

TO THE POINT

SHELLEY POINT
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NEWSLETTER

A community
newsletter
dedicated to
fostering a sense
of community and
the free flow of
information at
Shelley Point

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Artwork displayed in the Community Centre -
Photographer Anna Engelhardt

Editor's letter



Dear Members and Residents

As we step into 2026, we welcome several changes across our Committees and their dedicated members. We bid a fond farewell to Angelique Dermit, Amelda Swartz, and Veronica Vermaak, the dynamic trio who kept the social wheels turning through the ever-energetic Shelley Point Social Events Club. We thank them sincerely for their commitment, creativity, and countless hours invested in building community spirit.

Taking up the reins are Fiona Macduff, Terry Mackintosh, and Barry Badenhorst. Barry has already hinted at an exciting line-up of events planned for the remainder of the year, and we look forward to sharing these with you soon.

On the editorial front, Ulrich Fobian steps into the role previously held by Willem Pelser. We wish Willem every success as he embarks on a new chapter and thank him for his valued contributions.

For Ulrich's first edition, he connected us with Adèle Grosse and her memorable encounter with Oom Henri, after whom Henri's Pool on the Estate is named. Be sure not to miss this fascinating article — and, even more so, take a moment to watch the accompanying YouTube video to hear Oom Henri share his story in his own voice.

It is truly heart-warming to see our community's creativity being celebrated and showcased in the Community Centre — and what remarkable talent we have among us! We encourage you to visit the newly refurbished gallery area and enjoy the inspiring displays. While you're there, why not stop by the brand-new library as well? With winter on its way and cosy days ahead, there's no better time to cocoon indoors and lose yourself in a good book.

Finally, our Security team has shared an important message regarding guest behaviour. With Easter around the corner and an expected increase in visitors, we kindly ask all residents to familiarise themselves with the Estate's security and behavioural guidelines, particularly in public areas and with reference to noise levels.

We sincerely thank our regular contributors — your ongoing support and stories are truly appreciated. We also encourage all residents to share their human-interest stories with us. Don't be shy — simply email aboutbrandingpr@gmail.com, and we'll gladly help polish your story for publication.

Wishing you a joyful and restful Easter spent with family and friends.

Kobus Badenhorst
EDITOR | ABOUTBRANDING

Reminder to Residents! Table Centrepiece Competition

Don't forget the Table Centrepiece Competition at Shelley Point Bistro — create your Natural Elegance centrepiece using recycled or natural materials. Let your creativity shine!

Contact Annelie on 083 768 8232 or David on 060 416 6708 via Whatsapp for further information.

Chairperson's brief

PROF CHRIS DE BEER

Since our last newsletter, the Trustee Committee (TC) has met regularly to attend to matters arising from the 2025 AGM, member requests and concerns, financial oversight, and other responsibilities entrusted to us under the Constitution. Several sub-committee meetings were also held to ensure that specific and urgent matters were addressed timeously and thoughtfully.

Following the AGM, the TC was formally constituted, office bearers were elected, portfolios refined, and responsibilities allocated.

Importantly, the mandate of the Environmental Committee was expanded to include landscaping across the Estate, and a Community Centre Oversight Committee was established to support the optimal and inclusive use of this shared facility.

While the festive season brought welcome energy and activity to the Estate, it also sadly resulted in several reports of Estate Rule infringements, mainly involving visitors unfamiliar with our guidelines.

These are related to speeding, noise, and irresponsible use of communal facilities. We remind Members of the crucial role they play in ensuring that their visitors are aware of, and respect, the Estate Rules.

As part of the TC's ongoing commitment to maintain, modernise, and upgrade the security infrastructure across the Estate, a few enhancements have been made:

- Installation of a new PTZ camera in the vicinity of the playpark area
- Installation of a new camera toward the end of 22nd Street (provided by Servest Security as a value-add)
- Installation of a new camera at the waste disposal area at the new gate
- Replacement of an LRP exit camera at the new gate



- acquisition of an additional ATG scanner for the old gate, improving the flow of vehicles entering and exiting the Estate
- Installation of an additional TV screen in the Security Office, enabling improved real-time monitoring of all cameras.

Upon assuming the role of Chairperson of the TC, I outlined priorities that include promoting the medium- to long-term sustainability of the Estate, fostering transparency and trust through communication, addressing issues of how our facilities are managed, encouraging participatory governance, and implementing development protocols to protect the interests of Members while upholding the Estate's core values.

By working together and looking out for one another, we help preserve the shared amenities and quality of life that make Shelley Point such a special place to live. The TC sincerely thanks Members for their ongoing cooperation and commitment to our community.

