



Hi Everyone,

Southbroom has been buzzing for several weeks now with all the long weekends and holiday breaks and what amazing weather we have been blessed with for all to enjoy. Whilst the nights are closing in and there is a chill in the air early morning and evening, we are still enjoying some lovely balmy May weather, arguably the best time of year along our coast.

The ladies arrived on Sunday for the annual Ladies Golf Classic, the course is in superb condition and the ladies look gorgeous dressed in all their lovely bright team colours. We hope they enjoy three days filled with great golf and happy memories and we look forward to welcoming them back next year. Don't forget to support the sponsors, without them this event would not happen.

CHAIRMANS REPORT by Brian Thompson

HIBISCUS COAST MUNICIPALITY BUDGET PRESENTATION

The highlights of a presentation made on the HCM 2014/15 budget on 10 April 2014 are:

1. Rates will increase by 7%
2. HCM will focus on reducing people costs, to enable more funds for services (but this will take some time):
 - No new approved positions
 - Work study review to determine optimal complements will be funded by KZN Province
 - R2.0m budgeted for productivity review by Productivity SA
 - R24m budgeted for temporary labour is a legacy issue which will be phased out over 2-3 years
3. Roads budget will increase by 34% to R26.7m. This includes R11m for pothole repairs, R10m for road maintenance (resealing), R3m for storm water drains and R3m for plant hire. There will be a further large increase for roads in the 2015/16 budget.
4. Capex for roads and bridges has been increased to R37m. R0.5m has been budgeted to refurbish Link Road in Southbroom, but we have asked for the budget to be increased to R0.9m so that all 900 metres can be refurbished.
5. Capex of R1.0m has been budgeted for the main beach tidal pool.

HCM were very willing to listen to complaints/improvements, and had a very positive attitude.

MAYORAL IMBIZO

The highlights of a presentation made on the Ugu 2014/15 budget on 24 April 2014:

- Ugu made a loss of R39m in 2013/14, and have made cost cuts to achieve a budget profit of R35m in 2014/15 to try and recover the losses.
- The Speaker apologised for the 2-3 week water outages in Ramsgate, which he blamed on ageing infrastructure.

- The budget for pipeline replacement has been increased to R54m
 - R50m has been budgeted to increase capacity at the Umtamvuma water works, which is the main bulk water supply to Southbroom

We also advised the HCM mayor of the following concerns:

- The urgent need to repair the leaking drain and septic tank at the main beach
- The need for more budget to be allocated to the refurbishment and maintenance of roads, as well as pothole repairs
- The delays in awarding a contract for the repairs of the tidal pool.

ROADS

HCM have started the repairs to the drains and wash-aways on Lagoon road (which was damaged by heavy rains). They have also graded some dirt roads (e.g. Umkobi drive).

HCM have started to repair potholes in Southbroom roads. Please notify services@hcm.gov.za of any potholes that you are aware of.

We are waiting for a response from HCM with regard to a cooperation agreement to investigate initiatives to improve Southbroom roads.

A budget has been allocated to refurbish Link road after July 2014.

WATER SUPPLY

There was a water outage of about 12 hours on 19 April 2014. Ugu have advised that this was because of a 200mm pipe break that was experienced at the entrance to San Lameer. The Southbroom reservoir had to be closed off to enable teams to repair the breakage. As is normal with outages of this nature there was a lot of air in the system post opening, and the control valve at the Southbroom reservoir had to be bled of air to ensure that it operates correctly. We believe that the valve (35 years old) is faulty, and have requested a meeting with the Ugu municipal manager to review the cause of the outage and to have the valve replaced.

Please report all water leaks to UGU WATER CONTROL at 079 137 2224

MAIN BEACH

The repairs to the drain and septic tank near the estuary which HCM made in January were not effective, and we have requested that HCM attend to this urgently.

