

# FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



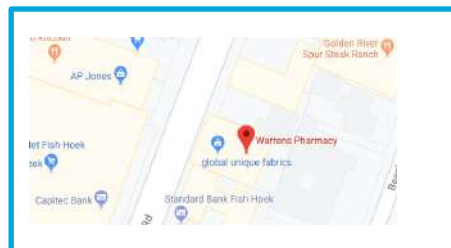
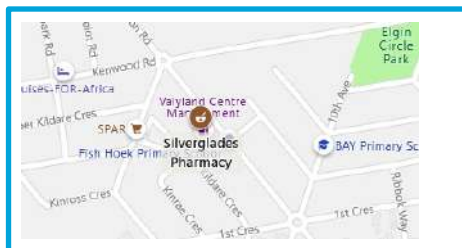
## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020 at 19h30

### AGENDA

1. **WELCOME: INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**
  2. **GUEST SPEAKER: CAROLYN AXMANN**  
**THE NET - WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH STREET PEOPLE**
  3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  4. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
  5. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
  6. **EXCO ELECTIONS**
  7. **GENERAL**
- REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

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## SPEAKER'S SUMMARY

Feeling compelled to find a solution to a seemingly unsolvable conundrum for the homeless and those in poverty, yet knowing that handouts to street people does not solve the problem, Carolyn did significant research of both international and local models and consulted with various groups in the Valley. Based on that, she believes there is a solution. By working together as a community, we can address and manage this challenge. She will present her proposed approach for Fish Hoek, which involves integrating current efforts and NGOs to provide options for street people and ultimately 'Give Responsibly – by giving a hand up rather than a hand out'.

## GIVE RESPONSIBLY (NOT HAND-OUTS) TO STREET PEOPLE

If you give to rough sleepers, they will:

- Become more dependent on hand-outs;
- Never get back on their feet and off the street;
- Believe they do not need social assistance that urgently; and
- Sustain a damaging lifestyle on the street.

When you give responsibly, you:

- Assist street people to get into shelters and rehabilitation centres;
- Arrange trauma counselling;
- Assist with social grant, ID and asylum applications;
- Reunite them with their families;

How can you give responsibly?

Donations can be dropped at all City libraries in one of the Give Dignity donation drums.

Safe Space: call 0800 827 201

## LOAD-SHEDDING CAUSE OF MARCH AND DECEMBER SEWAGE SPILLS IN SILVERMINE ESTUARY

The Vallyland sewage pump station does not warn the City or the City does not respond sufficiently quickly to failures at this station. The sewage enters the stormwater system leading to one of the two outfalls at the wetlands where it turns the water grey and has a nasty smell. The latter spill filtered through the reeds (bio-filter), but the stepping stone pond now stinks. The March spill caused the current algal bloom.



Carolyn Axmann is a local resident with a B Com Human Resource, Honours in Labour Law (Cum Laude) and recently a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Cum Laude). Her experience includes 17 years with Deloitte Accounting Firm, the NGO arena working with Living Hope and managing a small business in children's health and fitness.

## THANK YOU CITY

Steps to Skellies Pool were completed on 19 December. Maritz Electrical installed new solar lights along the promenade.

## STAGE 6 LOAD-SHEDDING'S OTHER CONSEQUENCES

Load-shedding of this severity is likely to constrain the City's ability to provide water supply and sewage pumping across the whole of Cape Town in the usual way. The City's pumps for both the water and sewerage systems cannot operate properly without power for significant periods. Store just enough municipal tap water for drinking, cooking and basic ablution in clean, sealed containers and use water sparingly during load-shedding to avoid periods of no water supply. In fact, it is best to keep all taps closed during load-shedding.

You can report water and sanitation related problems using ONE of these ways;

- WhatsApp 063 407 3699
- Email [water@capetown.gov.za](mailto:water@capetown.gov.za)
- Online [www.capetown.gov.za/serVICEREQUESTS](http://www.capetown.gov.za/serVICEREQUESTS)
- SMS 31373 (maximum 160 characters)
- Call 0860 103 089
- Visit a Customer Interaction Centers – [www.capetown.gov.za/facilities](http://www.capetown.gov.za/facilities)

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## KOMMETJIE ROAD PROJECT

The roadworks are due for completion by the end of March 2020, conditions permitting. Of the project's budgeted R194 million, about R170 million has been spent so far. About 15 300 tons of asphalt will be placed by the start of the builders' holiday on 13 December 2019.