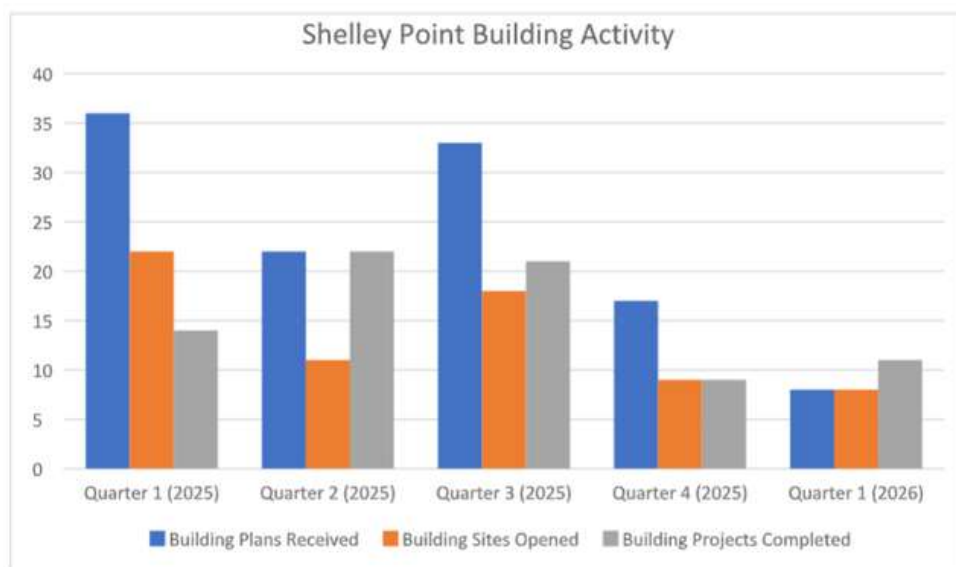
In closing, I would like to thank Estate Manager Hans Strydom for his valuable contribution. Over the past eight months, he has gone above and beyond to ensure key performance areas are successfully delivered.

Building activity at Shelley Point

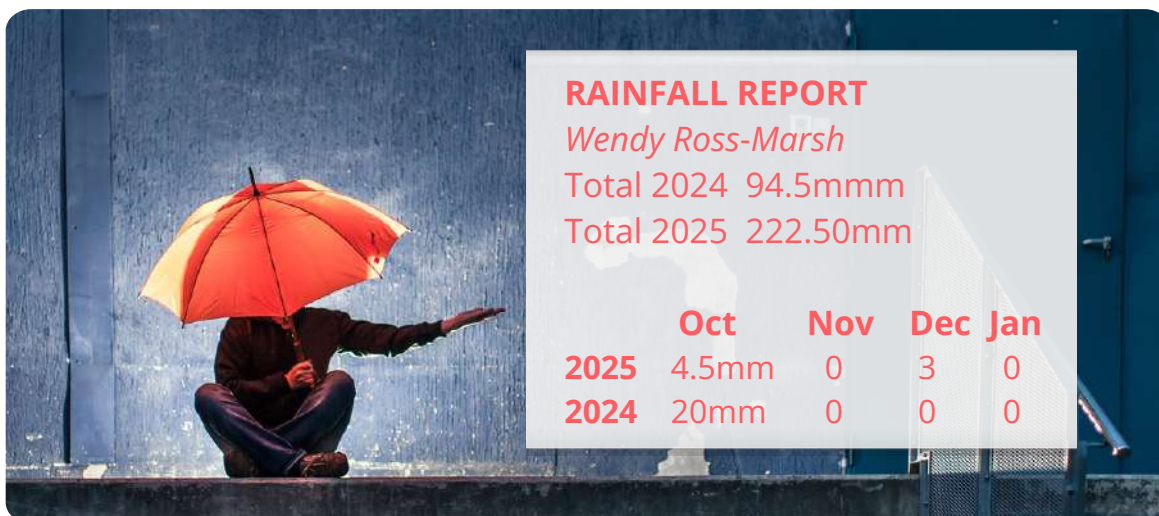
HANS STRYDOM

The 2026 year commenced at a relatively slow pace following the December 2025 builder's holiday closure. Most construction sites were completed in December to meet the official builder's holiday deadline. It appears that many new building owners aimed to finalise their builds in time to occupy their premises during the December holiday period.

Feedback received from residents and contractors indicates that several parties are currently awaiting approvals from SBM. We anticipate that construction activity will increase as soon as the necessary plans are approved by SBM. At present, 29 erven are in the process of being handed over, with site access certificates to be issued accordingly. Additionally, 51 construction sites are currently active. We remain optimistic that building activity will accelerate once outstanding approvals are finalised.



Quarter 1 (2026) figures are taken as on 13/02/2026



SPHOA Safety & Security

TONY WILSON

Incidents on the Estate (December-January)

During the December and January period, several incidents were reported to Security. These included general security-related matters as well as several pet-related incidents.

All reported incidents were attended to and recorded, with relevant parties informed where applicable. Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or incidents to Security promptly.

Key issues addressed

- Fireworks on New Year's Eve: Despite prior communication from security to all visitors, incidents involving short-term rentals occurred.
- Noise complaints: Reports of loud music and house parties, primarily from home businesses and short-term rentals.
- No theft or burglary: No incidents were reported during this period.

Fire safety reminder

For everyone's safety, residents are reminded not to dispose of cigarette butts within the Estate. A recent incident led to a fire, but thanks to the prompt action of our Security team, it was contained before any damage occurred.

Alarm monitoring service

Homeowners are reminded that the on-site Control Room offers free monthly alarm monitoring. To connect your home alarm to the Control Room, please purchase an estate-approved radio from the SPHOA Office. In-house technicians are available to install the device at your convenience.



Introducing the team: Daniel Plaaitjies Servest Security Site Manager

Daniel leads our security operations, ensuring a safe and secure environment for all residents. His dedication and expertise are integral to maintaining high standards of safety across the Estate.

