

ANNUAL REPORT





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ABOUT SAPRA

The Saxonwold and Parkwood Residents Association (SAPRA) is a non-profit, non-aligned organisation dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and representing the interests of our community. Led by volunteers from Saxonwold and Parkwood, SAPRA serves as the voice of our residents and businesses, building strong connections within the neighbourhood and with the City of Johannesburg, service providers, and other key stakeholders.

We focus on preserving our unique heritage and environment, improving service delivery, promoting safety and security, and ensuring that any new developments or events align with the character of our suburbs. Through proactive engagement, advocacy, and hands-on projects, SAPRA works to create a safe, connected, and vibrant community for all who live, work, and play here.

Our values guide everything we do: integrity, accountability, respect, diversity, pride, sustainability, and non-partisanship. We believe in a community where everyone feels included, where our heritage is honoured, our environment protected, and our collective voice makes a real difference. Together, we are stronger—and together, we shape the future of Saxonwold and Parkwood.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



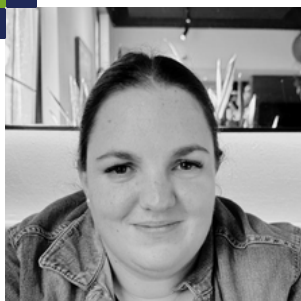
Bill Haslam
Chairperson

Bill is an actuary and has spent his commercial life practicing his profession with large insurance groups both in the UK and South Africa, culminating in his running and part owning a life assurance company in Johannesburg. After an early retirement, he lectured actuarial science at Wits University and was the deputy chairman of the financial services regulator. Since retiring yet again, Bill (and his wife, Fran) are actively involved in community affairs. Between the two of them has five children and ten grandchildren (and counting) all of whom he loves dearly and who keep him on his toes!



Marcelle Ravid
Secretary

With years of experience in multiple positions in corporate, government and non-profit sectors, both locally and internationally, Marcelle brings a wide range of expertise to her position as secretary for SAPRA. As a city councillor for 14 years, SAPRALand was part of her ward from 2000 to 2010 .



Victoria Andrews
Community

Victoria is passionate about community engagement and using marketing and communication to drive momentum and impact at scale. She has extensive experience in Marketing and Customer Experience within the financial services sector. Outside of work, Victoria enjoys life with her two dogs and a wide circle of family and friends. She moved into Parkwood West in 2021 and has fallen in love with her corner of the world.

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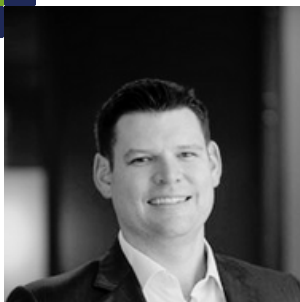


Fran Haslam
Zoo Lake

Fran comes from a marketing and public relations background. She is community minded and, together with her husband Bill, has been involved in community affairs for the past 30 years. They enjoy giving back and helping make a difference for the community in which they live.

Fran served as the Chairperson of the Parkview Community Policing Forum for 8 years and was part of the Business Against Crime project.

Zoo Lake has been a love of hers and she has a long history with Zoo Lake, from feeding the ducks to rowing boats and playing bowls. The past 10 years leading the Zoo Lake Users Committee has been a rewarding and uplifting project.



Paul Barron
Security

Paul is a family man blessed with an amazing wife Tara and two energetic young boys. The family moved into the area in 2020 and hope it will be their home for at least the next 20 years. Paul cannot help himself from getting involved in community initiatives. He has an engineering background and he currently spends most of his working hours in business consulting and recruitment. Many years back he was a proud member of the Zoo Lake Water polo club and hopes to find the time to get back in the pool soon.



Kate Lydell
Fearnhead Park

Kate is a wife and mom who recently returned to Joburg after a 4 year stint abroad. She was struck by how little we live outside our four walls and how the use of public space has declined. She wanted to create a place where her children could safely play and where she could catch up with other community members in a shared public space.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



Robyn Arnot
Heritage

Robyn moved into Saxonwold 5 years ago with her husband and 3 young boys. Robyn is a practicing professional Architect and has a keen interest in heritage architecture and its overlay with contemporary life.