All-in-all the Kommetjie Road Project entails roadworks covering a distance of approximately 3,5 km:

- the upgrade of Kommetjie Road (M65) to a four-lane dual-carriageway between Capri Drive and Corsair Way, and the rehabilitation of the existing roadway
  - the upgrade of Ou Kaapse Weg (M6) to a four-lane dual-carriageway between Noordhoek Main Road and Kommetjie Road, and the rehabilitation of the existing roadway
  - the upgrade of the intersection at Ou Kaapse Weg and Silvermine Road to improve the sight distance for road users
  - the upgrade of the four signalised intersections with additional turning lanes to improve the capacity and flow of traffic at Kommetjie Road and Capri Drive; Kommetjie Road and Ou Kaapse Weg; Ou Kaapse Weg and Buller Louw Boulevard; and at Ou Kaapse Weg and Noordhoek Main Road
- Part of the project is to create walkways for pedestrians along Kommetjie Road and Ou Kaapse Weg as many residents from this area walk to their destinations. Once completed, the new roads will also have shoulders that are wide enough for cyclists.

## CITY'S WATER PRESSURE

The City managed water pressure down during the drought, but continues this practice which:

- reduces leaks and pipe bursts caused by high pressures in water mains;
- prolongs the lifespan of municipal infrastructure and reduces the need for reactive maintenance which is generally caused by high pressures; and
- helps the metro's water conservation effort to adapt to the new norms of water management.

Basically, reducing water pressure in our pipelines reduces the rate at which water flows to taps and this brings down the amount of water used.

## STEENBRAS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER SCHEME MAINTENANCE

The City was able to protect most of its customers during the lower stages of load-shedding until 25 October 2019 due to spare generation capacity from its 160 MW Steenbras Hydro-electric Power Scheme. 'We have worked our hydro plant hard and postponed major maintenance where possible to assist during load-shedding. However, as load-shedding became a more permanent fixture of life in South Africa, we found that we could not postpone necessary maintenance indefinitely seeing as load-shedding was continuing. In other words, there has been no down-time for load-shedding so no opportunity to do the maintenance when we could be certain of no load-shedding. We have no control over when load-shedding occurs. It is vital for work to continue now so as to ensure the possibility of additional generation before the start of the 2020 winter months and that this vital asset is adequately maintained and in top working condition. The maintenance operation is massive and is expected to continue until May 2020.'

It is taking place in phases so as to ensure that it is done in the time of year when power usage is lower. The duration for normal maintenance operations of this scale is usually between five and seven years. The maintenance would ideally have had a minimal impact on City-supplied customers were it not for load-shedding.

## KRINOS BUILDING 55 MAIN ROAD

The City's Heritage Department considers this building to be of "limited significance (generously graded 3C) and its context that is certainly not conservation-worthy". The context of course is Fish Hoek. We disagreed and informed the Western Cape Heritage Department.



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## E-BIKES ON PATROL

The newly-established Tourism Law Enforcement Unit, a joint initiative between the Western Cape government and the City of Cape Town, took delivery of seven electric bicycles in December at a total cost of R175 000. They are deployed in key tourist areas like the cable car parking areas, the V&A Waterfront bridge, St Georges Mall and the Bo-Kaap. The enforcement actions are complemented by high visibility patrols in the assigned areas, including hiking trails and parking areas; interacting with tourists and distributing pamphlets with safety tips. The e-bicycles will improve the staff's response time to incidents and help them cover greater distances while on patrol. Between 1 and 20 December 2019, the unit has assisted 112 tourists and issued 229 fines for various by-law and traffic transgressions.

## ON THE TROT

The Metro Police Department currently has seven horses and 25 canines who are skilled in the art of detecting narcotics, explosives, copper and metal, as well as searching for missing persons. Over the past 10 years, they have been responsible for almost 2,000 arrests, 25,000 fines and recovery of over 30,000 units of drugs. The Equestrian unit conducts crime prevention patrols at large events, as the horses give officers a unique vantage point from which to look out for any criminal activity. They are also very useful in terrain not suited to vehicles, like informal settlements and mountain patrols.



## FHVRRA SUBSCRIPTIONS

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