

Chairperson's Annual Report: AGM 2026
Sea Point, Fresnaye, and Bantry Bay
Ratepayers and Residents Association (SFBRRRA)

1. Executive Overview

The past year has been one of our best to date.

On one hand, we have achieved significant wins in planning, heritage, public safety and urban management. On the other, the Association has faced unprecedented cost and capacity pressures. While we remain the frontline protectors of our suburbs' character and residents' interests, our operations are increasingly defined by financial strain and the lack of active member support. This degrades our capacity to respond to the increasing requests and urgent need for community support.

2. Key Achievements

Despite these challenges, the SFB has remained active and effective across its core mandates:

- **Planning & Heritage (PlanCom):** Over the year our dedicated volunteers have meticulously reviewed numerous land-use and departure applications. By engaging on behalf of our members with the Municipal Planning Tribunal, town planners and other city officials they have successfully advocated for responsible development that respects the height, density, and heritage character of Sea Point, Fresnaye, and Bantry Bay.
- **Public Space & Environment:** The SFB continues to be lead role in monitoring the maintenance and upkeep of our Promenade and local parks, lobbying for improved waste management, urgent repairs where needed and improved visible security.
- **Safety & Social Development:** Our attendance as a member in the Community Police Forum (CPF) allowed us to represent our members and bring valuable insight and ideas to this very important direct access with SAPS.

We have continued supporting humanitarian outreach for the homeless, transitioning from purely enforcement-led approaches to more humane, outreach-based models via our long term relationship with our service provider Play sports for life.

- **Urban Management:** Over the year we provided input on traffic issues to the relevant authorities and with the assistance of our service providers proactively address infrastructure and immediate repairs issues using the city's C3 system and direct contact with our local councillor.
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3. Litigation

A significant and regrettable portion of our focus was directed toward an ongoing litigation towards us and Play Sport 4 Life (PS4L) our non-profit organisation social development partner, by a former Chairperson who is claiming reimbursement of unauthorised expenses incurred in 2022.

We continue to engage for a positive outcome, and we are fortunate that we are now receiving legal advice on a pro bono basis.

4. Financial Challenges & Declining Support

I must report again that we are in a precarious financial position. The treasurers report will highlight this more clearly

Many residents benefit from the “shield” the SFB provides—protected property values, cleaner streets, and managed development—without realizing that this shield is powered by a diminishing group of contributors. Without a resurgence in community funding and active participation, the Association risks losing the capacity to influence the future of our suburbs.

The SFB remains the only collective voice for our suburbs. Our ability to protect property values, neighbourhood safety, and quality of life depends entirely on voluntary membership and funding. We urge all residents to:

- **Renew or join your SFB membership** immediately.
- **Encourage neighbours** to do the same.
- **Engage with us**—attend meetings, serve on committees, and stay informed.
- **Donate money** – in order to outsource needs

We have the vision and the expertise. We cannot do it in a vacuum.

5. In Closing

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Executive Committee and volunteers who donate their time and expertise without compensation. Their dedication is the reason we have any successes to report.

While the litigation has been a difficult chapter, our focus remains firmly on the future of Sea Point, Fresnaye, and Bantry Bay. We thank the members who have stood by us and invite the broader community to join us in ensuring the sustainability of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Harris