

# *Southbroom* *Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa*

## **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2018**

Hi Everyone,

It has been rather a long time since our last Newsletter, sorry about that, pretty much due to the fact that your scribe moved house, still in Southbroom, and then took a break to recover. Just catching up now with all that's been happening here during the last few months.

What amazing weather we are having, such stunning days and lovely cooler nights, the perfect week for the big one at the Golf Club the Ladies Classic and a great day for the ladies who attended the Royal Wedding at the Club last Sunday.

It is good to see The Driftwood Centre getting a facelift. A big thank you to all the local businesses and community members who go out of their way to "keep Southbroom beautiful"; we now have a very attractive CBD we can all be proud of. All we need now is for our municipality to sort out the roads, but I will leave that to our Chairman Brian Thompson and our man in the hot seat Richard Bridgeford, to cover.

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT *by Brian Thompson***

#### **BEACHES AND POOLS**

We arranged minor repairs at the Umkobi beach ablutions and Granny's beach, and repaired some lights at the beach parking area.

There are four sewerage manhole covers missing near Riptide, which have not been replaced by Ugu despite numerous requests. We have again requested that Ugu replace these with proper sealed covers with access for hoses to collect sewerage.

We arranged for the broken steps at Granny's beach to be repaired.

#### **ROADS**

We eventually had a meeting with the municipal manager (MM) on 3rd April and the presentation on Southbroom roads was well received. The MM agreed to respond by May to our proposal for a loan to fund the repair of most of the Southbroom roads, which will be managed and repaid by way of a levy by ratepayers through the Southbroom Property Owners Association.

We attended the RNM budget presentation on 11 April, and the officials agreed to provide information on roads budgets, but we have not had a response despite many reminders.

An RNM team completed some pothole repairs on the main roads near the beach before the Easter holidays, but then ran out of budget. We therefore appointed Margate Asphalt to repair 100 M<sup>2</sup> of potholes in April, mainly Outlook and Captain Smith roads

Margate Asphalt installed three additional speed humps, at Outlook Road, Beach road and outside the doctor's rooms in the village centre, which has improved safety on roads.

## **WATER**

The 5000 litre water tank was erected at the Southbroom Police station, and is available for residents to use during water outages.

We had a meeting with an Ugu representative at the water reservoir, and they have replaced the stolen gates, and have agreed to replace the four missing manhole covers.

Ugu tankers were again collecting water from Francis Street for a few days in April during a water outage in Ramsgate. Unfortunately, the external water collection point was not available due to road works at the point outside Southbroom.

Please report leaks via the on line form below or by sms to 44751 with you name, lot number and location of the problem

## **SEWERAGE**

We recently discovered that the Southbroom sewerage plant (at the end of Quantock road) has not been operational for several months. This is very disappointing after all the effort that we put in last year to get Ugu to repair the plant. We have again taken this matter up with Ugu who have not responded. In the interim, we are investigating ways of preventing tankers from discharging sewerage into the plant.

## **TOWN PLANNING**

### **Proposed bed & breakfast**

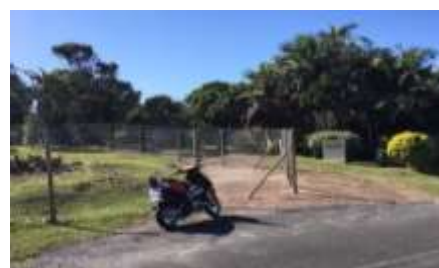
An application was made to RNM to operate a 5 bed B&B at 2 Exeter Road, Southbroom (Notice 95 of 2018). If any residents require further information, or to make an objection they should contact [letitia.bense@rnm.gov.za](mailto:letitia.bense@rnm.gov.za)

Comments are required by 11 June 2018.

### **Tibouchina South Ridge road intersection**

Upon surveying the vacant lot 88 on the corner of South Ridge Road and 3rd Avenue, the Tibouchina access road between North and South Ridge roads, the owner found that 3rd Avenue road intruded upon his stand. The stand has subsequently been fenced and the road blocked off. Currently access is along the grass verge alongside the electricity distribution box.