Daniel has been working for the Servest group for the last four years and has been involved with Shelly Point Security for over 10 years. Daniel is 44 years old and a father of three.

When he is not seeing to the safety of our residents, he enjoys golf and rugby. His favourite food is braaivleis with the family

Stay Safe
The SPHOA Security Team

Tennis | two certified coaches

STEFAN SCHUTTE



Caption: Repairs to the fence between the bowls club and Court 1 is underway.

The Shelley Point Tennis Club welcomes players of all abilities and ages, and we even have two certified coaches in our ranks, Madri Haasbroek and Martin Saayman, to assist those who would like to book lessons to work on their game.

Coach Martin Saayman

We experienced an influx of guests during the December holidays, but were limited to one operational court when the fence between the bowling club and Court 1 became problematic shortly before Christmas. The court was closed due to safety concerns and is currently under repair.

The club's membership has grown to 28 members by mid-February, which already surpasses our previous financial year's numbers by one member (September 2025).



Coach Madri Haasbroek

The WhatsApp group remains the primary platform where members arrange both singles and doubles matches and share information on playing conditions and more. Updates on the progress of the fence repair will also be shared with members on the group.

Our doubles tournament has not materialised yet, with the unavailability of Court 1 hampering our plans somewhat; however, we remain committed to finding a way to launch the tournament, and interested players are encouraged to contact me (Stefan Schutte) on 084 590 4153 with any enquiries.

Beyond organised play, the Shelley Point Tennis Club aims to foster a welcoming, social environment where residents can stay active, meet fellow members, and enjoy the game in a relaxed coastal setting.

Lawn bowls | Togas & tinsel

DAVID RICHARDS

With the start of the new year, we are pleased to welcome all our members back to the bowling green. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful festive season, and it is wonderful to see familiar faces returning as we look ahead to what promises to be an exciting and rewarding year for our club.

Before focusing on the season ahead, it is worth reflecting on the success of our Toga & Tinsel Christmas party. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and provided a fitting conclusion to the year, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and festive spirit. Thank you to everyone who contributed to organising the event and to those who participated so enthusiastically — occasions like these remind us that our club is built on friendship as much as on sport.

Looking forward, 2026 offers several highlights, including the eagerly anticipated Men's and Ladies Singles Championships. These competitions always bring out the best in our players and provide an excellent opportunity to celebrate skill, sportsmanship, and club pride. We encourage all eligible members to take part and invite everyone else to support the players and enjoy the matches.



Significant progress is also being made with the improvements to the green, and it is encouraging to see how rapidly this work is advancing. These upgrades will greatly enhance playing conditions and ensure a high-quality surface for years to come. On behalf of the club, sincere thanks are extended to all those involved in this project — from planning and coordination to hands-on assistance. Your commitment and hard work are greatly appreciated. With our new banks and attractive surrounds, we will be the envy of all the Western Cape clubs.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and to anyone considering joining the club. Whether you are new to lawn bowls or returning after some time away, you will find a friendly and supportive environment here.

New players are always encouraged, and coaching and guidance are readily available. We invite prospective members to come along, meet our community, and experience the enjoyment and social connection that bowls has to offer. We boast with the friendliest members in our Shelley Point Bowling Club.



Lawn bowls (Ctd)



As we embark on the new season, we look forward to many enjoyable games, friendly competition, and continued fellowship both on and off the green. Whether you are aiming for championship honours, participating in social bowls, or simply spending time with fellow members, every contribution helps strengthen our club community.

We wish everyone a successful, healthy, and enjoyable year of bowling ahead. May 2026 bring great play, good company, and many memorable moments.

Santa donates to NSRI

CARL FRAYNE



Sometimes festive fun is wrapped up with a feel-good ending, culminating in a charity cheque handover to the NSRI Shelley Point Santa Beach Present Drop.

The event took place on 23 December 2025, with the official cheque handover on 17 February 2026, raising a total of R17,360.

Funds were collected by parents buying a gift for their child and adding a donation, which Santa then delivered on the beach — much to the delight of the excited little ones.



The Shelley Point Santas take on the Elves

CARL FRAYNE

December golf started with a bang as we hosted our annual Santa vs Elves Year-End Game on Saturday, 13 December. As always, there was plenty of camaraderie, creatively decorated golf carts, festive outfits, and great spirit as we celebrated an early Christmas, friendship, and good company.



Dates to diarise

7 March (Sat) MOTH Golf day

3 April (Fri) EASTER Treasure Hunt Format (Good Friday)

10 April (Fri)

11 April (Sat) CLUB Championships

25 April (Sat)
Shelley Point Masters

9 May (Sat)
Memorial Shield

21 May (Thurs)
CLUB Match Play Championship starts

Golf report

CARL FRAYNE

Our Annual Captains Golf Day was fully booked, and both players and their partners enjoyed an excellent Bistro lunch. The day was a tremendous success, and prizegiving and auctions were well managed by John Huxted. All proceeds go towards the new golf practice and warm-up facility.

The schedule for our Major Golfing Events has now been published, and the year ahead is packed with exciting formats designed to challenge and be enjoyed by all. Our weekly Club Golf calendar also offers a variety of formats to keep competition fresh and engaging. We are especially looking forward to our St Patrick's Day Golf Day on 17 March, which promises to become a firm club favourite, featuring a "Bang it & Mash it" Bistro lunch and a few Guinness beers to match the occasion.