The contractor has been appointed to carry out the extensive repairs and upgrade to the main beach tidal pool and immediate surrounding area and moved onto site on Monday 5th May. This is a major undertaking as the underside of the pool is eroded and will take some 4 months to complete, dependent on weather/tidal conditions.

BEACH ABLUTIONS

HCM awarded a new contract for the cleaning of beach ablutions in September 2013, but the new service provider does not seem to have the capacity for this work, and has been treating the cleaners terribly. The result is that the ablutions are often locked when the cleaners do not come to work. We have had several meetings with HCM, and have assisted the cleaners where possible. We continue to monitor the situation, but would appreciate any comments. Please send any specific complaints to services@hcm.gov.za.

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

Please note that Ugu Municipality launched a fraud and corruption hotline as below, which can also be used for HCM.

The community is urged to be responsible and report crime at 0801 111 660, or fax: 086 5222 816, or email: information@whistleblowing.co.za or post to PO Box 51006, Musgrave, 4001.

SOUTHBROOM LIBRARY

The library is about to receive a face lift. In the next couple of weeks we will be painting the inside and apologise to all our members for any inconvenience during this time.

We have just bought some new books so as usual we are right up to date with the latest releases. If you have books in good condition you no longer need, including children's books, please donate them to the library.

SOUTHBROOM TENNIS CLUB

The tennis courts were very busy during the last few weeks with many visitors taking the opportunity to enjoy a game. Unfortunately when the "Honesty Box" at the Club was checked there was only R30 in the box. Visitors are requested to pop their R30 in the box at the Clubhouse every time they play; in the past this system has worked well but it seems many now take advantage of a free game.

Although the Tennis Club received a grant from Southbroom Ratepayers to resurface and upgrade the courts and clubhouse, they rely entirely on membership fees, visitors donations and fundraising to maintain the courts and pay staff.

If you played tennis in Southbroom during April and May and forgot to pay we would urge you to contact Luise Mohr : luise@sbelite.co.za 072 972 7530 in order to make a donation.

Sad to say due to a few abusing the facilities, in future the courts will be locked. Keen players are encouraged to join the Tennis Club for a very reasonable annual fee; once a member you can play at any time.

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY

REFUSE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

For anyone new to the village a reminder that both black refuse bags and clear recycle bags are collected on MONDAY. Please put your bags out early, preferably in a cage or wheelie bin to keep the monkeys out. If you cannot put your bags out on Monday you can take them to the transfer depot in Outlook Road, near the south entrance.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE BAGS ON THE VERGE ON ANY OTHER DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

Clear recycling bags can be purchased from the Southbroom Store.

See attached poster for further details on recycling.

RECYCLING OF OLD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Please DO NOT take your old computers, printers etc., to the Oatlands landfill site, this equipment is very toxic and can ultimately contaminate our water supply.

PC MAGIC in Ramsgate (opposite the BP Garage) will accept most electronic equipment other than TVs for recycling. In many cases they are able to use the parts rebuild a computer which they donate to local schools and charities. PC Magic has assisted Southbroom Conservancy with fund raising events and we can highly recommend their services.

SHARKS AND SHARK NETS

The conservancy has organised a talk by Debbie Hargreaves from the Sharks Board Durban. Debbie will talk about the shark-nets and the ecology of sharks. Entrance is free.

VENUE: SB Golf Club,

DATE : Thursday 29th May.