The owners of Tibouchina have applied to have the 3rd Avenue/Southridge Road junction closed off, as moving it will create a dangerous intersection. In terms of Municipal Planning and Land Use Management by laws, an application to close the road must be submitted and public participation process must be followed. This is where the matter rests at the moment.



## **OTHER**

### **Library**

We funded the replacement of the broken air conditioner at the library.

### **Jungle Gym**

The Jungle Gym in Eyles Park was badly in need of repairs and cameras placed in the park showed it was not well utilised, therefore SRA and Conservancy agreed to demolish it if funds could not be raised to cover repairs. Fortunately Shane Cole and Talisha Roos, who were originally involved in the installation of the Jungle Gym, have now agreed to sponsor the repairs as well as raise funds for a future maintenance plan.

## **URGENT ROADS REQUEST FROM *Richard Bridgeford***

We urge each and every property owner in Southbroom to send an official email to the RNM services department ([services@rnm.gov.za](mailto:services@rnm.gov.za)) with the problems for your specific road. Please make sure you specify the roads that affect you, not a general complaint about Southbroom roads, and include your lot number and street address. Attach a photograph if you can to give greater impact.

Please make sure your cell number is on the email to enable RNM to send an email and SMS response with a “report reference number”

In Ramsgate people have done this and received a response that their problems will be dealt with in July after the budget release.

We need to inundate RNM with our specific complaints; otherwise we will go to the back of the list. Please use the on line form to report all problems as this goes directly to the correct department and Dave Watson our councillor can follow up.

## **CPF**

### **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

At present CPF have eight police reservists housed in Southbroom by property owners. They are looking to house the remaining three (2 men and 1 woman) in order to close the derelict accommodation by the traffic lights.

This is a big advantage for people who don't live in Southbroom permanently; to have a police officer living in one of their out rooms, to keep an eye on the property is a big deterrent to possible house breakers.

Any people interested can contact Ele at the police station 039 316 6760

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

CPF would like to bring the following to the attention of all residents and property owners.

Benny Kruger (Chair of CPF) has managed to get Maser, Chubb and ADT to offer “for the month of June 2018 only” FREE RISK ASSESSMENTS for their existing clients as well as potential new clients.

The purpose of this is to make people aware of any “gaps or flaws” in their existing installations.

The security companies would then quote on the amendments and upgrades which would obviously be for the owners or residents account. It will then be up to the resident to take action on these findings and to upgrade as required.

This is a great offer from the security companies, who work very closely with our CPF, to give our residents qualified and professional advice to further secure their homes. This has advantages all round both for the security companies and residents as there should be less unnecessary call outs when their systems are 100% efficient.

### **SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Thank you to everyone who paid their 2018 subscriptions to SRA promptly and for those who have paid or joined since the beginning of the year. However there are still many outstanding and we would appreciate if you could renew your membership as soon as possible. Although we have managed to build up the database and increase our membership over the last few years, our membership is still less than 50% of ratepayers. If you have read Brian Thomson's reports in recent newsletters you can appreciate how much SRA have been able to do, even with only 50% of the potential income.

A subscription form with the banking details is attached for your convenience.

At the end of this Newsletter is a list for reporting service issues. Please save them to your phone and use the link and numbers rather than posting on Facebook which often leads to speculation and negative posts. SRA have found if we work through the correct channels things usually get done much quicker. Thank you for your cooperation.



## CONSERVANCY MATTERS *by Anne Skelton*

Dear Conservancy Member,

Wow we are just past half way through our 2018 year. Yes, I'm not imagining it - our year ends on 30 September 2018. Thank you to those who have paid. For those who have had a memory lapse please check your status with me [anne.skelton@webmail.co.za](mailto:anne.skelton@webmail.co.za)

The committee have been busy with all sorts of behind the scenes jobs. Some which come to mind are:

- Repair and maintenance of the Frederika view deck. This was quickly and efficiently done by Gerhard Oosthuizen of Hillside Facility Management.
- Helping with the plant selection and planting of the Tennis Club Parking/garden.
- Encouraging Brad and his clean up team but unfortunately we have had to severely curtail this initiative, important though it is, as it has been too much of a drain on our finances. We will continue to have the team do a sweep before and after each "high season"
- Shrub planting at Eyles Park West aka Old dump. We were fortunate to receive some excess stock plants from a local nursery to brighten up the bank and boundary. Most are doing well and we should have a good display in spring. However we do have a gap in the new Gardenia hedge courtesy of some long fingered plant thieves. Why people do this is beyond me. All they have to do is **Ask me** – it is very seldom that I say no if someone asks for a plant or two, but I do object to those that have been specifically planted being stolen.

