



Hi Everyone,

The Southbroom Ratepayers Association would like to wish all our members and friends everything of the best for 2016. The holiday season was just amazing, extremely busy, great weather and we hope all our visitors enjoyed their stay. The beaches were busy every day and the surf school went a long way to entertain the beachgoers as well as educate the youngsters to enjoy but respect the sea. Many will be happy to know that Southbroom Surf School plan to be back for all the major school holidays this year.



With a few minor exceptions, we would like to thank everyone for adhering to our local by-laws. Fireworks are banned in Southbroom but unfortunately there always one or two who consider themselves above the law, however there were very few incidents this year, the wildlife and pets

appreciate your co-operation. Unfortunately as always, there are one or two dog owners who do not seem to be able to control their dogs. We would again remind you that dogs are not allowed on the bathing beaches and must be controlled at all times both on the streets and on the beaches. Please note that the issue of unruly dogs is NOT an S.A.Police matter, our local police will not respond to reports of incidents with dogs. Kindly report all incidents to: Protection Services 039 688 1000.

Southbroom is a very unique village with an amazing community spirit; the people are passionate about preserving this wonderful feeling and we hope those who have visited us for the first time will come to share this passion.



Southbroom's Floating Wheelchair at Grannys Beach. Thank you Peddy Bam for making this young man's holiday

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM held on 21 December 2015 was well supported, and a copy of my report is included in this newsletter for the benefit of those who were unable to attend. We were pleased to meet most of our 2015 objectives, and the entire committee was re-elected.

There were no items raised under General for the first time that we can remember, so we assume that ratepayers were happy with progress. The only significant decision made was to increase annual subscriptions from R300.00 to R400.00 with effect from 2017.

I am pleased to report that we already have 223 paid up members, and I thank many of the ratepayers who have paid donations in addition to the subscriptions.

REFUSE REMOVAL

We received several complaints about the large volume of refuse bags from businesses being stored on the grass area in the middle of the village. HCM advised that they had experienced problems with the contractor not collecting refuse as per the schedule during the festive season. HCM advised that the delays were due to problems with ageing refuse trucks, and they have gone out to tender for new ones.

We would like to thank the MedVet Centre for sponsoring the large cage in the CBD and strongly request that businesses and complexes follow their example and store refuse either in wheelie bins or wire cages to prevent damage by monkeys during the period that they are awaiting collection. When there is a surplus of recyclable material (e.g. cardboard boxes) these should be taken directly to the HCM refuse depot on Outlook road. Please do NOT dump refuse bags and boxes on the island at the intersection of Gilbert and Eagle streets.

Monkey proof refuse cages can be purchased and installed by Security Consulting Services, only the shop has closed the, business is still operating in Southbroom. Contact Christo on 082 336 4542

Brian Thompson - Chairman

REPORT FROM SOUTHBROOM WATER COMMITTEE (SWC)

The SWC has been working closely with Ugu for over 4 years to ensure that the Southbroom reticulation system is working as efficiently as possible.

We were able to get through the peak period without any major disruption to the water supply. We experienced a few leaks within the Southbroom reticulation system but Ugu responded to reported leaks and restricted the loss of access to water for Southbroom residents. The main fault related to breakages in Link Road which recurred due to the high pressure and old piping.

In early January 2016 Southbroom experienced water outages for several days due to a major break in the Main water supply from Umtamvuna, with the fault situated in Trafalgar. Ugu responded quickly but a combination of old pipes and old faulty valves resulted in the supply of water to Southbroom running completely dry. The repairs were fixed within a day or two but because of the air in the system, it took a further 2 days to bleed air out of the system to enable water to flow to residents. The following was received from the Ugu Senior Manager Water Services on 14 January 2016:

“Firstly let me apologise for the water outage in Southbroom as of last week. Kindly note that the outage was as a result of the main supply pipeline from Palm Beach experienced a burst. Upon executing repairs and recharging the line additional breaks occurred. We also had two valves on the main supply that gave us problems and hence could not perform optimally due to the higher than normal demand. The teams have subsequently rectified this and normal water has been restored.”

