

## St Francis celebrated a quieter New Year's Eve

The New Year 2016 dawned after a host of live music celebrations, shows and parties in St Francis in a joyous but peaceful mode.

Several permanent residents say it was "the quietest New Year in a decade" and most were upbeat about the festive season and how it had panned out. In St Francis Bay at 3 am there were many youngsters walking home after the Billy's Beach or The Ruins events but the roads were heavy with police presence and everywhere it was calm and orderly. The availability of many food stalls at these venues aided in keeping the crowds happy and less unruly. While it was noisy as the throngs made their way to Main Beach, there were no cases of vandalism reported by midday on 1 January and the local St Francis Bay police say they did not have too many noise or disturbing the peace charges laid. Captain du Toit said there was an accident reported but he could not provide further details at time of going to press.

Another car went off the Sand River Bridge and was spotted on the sandy bed by some motorists in the early hours of New Year's Day. This is the second known accident at the bridge this season. In both cases the cars landed up on the dry river bed and it is unknown if there were any injuries. Most drivers have their cars towed away without reporting the incidents to the police.

Some Cape St Francis residents complained that despite notices of No Fireworks allowed in that village and a municipal notice to the effect that fireworks are banned in the whole of Kogea, a few revellers set fireworks off on the beach. However, there were no cases or complaints reported to the SAP. Restaurants, retailers and accommodation outlets commented on an exceptionally busy season particularly the week between Christmas and New

Year and restaurants were mostly packed out on New Year's Eve. Andre Koekemoer says Spar has had a successful season so far and he says his store was busier than last year. One lady echoed remarks of many. She said: "Over the past 25 yrs we've experienced the change from a holiday village to a very busy holiday destination. Our kids have grown up to love St Francis. The Ruins, Cobs and Billy's provide entertainment for the younger generation and the shuttle service was great this year." She added the top local restaurants were still favourites, providing good food and service and that overall SFB is still a favourite holiday destination. Another said: "Once again St Francis has been out of the best. Been close to 30 years since I have been coming here."

Visitors themselves said they were pleased that St Francis had no major electrical shutdowns through overload and that this year's sewerage problems were much less than in the past.

Some permanent and regular holiday makers complained about the litter and rubbish. There has been a renewed call for a recycling business in this regard. Most complaints over season are about residents complained about the total disregard to age restriction by some establishments.

Others expressed concern about alcohol abuse in St Francis Bay in general. One woman reported a lack of policing of drinking in public at 9.30 pm with youngsters sitting outside venues drinking openly and not a policeman in sight. Residents blamed irresponsible parents for allowing their kids to go out and drink alcohol. Some children had boots full of liquor in their fathers' cars so they could have pre drinks before entering the venues and have parties on the beach.



One of the loveliest illuminated homes in St Francis over the festive season

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What an excellent Festive Season! Thank you to all our property owners, St Francis Bay residents, friends and visitors who supported us so well this holiday! A special thanks to our dedicated team of staff who work so hard! Please call us on for all your special events, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and more! Here's to 2016! May it be safe, prosperous and happy!

## Famous Curry Nights

R95 per person incl naan, sambals & poppadums  
Club a la carte & kiddies menus also available

Wed 6 Jan	Spicy Vegetable Curry Home-Style Beef Curry   Chicken Madras Curry Avial Fish Curry
Wed 13 Jan	Malaysian Lamb Curry Balti Beef Madras   Massaman Pork Curry Vegetable Bobotie
Wed 20 Jan	Restaurant closed for a short post-season staff break
Wed 27 Jan	Pork Vindaloo   Snook Kofta's with Curry Sauce Yellow Thai Vegetable Curry Aromatic Lamb Curry

OUR RESTAURANT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 19 - 22 JAN FOR A POST-SEASON STAFF BREAK. THE COURSE, SHOP & SPA WILL BE OPEN

## ITEC OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY



Meat Prizes are Up For Grabs!

Wed, 13 Jan

Visitor greenfees R175 + R30 competition fee  
Betterball Stableford (ladies & gents both welcome)

## THE LINKS IS OPEN DAILY FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH



Our club menu features amazing  
breakfasts, salads, burgers, calamari  
& steaks and schnitzels!

FAMILIES WELCOME!



Kiddies Menu | Jumping Castle

## Monday Night Dinners

R80pp for over 65's & R90pp under 65's!  
plus an optional starter at only R14 per person

Mon 4 Jan	Optional Starter: Crumbed Chicken Liver Skewers with peri-peri sauce Main Course: Fillet of Gurnard on Papillote with lemon & caper butter, potato roast and a side salad or Chicken Stragouff served with spatzle Dessert: Vietnamese Chocolate Brownie with fresh cream
Mon 11 Jan	Optional Starter: Mini Chef's Salad Main Course: Mini Snood Platter with creamy mussels, grilled Calamari & beer battered gurnard with savoury rice and lemon butter sauce or Grilled Chicken Schnitzel, smoked paprika sauce and German style sautéed potatoes. Dessert: Classic Ice-Cream & Chocolate Sauce
Mon 18 Jan	Optional Starter: Bruschetta served with a tomato and coffee jam Main Course: Chicken Enchiladas with sour cream, guacamole and salsa or Braised Pork Neck stuffed with apple & celery, served with mash & red cabbage. Dessert: Eton Mess with ice-cream and berries
Mon 25 Jan	Optional Starter: Vegetable Crips with a zesty coriander dip Main Course: Slow Braised Beef Ragu on a bed of papadote pasta with your cream or Ginger & Honey Chicken Pieces with white rice and a side salad. Dessert: Lemon Curd Tart with soft Italian meringue



Dinner & Dance  
SAT 13 FEB 2016 bookings open shortly - contact us for details