



Hi Everyone,

Wow, how blessed are those of us who live in Southbroom at this time of year? The weather has been amazing and it was wonderful to see so many people making the most of our lovely beaches over the Easter holiday period. It seems so quiet now that everyone has left, however yesterday on my morning walk I met a gentleman who asked what I was doing on "his" beach, we really are spoilt, so special having the beach to ourselves, but we would love to see people taking advantage of out of season rates or popping down to their holiday homes more often. Now that there are regular Cemair flights to Margate a long weekend is more than possible.



### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2016**

We were pleased that there were no water outages during February and March. We have been unable to meet with Ugu to discuss the bulk water supply because of their commitments, but we are hoping to meet with them in April.

### **BEACHES AND POOLS**

There was a major leak in the tidal pool at the main beach in early February. We had a site meeting with experts and potential contractors and they recommended a solution. HCM were very cooperative to our urgent request, and after a site meeting with contractors on 18 March the pool was repaired on 20 March, in time for the Easter holidays.

The ablutions at the main beach are very old and in poor condition. We had a site meeting with HCM and they agreed to refurbish them before the 2016 December holidays. They also agreed to maintain the wooden structures at Granny's pool.

The grass banks at the main beach between the tidal pool and the showers have been eroding for some time. We arranged a site meeting with HCM, who have agreed to conduct studies to determine the best method for stabilising this area.

On 13 March a surfer was nearly drowned at the main beach. We were advised that the lifesavers refused to rescue the surfer as they did not have adequate equipment. Fortunately, Mike Halliday was at the beach shortly after completing a long paddle, and went out on his board to rescue the surfer. Mike injured his shoulder in the process, and has had to go to hospital for an operation. We

thank Mike for this lifesaving act, and wish him a speedy recovery. We took the matter up with HCM, and they reported that the lifesaving contractor had disciplined two of the lifesavers, and immediately ensured adequate rescue equipment for the lifesavers. We have subsequently had a positive meeting with Tower 13 Lifesavers and will continue to work together to ensure the safety of our beaches.

## **ROADS**

HCM have arranged a service provider to repair potholes and patch roads. We have provided them with a plan for roads to be repaired and will monitor the quality of work.

We have requested that HCM request a capital budget to refurbish College and Lewin roads in the 2015/16 year.

HCM have agreed to our plan for six speed humps to be installed and we await implementation.

HCM have made good progress with our request to upgrade road signs and paint white lines on roads

## **SIGNAGE**

We have renovated and repainted the cairn sign near the south entrance at the top of Outlook road.

*Brian Thompson – Chairman*

## **SOUTHBROOM COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM NEWS**

### **NEW BUILDING/ALTERATIONS PROJECTS:**

Please notify the CPF/SAP of any new building projects and provide CPF/SAP with the contractor's details and Erf number.

### **BURGLAR ALARMS**

The SAP have noted that Burglar alarms are not being activated at night and people are becoming a target for criminals. Please have your alarms checked regularly and make sure all zones are functioning, and don't leave valuables such as laptop computers, cell phones and camera's lying around next to open windows.

### **CRIME WHATSAPP GROUP**

The intention of the CPF crime alert WhatsApp is to alert all members of any criminal activity

- Report the location of any potential or actual break-ins to alert neighbours so they can be aware and vigilant.
- First phone the Police Station (039 316 6760) and report the incident so they can dispatch a vehicle, then post it on the WhatAspp group to alert neighbours
- Report sighting of suspicious vehicles or characters to enable members to be on the lookout and to assist with the follow up by the police.

The following is not to be posted on the WhatsApp page.

- Lost dogs: Please use the Southbroom Facebook page or the Carte Blanche WhattsApp group. (see below for details)
- Noisy neighbours should be reported directly to the SAP and not posted on the crime WhatsApp.
- Pictures of thumbs up to acknowledge the SAP and Security's response to alerts; this sends out unnecessary alerts to all the group members, which is the reason some members are leaving the group. In order to keep the WhatsApp group running smoothly any member posting unnecessary comments will be removed immediately.

- To join the CPF Crime WhatsApp and **add new members** send a WhatsApp or SMS message to 076 152 4479.

Please do not post criminal activity in the "Southbroom News Updates" Facebook group. Facebook is not secure and information posted in the group could assist criminals and hinder the police.

Please note that issues of noise disturbance such as barking dogs and noisy neighbours should be reported to HCM Law Enforcement. Problems with recurring alarms should preferably be dealt with direct with the owner of the property, failing which the key-holder or the alarm company. Only in the case of a suspected break-in should the police be contacted. If you are not a permanent resident or you are away for an extended period, please ensure a key-holder is available at all times to deactivate your alarm if necessary. If your alarm is activated by a remote, leave one with your permanent neighbour.

