



The way I see it...

The majority of South Africans, I believe, had absolutely no idea that the World Cup was going to be such a flawless success for the country...we did not expect to be bathing in this wonderful warm and fuzzy feeling that was the World Cup. Yet on the other hand, most of us expected, in the post-World Cup period, to be enjoying the fruits of the economic recovery so eagerly awaited since 2008. The flat-lining property market, bonds that remain so difficult to service[and obtain], rising unemployment, wage disputes and Xenophobia seem to be a ball and chain we so need badly to shed. Surely if we could pull off the biggest sporting event ever held, we can move on from this?



The Anti-Thyspunt March

The person who claimed "White Men can't jump" probably would have added to that..."they can't toy-toyi either!" Despite this, a large and multi-racial crowd of over 1000 people, all of whom stand to be affected by the proposed Thyspunt Nuclear Power Station, on July 17th, marched, singing and toy-toying down the main street of Jeffreys Bay. Armed with placards denouncing the proposed Thyspunt NPS, they made their way to meet the mayor, Robbie Dennis who made a poor effort at touching base with this large and impatient crowd and was eventually drowned out by chants of "No Nuke at Thyspunt!" A further effort to prevent the NPS has been made by the presentation of a very extensive, **thorough and specialised reply** to the EIA Report compiled by Arcus Gibbs. This was compiled by the Thyspunt Alliance, a committed group of people combining many smaller anti-Thyspunt organisations assisted by an environmental lawyer. The Alliance has compiled a 60 page report which blows huge holes in the EIA report. It combines the specialised reports of many local subject specialists on things such as the affect of the NPS on the Chokka industry, on traffic and noise etc - things which were largely ignored by the EIA. Whatever the outcome, property owners at Cape St Francis can know that no further stone could have been turned in the fight against the Thyspunt Nuclear Power Station! Anyone wanting to read the full report can do so on: <http://www.sfbresidents.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/Executive-summary-Final.pdf>



Are you a culprit or possible a victim?

Winter always brings with it hot berg winds which can raise the temperatures to 30deg+ and instantly make runaway fires a dangerous reality in Cape St Francis and the surrounding areas. Of particular danger to the village, are the vast amount of Rooikrantz growing on undeveloped sites. This alien plant species has seed pods with an oil content which makes them very inflammable and capable of causing a rampant fire in a matter of hours...and all this with no resident fire brigade within 25kms! If you suspect your plot may need attention, or if perhaps you have a house next to a plot like this, there is help at hand.

The Cape St Francis Civic Association will undertake to check out your plot for you. There are plenty of hungry-for-work garden services who can clear the Rooikrantz. The CSFCA will also undertake to check out the job before you make payment to the company who has done the clearing.

Some contact numbers :

Cape St Francis Civic Association

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Some local contractors to undertake the work :

Complete Garden Services - Wollie - 0829226109

Da Gama Nursery - Greg - 0824929503

Martinique Garden Services - 0836517388

Seal Bay Nursery - Lilian and Dave - 0790644863



A Dispute Declared!

The St Francis Bay Ratepayers Association **has declared a dispute with the Kouga Municipality** ending months of fruitless attempts at dialogue with the Municipality aimed at improving various Municipal services. The outcome of this declared dispute is most likely to be the withholding of rates by property owners of the St Francis Bay area. The aim of this is to bring the municipality 'to its knees' and force it to improve its transparency, accountability and delivery. Failing this, the funds would be used to carry out the services no longer performed by the Municipality due to a lack of funds...as has been happening in Sannieshof for the past 18 months.

This action comes against a country-wide background of Municipal deterioration involving millions in mispent funds, billions owed to Eskom for electricity already paid for by rate-payers and a breakdown in transparent governance.

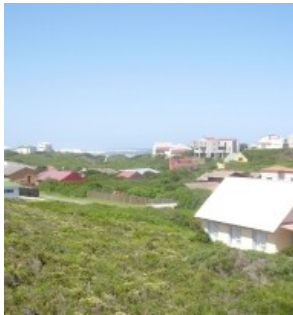
At this stage the Cape St Francis Civic Association is unable to declare the position it intends to adopt with regard to this, not having canvassed the opinions of its members, something which it intends to do shortly.

Some contact details you may want to use to find out more - *

St Francis Bay Rate Payers Association

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* **National Tax Payer Union - www.ntu-sa.net**



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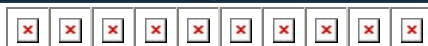
It may interest you to know...

The booby prize of the month goes to the Kouga Municipality, who despite funds being made available and despite initial plans being put in place, failed the local community of Sea Vista by being unable to get its act together to provide a facility for a community TV watching point during the World Cup.

WORKING FOR WATER. Since its inception, WFW has spent over R15 million on the Thatch Farm initiative to clear bush and plant thatch plants as part of a community upliftment project. The absence of alien plant species in this large area bordering the Santareme and Airpark area was largely responsible for recent fires being contained before reaching those residential areas. Further reason why this area should never be allowed to become a low-cost housing area - for what ever reason!

The status of the Cape St Francis Public Open Spaces remains in limbo, although frustratingly close to receiving "Nature Reserve" status. Ongoing and tireless background work by Des Green and Elza Van Lingen ensures that this issue is never allowed to slip off the agenda of "Important Goals to be achieved in Cape St Francis" - despite the never-ending red tape which threatens to bury it.

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