

## SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS NEWSLETTER - MAY 2012

A Southbroom Ratepayers, Conservancy, Policing and Library Initiative

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Since the last Newsletter, in December 2011, until recently there has not been a great deal to report. The AGM was well attended and with the exception of Graham Volck, who stood down as Treasurer after several years dedicated service, the whole committee were voted back in. Richard Derman has replaced Graham as Treasurer, he brings new enthusiasm and energy to the committee and we welcome him on board.

The New Year Party was an outstanding success; funds raised will assist in maintaining the facilities of Southbroom, eg the Tennis Club, Bowling Club and Grannies Pool.

Both the December and Easter holiday seasons were buzzing with our regular visitors and other holiday makers; it would seem that more people are coming to appreciate the more relaxed atmosphere of Southbroom as opposed to the "happening" North coast.

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM many of you may remember that members were very unhappy with the service, or lack thereof, we have been receiving from Hibiscus Coast Municipality (HCM). In the past months your committee, and especially your Chairman, have been working tirelessly in an effort to resolve some of the issues, but to date results have been disappointing.

It was therefore decided that the time had come to act; at the request of a group of concerned Ratepayers a Special General Meeting was duly called on Saturday 28th April 2011. The meeting was very well attended by Southbroom Ratepayers as well as representatives from other towns within HCM, and Councillor George Henderson.

This newsletter is intended for ratepayers and residents of Southbroom, KZN, SA.

Southbroom Ratepayers Association; Southbroom Conservancy; Southbroom Community Policing Forum; Southbroom Property Owners Association; Southbroom Library

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#### LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm

Saturdays: 9am - 11am

After much discussion the meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal that **Southbroom Ratepayers Association will begin the process of Declaring a Dispute with the Hibiscus Coast Municipality over Service Delivery issues.** These issues are to be itemised and documented by a sub-committee to be formed soonest. (Full transcript of the Minutes is available on the website or from The Secretary). This is just the start of the process, Oliver Ransome, Chairman of the South Coast Ratepayers & Residents Association, will work with all the other towns to join forces and show a united front to the HCM.

### **WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL RATEPAYERS IF WE ARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

If you are not already a member of the Southbroom Ratepayers Association (SRPA) PLEASE do join as soon as possible. For those of you who are not aware, although you are a Ratepayer and pay your rates you are not automatically a member of the Association. SRPA is a voluntary organisation working towards improving and maintaining Southbroom for future generations. Membership is a mere R200 per year and you can sign up on line or by completing the form attached to this newsletter.

The database, which we *should* receive annually from HCM, is hopelessly out of date, we have less than 400 email addresses and only 30% of Ratepayers are members of the SBRA. If you have not been receiving newsletters and notices via email please either drop the Secretary a mail with your name, Lot No, Tel and email or click on the "subscribe" button on the website and confirm your details.

### **PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

If you are not currently a member of the Association, please complete the form below and return by post or fax together with you payment, alternatively you may email your details and confirmation of payment to [southbroom@telkomsa.net](mailto:southbroom@telkomsa.net). THANK YOU for your support

## 2012 SUBSCRIPTION INVOICE

### SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

<b>Annual sub:</b> <b>R200</b>	<b>Donation:</b> <b>R</b>	<b>Standard Bank Margate – 057528</b> <b>Account Number - 053386744</b>
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### MEMBER DETAILS

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## SOUTHBROOM TENNIS CLUB

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday at 2pm. Visitors welcome @ R30

Visitors may use the courts on any other days, please place R30 in the "Honesty Box" provided.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS will be played, for the first time for four years, over the weekend of 5th and 6th May.

The Tennis Club are very grateful to the Ratepayers for the donation towards maintenance and resurfacing the courts; the improved facilities are already paying dividends; there is renewed interest in the Club and they are now moving forward with good attendances.

