



Hi Everyone,

What an awesome place we live in, although there is now a decided nip in the air we really do have some stunning winter days; having just spent a month travelling in Europe when it was supposed to be spring (2 degree and snowing in Stockholm, you have to be kidding me) what a pleasure to come home and walk on our long quiet beach in shorts and a T-shirt.

The winter school holidays are almost upon us and we welcome all our visitors, we hope you will have a wonderful holiday, calm seas and sunny days. We have included some important numbers for service complaints and conservation matters in this Newsletter which we hope will assist you during your stay. Don't forget you can also go to our website www.southbroom.org for a complete list of contact numbers, including all the volunteers groups and business members in Southbroom.

Do remember that although Southbroom has a beautiful surfing beach and two lovely tidal pools, our beaches are not regarded as a "safe swimming beach" due to rip currents, especially main beach when the lagoon is open and close to spring tides when there are more likely to be high seas. Please take extra care and only swim between the flags when lifeguards are on duty. Spring tides Saturday 24th June & Sunday 9th July, when best beach times are early morning.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT by Brian Thompson

BEACHES AND POOLS

The tidal pool is leaking following the heavy seas in May, and we have appointed a contractor to investigate the cause, and to provide a quotation for repairs.

The quality of work by the RNM contractor appointed to varnish the badly weathered wooden structures at Granny's beach was totally unsatisfactory, and we lodged a complaint to RNM. RNM agree that the quality of work is unsatisfactory and have withheld any payment pending an investigation.

We arranged for a contractor to repair the roof of the shelter in the car park at the main beach. The wooden structure of the shelter was found to be rotten and we also arranged for this to be replaced. We have been advised that RNM have approved a budget to refurbish the ablutions at the main beach, and will go out to tender in July

ROADS

The RNM budget for road repairs was finished in April. In order to supplement the RNM repairs we implemented the following initiatives:

We appointed Margate Asphalt to repair 100m² of potholes in May. The main focus was potholes on Southbroom Avenue, Imbezane Drive, Lewin Road, Beach Road and Francis Street

We implemented a programme to do local repairs using cold mix tar. I wish to thank Rory McDonnell for arranging a test of 6 bags of cold mix tar on Francis Street in May. This test was very successful, and we encourage residents to repair potholes in their streets using cold mix asphalt available from Builders Express at South Coast Mall for R80 per bag.

I wish to thank Harry Coetzer and Dirk Terblanche for repairing potholes in Mendip road. I noticed these repairs on a personal inspection of Southbroom roads on 6 June, and attach photos which show the extent of the repairs. I sent these photos to the Municipal Manager (MM) and Cllr. Dave Watson and advised them that the condition of Southbroom roads is not acceptable, and it is not acceptable that ratepayers have to maintain roads that are the responsibility of the municipality. I have requested a meeting with the MM to discuss this matter

We arranged a contractor to replace the two cone type speed restrictors in Captain Smith roads near the tennis courts with 20 kph asphalt speed humps, because we have had many complaints about speeding vehicles on this road. The contractor also added a new speed hump at the south of Captain Smith road, following complaints that residents had difficulty in getting out of their driveways because of speeding vehicles.

We have requested a quotation from a contractor to install a "raised" pedestrian crossing on Southbroom Avenue in the village centre, which should reduce speeding in this area, and improve the safety of pedestrians.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

The water supply seems to have stabilised, and Ugu are responding promptly to pipe breaks and leaks. However, we are still concerned about the reliability of the main water pipe from the bulk water supply from the Umtamvuma water works. Cllr. Dave Watson and the DA have taken this matter up with Ugu, who are not complying with their mandate to supply water to users, and have requested an intervention by the KZN provincial government.