During this period there was a significant amount of mis-communication on Facebook which made it more difficult for the SWC to effectively deal with the problem and to resolve issues with Ugu. Consequently, SWC requests all residents that experience a disruption to their water supply or become aware of water leakages to follow the following procedures-

Report the problem to Ugu via - SMS 44751, which goes directly to UGU LEAKS REPORTING and caters for those residents who do not have internet communication.

Report the problem to Ugu via email to info@ugu.gov.za

Report the problem to Ugu Call Centre at 0800092837 or 039 688 5830 .

In all instances residents must obtain a reference number.

This procedure will then enable the SWC to follow up with Ugu any complaints which have been reported to UGU. SWC will not respond to complaints unless this procedure has been followed. In the event of a water outage for an extended period, SWC have arranged with UGU to supply water tankers to the HCM offices in IMBEZANA drive where residents will have access to a supply of water. This event will be communicated via the Southbroom Facebook Page as well as notices in the village.

WATER RESTRICTIONS (See Ugu Notice below)

The water restrictions recently published by Ugu currently apply in Southbroom. Please ensure your staff is aware of these restrictions, particularly if you own a holiday or rental home and are not permanently resident.

Many homes in Southbroom have boreholes or large rainwater storage tanks therefore before reporting violations make sure Ugu water is being utilised.

Please note that Southbroom Golf Course is irrigated with harvested rainwater.

We encourage all our residents to install rainwater tanks and to utilise grey water to irrigate their gardens.

The SWC can advise further.



Ugu District Municipality

PUBLIC NOTICE:

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Ugu District Municipality hereby informs its customers that the Municipality has instituted water restrictions throughout Ugu District in terms of: Part 7, Section 57 and 58 of the Ugu District Municipality Water and Sanitation Services By-laws with immediate effect.

Water Restrictions include the following:

- The Use of manual and/or automatic sprinkler or irrigation systems is forbidden.
- Allowing taps and showers to run unattended, as well as leaking cisterns and taps will be regarded as an offence.
- The use of Fire hydrants and Fire hoses for any purpose other than fire fighting is forbidden.
- Car wash services are to use buckets only and no high pressure systems.
- Filling of pools is forbidden.

Households and businesses that fail to comply with this notice will result in strict fines of up to R4 000 being issued.

The water restrictions will remain in force until further notice.

Customer cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

ISSUED BY:

MR DD NAIDOO

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALTY

**Let us save Ugu District from drought
by using water responsibly!**

2016 LOCAL ELECTIONS – SOUTHBROOM WARD SPLIT

Our Councillor George Henderson has reported that the local elections will take place sometime between 18th May and 17th August this year. There will be 2 registration weekends notably 5 & 6th of March and 9 & 10th of April 2016.

The Demarcation Board had decided (in conflict with its own rules and despite objections)) that:

- An area of Ward 6 above the Margate Retirement Village will be coming into Ward 2
- Ramsgate and Southbroom north of Link Road will remain in Ward 2
- Southbroom south of Link Road will be in Ward 7
- Marina Beach and Trafalgar will go into Ward 9

Registration & Voting stations will be as follows:

- Margate and Ramsgate up to Shooters Hill will be at the Rhema Church
- Ramsgate south of Shooters Hill and Southbroom north will be the Assembly of God Church in John Caine Road Ramsgate
- Southbroom south will be at Paradise Resort
- Marina Beach and Trafalgar remain unchanged.

George Henderson will be preparing maps showing all the above and distribute them to the various Ratepayer Associations for further distribution. SRA will post the maps on the notice board at the post boxes.