During the latter part of 2025, some minor golf course design changes were implemented. We extend our sincere thanks to Boland Golf, to whom our club is affiliated, for their financial contribution which enabled us to execute our mandate timeously.



Stephen Hoffman



SARETHA MARITZ, PAARL GOLF CLUB
HOLE-IN-ONE: 5TH HOLE,
SHELLEY POINT GOLF CLUB
28 DECEMBER 2025

Congratulations to **Saretha Maritz**, a visitor from Paarl Golf Club, who aced the 5th hole on 28 December 2025.

Witnessed — quite by chance — by Wayne Bannister, her 7-wood flew all 140 metres and dropped straight into the hole! This remarkable shot marks Saretha's fourth lifetime hole-in-one — an incredible achievement. Thank you for visiting Shelley Point, and congratulations from all of us!

Congratulations as well to **Stephen Hoffman**, winner of the Phoenix Cup on 3 January.

This annual event commemorates the burning down of the much-loved Shelley Point Hotel on 2 January 2024 and remains a meaningful fixture on our calendar.

Golf | Our winners

CARL FRAYNE



Madeleine du Plessis. SAGES Golf,
Boland Region Ladies Golf Champion 2026

We also congratulate **Madeleine du Plessis** on winning the Boland SAGES Ladies Golf Championship for the first time in February 2026. Madeleine is also the club's reigning Ladies Champion, rounding off a truly stellar year of competitive golf.

The **Golf Club AGM** was held on 6 February 2026 at the Community Centre. Thank you to all members who participated. It was another successful meeting, and I am pleased to report that the Golf Club Members Fund remains healthy. Members raised R30,000 so far towards the approved golf practice and warm-up facility, and we are hopeful that the project will be operational by September this year.

Once completed, the facility will enable us to offer basic golf lessons for beginners, with a particular focus on ladies' and junior golf development programmes. These will include forum discussions on golf etiquette and the basic rules of the game, an exciting step forward in growing and strengthening our club.

Those interested in learning to play golf or improving their game are welcome to contact Madeleine du Plessis via WhatsApp on 082 775 8168 for interim lessons.

Here's to great golf and the continued growth of Shelley Point Golf Club.

See you on the course!

Carl Frayne
Golf Captain



1 David Rich, winner of the 2025-2 club annual competition

2 John Huxted, Golf Club Fines Master. R20 000 raised in 2025!

Book Swop & Club

ANGELIQUE DERMIT

According to the SPSEC Team "Where there is a will there is a way". After months of planning, budgeting, going back to the drawing board, plan and budget again, the Shelley Point Book Swop Library opened its cabinet doors filled with donated books, a categories assortment of literary compositions with a count of 384+ books.

To achieve this result SPSEC together with SPHOA and their workforce had to take the bull by the horns, to in time for the December holidays, have the Books Swop Library up and running for each and every one residing in Shelley Point to enjoy.

In support of this project for the benefit of our Shelley Point community, the SPHOA Trustee Committee 2025 kindly obliged by obtaining the necessary furniture items required. Fernando Gouveia, a sincere appreciation of your offer to size and cut the shelving, glue and assemble with back stoppers.



The official opening was attended by Prof. Chris de Beer and Hans Strydom as well as book lovers. We toasted with champagne in hand, the project, the books, ourselves, each other and the avid readers in our midst. Gary Roodt, a toast to you, who started the Book Swop many moons ago, when residents used to meet at the Bowling Green, come rain or shine, with a drink, a snack, and great company.



Veronica and Angelique tackled the final stretch of the project by painting, staining wood, measuring, drilling and fitting the shelving. Anthony Swartz your gracious aid by coming to the rescue and assist with fitting of shelves and unpacking books, saved two hours extra in the sweltering heat. Although the cabinets are far from finished and still require some restorative work to spruce them up, they can at least be utilised in the interim.

Acoustic levels have been dampened by adding reading chairs, faux plants and carpets (this will be laid down at a later stage). The atmosphere already exudes a warm and welcoming feel in conjunction with the display of magnificent paintings from our talented Shelley Point artists.





Not only a Book Swop

Daniela Badenhurst (resident and talented artist) kindly donated 23 puzzle boxes to the Book Swop Library. If any residents want to donate their puzzles you can be assured these will be welcomed by the enthusiasts.

The Book Swop Uber service remains available for residents who would like books or puzzles delivered to their homes. In time, audiobooks will also be made available for those who may benefit from them. The Book Swop & Club will continue to host events, including evenings where authors are invited as guest speakers.

Keep an eye open for future events involving anyone in Shelley Point, irrespective if you can write or not. More info will be released in due course. SPSEC Book Swop & Club endeavours to donate funds to The Owl Orphanage. Your contributions will be used for a worthy cause.

The Book Swop will still operate as before, residents do not have to be a SPSEC member to enjoy reading material on offer:

Swop the same as you take or pay R20 per book without a swop book. Puzzles will be rented at R50 per puzzle box. All payments can be made at the Pro Shop.

Happy reading
Angelique Dermit



SPSEC year-end festive spitbraai

ANGELIQUE DERMIT



In December 2024 we partied and danced, and remembering just how much everyone enjoyed last year's "sommer net lekker kuier", the SPSEC team decided to do exactly the same again in December 2025.

Regular patrons of the Events Club met and welcomed many of our new residents attending, and in no time, there was a cacophony of voices having a smashing time.