The on-going tasks are:

- Snare and poaching patrols ably managed by Joseph, under Jean's and Peddy's guidance.
- Alien plant control by Alfred and Michael
- Trail maintenance – we have experienced many blow downs recently. Thanks to Alfred and Michael for minor touch ups and to Sean and his team if a chainsaw is required.

All this for R400 a year, or put another way R33.33 per month. Not a bad way to spend a bit of money to make YOUR environment better.



## TENNIS CLUB NEWS *by Philip Schaffler*

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Southbroom Tennis Club recently concluded its 2018 annual championships, which were organised and run by club captain Ron Stirling. The results were:

Ladies Singles: 1 Renee Purtell - 2 Zinnia Freitas

Mens Singles: 1 Rolf Gudegast - 2 Jan Roos

Ladies Doubles: 1 Nicky Momberg and Pauline Lee - 2 Renee Purtell and Mary Rawlins

Mens Doubles: 1 Simon Lee and Rob Perez - 2 Ron Stirling and Rolf Gudegast

Mixed Doubles: 1 Ron Stirling and Renee Purtell - 2 Luise Mohr and Rolf Gudegast



## REFURBISHMENT OF THE CLUBHOUSE AND GARDENS

The championships were well received and supported, but the event that really grabbed the attention of the chattering class was the revamping of the clubhouse and the extension of the veranda roof, and not least the planting of gardens — yes, indigenous — by Sylvia Gudegast, with input by the Southbroom Conservancy's own Anne Skelton. The club now also boasts a flagpole and flag.

The finalisation of the renovations was celebrated on May 3, with the mayor of the Ray Nkonyeni municipality, Cynthia Mqwebu, being chief among the dignitaries, sponsors and club members present. Mrs Mqwebu was full of praise for the way club members had raised the money and undertaken the renovations. The flag was presented by Zinnia Freitas to Mel Davies and hoisted by the mayor, while Louis Boshoff played the trumpet.

About 130 people were present and eats were provided by local restaurants and club members, who also made sure (surprise!) there was enough to drink.

Notable among the dignitaries was Dr Brian Bhenghu, the principal of the Gcilima Primary School. The club is hoping to establish an outreach programme with the nearby school to encourage young players who would otherwise not have the chance to play tennis.

More photographs of the event on the STC's Facebook page and pictures taken by the South Coast Herald can be viewed at

<https://southcoastherald.co.za/285458/pics-southbroom-tennis-club-revamped-clubhouse-flag-raising/>

The club's next project is the resurfacing of courts number one and two, and there is the ever-present threat of the embankment being further eroded and collapsing, undermining court number three. The municipality does not currently have funds to stabilise it but it has asked the club for a submission for it to be included in its next budget.

## TOURNAMENT

Of interest is a planned interclub tournament between the STC and Uvongo in July, which will be played in Southbroom. It will be a mixed event although the format is still being finalised.

The club's annual general meeting is likely to be held at the end of July.

The STC is now also offering Social Membership at a fee of R250 a year, which entitles these members to participate in all the club's (off-court) events.

Any queries can be directed to the club's very capable chairperson, Luise Mohr, on 072 927 7530.

A reminder to everyone: the courts are open 24/7, and there is an honesty box for non-members (R30 per court per hour). There is social tennis on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2pm. Non-members are welcome to join in. There is a R30 charge — but tea is served and someone always provides something to eat.



