topping up or filling swimming pools, portable play pools or water features, nor for irrigation, watering or hosing down of paved surfaces. Residential units using more than 10 500 liters per month will be fined (R5 000 – R10 000) or have water management devices installed on their properties. Use no more than 50 liters of municipal drinking water per person per day whether you are at home, work or elsewhere.

**Anti-Nuke**

Capetonians lost all faith in Eskom being able to maintain the existing Koeberg themselves when a metal bolt / loose magnetic material was found in February 2006 to have damaged the rotor and stator rods and now Eskom wants to start building here again. Germany is in the process of ridding itself of their nuclear power plants (from 23% of its energy to 0%). Nuclear energy is the most expensive per unit of electricity generated when you properly add all of the cost drivers, such as a complex building, on-going maintenance and disposal of spent fuel rods and decommissioning of the plant. Risks associated with nuclear include design flaws, aircraft strikes and seismic activity – Koeberg is already at the threshold for peak ground acceleration. None of the nuclear accident sites predicted their fate. Chernobyl now has a 1610 kms exclusion zone around it. Johannesburg and Pretoria wouldn't be safe. We objected.

**Draft Water Amendment By-Law**

Expanded the definition of alternative water (grey, rain, treated effluent, surface, ground, borehole, air-conditioner). All new developments must provide plans and installation of alternative water systems for non-domestic purposes. A non-return valve must be installed [prevents your geyser from draining to your neighbours', but who pays?]. The City must pre-approve water source other than City water supply prior to installation (off-grid permission). The owner must notify City when fixed water heater, heat pump or solar hot water panel is installed or changed [shouldn't the plumber be required instead of the owner?]. Water closet cistern size is reduced from nine to six liters capacity. Swimming pools must be covered. Irrigation systems must be shut-off when it is raining. (The latter two are indicative of new normal drought conditions.) The seller must get a certificate from a compliant, registered plumber that the water installation conforms. All storage devices must be drained, cleaned and disinfected every five years [even non-potable?]. [We commented.]

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2017 (Rands)**

	2017	2016
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Prepaid expenses/Deposits	572	572
Loan to Fish Hoek Historical Association (repayable in Feb 2018)	3 540	-
Savings Account and cash	<u>30 632</u>	<u>29 978</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>34 744</u></b>	<b><u>30 550</u></b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Capital and reserves</b>	<b>33 484</b>	<b>27 500</b>
Designated third party funds	-	-
Accumulated funds	33 484	27 500
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>3 050</b>
Sundry creditors	-	-
Subscriptions in advance	1 260	3 050
Provision for legal fees	-	-
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b><u>34 744</u></b>	<b><u>30 550</u></b>

**INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2017 (Rands)**

	2017	2016
<b>Gross revenue</b>		
Subscriptions (including arrear subs recovered)	14 620	15 780
<b>Other income</b>	2 991	1 338
Donations received	2 860	1 170
Interest received	131	168
<b>Total income</b>	<b>17 611</b>	<b>17 118</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>13 417</b>	<b>18 065</b>
Bank charges	56	81
Consulting /Legal fees	370	3 000
Gifts and donations	964	754
Membership subscriptions/contributions - civic associations	1 000	950
Postage and telephone	2 146	2 224
Printing, copying, computer & stationery	4 234	3 242
Advertising & promotions	399	883
Roving microphone for meetings	-	1 348
Secretarial Services	850	2 750
Sundry expenses including meetings	3 398	2 833
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>4 194</b>	<b>(947)</b>

**Notes on major income and expenditure variances**

1. Subscription income lower notwithstanding the higher recovery of arrears. Lower payments in advance.
2. Donations received substantially higher. This offsets the lower subscription income.
3. Consulting /Legal fees in 2016 reflected the special contribution to the "Gatvol" appeal by FSPCF.
4. Gifts and donations in 2017 higher as special recognition given to retiring Exco members of long-standing.
5. Printing, computer, etc in 2017 higher due to the printing of the voluminous Transport Study for the Far South Peninsula and the purchase of a new FHVRR stamp for plan approvals, etc.
6. Promotions in 2016 included the new banner to advertise general meetings at the Civic Centre.
7. Secretarial Services lower in 2017 as the secretary appointed in March 2017 offered her services pro-bono.

**Allen Rose-Innes**  
**Honorary Treasurer**