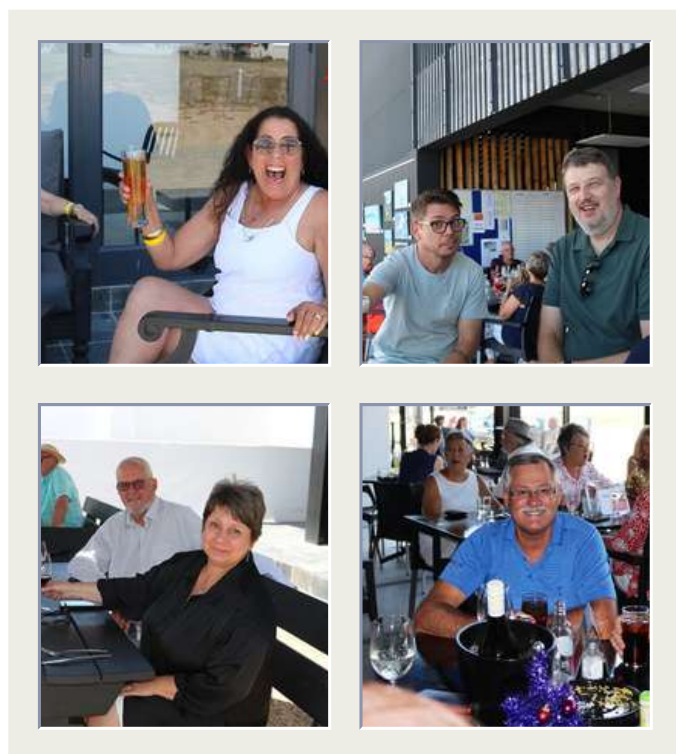
Tables had more than enough snacks to nibble on whilst the flow of grapes of the vine and the golden liquids aged in wooden casks were quickly served from the bar.

The lamb juices dripped steadily onto the potatoes, filling the air with heavenly aromas. Uncle Nico shared that the secret lies not in marinating the meat, but in slowly roasting it in its own juices with nothing more than a touch of salt. We quite literally drooled as he made the rounds, offering crackling strips as tasters.

Garlic breads were supplied (we extend our gratitude to Hannelie de Wet also known as Juffrou), and were the perfect accompaniment to mop up the delicious juices.

Sides of flavourful pasta salad and pudding rounded off the meal, and from there it was "kiss the day goodbye" as we observed chair-slouching and some eyes drooping, while well-fed bellies thought the bed at home would be a step in the next direction.

Another successful SPSEC year is done and dusted, and we look forward with excitement to what the new year will bring.



SPEC new committee announced

ANGELIQUE DERMIT



Veronica, Angelique, Amelda

They say the show is not over until.....

Angelique Dermitt, Amelda Swartz and Veronica Vermaak bid you adieu as registered members of the (NFP) Shelley Point Social Events Club.

Over the years, our personal businesses and responsibilities grew along with SPSEC, and as a team, we realised the time has arrived to pass on the baton for new ideas and magic events to take place.

From our hearts, we thank Shelley Point residents and their invited guests for the support received during all our events hosted.

You embrace life, as seen in the many photographs captured along the way. Your laughter, shared with friends, is a testament to wonderful moments that will never be forgotten. The tremendous support you have given to local charities — and the generosity shown through residents' donations to SPSEC when all was lost in the hotel fire — speaks volumes.

To every Club affiliated and non-affiliated, as well as many residents involved in arranging events, we thank you for your support over the years.

SPHOA, SPS & SC and Trustee Committee, we extend a heartfelt thank you from the team for your trust, support financially and morally, and above all believing in our vision.

On a personal note: I would like to thank Veronica and Amelda for supporting me unconditionally, with your loyalty, hard work and at the best of times our team had some crazy ideas.

The curtains will stay up, the show must go on.

Introducing the newest registered members of (NFP) Shelley Point Social Events Club as from January 2026:



Fiona Macduff is well-known in our Book Swop already, as Member for SPSEC BOOK SWOP & CLUB.

Terry Mackintosh, the current Bridge Club Captain as Member for SPSEC BRIDGE CLUB.

Barry Badenhorst as the young, full-of-life and ideas Member for SPSEC EVENTS.

We wish our new members all the best and look forward to their journey ahead, with the continued support of our residents.

Angelique Dermitt

Bridge Club

TERRY MACKINTOSH

The Shelley Point Bridge Club continues to grow and flourish with players coming from all over the West Coast to participate in the monthly tournaments. In addition to Shelley Point, our members also participate in tournaments in Langebaan and Darling.

Christmas Tournament in Langebaan: Won by the partnership of Terry Mackintosh (Shelley Point) and Mitty Collett (Laaiplek), followed by Yzerfontein partners, Maureen Jäger and Gayle Reid.

Christmas Tournament in Shelley Point: Won by JJanusz Danilowicz (Port Owen) and Susan Theron (Velddrif) with runners-up, Terry Mackintosh and Mitty Collett.

Alternate Tournaments: Two tournaments held in January were won by Terry and Mitty in Shelley Point, followed by runners-up Janusz and Susan, while the Langebaan monthly tournament was won by Darling pair, Harm and Maria Jansie with Terry and Mitty a close second. In addition to the Shelley Point and Langebaan tournaments, there is also an exciting tournament scheduled for June in Darling.