Mark Hansen
Heritage

Mark moved into the neighbourhood 26 years ago and lives on the border of Saxonwold, Forest Town, Joburg Zoo and the Ditsong War Museum: therefore he has interests in all 4 areas.

Mark has been a practicing professional Architect for 36 years, has been involved with architectural heritage matters since 1984 (as a student) and obviously has a keen interest in heritage architecture, its maintenance and its synergy with contemporary buildings - and life!



Danie Griffith
Townplanning

Danie combines decades of practical experience in property development, planning, and real estate with a forward-thinking approach to problem-solving. His personal philosophy centers on building bridges between communities and councils, working collaboratively toward sustainable solutions that benefit all stakeholders.

His diverse background has provided him with comprehensive insights into urban development, community needs, and the practical challenges of implementing planning solutions.

THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY

In November 2024, SAPRA conducted an anonymous survey targeting both members and non-members within Saxonwold and Parkwood. The objective was to gather meaningful insights into residents' perceptions and priorities, helping guide SAPRA's strategic focus. Participants were also invited to share recommendations on what SAPRA could do to better serve the community.

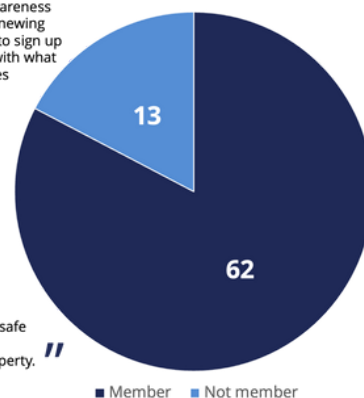
Below is a summary of the key findings:

There were 75 respondents, 62 of which are SAPRA members and the remaining 13 of not members - the reasons for not being members are listed below.

75 respondents

- Affordability
- Lack of awareness
- Trouble renewing
- Intending to sign up
- Disagree with what SAPRA does

SAPRA members



“To support the residents association to create a safe and connected community, and to be an active participant in matters that affect us and our property.”

Focus areas:

- Safety and security
- Infrastructure
- Suburb beautification
- Community events and building
- Townplanning, Heritage and landmark preservation

Recommendations:



Strong member acquisition strategy



Create succinct platform for communication



Stronger collaboration with security organisations



Inclusive events and community building events

Over and above these key recommendations, the following notable feedback was received:

- Members called for more diverse membership drives and inclusive representation.
- Enhanced communication and transparency is valued
- Explore ways to collaborate with developers for the good of the community
- There is perceived prioritisation of certain areas of SAPRA-land over others
- Members value the community building efforts
- Members value the collaboration between SAPRA and security organisations in the suburbs

The feedback received helped craft the key initiatives SAPRA focussed on in the financial year ending June 2024.