If you are a registered voter you may need to check your status for the Municipal elections due to the ward change. You can check on line at www.elections.org.za

Please note that this will only affect our residents for voting purposes. Southbroom will not be literally split into two; however your Ratepayers Association committee members will now need to work with both Ward 2 and Ward 7 Councillors and committees to ensure services and standards are maintained throughout the village; yet another meeting to attend.

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Southbroom has had a record holiday season with little to no crime. Congratulations to the local Police Force, reservists, security companies and the CPF for a job well done. It has however come to light, by word of mouth, that there were some minor break-ins which residents have not reported to the Police and/or CPF. Almost all of these incidents arose from poor security, such as not locking external security gates, not arming alarms or external beams and leaving cell phones, laptops, cameras etc., lying around near entrances in full view.

If incidents are not reported this negatively affects the efforts of all concerned as the records and findings of all break-ins and nature of the events assists the team formulating patterns which in turn results in prevention going forward and arrests. We strongly urge all residents to immediately report ALL crime, however minor, as well as suspicious activities, to the local police station on 039 316 6760. This will enable us to check the cameras, get dog handlers to the crime scene as well as to take finger prints.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CONSERVANCY CORNER

The annual General Meeting of the Conservancy, held at the Southbroom Golf club on Thursday 7th January, was very well attended. Sharlene van der Slikke was voted into the Chair and below is a copy of Sharlene's message to Conservancy members.

Welcome to Southbroom Conservancy 2016 and a very warm thank you to everyone who made the effort, through much needed rain, to attend the AGM. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and guest speaker Isabel Gillespie from Rhino Knights.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for being nominated, for being given the privilege to serve as Chair on the committee. It is somewhat overwhelming to be voted in as the newest and youngest member of the team. Please be assured of my very best endeavours based on my true passion and interest in all forms of wildlife, nature and the conservation/preservation thereof.

Moreover my deepest thanks go to Peddy Bam and David Halle for all the years gone before with their excellent leadership and mentoring and involvement in the Conservancy. You are both extremely special people with such a passion for conservation, your efforts unwavering and inspiring. It is the very thing that drives our wonderful and dedicated team – Southbroom bears witness to this fact and still strives to be a beacon of excellence. Peddy thank you for being such a solid listener and offering much wise counsel on numerous occasions this past year; for keeping us all moving along together harmoniously and effectively; for being a walking encyclopaedia; and for keeping such a watchful eye on all the flora and fauna of Southbroom. Thank you for all I have learnt these few years which has given me a little confidence to step out. However the large shoes present an enormous challenge to fill and I still have much to learn. We have already had our first committee meeting to set the momentum in place for the year ahead.

We have a number of new and exciting ideas, developments and projects on the go for 2016 with an express aim to draw our wonderful community in!

John Bailey and Felicity Cotton, I am sad you have resigned, we need all the help we can get, it will not be the same without you, our deepest thanks to you for all the years of dedication and involvement.

VISION AND PROJECTS FOR 2016

Maintaining Southbroom is on-going as we all know, however every year we need to incorporate added dimensions in order to grow as well. Below is a basic outline of our scope of activities for the year. We welcome any offers of help from our members, it will be greatly appreciated, either by way of donations or commitment of manpower.

- 1. Alien plant control – is an on-going project with a large emphasis on eradication of "Sword Fern" Awareness through posters around town to be included.*
- 2. Rehabilitation of the old dump site with subsequent extension of the Bushbuck Trail.*
- 3. Educate Southbroomers to eradicate artificial food sources for monkeys*
- 4. Awareness through signage and literature as to proper fishing, cray-fishing and bait principles as well as respect for our marine life. (see poster attached)*
- 5. Purchase, installation and manning of our own Conservancy camera to aid with illegal poaching and waste dumping.*
- 6. Develop triangular town centre land into a garden to eliminate dumping space.*
- 7. Southbroom Conservancy Notice Board to be erected with general info for the members and public.*
- 8. Clean Up Southbroom campaign*
- 9. First snake talk scheduled for the end of March 2016*
- 10. Adopt a Tree, including tree labelling project*
- 11. Tentative move towards establishing a Southbroom Nature Club, depending on there being enough interest and participating parties.*
- 12. Dedicated Southbroom Conservancy newsletter.*