Recent training session with new players:
Front row: Lee Klette, Retha Walters, Karen Crooks and Elsa Kotze. Back row: Tutors – Chris Sivertsen, Niel and Tjokkie Du Toit, and Jenny Sivertsen

Social Bridge: Social Bridge is now also available on the first Thursday of every month. So, if you are wanting to play, but do not want to necessarily get involved in the intensity of the more competitive tournaments, social bridge is the way to go.

Novice and Top-Up Training

More importantly, there has been a great show of interest of players wanting to learn the game and becoming active in both social play and tournaments. Many thanks to the patient and excellent teaching of the game by Chris and Jenny Sivertsen, assisted by Niel and Tjokkie du Toit. Anyone wanting to learn the game or simply to brush up on their bridge playing skills or technique, please see contact details for the club in the newsletter directory for more information.

The bridge club accepts players with all levels of skill from novices to advanced. It's a relaxed and friendly club with welcoming and interesting people. So, if you love bridge or any other challenging card games, give it a whirl and book your spot in either the next tournament or with the next group of bridge learners.

Terry Mackintosh
Bridge Club Captain

Environmental affairs

RIKE VILJOEN

As from January 2026, the Environmental Committee's (EC) mandate has been expanded to include Landscaping at SP. New members can access previous SP Newsletters on the SPHOA web page to acquaint themselves with past achievements of the EC.

Landscaping

Members may have noticed a dedicated team of three workers maintaining the communal gardens and boardwalks/walkways. Sivuyile (Fish) Qwesha (on the right) and Lukho (Lucas) Hintsa (on the left) were trained in the finer details of garden work.

Over the past year, major renovations were done on gardens at the play park parking area, putt-putt course, two Golden Mile circles and the island at 14th Street. The majority of water-wise plants used for the re-landscaping of these gardens were donated by members.



Wildlife

Our resident antelope and tortoise populations remain vulnerable and are frequently injured or killed by vehicles (read: negligent drivers!). Complaints are still received about attacks on, or harassment of, owned pets by unowned cats. The EC once again implores members and residents to comply with the SP General Rules relating to the feeding of wildlife and to ensure that pets are collared.

Habitat Protection and Plant Rescue

The legally required control of alien invasive trees in the designated conservation areas continues. Pre-construction rescue of plants of conservation concern continues. It is concerning to see some members' disregard for National Legislation and the SP Rules regarding the planting of alien invasive species such as Manatoka, Cacti and Sisal.

Tree Park and Habitat Revitalisation

The indigenous trees that were planted south of the Community Centre have shown remarkable growth and some trees are flowering already. They receive frequent tending and watering to ensure proper establishment.

The trees have name tags so that members can see which species are suitable for the harsh Cape West Coast climate.

Contact the Estate Manager should you wish to donate a tree. The long-term project to revitalise the derelict strip of land along the Estate's southern boundary wall (between the old and new entrance gates) is progressing well.



Green Spaces at Shelley Point – an overview

PIETER VILJOEN

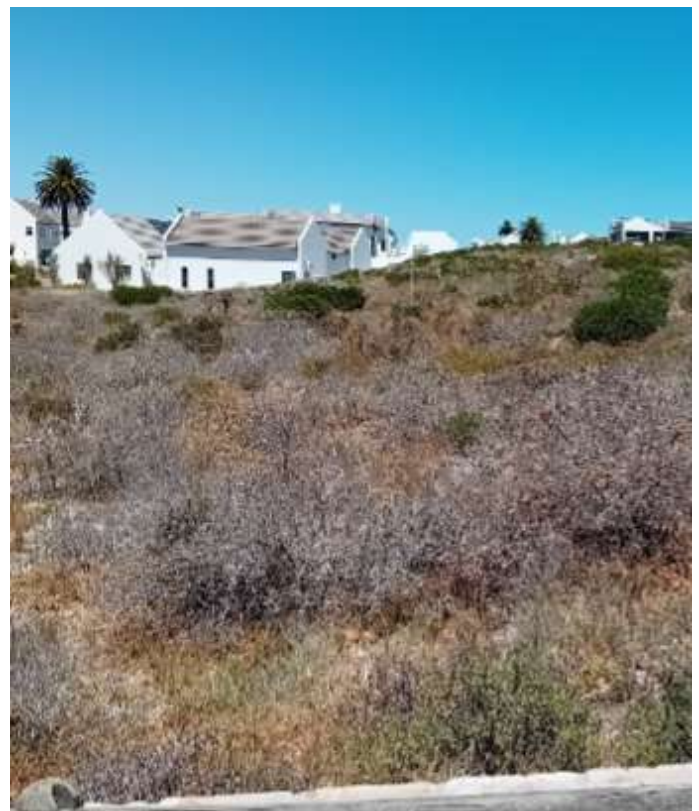
Status

Shelley Point Estate (SP) was established in 1995 under LUPO (Land Use Planning Ordinance of 1988) of the Western Cape. Thus, before Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Environmental Management Program Reports (EMPRs) became compulsory in terms of NEMA (National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998). However, NEMA (Section 28(1)) and the SA Constitution (Section 24) place a “duty of care” on landowners to protect the environment for the benefit of present and future generations. In terms of this principle, SPHOA, as custodian of SP Communal Property, has a statutory and constitutional obligation to take reasonable measures to protect the Green Spaces (SP Master Plan-designated Conservation Areas) and their associated biodiversity.