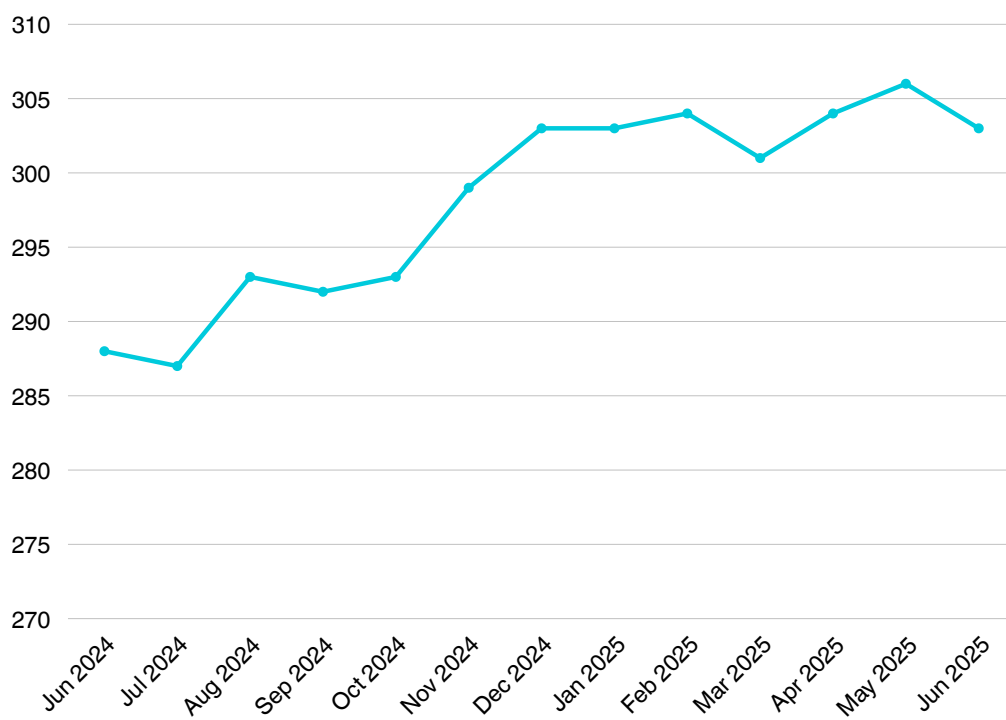
A YEAR OF IMPACT

This year, SAPRA has continued to serve as the collective voice of the Saxonwold and Parkwood community — championing residents’ interests, protecting our heritage, and investing in initiatives that strengthen safety, belonging and pride in our suburbs.

We are proud to share highlights of the past year across our core areas of focus:

Membership

SAPRA’s strength comes from its members. Over the past year, membership numbers have grown steadily as more residents recognise the value of a strong and united residents’ association. Membership contributions remain the backbone of our financial sustainability, enabling everything from park improvements to advocacy at municipal level.





Town Planning

SAPRA continued to play an active role in reviewing building and rezoning applications to ensure responsible, resident-friendly development. Our goal is to balance growth with preserving the character of Saxonwold and Parkwood. We remain committed to safeguarding property values and ensuring development aligns with by-laws and community needs.

The role of the townplanning team is to share new applications with residents, consolidate feedback and/or objections and provide guidance as to the grounds for objection.

Over-and-above the work being done on behalf of residents in lieu of the Saxon Square, SAPRA has been actively involved in many rezoning applications.

Heritage

Protecting our suburbs' unique heritage has remained central to our mandate. Over the past year, Robyn Arnot and Mark Hansen of the heritage portfolio, have received and assessed over 30 applications. Robyn and Mark meet fortnightly with the Heritage Plans Committee (HPC) - an amalgamation of other residents associations and the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation, to collectively review applications to renovate, alter, add onto, and occasionally demolish, buildings that have heritage value in our suburbs.

Security

The activities around security in our community have been focussed on collaboration between the existing organisations already operating in the area - most notably Safe Saxonwold, CAP and the Rosebank CPF. More recently SAPRA's focus on rejuvenating Fearnhead Park will provide a project to work in collaboration with security providers.

Zoo Lake

Zoo Lake Users Committee have capped the **storm water drain** on the North West side of Zoo Lake. This was a massive project with thanks to the late, Stuart Norman, Peter van Vuuren, Jan Celliers and the community for the generous donations enabling us to complete this project. Thanks to JRA and City Parks for the approval and assistance in approving the upgrade.

A **legacy tree planting project** was initiated by Peter van Vuuren and Jan Celliers school to plant 90 indigenous trees in celebration of Jan Celliers 90th birthday. The Zoo Lake Users Committee will plant the balance of 31 trees to complete the 121 trees to be planted in the 2025 year celebrating Zoo Lake's 121 birthday.

Zoo Lake's 121st birthday celebration was shared with the Zoo as the Zoo Precinct's 121 birthday and was a great success. The event was well attended at Zoo Lake.

Various schools participated in the **art competition** and the community participated in the **photographic competition**.

Regular recycling and action clean up days have taken place over the year and that assists in keeping Zoo Lake clean and maintained.

Our **gardening committee** continues to work tirelessly weekly to maintain and upgrade the flowerbeds.

SAPRA Green Team



The 2-member crew worked twice a week maintaining public spaces in the two suburbs. They constantly move around the suburbs cleaning, trimming and sweeping. A trimmer was donated by a generous resident which was used to good effect. Members can let us know where attention is needed.

Pictured here are Siya and Marcelle in the uniforms donated by Simon Workwear.

Fearnhead Park

Kate joined the SAPRA Committee in February and has been working on the park upliftment project ever since. Together with a formidable team, mostly the residents from Ashford road (and in particular Renate van Onselen) have really given the project momentum in recent months.

