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Foster urgently needs funds to survive

This is a special message from your Chair. The message is simple: financially, FOSTER is going under, owing to declining income and increasing costs. We need your donations to keep us afloat. Our income from membership fees and donations – the funds we use for routine management of the

reserves – is not keeping up with our costs. This is alarming. The reason for this is that FOSTER has inherited over the past few years two new and demanding tasks, namely the management of the Cape St Francis Nature Reserve (the one to the east of Cape

Letter to the community from FOSTER chairman

St Francis) and the maintenance of the fire access routes has come to naught. We may have to wait many years before the KM develops the capacity to assist us in managing its land. I won't elaborate upon our dealings with the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency, which is responsible for managing Cape St Francis Nature Reserve. Suffice to say the response has been underwhelming.

What about fund-raising events as a source of income. Well, to be honest, our experience is that in most cases the returns do not justify the effort required of our committee members, all volunteers.

Our December 2016 Fun Run, a demanding event to stage, yielded a paltry R12 000. We now have a December slot for a Golf Day, this is likely to raise much more. However, and importantly so, we use the money raised by these events to fund capital projects (e.g. signage, walkways, fire access routes) and routine road management.

To conclude: In all likelihood, the decline of our precious green spaces will impact negatively on property prices and increase our vulnerability to wildfires. For this reason alone, all property owners in Cape St Francis should support us. And for those of you, wherever you live, who cherish our beautiful places, where nature has privacy, donate, and donate generously and regularly. And please, renew your membership and encourage others to join FOSTER. We need your money but we will spend it wisely.

You have my word.
Kind regards
Paul Richard Cowling,
Chairman, FOSTER

Easter egg hunt at the Resort



St Francis Tigers beat Greenbushes



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Eco kids learn about 'nasties' on the beach

A big group of Eco kids gathered earlier this month at Granny's Pool to learn about caring for our planet and ways that kids can make a difference through saving water and recycling.

Kids had three hours of non-stop fun. They learned about the three Rs - reduce reuse recycle - and marine pollution. The workshop was run by Gesene Darke, who introduced the kids to making eco-bricks and exciting projects around that.

The group then went on a little beach cleanup and collected all the 'nasties' as well as some items for art. Burca Cuxson ran the fun art part of the class.



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