Management

The Green Spaces comprise about 12ha of ecologically viable habitat — less than 10% of the 150ha Estate. Included are the SP Master Plan-designated Conservation Areas, Private Open Space (in particular the Golf Course Rough) and the Dune Jogging Trail. Coastal Public Property, i.e. the strip of land between the high tide line and the SP cadastral boundary, is excluded. Until 2022, there was little formal management of these Green Spaces. They were heavily impacted by the proliferation of alien invasive trees (especially Rooikrans and Manatoka), rampant encroachment (especially along the shoreline), construction of the parking area in the Littoral Active Zone near Zeezicht and disturbance and dumping by builders and residents. Since the inception of the SP Environmental Policy, a Conservation Plan and Encroachment Rules, the environmental ethos at SP has changed for the better.

Through sustained efforts from management to protect the integrity of our Green Spaces by controlling alien invasive trees (as required by NEM:BA legislation), reducing fuel loads (as required by the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998), restoring degraded Strandveld habitat and clamping down on encroachment, the legal duty of care that rests on the HOA has been achieved to a large extent.



Green Spaces at Shelley Point (ctd)

Future

Whilst the HOA is constitutionally and operationally endeavouring to meet its statutory environmental obligations, this cannot be achieved without the cooperation of members and visitors.

Actions that are potentially harmful to the local environment include the removal of native Strandveld on Communal and Public Coastal Property (especially conversion to lawns), planting of alien invasive plants (especially Manatoka, Cacti and Sisal), harbouring of alien invasive species on undeveloped erven, dumping garden and building rubbish, feeding of wildlife (especially Guinea fowl) and free-roaming cats. It is important to realise that over the past 5 years, the rate of habitat loss has averaged approximately 5ha per year due to development.

This, coupled to the future development of Phase 8, the 15ha of near-pristine dune habitat in the south-east section of the Estate, bode ill for the future of wildlife at SP. Hence the importance of SP management and members to protect the Green Spaces as best as we can and to create viable habitat in degraded areas.



Environmental Awareness

Included in the EC's mandate is to make members and residents aware of the natural heritage at SP and the value of protecting it. To this extent, members were invited on social media to submit good-quality photographs of the local fauna and flora. The EC was inundated with contributions, and it was no easy task to select 33 that were printed on A3 and A4 canvas. A selection of the best photos can be viewed at the Community Centre.

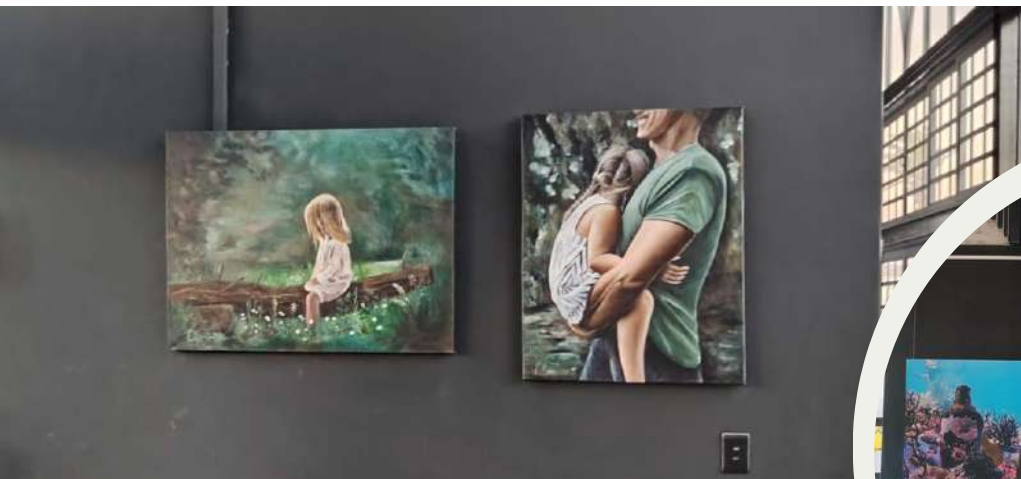
Talent from within

ANNELIE SCHUTTE

Community Centre Art Gallery: Showcasing Talent from Within

After many requests from residents and homeowners, the decision was taken during 2025 to cancel the existing contract with an external Cape Town-based gallery and instead open the Community Centre's gallery space to our own resident artists. From this grew the establishment of the Artwork Committee — a subcommittee of the Trustee Committee consisting of volunteers and Trustees eager to showcase the creative talent that lives right here among our neighbours and friends.

On 2 May 2025, Shelley Point hosted its very first Art Exhibition opening. The event was well attended by both artists and community members and featured an inspiring range of artwork, from paintings to photography. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, with many residents pleasantly surprised by the exceptional talent within our own community.



Following this successful opening, we invested in professional gallery rails for a prominent section of the Community Centre's walls. This has elevated the professionalism of the displays and made it far easier to rotate artwork and replace pieces that have found new homes, ultimately enabling us to host a second exhibition in December 2025 (albeit with a little less fanfare). We are happy to report that several pieces have already been sold — a wonderful encouragement to the artists who were brave enough to share their work with us.