We have our growing wish list, generous funding from both SAPRA and the residents and are starting the mammoth undertaking of turning it around.

We are excited for the day when we can access our park safely and meet with fellow residents to enjoy what leafy and green space Fearnhead has to offer.

Community Events

SAPRA is focussed on creating opportunities for connection and community building.

- **Halloween Walkabout 2024** once again brought our community together for a fantastic afternoon under the jacaranda trees.



- **SAPRA Zoo Walkers:** In partnership with the Joburg Zoo, SAPRA members with a Zoo Walkers card (only R100 per adult per year) can access the Joburg Zoo on Wednesday afternoons from 15:00. We have over 100 SAPRA Zoo Walkers.
- **Easter Hunt and Movie Night:** Families gathered for an afternoon of fun as children dashed across the lawns searching for hidden treasures during the egg hunt. As the sun set, the park transformed into an open-air cinema. Neighbours brought along blankets and picnic baskets, settling in under the stars to enjoy Moana 2, a family-friendly movie on the big screen.
- SAPRA also supported **blood drives** and **charity initiatives**, building partnerships that extend the impact of our community spirit beyond our borders.

Infrastructure

SAPRA has worked incredibly hard to build relationships with the City of Johannesburg to petition for better service delivery to our suburbs. Over and above this, SAPRA is a member of JoburgCAN, a civil society initiative aimed at improving the lives of residents in Johannesburg.

In the past year, SAPRA has:

- Closely managed and been the liaison between residents and the team responsible for the sewer upgrade project.
- Escalated and petitioned for electricity and water to be restored for impacted residents.
- Petitioned for potholes to be filled and sections of road to be tarred.
- Petitioned for dangerous intersections to become 4-way stops.
- Painted faded stop signs.
- Petitioned for faulty street lights to be fixed.

These projects ensure our suburbs remain safe, functional and welcoming.



Looking Forward

SAPRA will continue to champion our residents' interests, balancing heritage with progress, strengthening security and ensuring every Rand raised is reinvested into the safety, beauty and vibrancy of Saxonwold and Parkwood.

One of the key projects we will be tackling in the coming year is the upliftment of Fearnhead Park.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Association Information

The Saxonwold and Parkwood Residents Association is a not for profit association of residents of the two suburbs of Johannesburg established to protect and further the interests of those residents. It is governed by an Executive Committee which is established and operates in accordance with a Constitution approved by its members.

Executive Committee

Bill Haslam	Chairman, Webpage and Database
Marcelle Ravid	Secretary
Victoria Andrews	Finance, Community
Robyn Arnot	Heritage
Paul Barron	Town Planning
Ronald Ennik	Town Planning
Danie Griffith	Town Planning
Michael Gristwood	Town Planning
Mark Hansen	Heritage
Fran Haslam	Zoo Lake Park
Kate Lydell	Fearnhead Park
Kathy Scharrer	Marketing
David Taylor	Electricity

Compilers

Bill Haslam and Victoria Andrews

Bankers

First National Bank (FNB)

These annual financial statements, are approved by the authorised signatories:



Chairman
Bill Haslam



Treasurer
Victoria Andrews

INDEPENDENT REVIEWER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SAXONWOLD AND PARKWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Report on the Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying annual report that contains the financial statements of the Saxonwold and Parkwood Residents Association (SAPRA), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated surplus for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400 (Revised), Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements. ISRE 2400 (Revised) requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. The reviewer performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Saxonwold and Parkwood Residents Association as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).



Peter Lansdell

CA (SA) / PhD (Auditing) [20028209]

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Date: 2 November 2025



Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		R	R
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		566 788	478 300
Total Assets		566 788	478 300
Equity and Liabilities			
Capital and Reserves			
Accumulated Surplus		386 624	306 949
Current Liabilities			
Provisions	1	180 164	171 351
Total Equity and Liabilities		566 788	478 300

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		R	R
Revenue			
Revenue			
Member Subscriptions		347 557	295 073
Donations Received		31 533	7 285
Interest Received		37 042	39 802
Gross Income		416 132	342 160
Less: Expenditure			
Advertising & Marketing		7 380	1 035
Bank Charges		3 854	2 233
Computer Expenses and Software		1 369	4 436
Consultants		119 876	117 115
Donations		24 000	24 000
Finance Charges - cash collection fee	2	4 719	4 146
Green Team cost		67 467	71 236
Internet and Web		1 428	1 418
Meeting expenses		2 555	1 164
Repairs and Maintenance		9 330	14 950
Security		1300	-
Town Planning		39 379	79 117
Other Expenses on Special Projects	3	55 101	(35 890)
Total Expenditure		336 458	284 960)
Surplus for the Year		79 674	(14 570)