#### **ACCOMODATION FOR RESERVISTS:**

The Southbroom CPF is appealing to all homeowners or residents that have an outside room or domestic quarters suitable for reservist accommodation, to please contact the CPF. In return the accommodation will help provide extra police in the area as well as ensuring further security at one's residence. If you have any type of accommodation please contact:

**Kingsley du Plessis:** [lynne@mcdup.co.za](mailto:lynne@mcdup.co.za)      **083 441 6986**  
**Bennie Kruger:** [benniekrug@mweb.co.za](mailto:benniekrug@mweb.co.za)      **083 412 0847**  
**Cynthia van Rensburg:** [cynthiavr@telkomsa.net](mailto:cynthiavr@telkomsa.net)      **076 152 4479**

#### **THIS AND THAT**

Southbroom now has a WhatsApp Carte Blanche group where you can chat about matters of general interest. Some members of this group are planning an Arts and Crafts morning to be held at the tennis club on Wednesdays. To join the WhatsApp group contact Sue Armitage on 082 809 8188 and for more information about the crafts group



**YOGALAB** will be holding classes at the Southbroom Community Centre, commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Morning classes will be on Tuesday & Thursday from 06.00 to 07.00, afternoons classes will be Tuesdays & Thursday 17.30 to 18.30 and Wednesday from 18.00 to 19.00.

Classes will also be held in the Ramsgate Lions hall on Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings and Monday evenings.

Charges are R90 per walk-in session (R10 mat hire) and R850 per month unlimited classes.

To book contact **Scott Getkate** on **082 217 3706** - Email [info@yogalab.co.za](mailto:info@yogalab.co.za)

Website [www.yogalab.co.za](http://www.yogalab.co.za)



## **CONSERVATION MATTERS!!**

Dear Members and Readers alike

2016 has begun with great momentum and pace taking us into April already!

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

The Conservancy extends a big thank you to all Members who promptly paid attention to the notice sent out that 2016 subs are due; further to this, the reason the request was made in January is to aid in streamlining the administrative process of maintaining memberships and payment thereof but more importantly to eliminate members paying three-quarters to a whole year in arrears. The Conservancy courteously requests those Members who have not yet paid for 2016 to kindly do so *poste haste*, irrespective of previous payment dates, 2016 subs are due immediately, please.

If you are not a member of our lovely Conservancy and would like to join, please email Sharlene van der Slikke (Membership Secretary) on [churashamba@telkomsa.net](mailto:churashamba@telkomsa.net). The relevant form will find its way to you. For existing members please don't forget to let us have any new changes to details. A number of email addresses have changed leaving us stranded. Please also remember when paying monies into the account or sending payment confirmation via email to clearly state your name and Southbroom address. Some payments have come through and we would like to send letters of acknowledgement however we have no clue to whom these payments belong!

### **ADOPT-A-TREE INITIATIVE**



As some of you will recall and some of you noticed, the pine trees in Southbroom avenue have been felled and replaced with young trees. Nicola Mackenzie, Anne Skelton and Peddy Bam from Southbroom Conservancy powered the initiative of "Adopt-A-Tree" which brought out the protective and nurturing side in all of us! Those parties interested were able to adopt a tree at a fee and received a list of instructions for the care thereof. To this end, 15 March 2016, there was an open celebration and hand-over ceremony.



Our thanks also go to Nicola for her innovation and hard work rounding up the prospective "parents" and co-ordinating the whole initiative as well as to Peddy Bam, Anne Skelton, Cees van der Slikke and Alfred for the digging, planting, staking, watering & feeding thus far.



These trees are our heritage and lovingly chosen for their capacity to encourage all manner of fauna which will go a long way to creating and maintaining an indigenous ecosystem for many years to come. Above are some happy photographs of this momentous event taking by Malcolm Sutton and Sharlene van der Slikke and here we see John Neaves photos of John & Jos' grandchildren caring for their heritage.