## SOUTHBROOM BOWLING CLUB

Tabs in Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 14H14

Friday "Sundowner Bowls" starting at 15H15

Quiz nights are held regularly at the Bowling club. For more information contact Chairman - Hans Witjman

Cell : 082 871 3097

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## SOUTHBROOM/MPENJATI TOURISM ASSOCIATION

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The Tourism Association will be launching their new Brochure "4 Lazy Beaches" at the Coffee on the Square on Thursday 10th May. For more info Contact Nandipha at : [southbroom@tourismsouthcoast.co.za](mailto:southbroom@tourismsouthcoast.co.za)

## RECYCLING

A reminder that there is a recycling Depot in front of the Municipal Offices in Imbezane Drive. Please purchase your pink bags from the store and place ALL waste for recycling in the bag. (See list of items that may be recycled on the Notice board at the Postboxes)

There is a separate glass depot but you may also put small glass items in the bags.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure all containers are rinsed and dry before placing them in the bag.

## SOCIAL NETWORKING

For many Southbroom people Social networking means chatting around the bridge table, however FaceBook and Twitter are taking over the world and used properly they can be a good way to keep up to date with what's going on around us.

You can follow Southbroom on Twitter, just search for @NewsSouthbroom (the caps are important) and you can have your say. If you are on FaceBook, you can join the group - Southbroom News Updates. We will try to post the latest news and developments on these sites and would love to have input from Southbroom people.

## ROADS

The SRPA maintains a list of roads with potholes and other problems which is regularly forwarded to HCM. It is important to keep this list going and to add any new problems. Please advise your committee of any new issues in your area to add to the list

## TIDAL POOLS

### Grannies Pool:

Thanks to the efforts of SRPA and particularly Southbroom Conservancy, the leak in the tidal pool was fixed in time for the December holidays. The ablution block and walkways were in serious need of maintenance, but as there was no indication that HCM would carry out the work in the foreseeable future SRPA had the work done at their expense.

### Main Beach Tidal Pool

HCM have undertaken to repair the pool, work was again delayed until after the Easter holidays, to date there is no sign of work commencing, we will continue to monitor the situation.

## REFUSE

A reminder that collection days are on Mondays. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT BLACK BAGS ON THE VERGE ON ANY OTHER DAYS.** We have Monkeys in Southbroom. Please consider investing in a cage, especially if you have a holiday home and are not in a position to have someone put out your refuse on the collection day. Southbroom Security Services (opposite the Coffee Shop) will install one promptly and efficiently.

## WEBSITE ADVERTISING

All local businesses who are paid up members of Southbroom Ratepayers Association, are entitled to a free listing on the website and a link to their own website if they wish. If your business is not already listed please contact The Secretary to update your information. Several new businesses have moved into Southbroom recently and we would encourage them to join the Association and get their free listing.

We also offer a limited number of spaces for local businesses to advertise, i.e the Ads at the top and down the side of the homepage, which run through the site.

The annual fee for the two "ears" (the Ads on the top corners) is R2000 and for the side Ads R1200 p.a. payable in July each year. Existing advertisers will be invoiced and will have first option to renew. We do not want to clutter the website with a whole lots of Ads and annoying "pop-ups" but we are considering "scrolling" Ads. If we were to go this route we could accommodate several more Ads and also generate a little more income to cover the cost of keeping the website up to date and serve our members more efficiently

TO ADVERTISE :  
[Email: jaxpratt@mweb.co.za](mailto:jaxpratt@mweb.co.za)  
Tel 083-654-6922

## SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY

### Appeal to Dog owners

It has been reported that a group of large dogs off lead have been seen chasing a Grey Duiker on the Golf Course. Our Wildlife are already under threat due to development therefore dogs should not be allowed to wander freely around bushy areas. We appeal to all dog owners to act responsibly and keep your pets under control.

### Share you photos and wildlife experiences

If you see any interesting "Nature" happenings on your daily walks or even in your own garden, please do pass on your stories, preferably with photos for David Halle to include in the Conservancy News

## JEWELS OF THE SOUTH COAST

### Presentation by Martin Rautenbach

This beautiful orchid, a *Dysa Cafra* was found in the Umtamvuma Reserve in August last year. This specific orchid has not been seen on the South Coast for the last 15 years. **this is really a Jewel.**

On Friday 25th May 2012 at 18H00 at the Southbroom Golf Club, Martin Rautenbach will be giving a short presentation on the beautiful orchids that grow in the wild from Umtamvuma to Durban and inland to Kokstad.



Dont miss this if you love your Planet.