



THE FRIENDS OF



SEA POINT
PAVILION

When we come **together** to **play** and **be**
we are truly ourselves.
When we are truly ourselves it is **wonderful**
and when we **act collectively** in that wonder
we do **transformative** work
for our **community** and **our world**.

Brad Colby

VISION AND MISSION

The Sea Point Pavilion Swimming Pool property is an iconic structure in the Cape Town landscape and among the most beautifully sited public amenities in the world.

The Facility is situated on the Public Open Space Erven 151, 153 and 318, Sea Point West, and is owned and operated by the City of Cape Town.

The Friends of Sea Point Pavilion (FSPP) is a voluntary association formed by these concerned citizens.

The Organisation aims to support the social and development needs of the Pool Community.

The Friends will also provide support and guidance to the City in the management of the Swimming Pools and the City's stated aims to provide clean sea water and a neat, safe, clean and effectively managed pool environment.

The communities of Cape Town and the Western Cape use and enjoy this Facility and it provides a much-needed community resource.

Financial pressure on the community poses a serious threat to the sustainability of leisure resources.

Concerned citizens have identified the need to protect and maintain this communally, economically and environmentally treasured Facility for the benefit of present and future generations.

The City has indicated that, in order to optimise the potential of the Facility and more effectively sustain its operation, an association with the Friends can add significant value and can also contribute to positioning the Facility as a world class public amenity.

Acting in accordance with the philosophy, guidelines and the responsibilities of its constitution, the Friends of Sea Point Pavilion will work closely with the City of Cape Town to ensure the sustainable operation of the facility.

The Organisation's role is a collaborative one that will protect the interests of and encourage participation by all who use and have an interest in the pools.

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES [EXTRACT FROM OUR CONSTITUTION]

1. The sole objectives of the Organisation are to carry out the following Public Benefit Activities -
 - 1.1. The administration, development, co-ordination and promotion of sport or recreation at the Sea Point Pavilion Swimming Pools in which the participants take part on a non-professional basis as a pastime;
 - 1.2. The provision of community projects relating to capacity building and skills development;
 - 1.3. Outreach and swimming education projects to benefit the poor or needy members of the Pool Community.
2. The Friends will achieve these objectives by -
 - 2.1. Serving as a community resource group for the Sea Point Pavilion Swimming Pools and related amenities;
 - 2.2. Carrying out activities of benefit to the Pool Community including holding meetings, organising and promoting events, organising 'learn to swim' projects, training and carrying out such activities as are appropriate to the Organisation's objectives;
 - 2.3. Working with the City, as the Facility's controlling authority, to ensure the sustainable operation of the Facility;
 - 2.4. Working with the City on various operational matters including, but not limited to maintenance, finance, safety, security, buildings, refuse control and the general good governance of the resource;
 - 2.5. Internationally promoting the Facility as a world class swimming and recreational amenity;
 - 2.6. Promoting and conducting training programmes to ensure safe use of the Facility;
 - 2.7. Ensuring ready access by all;
 - 2.8. Serving as a watchdog for any proposed development of the Facility which would negatively impact upon the Pool Community.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2020/2021 has certainly been a challenging year. The combination of very cold wet winter with the uncertainty due to the Covid situation has been tough on the pool's operation, swimmers, and bathers and mostly for the traders on the forecourt.

Last year we focused on the changes in the board, rebuilding the relationship with the city and the new pool management and updating our constitution.

This year we decided to focus our effort on lifting the forecourt and support our traders. It is amazing to see what have been created over the past several years by the FSPP. A small none profit initiative partnering with the city and the pool. The forecourt had 8 fixed kiosks and two mobile ones. We embarked on an overhaul renovation on the forecourt.

We started with pavement, tiles, walls, and lights. Fixing, painting, and cleaning, followed by full-on renovations and cleaning of each one of the fixed kiosks. We also decided to add vibrancy and colour to the face of the forecourt in a Cape Town style. We painted each unit in a vibrant colour and added a new unit. We introduced a clear look and feel to the place. We are happy to say that it all was well received with great appreciation by the traders and people frequenting the place.

One of the significant changes we made was to store all scattered rubbish bins into one place, locked and protected from birds and vagrant.

We are renewing our leases with each of the traders to give them longer 12 months' lease, more trading security. We are in the process of aligning legacy rentals to current market related rentals.

The process has been done together with all the traders and facility management. We had several meetings with all parties involved and the process has been transparent and well received.

At the pool, we had less success as the facilities were closed for a prolonged period or under restrictions due to covid. We helped the Social Development initiative as much as we could. We assisted in cleaning the pool, purchase of PPE equipment, a pressure cleaning unit, and a saltwater pump. The pool facilities are in a need for a serious renovation which requires significant budget. In the meantime, we focused on trying to reduce the use of fresh water in the pools and re-introduce the abundant and free sea water. It is work in progress, but it will reduce use of fresh city water significantly.

Financially, we have managed to keep ourselves minimally. We offered rental grace to the traders in Covid lockdown time and through the renovations. We are lucky to have sufficient reserves in our account and we believe we made good use of the funds. We are solid financially and we are looking forward to continuing use the funds accumulated for a good cause.

Looking forward, we hope to see a positive turn in the Covid situation and safe and productive summer.

Projects on the go are in the forecourt and the pool. The forecourt, we are looking to add

couple of sea related art features that will enhance the place and attract more visitors and more activity. We are planning a phase two for the forecourt with possibly extra one or two units. More lights and more security. Needless to mention that vagrant and homeless problem have increased, and we are trying to manage it in a human way.