## ON THE MATTER OF DOGS

Our local CPF, who do a really sterling job, brought to the Conservancy's attention that there are a number of dogs loose on the Bushbuck and Frederika trail and in other green protected areas of Southbroom. Members of the Community have seen the same various dogs on the loose a number of times in different places in our protected green zones and chasing buck and whatever else they could. It has been decided to implement the Municipal By-Laws whereby a dog/s may be reported and photographed and submitted to the authorities for elimination without any further notice. It is unacceptable that dog-owners do not keep their pets in a properly secured and decently sized area. The following authorities may be contacted and called in at any time to eliminate free roaming dogs. The SPCA (039 312 0962) - HCM Law Enforcement Officer (039 688 2253 : [Jackson.mzindle@hcm.gov.za](mailto:Jackson.mzindle@hcm.gov.za)) and the Land Unit of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

Southbroom Conservancy urge all pet owners to check and secure their property and should your dog get free, there are enough media means via the Carte Blanche Whatsapp group, Southbroom News Update Facebook Page and personal posters to alert the Community to this dilemma. Failure to do so could result in elimination of your pet. We have a few dedicated members of our Community who actually work tirelessly in restoring dogs to their owners and properties and we acknowledge and thank you for your efforts. Southbroom Conservancy greatly urge all dog owners to take care and heed the above which we have been informed will be implemented with immediate effect. Please note that dogs are NOT PERMITTED either free running or on the leash in the Bushbuck Trail, Frederika Trail, Imbezana Preserve and other green tracts/preserves of properties, small or big.

Only in the case of an attack by a dog/or dogs must the Police be contacted and a complaint laid against the owner.

## **SNAKES MATTER**

Once again thank you to everyone who attended our talk on Local Snakes given by Nick Evans. We had a spectacular turnout of 95 people. There is another talk scheduled for later in the year which will be more geared for our younger members of the community however adults will enjoy it just the same if not more so! PLEASE NOTE: Nick is only too happy to remove snakes or be on hand to provide assistance : please don't hesitate to contact him on 0728095806.

## **SNARE PATROL**

Due to the wonderful support of our members we have been able to acquire our long awaited "set of eyes" to help Joseph with his snare patrol. We will be sharing pictures in future newsletters of some of the wonderful animals we have wandering in our midst. Snares are still be being found on a weekly basis. Sadly it appears a porcupine was caught and de-quilled near the 6<sup>th</sup> Tee. Please report any vagrants going into bushes to [churashamba@telkomsa.net](mailto:churashamba@telkomsa.net) and we will look into it immediately.

## **A REMINDER TO PLEASE TAKE CARE NOT TO PROVIDE ANY FOOD SOURCES FOR OUR MONKEYS!!!** **THE MORE YOU FEED THE MORE THEY'LL BREED!!**

.....so, keep the cameras and phones always at the ready for that all elusive 5 seconds of nature..... to capture and share



## **TOURISM NEWS – APRIL 2016**

The Southbroom/Mpenjati area sub-committee for UGU South Coast tourism have had an excellent start to the year. Deanne Purtell, the new area Chair, together with Karen de Rosa (Three Black Dresses) and Jolanda Cloete (marketing co-ordinator for San Lameer) were elected onto the committee at the AGM held in February. Together they have many years of experience in marketing and event management and have brought some young and enthusiastic ideas to the table.

A number of events and projects are in the pipeline including a bird hide to be built at Marina Beach, on the side of the Umkobi River, and a birding weekend later in the year and the trail route below at San Lameer. They also propose assisting members with marketing in the form of "packages" which will be marketed to both local and international tourists. International visitors in particular look for packaged tours, for instance a package could include one or two rounds of golf, a trip to Oribi Gorge, discounted meals at restaurants and accommodation, although packages can be tailor made to suit individual requirements.

A "meet and greet" function will be held during May in order to present the business plan and proposals to members and to get feedback from members on what they expect from Tourism. The area is unique in that it offers beautiful beaches, wildlife, Golf, adventure sports and a whole range of

restaurants and activities but still retains a wonderful unspoilt feel. This is something special that we need to preserve whilst still attracting business to the area, particularly out of season when it can be at its best.

The committee hope that all members will get involved and by working together they can assist with providing the right type of events and options to boost their business. All members will receive an invitation to the "Meet and greet" once the date is finalised. New business owners or anyone interested in tourism who is not yet a member of tourism is welcome to attend.

The Southbroom / Mpenjati area sub-committee for 2016 is as follows:

Deanne Purtell – Chair (Realty 1)	Jolanda Cloete – Vice Chair (San Lameer)
Tom Kosterwski – Sunny Rock B&B	Karen de Rosa (3 Black Dresses)
Jackie Pratt (Southbroom Ratepayers)	Sharlene van der Slikke (Southbroom Conservancy)
Nandipha Conywa – Secretary UGUSC Tourism	George Henderson (Ward Councillor)

See attached press release from San Lameer regarding the new trail route around the estate.

## TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Brandon Saunders who recently opened his shop Gozone in the Village has now joined the Tennis Club committee; here is his latest report from the Club.