TOWN PLANNING

A site inspection was held on 8th May at Erf 94 (4 South Ridge road) and the Municipal Tribunal hearing was held on 9th May. The owner's appeal was dismissed because the property is zoned residential 3 which only allows for a maximum of 2 storeys, whereas the appellant constructed 4 storeys, in contravention with the Town Planning Scheme. The appellant advised that they intend to bring a rezoning application in terms of the new Legislation, which they will have to do within 6 months from date of the Order. We will strongly oppose any application for rezoning of this property

Important numbers for reporting service issues

Please keep this link to access the form which will be forwarded directly to the correct department in

UGU or RNM <http://bit.ly/uguresidentsrequest>

Alternatively email: services@rnm.gov.za and copy to admin@southbroom.org

Or **SMS RNM : 32061**

REFUSE COLLECTION

Please use black bags for your general waste and clear bags for you recycle material. Clean paper, plastic, cans and glass maybe recycled, NO POLYSTYRENE OR MIXED MATERIALS.

Refuse is collected on MONDAYS, please put your bags on your verge in a cage or wheelie early on Monday. If you are unable to put your refuse out on Monday do NOT LEAVE BAGS ON THE VERGE, kindly take them to the depot in Outlook Road. Thank you for your co-operation.

CPF – SECURITY MATTERS

CPF report that during May there were 4 or 5 break-ins, mostly targeting holiday homes but in every case only flat screen TV's were taken. If possible, when you are not in residence please put your TV away or cover it and keep curtains or blinds closed.

Please also remember that thieves are watching and know from the "bush telegraph" when visitors will be arriving in holiday homes. The first couple of nights are the most vulnerable when people tend to relax while unpacking and settling in and forget to lock vehicles, or activate alarms and beams. Never leave valuables in your car in the driveway.

PEDESTRIANS IN SOUTHBROOM

Southbroom is becoming busier every day and especially during holiday times the roads are busy with both vehicles and pedestrians. If you have daily staffs that walk to work from the main roads please ask them to walk on the sidewalk and where there is no sidewalk to walk in single file facing oncoming traffic. Police in a hurry to get to an incident have had some near misses with people walking all over the road.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

We are trying to encourage drivers to slow down but there are always the impatient ones who just love to speed around the town endangering both wildlife and people. This is not acceptable: if you see speeding vehicles please take their number and a photo and post on [Southbroom News](#)

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTHBROOM LIBRARY TEAM.

Firstly, we would like to say a special 'thank you' to the Southbroom Ratepayers Association, and to the members who support our efforts with generous donations. As a consequence, we have been able to purchase 22 new books this year, covering most genres.

Should you wish to give support, a donations bottle is always available at the library.

On the subject of donations, a question was asked about donating books to our library.

We are always grateful to receive books in a condition in keeping with those on offer on our shelves, and which would be of interest to our members.

Books should be brought to the library during opening hours.

We are also looking for an old lap-top to keep in the library as we have catalogued our books as a further service to our members. All we need is to work with an excel spreadsheet, and to perhaps build up a record of our client base. If anyone could help we would be most grateful. We have been offered a Notepad, which needs repairs but a laptop would be preferred.

A warm welcome is extended to our visitors once again, and for those with little ones, we have books from the nursery to young adult, and even a few classics.



Most of our regulars know who we are, but for the ones who don't, a photo of just some of our dedicated Volunteers.

CONSERVANCY NEWS

HOW TO HELP STRANDED MARINE ANIMALS

As we all know our coastline is occasionally subjected to extreme weather conditions which unfortunately results in marine animals washed up and stranded on our beaches. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife is no longer responsible for the marine protection of our coastline therefore local conservation groups and residents will play an even more important role in protecting our coastline and sea life.

Please make a note of the numbers to contact below if you come across animals or birds in distress.



PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE NUMBERS

Stranded marine mammals : SEA WORLD 039 328 8222 OR A/H 032 328 8060

Birds and small animals : JANE FRANZ (Marina Beach) 083 232 3597

Southbroom Conservancy : Sharlene van der Slikke 082 375 2993

or Peddy Bam 082 771 3158

CONSRVANCY GOLF DAY

On the 15th July we will be holding the annual Southbroom Conservancy Golf Day – and we need your support please.