“ADOPT A TREE INITIATIVE” : Powered by Southbroom Conservancy

To our dear Southbroom Residents, as you all are aware the large old pines in Southbroom Avenue have been removed and replaced by beautiful new indigenous trees. These are our heritage for many years to come. The Southbroom Conservancy is looking for volunteers to adopt these newly planted trees. Instructions will be given on how to care for them on hand-over. A minimal cost of R50 will be charged which includes the labelling.

If you are interested, please contact Nicola Mackenzie by email at nicola.mackenzie@telkomsa.net on 039 3168786 OR Peddy Bam at helped@mweb.co.za on 039 3166318.

Once all the trees have been lovingly adopted there will be a special get-together to acknowledge this wonderful event!

Thank you Southbroom Residents for your continued support!

NOTICE ABOUT TREE CUTTING

It has come to the attention of the Conservancy that often tree felling/trimming takes place in the garden, for one or other reason, but often without any thought or care as to which tree it is. We urge you to think twice before just chopping away at old trees. Please, a gentle reminder to

- a) Check that the tree you are chopping away at is not part of the protected tree list
- b) Only chop if it is absolutely necessary.

We need to keep our trees especially if they are indigenous and old. Trimming is sometimes inevitable but one should take the utmost care to preserve the tree, preferably call in a professional. Should you not be sure which tree it actually is or whether it is indigenous; help is just a phone call away. Please contact our resident tree fundis Anne Skelton on 0828967814 or Peddy Bam on 0827713158, they would be more than happy to assist.

Our thanks to those residents who have been exceptionally diligent in this regard, and have taken great care to nurture the trees in their gardens, and elsewhere in the village.

Below is a list of protected trees:

Cheese wood *Pittosporum viridiflorum*
Red milk wood *Mimusops caffra*
White milkwood *Sideroxylon inerme*
Powderpuff tree *Barringtonia racemosa*
Bushman's tea *Catha edulis*
Pondo Bushman's tea *Lydenburgia abbottii*
Pondo weeping thorn *Colubrina nicholsonii*
Outeniqua Yellowwood *Podocarpus falcatus*
Pondo poison pea *Tephrosia pondoensis*
Red mangrove *Rhizophora mucronata*

Our rhyme is All indigenous trees are protected but some are Specially protected

Once again we attach the National list of Protected Trees as per the Government.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016

Conservancy Subscriptions are due as at 1st January each year and Ratepayers subscriptions are due on 1st November each year. Although Ratepayers, Conservancy and CPF work very closely together, they are separate organisations. Surprisingly only a very small percentage of ratepayers are members of the Conservancy, which is rather sad as our natural flora and fauna is what really makes Southbroom unique, the more money Conservancy have in their fund the better they can manage and preserve the area for the future. We encourage everyone to join both SRA and Conservancy to ensure both have sufficient funding to maintain and improve our lovely village.

For your convenience we attach the 2016 subscription form, which covers both organisations. Southbroom Ratepayers should have received their 2016 Invoice and Conservancy members have been sent a reminder, however if you have not yet joined or paid up for this year please complete and return the attached form, making sure you send your POP to the relevant email address so that your payment can be correctly allocated.

Thank you for your continued support.

SOUTHBROOM/MPENJATI TOURISM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Outlook Trading Post at 15.30 on Thursday 11th February 2016. There will be a tour of the Banana Farm on arrival after which the meeting will commence at approximately 1700, followed by snacks and drinks.

We would encourage not only existing members of Tourism but all local businesses and organisations to attend. Let's face it we live in a holiday town therefore everyone is affected by tourism. If you feel you can make a contribution, even if you don't own a business, the area sub-committee are seeking enthusiastic new committee members who can assist in organising suitable events and projects to improve visitor experience and bring more people to the town out of season.