*We have begun digging trenches and working on building suitable drainage around the courts. This will be followed by the commencement of the resurfacing of at least one of the courts once the rainy season has subsided. We are still on a fundraising drive to be able to complete our renovations, any local support of any kind would be most welcome.*

*Club championships will start this month for the men's and ladies singles and all doubles championships will start next month.*

*Social tennis is at 2 pm every Wednesday and Saturday, all visitors are welcome.*

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## IN MEMORY OF PAM QUARMBY – *By Joy Crutchfield*

Pam Quarmby passed away peacefully on Saturday 16 April following a devastating stroke. She was not alone. Her children had sufficient time to travel to KZN and were by her side. A legend in so many ways, Pam was an amazing lady - caring, giving and community minded to the very end. In her eighties and battling the side-effects of blood thinning medication, Pam played her last round of golf the Saturday before and carded a respectable score. No one would have expected less from this sweet-swinging past Lady Captain and Lady President of the Southbroom Golf Club. Her passion and enthusiasm for the game had resulted in her looking after the beginner ladies (bunnies) on and off over the years.



Many lady members have Pam's tireless passion and enthusiasm to thank for introducing them to the game that she so loved.

Another passion that Pam gave so freely to Southbroom was her love of beautiful gardens and incredible knowledge of plants. Pam was an active member of Southbroom Conservancy and looked after several of the public planted areas for Southbroom Ratepayers Association. Her biggest gardens in the village were Southbroom Golf Club and Granny's Pool and you would often see Pam in the Library or Police Station gardens and anywhere else that she felt needed care. Always available to give advice, Pam was horticultural expert to many.



Pam & Mavis.  
One of the Golf course gardens Pam cared for.

Pam was also a strong supporter of the SPCA and she and her rescue dog Rusty walked every day. Together with Mavis, they fed the neutered colony of feral cats at the golf club and Pam was always stressed and amazed when young ones appeared. As Pam's Pied Piper car came down the road in the morning, cats would scurry to the feeding station from every corner of the club. Whilst others have kindly taken up the feeding duties, there is no doubt that the cats will continue to listen for Pam's car.

So will many Southbroom villagers who respected Pam's contributions and valued time shared.

## **Southbroom Ratepayers Association**

[www.southbroom.org](http://www.southbroom.org)

[Southbroom.rpa@gmail.com](mailto:Southbroom.rpa@gmail.com)

A complete list of Committee members and contact details for all Southbroom volunteer groups can be found on the website under "contact us".

Please also support our local businesses listed on the website, they support our community.

SAN LAMEER ESTATE  
MAIN ROAD, LOWER SOUTH COAST, KZN  
SAN LAMEER MTB TRAIL & FUN RUN  
EVENT DATE: 19 JUNE 2016



13 APRIL 2016

FINAL VERSION

Hed: **San Lameer Estate Launches Newly built MTB Trail**

Written by: Jolanda Cloete (Marketing & Liaison Co-ordinator San Lameer Estate)

The San Lameer Estate added yet another significant must-experience activity to its massive list of amenities and facilities available on this family resort: our very own on-site Mountain Bike Trail! This trail was built entirely by San Lameer Estate through J.A Landscapes. The trail is graded as intermediate with a Blue Square according to International Trail Marking standards, and has been designed for the whole family to enjoy.

The Main Route Trail of San Lameer is made up of seven inter-leading trails with a total distance of 7km and takes approximately 30 – 50 minutes per lap to complete depending on your pace. The entire Loop of the trail takes in 7 sections of inter-linking single track. The trail consists of approximately 5km single track and 2km paved and gravel road.

On Saturday, 18 June 2016, San Lameer Estate will launch their new MTB trail with a fun-filled day introducing three challenges to interested participants; 4km fun run, 7km Mini Fun Cycle Challenge and the 17km Main Fun Cycle Challenge. Participants with their families can look forward to the following San Lameer has to offer on the day: Kids entertainment area, massage area, hospitality tent and lots of amazing prizes to be won! Giant (also one of the main sponsors) will be staging a bike shop as well as offering repair services and merchandise on the day.

Discounted flights for this event are available through Cemair as well as discounted accommodation packages by San Lameer Hotel & Villa Rentals self-catering accommodation. Interested participants can visit [www.roag.co.za](http://www.roag.co.za) to enter for our **San Lameer MTB & Trail Fun Run & Race**. For more event information contact Jolanda Cloete at San Lameer Estate 039 313 0111/[marketing@sanlameer.co.za](mailto:marketing@sanlameer.co.za).

This trail will take you on a ride through the Estate to view our amazing scenery and wild-life. All you need is your own bike (with tubeless tyres and spares), and friends or family that is game to go the distance with you! So what are you waiting for, come and join us for a fun-filled day when we launch our new exciting Mountain Bike Trail!

Ends