As you are no doubt aware, the Conservancy manages all of the conservancy areas of our beautiful village, looks after the wildlife, clears alien plant invaders and maintains the many lovely park areas and walks. We have permanent employees eradicating the invading plants and a game guard removing snares and checking on our rich diversity of wildlife. We maintain our very special Grannies Pool area and make the floating wheelchair available to elderly or handicapped people who want to enjoy the beach and tidal pool.

In order to be sustainable we need funds, obtained mainly from our annual golf day, so please assist us in making this day a success by sponsoring a golf hole at R1000, or making a cash donation, or donating some prizes, or by simply dropping off a couple of bottles of wine at the Pro Shop. Derek and Sheena have kindly agreed to act as collection point for the wines, which we will make into wine hampers for prizes at the golf day.

SOCIAL NEWS FROM THE GOLF CLUB

Southbroom Golf Club's social drive has been going exceptionally well, with many new social members joining in the fun. The club is experiencing a lively new vibe and is offering a wide variety of social events which complement the golf events perfectly. The club terrace with its stunning views has become the meeting place for breakfast, lunch, cappuccino or sundowners, and it is fast becoming the "in place" in Southbroom.

The golf course is showing an upsurge in golf rounds and corporate days and the club is resounding with fun and laughter as it hosts new events like Sunday Suppers, Music evenings, Quiz evenings, Chicken BBQ's, Concerts, and many more.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events like:

- A FREE Junior Golf Clinic with Derek James followed by a Family Lunch on Sunday the 9th July
- Christmas in July on Tuesday 25th July
- A Day at the Races Dinner on the Saturday 5th August
- A Women's Day High Tea on Wednesday the 9th August
- A Quiz night with supper on the Wednesday 31st August

Posters and mail-outs with full details will be appearing in due course, and the details of the social events will be posted on the Southbroom News Facebook Group.

You can also contact the golf club on 039-3166026 or Dawne Murray on 083 703 2171.

A SELECTION OF PHOTOS FROM THE "CONCERT ON THE COURSE" DEREK'S GOLF CLINIC FOR KIDS – QUIZZ NIGHT





CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Southbroom Golf Club will be holding this ever popular mid-winter event with a traditional "Christmas Dinner" on Tuesday 25th July at 6.30 for 7pm. Janet and Sean Larkins will be playing host so you can expect a superb dinner with all the trimmings
 The Club will be decorated with a Yuletide theme and there will be live background music by Vicky de Villiers. Full menu available from the Club or from Dawne Murray.
 Contact the club to book a table Tickets R195 per person

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The Southbroom Tennis Club has recently completed its annual club championships, which were organised by Ron Stirling.

According to chairperson, Luise Mohr, the tennis was of a high standard and played in a very good spirit. There was also a good turnout of supporters for some of the games.

The results were:

Men's Singles	Ch	Simon Lee	R/Up	Rolf Guddegast
Ladies Singles	Ch	Zinnia Freitas	R/Up	Luise Mohr
Mixed Doubles	Ch	Johan Vermaak & Zinnia Freitas	R/Up	Rolf Guddegast & Luise Mohr
Ladies Doubles	Ch	Nicky Momberg & Pauline Lee	R/Up	Luise Mohr & Pippa Bromley-Gans
Men's Doubles	Ch	Rolf Guddegast & Ron Stirling	R/Up	Johan Vermaak & Brandon Saunders

TENNIS LESSONS
All ages. From 6 to 60+ years old

- Catering for all skill levels - beginners to advanced
- Flexible scheduling
- TSA/ITF registered coaches
- Private (1 on 1), Semi-private (2/group), Group lessons (3-6/group)
- Adult classes, Cardio tennis, Holiday clinics, Tournaments.
- **Tennis a life sport... and lots of fun!**

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tennis

The prize-giving will take place at the club's annual general meeting, which is at the end of July.

One of the club's mixed doubles round robin begins on Sunday June 25, starting at 1.30pm.

A reminder: there is social tennis on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm. Visitors are welcome to join in, or to use the courts at any other time. The cost is R30 per game. For any inquiries regarding the club, contact Luise on 072 927 7530.

Frank Hall is available for all levels of coaching. He also holds cardio sessions on Monday mornings at 9.30.

Contact no: 083 274 5888.