I would like to thank everyone on the board team who is a volunteer and is doing it for the passion of helping the pools facilities, the surroundings and as a fun avenue to give back, when we can. It was a fun to meet, debate, decide and deliver, thank you. I also want to thank the facility management, our partners in the city and the council who supported us when needed and helped to get our projects done. We are looking forward for another fun year.

Thank you

Ram Barkai
FSPF Chair

The Friends of Sea Point Pavilion Committee



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Ram Barkai
Chairperson / Forecourt trading

OFFICE BEARERS' REPORTS

Tenants on the Forecourt:



MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

After some time spent working on the Sea Point pavilion, it had become apparent that there was demand for an additional unit. While working out the space for the additional unit, we noticed that there was also a need for some maintenance and a possible refurbishment of the existing units. Very little maintenance had been done on the existing units over the past years and it presented a hygiene, operational and financial sense to upgrade the existing units to the same standard as the newly acquired unit. A new electrical supply was required for the new unit and the plumbing and electrical needed to be moved and re-instated as a result of the acquisition of the new unit.

We chose to commence the upgrade after the Easter holidays when activity drops, with minimum disruption to trading activities and adherence to COVID restrictions.

We identified the need for a single, separate, caged in, garbage area which would allow access for the tenants only. The majority of the units' entrance flap suspension hinges were not working and were replaced. Most of the units' timber floors were badly damaged and repaired. The external timber cladding was rotten and was replaced with new fibre cement boards. We repainted all the units in different colours to create a vibrant, Cape Town feel. We replaced all the light fittings with new stainless steel fittings and introduced fairy lights into the entrance tree. The free standing rondavel-style unit was gutted to make storage

space for the tenants. All the benches were repaired and painted. And the paving and floor areas were repaired and painted where necessary.

Kieron Palfarman
Forecourt and Trading

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

2020, as you all know, was a difficult year with the pool being closed for extended periods of time. We did however manage to give 278 Survival Swim lessons to the patrons of the Pavilion in this calendar year, and another 35 in a session on March 20, 2021.

Racial breakdown for the 2020 learners: 27 Black, 2 white, and 249 coloured
The largest group taught was females ages 9 - 14, and the second largest group was males ages 5 - 9. It is clear that this programme is popular with the patrons of the pavilion. Time and time again we see faces light up when we offer a free-of-charge lesson for themselves or their children. Sonwabo and the pavilion staff have been extremely supportive of the programme, supplying us with lockup facilities for our equipment. The lifeguards often help us set up and pack away. The FSPP have been extremely generous financially to support the programme, which we are grateful for.

However, the entire programme is on the verge of collapse due to the lack of manpower. Without dedicated volunteers the best facilities and equipment mean nothing. We need to have a minimum of 20 volunteers in order to have two crews which allows everyone to volunteer every alternate weekend.

There are a number of clubs that use the facilities - swimming clubs, coaches, water polo, diving, synchronized swimming. All members of these clubs enjoyed the privileged of learning swimming as a foundation skill which led them into numerous water sports. I feel strongly that the time has come to give back to others what we all enjoy so much. South Africa has an alarming drowning rate with many fatalities within **one** meter of safety. If anyone has contact details of a club or group, PLEASE send them to me and I will follow up. We need to recruit during the winter as volunteers need police clearance, training, etc.

Proposed dates for next season:

Saturdays 9 AM - 12 noon - November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11

“ “ - January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26

Volunteers would need to commit to 3 mornings before the holidays and another 3 after. If we had enough volunteers, we could also offer lessons to the school groups that book during weekdays. In addition to the Survival Swim programme, we need to develop other programmes for the patrons of the pavilion, especially for boys ages 10 - 14. When not engaged in a structured activity, this group tends to get up to mischief leading accidents.

Since the inception of the FSPP, social development has been the main purpose for our existence, and yet so very little has been done. Please give this the attention it deserves.

Alison Cope
Social Development

- FSPP ends the financial period in a solvent state, with assets exceeding liabilities by R1,262,456 (2020: R1,148,481).
- Cash Reserves at year end were recorded at R1,125,435. At the time of this report (20/8/2021) the total cash reserves were R1,058,879.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The 2021 financial year returned a surplus for the 12 months ending 28 February 2021 of R113,973 (2020: R273,238)

Key indicators:

• Total Revenue:	↓21%	R410,451	(2020: R522,176)
• Rental Revenue:	↓21%	R372,476	(2020: R470,340)
• Interest Income:	↓27%	R37,975	(2020: R 51,835)
• Rental Revenue was lower due to Covid-19 restrictions where rental reductions were offered to tenants.			
• Total Expenses:	↑19%	R296,478	(2020: R248,937)
• Development Swimming & Pool	↓84%	R3,694	(2020: R23,397)
• Cleaning:	↓18%	R49,581	(2020: R 60,68)
• Repairs and Maintenance:	↑2041%	R114,431	(2020: R5,343)
• Depreciation:	↓28%	R71,760	(2020: R 99,643)

During the year the Total Expenses decreased by 19%. This is largely attributed to Repairs and Maintenance carried out which included: a) Repairs and repainting of the benches at the forecourt, b) Large paving areas repairs & replacements, and various plumbing work throughout the year.

There was a development swimming payment towards NSRI that was classified as donations to the value of R16,830. In the new financial year significant funds were allocated towards the repairs and renovation of the kiosks on the forecourt. So in total our expenses towards social Development has been R20,794 which is almost in line with previous year despite Covid.

The 2021 AFS indicates a healthy financial position. But a renewed focus should be placed in the new year on increasing expenditure (capital and operational) in line with the objectives set for FSPP, especially considering the substantial reserves currently held.

Looking forward to a successful and impactful 2022 financial year.

Chris Laubscher
Treasurer