



Hi Everyone,

Another holiday is upon us and we welcome all our regular visitors back to their “second home”.

Our beaches are looking fantastic and thanks to the efforts and contributions from members of your Ratepayers Association, the facilities have had a bit of a facelift and should be in good working order. Tower 13 Lifeguards have now taken over in Southbroom and the lifeguards hut will be undergoing maintenance and a facelift shortly. The Lifeguards will be on duty during the holiday and at weekends out of season. For your own safety please obey the lifeguards and only swim between the flags. If you ignore the flags you can get into dangerous currents and may get swept out to sea .

In consideration of other beachgoers please do not leave your gezebo on the grass banks overnight and please remember the lifeguards are not there to save your spot, they have more important things to do.

If it is one of those days when the wind has blown you off the beach why not take the kids to Eyles Park. Just behind the tennis club there is now a lovely Jungle Gym where they can work off some energy or take a stroll along the Bush Buck Trail, if you can keep the kids quiet you may spot some unusual birds and if you are lucky, in the early evening you may even see a duiker or bushbuck.

THE SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS WEBSITE

The website www.southbroom.org has recently been updated with the latest contact details for local service providers and all the volunteer groups such as Ratepayers, Conservancy, CPF, sports Clubs etc. Please also check out the Business Directory where you will find everything you need from home maintenance and improvements to shopping, health and beauty and places to eat, as well as a list of accommodation available in Southbroom. Please support the local business people, these are the guys who support the community.

SOME HOUSEKEEPING DO'S AND DON'T'S

REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse is collected on MONDAY morning, usually early and regardless of public holidays. There is a separate collection for recycled waste. Please utilise the clear plastic bags available from Saverite Supermarket for your recycling. Place both your black bags and clear bags on your verge on Monday morning, preferably in a wheelie bin or cage to avoid tampering by monkeys. If you are unable to put out your refuse on Monday please take it to the depot in Outlook road. REFUSE MUST ONLY BE PLACED ON THE VERGE ON MONDAY MORNING.

DOGS

Southbroom is a dog friendly village and we love to see the dogs and their owners enjoying our beaches but please be considerate to others and obey the by-laws.

Dogs are **not allowed** on the bathing beaches, i.e: Southbroom Main Beach, Grannys Pool and Umkobi beach and a fine may be imposed if you are caught with your dog on any of these beaches.

Please use the lovely long dog friendly beach south of Grannys Pool all the way down to the rocks on the north side of Umkobi beach and do ensure your dogs are under control at all times.

Courtesy bags are available at the entrances to all the dog friendly beaches, please make use of these and clean up after your dogs.

When walking dogs around the village they must be on a leash at all times.

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM MATTERS

At a recent meeting the CPF committee discussed the issue of security matters being discussed in the Southbroom Facebook group they advise as follows:

1. The CPF request all ratepayers and residents of Southbroom that if they are aware of any crime and/or suspicious persons and/or vehicles in the area that they direct their enquiries/observations to the local police station in Southbroom who will then investigate and take the necessary action.
2. Secondly the CPF wants to bring to the attention of all residents and ratepayers who have burglar alarms to please have their alarms and batteries tested on a regular basis. We are informed by the security companies that the assessment will be free however if there needs to be repairs then this would be charged for by the respective security firms.
3. With regards to wireless burglar alarms it is imperative that these are also checked on a more frequent basis.

Please also be aware that holiday times are prime times for crime, especially those who have holiday homes, please be particularly vigilant when you first arrive, lock away all valuables such as electronic devices, handbags and wallets and ensure all access points are secure. Please contact the local police on 039 316 6760 if you see anything suspicious, DO NOT discuss it on FB. Although the Southbroom News Updates group is a closed group it is impossible for Admin to do a background check on everyone who joins the group.

If you are not yet a member of the Ratepayers Association, even if you don't own a property but are renting or visit regularly we need your support; you can join up on line or send an email to southbroom.rpa@gmail.com with your details.

We do hope you have a wonderful holiday and if you have any problems or queries during your stay please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee.

Southbroom Ratepayers Association