*Dr Brian Bhenghu and Mayor Cynthia Mqwebu, with Jos Neaves, Joy Crutchfield and Debbie Derman. Photo: Nicky Momberg*



*Sylvia Gudegast and Nicky Momberg*

## **SOUTHBROOM BOWLING CLUB**

In line with the rest of the village centre, Southbroom Bowling Club has been enjoying a facelift, and the repainting is almost complete. The club is enjoying a surge in popularity and now has 85 members. There are two coaches at present, and three members have expressed interest in attending a Level One coaches' course in July. Each trainee coach needs to develop a new bowler to tabs-in standard, so an appeal for volunteers might have to be issued!

The club's novices (those playing for fewer than three years) enjoyed some success in the recently held Kingfisher Bowling Association's Novices' Singles competitions. Southbroom residents Glenn Hatfield made the quarter-finals, Cleve Walker was runner-up in the Men's, and Julie Walker won the Ladies'.

The club hosts three morning competitions every month sponsored by Tiago's, Mariner's and Wolf Security.

Social bowls: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, tabs-in 1.30pm for 2pm; Fridays 2.30pm for 3pm. There is a chicken-and-egg competition on the last Friday of the month, and morning bowls (starting time varies) every last Sunday, followed by a bring 'n' braai which boasts the best salad bar on the South Coast.

The bar is open after play (~5pm) - come along and check us out.

[www.southbroombowls@gmail.com](mailto:www.southbroombowls@gmail.com) or 083 273 6840

## **A ROYAL WEDDING IN SOUTHBROOM**

To honour a very special couple the Southbroom ladies pulled out all the stops last Saturday for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor chapel. About 150 ladies arrived in their wedding finery to a stunning setting of tables fit for a queen at the Southbroom Golf club. All the tables were decorated by the hostesses, prize for the best table going to Jos Neaves and Debbie Derman for their authentic red, white and blue theme.



*Above :  
A selection of the  
honoured guests*



*Left:  
The winning tables*

## **LIBRARY NEWS *from the Library Team***



***THE LIBRARY TEAM : Barbara Biggar, Jos Neaves, Sue Westoby, Rene Matthew, Shirley Pretorius, Tony Waters, Elaine Harrison, Angela Erasmus, Pam Brown***

The Southbroom library is delighted to welcome a new volunteer. Rene Matthew, who I am sure is known to many in the village, has kindly offered to join our team.

We now have 13 people, dedicated to making our library a friendly, efficient and popular venue for our many members, not just from Southbroom but as far away as Oslo Beach and Leisure Bay.

Members will have noticed our additional shelving space at the reception and also in the 'back room', giving greater accessibility to non-fiction lovers, kiddies and many others who may wish to read something a little different.

We are also proud to announce the purchase recently of 26 new titles, of which 6 are non-fiction.

Further purchases will be made periodically throughout the year, and suggestions are always welcome.

### **SOUTHBROOM FILLING STATION**

There has been plenty of speculation around the future of the filling station but you will be pleased to hear that we were informed by Surina Smuts of the centre management that the fuel went in last week and the petrol station is now open for business.

The new owners had a few problems to resolve and took longer than they anticipated but the good news is that Southbroom should never be without fuel going forward.



## Bridge in the Broom!

Open Day Thursday 31 May 08h45

Please join us at Southbroom Bridge Club for a morning of fun, supervised duplicate bridge.

The Southbroom Bridge Club has been based at the Golf Club for as long as we can remember, with a duplicate session every Thursday morning. Southbroom residents are invited to join us for an Open Day.

If you are a beginner or intermediate player, discover the competitive game that entertains, excites and engrosses. If needed, you will be paired with a partner who will play with you for the morning.

Or you can play with your own partner.

You will be guided through the procedures around duplicate bridge.



*If you have been wary before,  
by the end of the morning  
you will be entranced!*

**When:** 08h45 Thursday May 31, 2018. Please be prompt.

**Where:** Southbroom Golf Club, main lounge.

**RSVP:** Sandy Fitzgerald 082 330 8853 or  
Jean Powell 072 219 6464

**Cost:** R30 (R20 if you are a member of the SGC) includes morning tea/coffee and sandwiches.

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