



Southbroom Ratepayers Association Chairman's Report — 2026

Another challenging year has passed, particularly with regard to the deterioration in municipal support and services provided.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our voluntary committee members for their time, commitment and continued support throughout the year. The work of the Association would simply not be possible without their contribution.

Our core challenges remain **security, roads and water**, and we have continued to engage actively with the Municipality on these important issues.

There have, however, been several significant achievements during the year. These include:

- The installation of a new **Bermad valve at our reservoir**, at a cost of one hundred and twelve thousand rand (**R112,000**). This was funded solely by the SRA and should lead to our reservoir's water capacity being better regulated and remaining more constant (bulk water supply dependent). The valve itself weighed approximately one hundred and forty kilograms (140kg) and sits three metres below ground level.

The installation was a mammoth undertaking, involving both UGU and Macsteel (the suppliers of the valve) working closely together.

- The introduction and roll-out of **telemetry across our water system**, which will improve our ability to understand, monitor and manage the network.
- The introduction of a **customer communication app. (Agent Bob Fuller)**, kindly created by Mark Schormann et al, which should dramatically improve water communication with residents. We continue to work closely with Ugu opposite interfacing Ag. Bob Fuller (the app.) with their systems. To support this, a server was purchased at a cost of twenty-four thousand rand (R24,000) to accommodate the required software and data/information.
- Continued **road and pothole repairs** throughout the village, carried out by our Village Manager (John Lowe) and his team.

- The deployment of a **grader (provided by RNM) to improve and level some of the more badly affected peripheral dirt roads**, with 160 tonnes of gravel being brought in. Roads included Mendip and the immediate surrounds.
- Repair work to the wooden stairway at Granny's pool at a cost of forty-one thousand rand (R41,000).
- Considerable work being done by Village Gardens, SRA and SC to begin rehabilitating the **lower Main Beach estuary area**.
- A vast amount of beautifying work being done by the **Village Gardens** group throughout Southbroom, mainly the road verge areas, ensuring that our village looks lovely, all year round.

All in all, it has been a **very successful year**, with meaningful progress being made across a number of areas despite the ongoing challenges with rapidly declining municipal services.

Thank you once again to our committee members, residents and all those who have contributed to making Southbroom a better place.

Paul Longmoor
Chair: SRA