TIME: 5-30 pm

RECYCLING

DO and DON'T



YES, PLEASE	NO, THANK YOU
All Rinsed & Dry	Anything WET/ DIRTY
Separated as below	
Glass: bottles, jars, windowpanes except plate	NO. FOOD, PERSONAL USE ITEMS eg nappies
Cans: soft drink cans, tin cans, scrap metal	NO. Dirty paper, used cotton wool, ear buds
Paper: newspaper, magazines, stationery, cardboard - flattened	ANYTHING THAT CAN GO ROTTEN
Cartons (Plastic lined): Milk and juice cartons - flattened	NO. Mirrors, porcelain, pottery
Plastic - soft: drink & water bottles	NO. Polystyrene: food punnets, cups, netting
Plastic - intermediate: milk, yoghurt, ice cream containers	NO. Electrical or Electronic items
Plastic - hard: detergent bottles, HTH cannisters, tables, chairs, blinds, buckets and basins.	NO. Old clothing/ towels, wooden items
Plastic - end stage: black/blue shiny food punnets	NO. Builders rubble and garden / street sweepings
It is not essential to separate but 4 supermarket bags inside the white recycling bag is great. Thank you.	
Bins are available for batteries, household globes	
Do not take electronic goods to the landfill. PC WIZARD in Ramsgate will take old PC's Printers etc for recycling	

Southbroom Conservancy presents:



The Concert in the Park **Proceeds in aid of CANSA**



Join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun; bring your picnic lunch, bbq meat, tongs, drinks and chairs, and we will provide a secure setting, the bbq fires ... and great entertainment. Or if you prefer, pre-order a picnic box, a prego roll & salad or soup & a roll and have your chosen meal awaiting you.

Share in this exciting community event whilst supporting the fight against the dread disease of cancer that has touched the lives of so many of us.

Tickets: R85pp, children free.

All proceeds after expenses to be donated to CANSA.

DATE: Sunday 6th July

PLACE: Eyles Park

TIMES: Lunch: 12—14.00 / Concert: 14.00—16.30

Please note that this is a ticket-only event so get your tickets early.

Tickets will be available from the 1st June - sales points to be advised



**Arina de Witt -
presenting
popular ballads and
light classical songs**



**Vicky and her
laid-back sax**

The other performing
artists will be
announced soon.

For more information contact Dawne Murray on 083-7032171

Some interesting information about a nasty Alien Invader

Invasive Species
Identification Kit

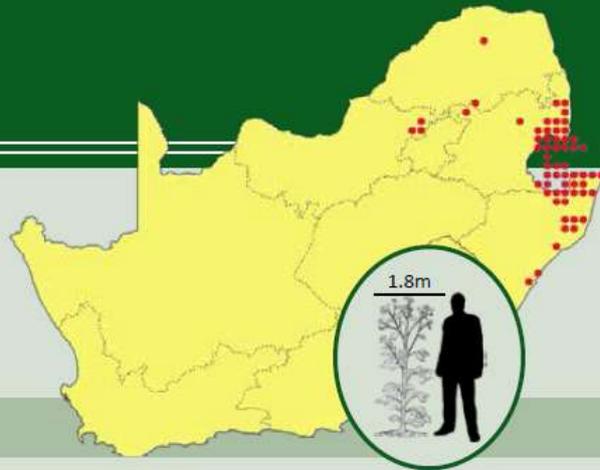
Famine weed

(*Parthenium hysterophorus*)



Invasive Status

CARA Category 1 Invader



Characteristics to look out for:



Flower



Leaf



Stem



Seedlings



Environmental Affairs
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Water Affairs



SANBI
Biodiversity for Life



Famine weed is a threat to:



Agriculture

Land is invaded...



Tourism

Wildlife loses grazing...



Livestock

Reduced grazing...

How to remove famine weed



Options for physical and chemical removal include:

- Pull the plant out from the roots before flowering.
- Burn famine weed once dry.
- Spray all emerging plants and leaves with a registered herbicide.

**WEAR PROTECTIVE GLOVES,
FACEMASK AND CLOTHING
AT ALL TIMES**

Famine weed is a health risk



Constant contact with famine weed causes the following health problems:

- Skin rashes
- Watery eyes
- Sneezing (hayfever)
- Coughing

If you have come into contact with famine weed:

- Wash your hands with cold water
- See a doctor if symptoms develop



We do hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. If you have any suggestions, queries or contributions please contact the relevant committee member. All contact numbers can be found on our website www.southbroom.org