Talent from within (ctd)

ANNELIE SCHUTTE



This improvement would not have been possible without the generous support of community members who dedicated their own time, equipment and skill to install both the railing system and the artworks themselves. Their care and commitment are a true reflection of the way our community supports one another.

Anchoring the gallery space is a striking 2 x 1 metre print of the Shelley Point Lighthouse – an award-winning photograph by local photographer Anna Engelbrecht. (*Seen on the front page of this newsletter*). This beautiful image, now a permanent installation in the gallery, captures the landmark of Shelley Point and provides a fitting focal point for the exhibitions that surround it.

The gallery initiative provides a valuable opportunity for our local artists – both professional and amateur – to exhibit their work not only to fellow Shelley Pointers, but also to visiting family, friends, and guests from around the country and abroad.

If you are an artist and would like to exhibit your work at the Community Centre, please contact me, Annelie Schutte, preferably via WhatsApp on 083 768 8232.



Oom Henri — a West Coast original

YOUTUBE VIDEO BY ADÉLE GROSSE, WORDS BY THE EDITOR

Ever wondered what the story behind Oom Henri's Pool is?

Adèle Grosse from Studio Sea Love, who brings the magic of the ocean into our lives through captivating underwater videography and photography, recently shared a touching video on social media and kindly agreed to us sharing it with our readers.

Oom Henri is an old legend in Shelley Point Estate. Now 83 years old, he retired in Shelley Point after many years in the agricultural industry in Namibia — although retirement soon turned into something far busier.

A lawyer friend from Cape Town asked whether he would be interested in doing project management for a new home on the Estate. One house led to another, then another, and before he could blink, 22 homes had been built — all with the same builder.



Adèle Grosse and Oom Henri



When the lawyer eventually sold his house, he gave Oom Henri his golf cart, which was promptly renamed the “Kalahari Ferrari”, a familiar sight as Oom Henri rumbled around the Estate. So well-loved is Oom Henri that a rock pool was named after him.

“When we arrived here in 2003,” he explains, “I went for a dip every single day in the rockpool just off 13th Street in the Estate. I always wore Crocs, because there are crabs down there that pinch your toes until the blood runs. And when I float, the Crocs act like swimming pool floaties and you don't sink.”

Over time, the locals came to expect him there. “One day I heard a woman walking past with her two little children saying, ‘Come on, let's go to Oom Henri's pool.’ And that's how it all started...”

A man of habit, Oom Henri has a pipe for every day of the week — seven in total. A Monday pipe, a Tuesday pipe, and so on, allowing each one time to dry and be cleaned properly. He also has his own special blend of Horseshoe tobacco, mixed just the way he likes it.

Oom Henri and the Kalahari Ferrari



Although Oom Henri now lives in a retirement village on the other side of Durbanville, he still visits Shelley Point regularly. After his wife's passing just over a year ago, he was initially hesitant to return, worried that the memories would be too overwhelming. But in December, he spent Christmas here with his son — Henri the Third. Henri has been tasked with the naming tradition to ensure it continues with the next generation.

Oom Henri speaks gently of his late wife, Alta, who passed away here. "I never called her by her name — only 'Skat' (Darling). Now she's in heaven, and when the doves come to visit my living area, I greet her with 'Hello Skat', in remembrance of her."

"I miss Shelley Point very much," he says. "Yes, very much. I miss the people. Every time I arrive, old friends come to greet me and give me a hug."

As Adèle Grosse, who interviewed Oom Henri, explains her YouTube video is just an introduction, a meeting of tides. One has to really listen to Oom Henri's voice to get a feel for the magic and the art of storytelling.

"Henri is the man behind the name — a true West Coast original, carrying decades of lived history, deep observation, and gentle wisdom."

Adèle's hope is to return to Henri again, to capture more of his stories and memories of this little piece of paradise, and to honour the human stories that live alongside the kelp, rock pools, and tides.

*"Some places hold beauty.
Others hold memory.
And once in a while, you meet the keeper of both."*

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Underwater photography by Adèle Grosse



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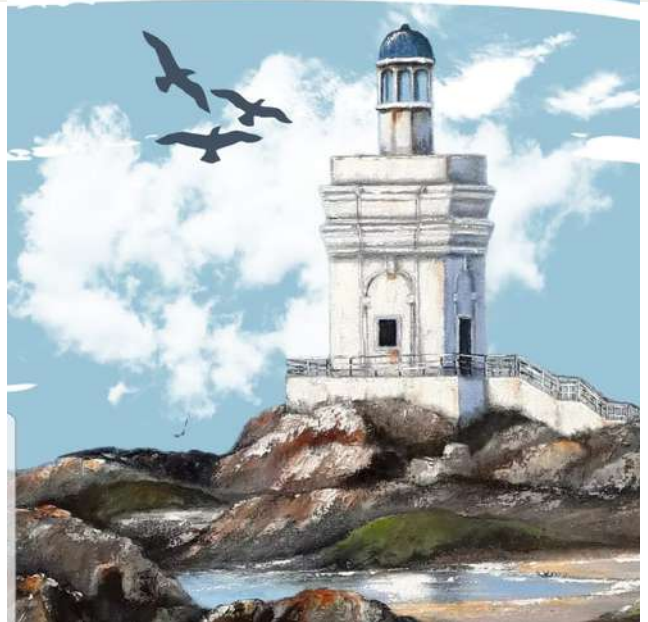
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