Funding is available from Tourism for various projects but without a strong area committee to motivate this funding Southbroom/Mpenjati may miss the opportunity to make improvements and add suitable attractions in keeping with the area. The Southbroom/Mpenjati area is unique therefore we need a strong committee prepared to work together not only with Ugu South Coast Tourism but also the Ratepayers and Conservancy groups to preserve this individuality and ensure any events or attractions introduced enhance and add value to the lifestyle of residents and visitors.

Don't forget to check out the Southbroom Ratepayers Website www.southbroom.org for contact details of local services and an up to date list of all volunteer groups. Please also check the business listing, all those listed are members of SRA and support the community, we therefore urge you to utilise their services whenever possible.

Please see below a notice from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife regarding marine poaching and restrictions on seafood. Please also note that Southbroom Conservancy has requested a voluntary ban on the collection of mussels for one year in order to allow the baby mussels to mature and the mussel stock to return to previous levels.

Kind Regards
Southbroom Ratepayers Association
Sourthbroom.rpa@gmail.com



WARNING

IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ALL RECREATIONAL ANGLERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SELL AND/OR BUY CRAYFISH & SHAD

This includes the buying & selling of ALL recreational marine species

Who is a Recreational Angler?

These are people who fish for fun, sport or personal consumption. They require a recreational permit to engage in fishing. This includes the harvest of intertidal resources such as mussels, crayfish and octopus.

Why is Buying Seafood from a Recreational Angler Illegal?

In terms of the Marine Living Resources Act (MLR Act) they are not allowed to sell, earn money or exchange any fish for consideration. Recreational fish species are placed in this category because they cannot withstand commercial fishing pressure (biological reasons). Buying illegal seafood threatens the sustainable management of our fisheries resources and the livelihood of the legitimate commercial fishing industry, which is managed to ensure there are fish for the future.



REPORT ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES TO THE
EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE MARINE ANTI POACHING HOTLINE
083 380 6298



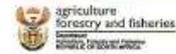
WARNING

Your Health is at Risk When Buying from Illegal Sellers
Recreationally caught seafood is not subject to any of the food safety measures required under the Health Act. The incorrect storage and handling of seafood can lead to serious health hazards. When buying illegal seafood you are placing your health at serious risk.

What Happens if You're Caught Buying or Selling Recreational Caught Seafood?

You will receive an Admission of Guilt fine of **R500** for each fish you have in your possession up to **R2 500** thereafter you will be charged in court.

FISHING SECTOR/INDUSTRY	CAN I BUY	COMMENTS
Commercial Fishers These are people who belong to companies that have fishing rights and permits to catch fish to sell. These include large scale trawl and long lining fisheries, rock lobster fisheries and the commercial component of the line fishery.	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They comply with very strict permit conditions that make provision for bag limits, size limits, closed seasons, gear restrictions & area limitations. They target non recreational fish species. The entire livelihood of commercial fishers is solely dependent on the money they obtain from their catches. They need your support.
Fish Processing Establishment or Registered Supplier These are registered business that deal in seafood legally obtained through importation or bought direct from fishing companies or commercial fishers.	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legitimate commercial seafood is assured. Seafood is handled in accordance with strict health standards.
Recreational Fishers These are people who fish for fun, sport or personal consumption. They require a recreational permit to engage in fishing. This includes the harvest of intertidal resources such as mussels, crayfish and octopus.	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of the MLR Act they are not allowed to sell, earn money or exchange any fish for consideration. Recreational species are placed in this category because they cannot withstand commercial fishing pressure (biological reasons). Recreational fishers, like other sportsmen, should not sell resources to cover their costs, or expect to subsidise their recreational activities.
Subsistence Fishers These are formally recognised sector with management systems including permit systems, allocation procedures and monitoring in place.	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recreational fish species targeted cannot withstand commercial fishing pressure (biological reasons). They may only barter their fish within their local communities.



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