

SOUTHBROOM NEWS FLASH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 9AM AT THE SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB.

Please note that in order to have your say and vote at the AGM you should be a paid up member of the Ratepayers Association.

HIBISCUS COAST MUNICIPALITY - SERVICE DELIVERY HOTLINE

The Hibiscus Coast Municipality has opened a Customer Service Centre where you can lodge complaints and provide feedback on services using a dedicated email or sms line.

E-mail services@hcm.gov.za

SMS 32061 (at a cost of R1 per SMS)

ROADS

Members of the Committee recently toured the village together with representatives from the HCM Roads Department. They are now aware of all the problem areas and have assured us they will be attended to. As the problems are pretty extensive with many roads affected this will take some time but we are hopeful that they will address those that we have prioritised shortly.

RECYCLING UPDATE

We are pleased to see a conscious effort on the part of many residents, and to a smaller extent the holiday makers, to support this initiative. HOWEVER .. There are still many households that continue to put out 3 & even 4 black bags for collection by HCM every Monday. Every bag of recyclable material that does not go to the Oatlands landfill site is a step in the right direction. We are also delighted to note that the material coming into the depot is usually clean and dry. There is nothing worse than having to work with materials than contain rotting organic matter!

To make the process a bit more efficient we ask that your household takes one more tiny step ie to split at source. This entails keeping 4 containers for the various classes of recyclable material namely glass, cans, paper/cardboard and plastic. They can simply be 4 shopping bags that are then tied and placed in the recycling pink bag before delivery to our depot. Polystyrene is one type of packaging that we are NOT able to recycle HERE because it too light and bulky to warrant storage until we have reached the required 30 tonnes/load, which then has to be transported to a major centre e.g. Durban, Johannesburg or Cape Town. Unfortunately this has to go into the municipal collection bag, not the ideal but practical for us down here.

Thanks to those who are already supporting us and to those who have not yet started – the feel good factor of seeing only a shopping bag of non recyclables go out for municipal collection on a monday morning does wonders. You know you are doing the correct thing. Keep it up.

PLEASE NOTE: NON-RECYCLABLE REFUSE IN BLACK BAGS ONLY TO BE LEFT ON THE VERGE ON MONDAYS

If you are leaving on any other day please arrange for your bags to be put out by an employee or neighbour

SOUTHBROOM LIBRARY

As you are probably aware the Southbroom Library is run solely by a group of volunteers. The management and upkeep of the building and the purchase of new books is financed by a grant from the Southbroom Ratepayers Association and various fund raising drives throughout the year. Each year the girls (and guys) put together a Christmas Hamper which they raffle in the Library as well as a "Sale Table". If you are able to donate any items for the hamper or have any unwanted items in good condition for the sale (even clothing which will be displayed on hangers on a rack), please drop them off at the library before 16th November.

Any Queries contact Sue Westoby on 039 316 8926 or Heather Campbell 039 316 8331

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

If you have a business in Southbroom or a business that serves Southbroom, why not advertise on our Website. We have a couple of spots available for a mere R1200 per annum. If you are interested contact Jackie Pratt - 039 316 6119 or 083 654 6922 jaxpratt@mweb.co.za

EYLES PARK – MIXED USE PROPOSAL

Your committees have put a proposal to the Municipality regarding the future mixed use of Eyles Park. Should the proposal gain favour with the Municipality, a public meeting will be called to hear the voices of all interested and affected parties. In the interim, we would value receiving your comments to the presentation below. Copies of the Annexures can be e-mailed to you at your request.

PRESENTATION TO:

HIBISCUS COAST MUNICIPALITY (HCM)

EVENT:

2013 SOUTH AFRICAN WOMENS OPEN

WOMENS PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION (WPGA)

19 to 21 APRIL 2013

PROPOSED COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT:

GOLF DRIVING RANGE – SOUTHBROOM

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

This proposal enjoys the support of the Southbroom Community as represented by:

- Southbroom Ratepayers Association (**SGC**)
- Southbroom Conservancy (**SC**)
- Southbroom Golf Club (**SGC**)
- Southbroom Tennis Club (**STC**)

BACKGROUND

HCM require the event to be played on golf courses within its area of jurisdiction.

WPGA have identified Southbroom and San Lameer as suitable venues.

WPGA is concerned that neither venue has a practice/driving range. **Refer ANNEXURE A ***.

By way of solution, WPGA proposes that the one venue serves as a driving range for the other.

WPGA recognises that additional costs will be incurred: venue hire to the "driving range" club plus the cost of a player's shuttle service to and from the "tournament" club. **Refer ANNEXURE A **.**

SGC recognises that this situation is not ideal and that, if possible, it should urgently address this short-coming.

SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB – VENUE FOR 2013

SGC is honoured that WPGA has selected it as one of the two preferred venues.

SGC is in a position to provide a top quality course in 2013 which would allow the newly planted San Lameer greens a year longer to mature before San Lameer hosts the 2014 event.

With the assistance of HCM and WPGA, SGC is in a position to provide a fully operational on-course driving range by 10 April 2013.

PROPOSED LEGACY PROJECT

The SGC golf course was laid out in 1938 and was originally a 9-hole course.

In 1948, the course was redesigned and extended into an 18-hole course.

The redesign excluded the original 5th hole which fell into disuse and became part of Eyles Park. **Refer ANNEXURE B and ANNEXURE B.1**

Today Eyles Park is home to Southbroom Tennis Club (STC), Bushbuck Trail, Dog Obedience Training, Carols by Candlelight, Music in the Park and, with a little effort, it could also serve as a golf driving range.

SITE PLAN

Certain trees that have grown up in the disused fairway would be removed. Many of these are not indigenous species. **Refer ANNEXURE C.**

For each indigenous tree that is lost from the fairway, SC would ensure the selection and planting of two indigenous saplings in the greater Eyles Park area.

A concave Tee Box would be constructed just behind the STC club house. The shape of the Tee Box would encourage players to hit to the middle of the fairway. **Refer ANNEXURE D.**

The resultant driving range will be 300m long.

The Bushbuck Trail would be extended through the forestation along the far-side of the stream that runs the full length of the fairway. The entrance to the trail would be relocated nearer to the STC club house.

ABLUTION, REFRESHMENT AND ON-SITE FACILITIES

STC would open its club house during operating hours to provide toilet and shower facilities.

STC would encourage a coffee shop / bistro to operate within its club house premises.

A flood light exists alongside the proposed Tee Box and a further flood light is positioned approximately 100 meters down the fairway.

CONTROL AND OPERATION OF THE DRIVING RANGE

SGC would assume responsibility for operating the driving range and would be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

The range will operate daily and will close temporarily as and when alternate community activities take place.

It is envisaged that 3 sustainable jobs will be created.

STC will be paid a turnover percentage (say 5%) on the sales of the buckets of practice balls.

Southbroom Conservancy will enjoy a turnover percentage (say 2.5%) to assist its continuance in the good work that it does in preserving the natural environment.

An annual Operational Budget will be prepared by SGC and agreed with the other interested parties.

ESTIMATED COST OF ESTABLISHMENT

Two scenario's are presented – "Economic" and "Ideal". Provisional sums have been obtained from SGC preferred contractors.

	ANNEXURE	ECONOMIC R	IDEAL R
Removal of trees along fairway > Exclude cutting and removal of seven Silky Oaks	E	34310	47310
Topping of trees around tennis courts > Exclude Tree topping > Provide industrial rolling leaf sweeper	F	5000	42180
Poisoning and removal of Sword Ferns > Exclude removal of Sword Ferns	G	1150	6675
Top soil for Tee Box > Exclude rubble component from builder for free	G	30000	53200
Cynoden sods (instant lawn) to Tee Box		19000	19000
Irrigation to Tee Box		7500	7500
Upgrade Tennis Club ablutions and exterior > Reduce scope of work		15000	25000
Resurface existing tarred road into Eyles Park New tar surface to parking area for 40 cars		HCM service	HCM service HCM service
TOTAL		111960	200865

REQUEST TO HCM

That HCM advise APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE as a matter of urgency to enable SGC to commence on site and meet the completion date of 10 April 2013.

That HCM and SRA urgently convene a public meeting calling for comment from all interested and affected parties.

That HCM approve the project and permit SGC continued use of the old 5th fairway portion of Eyles Park. That a resolution to this effect be appended to the lease agreement that is already in place between HCM and SGC.

That HCM renew the now expired lease of STC to enable both its continuance and the retention of its liquor and trading licences.

That HCM reduce the scope of the existing "Verge Cutting Contract" from 1 January 2013 as Eyles Park would be maintained by SGC.

That HCM attend to the tarring components envisaged under "Estimated Cost of Establishment" via its usual road maintenance vote.

That HCM provide R100,000 in cash towards the cost of the Legacy Project.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Legacy Project presents a win-win scenario for all interested and affected parties.

WPGA representative Marian McPhail conducted a site visit with SGC Golf Director Derek James on Thursday 11 October 2012. She was pleased that initiative was being taken to welcome the tournament and improve the Southbroom infrastructure.

SOUTHBROOM CONTACTS

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