



ST FRANCIS BAY

Krystal joins Pam Golding



Pam Golding Properties, St Francis Bay, has announced the appointment of Krystal Scott as the new Holiday Rental Assistant to Emily O'Bray, in charge of the Holiday Rental Division.

Krystal moved to St Francis Bay from the Middle East. She was previously an air hostess for Ethihad Airlines. Her energy and enthusiasm for the position area a huge asset to the local franchise's rental division and will also appeal to visitors to our shores.

Nuclear power will bring jobs, investment & infrastructure - Dr Kemm

One of the top nuclear physicists and nuclear speakers, Dr Kelvin Kemm, told Port Elizabeth and Kouga residents last week that Nuclear Power will bring jobs, investment and infrastructure development to the region.

Dr Kemm told business leaders and residents in PE and Kouga the positive impact the building of a world-class nuclear power facility will have on the local economy.

Kemm believes local companies and communities are well positioned to benefit from the nuclear power programme and will directly benefit from the government's target of at least 50% of the content being produced and procured locally.

Thyspunt has been earmarked as the first site for South Africa's nuclear build programme. Studies conducted by the Environmental Impact Assessment team, identified Thyspunt as being the most suitable site for this large-scale investment. But the anti nuclear group Thyspunt Alliance totally disagrees as it considers the site 'most unsuitable'. Dr Kemm said the building of the power plant will create thousands of jobs and bring other economic opportunities to the community'. He also said it will develop a legacy of scientific development within schools and universities.



Photo: Nuclear physicist, Dr Kelvin Kemm at Humansdorp Hotel with Carol van Niekerk and Brian Cunningham. M J du Bruyn and the hotel's management team had a lovely spread of eats for the guests from the Kouga Business Forum.

"South African companies are already producing goods and services that are of a world-class standard, and should be ready to take part in this massive programme, which will, in turn, bring benefits to the local community," he says. "South Africa is already a nuclear-powered country. People often forget about the critical role that the Koeberg Power Station in Cape Town plays, supplying the Western Cape with nearly 50% of its power."

Speaking on behalf of the Thyspunt Alliance, which is against the nuclear plant being built at Thyspunt as it considers the site unsuitable, Hilton Thorpe says the reality is that this community (St Francis) will not know what hit it if the project goes ahead. "We have a recent

case history in Lephalale (Ellarius), next to Medupi in the Northern Province. Prior to Medupi, this was a quiet rural town with a settled community and lifestyle.

"The business community tells us Lephalale enjoyed an 'unprecedented economic boom', following the start of construction of the Medupi power station. What they fail to tell us is that the only people to benefit from the boom have been developers, estate agents, property owners, fast-food outlets and less desirable activities such as prostitution and drug dealers, and little else.

"Jobs have not been as promised because the local people did not have the required skills, and many small businesses have failed," Thorpe said.

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