Statement of Changes in Accumulated Surplus

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Accumulated Surplus	
	2025	2024
	R	R
Balance at 30 June 2024	306 949	321 519
Profit for the year	79 675	(14 570)
Balance at 30 June 2025	386 624	306 949

Notes to the annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Provisions

The provisions are for donations received for specific projects and for which there is anticipated outstanding expenditure. The provisions may be analysed as follows:

Provisions (R)	Bin Labels	Fearnhead Park	Precinct Plan	Saxon Square	Total
Jun 30, 2024	10 195	32 213	108 243	20 700	171 351
Increase / (Decrease)	(10 195)	21 814		(2 807)	8 812
Transfer (Board Decision)			(64 000)	64 000	0
Jun 30, 2025	0	54 027	44 243	81 893	180 163

2. Collection fee for payments made directly via the SAPRA website, over the year.

3. Special Projects

The Special Projects undertaken by SAPRA are analysed as follows (Figs in R)

Project	Bin Labels	Fearnhead Park	Hive	Saxon Square	Zoo Walkers	Total
Donation	1 430	56 725	40 250	109 693	9 650	217 748
Expenses	(10 633)	(34 911)	(40 250)	(176 500)	(1 743)	(264 037)
Change in Provisions	10 195	(21 814)	-	2 807	-	(8 812)
SAPRA Surplus / (Strain)	992	0	0	(64 000)	7 907	(55 101)



4. Accounting Policies

4.1. Basis of presentation

The financial statements of the company are prepared in accordance with South African Statements of IFRS for SMME'S, and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa, 2008. These financial statements are presented in South African Rand except where otherwise indicated. The South African Rand is the functional currency of the association. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis. The following principal accounting policies have been consistently applied in all material respects, with those applied during the previous year, except as noted below.

4.2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements incorporate the following principal accounting policies, which have been consistently applied in all material respects:

4.3. Investments and other financial assets

The entity classifies its investments into held-to-maturity financial assets and loans and other receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired or originated.

Held-to-maturity financial assets.

These are non-derivative financial assets that comprise fixed or determinable payments and maturities of which the Entity has the positive intention and ability to hold until maturity. These investments are recognised at cost, being the cash value of the consideration paid for the acquisition on the investment.

4.4. Cash and cash equivalent.

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits. For the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.



4. Accounting Policies (cont.)

4.5. Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Interest income

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues (using the effective interest method that is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset).

Levies received

Levies received are recorded in accordance with the accounting policy for recognition of revenue, being on receipt.

5. Taxation

The accounts have been drawn up consistently with last year's, based on the understanding that:

- Receipts and accruals of the entity are exempt from income tax in terms of section 10(1)(cN).
- Donations by or to the entity are exempt from donations tax in terms of section 56(1)(h) of the Act.



6. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Association's principal financial instruments comprise cash and short-term deposits. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the Association's operations. The main risks arising from the entity's financial instruments are cash flow interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk. The members review and agree policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below:

Cash flow interest rate risk

The entity's exposure to the risk for changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Association's financial assets with a floating interest rate. At 30 June 2021, all of the entity's financial assets are at a market-related floating rate of interest.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the inability or unwillingness of counterparty to a financial instrument to discharge its contractual obligations. At statement of financial position date there were no significant concentrations of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

The Association's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of investments, and cash resources.

7. Related Parties

Parties are considered related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial or operating decisions. Parties are also considered related if they are subjected to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or corporate entities.

The following entities are / were Related Parties of the Association during the year:

Bill Haslam	Chairman, Webpage and Database
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Robyn Arnot	Heritage
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Kate Lydell	Fearnhead Park
Kathy Scharrer	Marketing
David Taylor	Electricity

8. Events after statement of financial position date

There were no significant events that occurred after year-end that could influence the Association's ability to continue as a going concern in the future.

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