

Southbroom

Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



A very special greeting to our all friends and especially those of you who are visiting over the holidays; please travel safely, we do hope after all this wonderful rain the sun comes out and everyone is able to enjoy all the outdoor activities our area has to offer.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are reminded that the AGM will be held on 23rd December at 0900 at the Southbroom Golf Club. Please make sure your subscriptions are paid up to enable you to have a vote at this meeting. Subscriptions paid now will be credited to 2018 (form attached for your convenience).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: DECEMBER 2017 by Brian Thompson

BEACHES AND POOLS

The tidal pool was damaged by the heavy seas in middle of the year, and a large section at the top of the walls was washed away. RNM failed to obtain a report from a specialist engineer on the best way forward as agreed. So we engaged a tidal pool specialist to repair the top of the walls and leaks in the side walls, this should be completed by mid-December.

RNM advised that they approved a budget to refurbish the ablutions at the main beach, and were going to complete the refurbishment by the December holidays, but this has again been delayed. We arranged for a contractor to complete a minor renovation of the ablutions in the interim, and we have received favourable comments from beach users.

I am pleased to report that we arranged emergency signs for the four Southbroom beaches, and they were erected on 1 December.

We arranged an order for an emergency torpedo buoy and sign for the main beach from NSRI, which should be erected shortly.

ROADS

RNM completed an extensive pothole repair programme in the last half of the year, and improved the condition of many Southbroom roads. However, the condition of many of the roads is still unacceptable. My thanks go to Dietmar Klein for his initiative to purchase and store a supply of cold mix tar and a stamper, and making repairs to "problem" potholes.

A meeting was held with the HOD Technical and road managers on 27 September 2017, and I made a comprehensive presentation on Southbroom roads. The main problem appears to be that there is inadequate budget for road repairs, which is decided by RNM councillors and not the managers (i.e. a political decision).

We are trying to arrange a meeting with the Municipal Manager to discuss a 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. If RNM agree with this proposal a resolution will be required from ratepayers at the AGM .

WATER AND SEWERAGE

In November the entire South Coast area had a major water outage due to an unprotected strike by municipal workers, which was accompanied by sabotage of water infrastructure by the striking employees. The Southbroom outage was 10 days, but some areas in Ramsgate had an outage of more than 14 days. Fortunately, many Southbroom residents have back-up water systems, and a local water shop, which managed to meet the huge demand for bottled water. My thanks go to Cllr Dave Watson for his constant communication to residents, and our water committee who monitored the situation and ensured a smooth start up after the reservoir was filled.

We conducted a full investigation of the feasibility of a community borehole and tanks to assist residents with water during outages. We established suitable sites, but the costs are very expensive and the project could be a “white elephant”. We encourage all resident to arrange water tanks on their properties for future water outages

For many years Ugu has been using water from the hydrant in Francis Street to fill tankers to assist other areas, including the Murchison hospital. We advised Ugu that the Francis street filling site adversely impacted Southbroom residents, roads and traffic, and I am pleased to advise that Ugu have now arranged an alternative tanker fill up site near Riverbend Crocodile farm.

NEW YEAR PARTY

We have had approval from RNM to have a party at the main beach lower parking area on New Year’s Eve. We have again arranged for Wozani Africa to run this event, as they have been very competent and professional in previous years. We understand that this may inconvenience some residents near the main beach, but we believe that it is better to have one controlled party, rather than have numerous uncontrolled parties

We have made an application to the authorities to make Imbezane road a one way road (from east to west) from 18 December to 3 January, in order to try and alleviate traffic congestion during this busy period.

AGM

We agreed to have the AGM at the Golf Club at 0900 on 23 December 2017, with a view to enabling non-resident ratepayers to attend while they are on holiday.

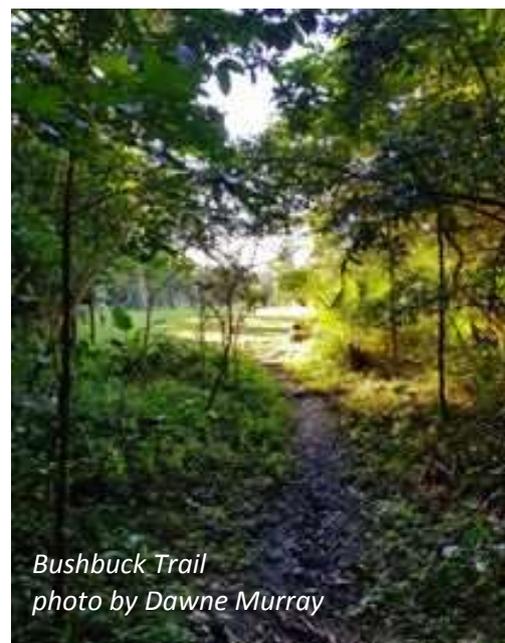
CONSERVANCY MATTERS *by Anne Skelton*

After the storm ravages there have been many broken branches and blow downs. Tidying up has taken ages as once you think you are done another Blow whistles through. Remember that LEGALLY speaking you may not cut or disturb any of the specially protected trees – here mainly Milkwoods, even if they are storm damaged, without a permit from Dept of Environmental Affairs. Nor may you clear a plot where the trees have a closed canopy. The DEA are normally fairly efficient especially if the application is accompanied by a photo of the damage. Copies of the forms are available from me at anne.skelton@webmail.co.za . These are typical government forms, quite long but relatively easy to complete.

Don’t be surprised if your tree contactor asks if you have applied for a permit. The DEA have been in the area quite frequently recently, attending to illegal felling especially of plots that have been allowed to become forested over the years and farmers wanting to convert to macadamias.

Conservancy members are sometimes available to do guided walks if required. Please phone Peddy 0827713158 or Anne 0828967814 to see if they are available. Our numbers are on the boards at the entrances to Frederika. Most people should manage Frederika and Bush Buck Trail easily on their own. BBT is open to dogs under control – preferably on lead but Frederika is a NO DOGS zone, even from the beach side. Be sensible, tell someone where you are going and do not go in your Sunday best – its a wet year so there are muddy patches.

The Conservancy AGM will be on Saturday 6 January 2018 at 9 am at the Golf Club. All new comers, “Swallows” and residents of Southbroom welcome. Tea will be served. We hope to see you there. Our fees are R400 per annum not a bad deal when you think of the work that is done to keep the village reasonably tidy and on top of the alien plants.



*Bushbuck Trail
photo by Dawne Murray*

Huge thanks to Brad and his little band of tidy uppers – Reggie, Philemon and Christopher/ Lucky. We are continually amazed at the amount of rubbish that you collect each week. Alfred and Michael can be seen around the village with the help of Sean and Vossie hunting out the alien plants like Lantana and Chromalaena that try to infiltrate. Joseph, our game guard, scours the trails and off the tracks for snares and evidence of poaching. Where else do you get 6 men working for you for only R400? (subscription form attached).

A handicapped wheelchair is available for a small donation to the Conservancy. Contact numbers are on the wheelchair housing next to the ablutions on the ramp to Grannys Pool. Peddy Bam 082 886 7814 or Debbie Derman 072 537 4848.

Southbroom Conservancy will be holding their annual Carols concert in Eyles Park on Sunday 17th December –see attached flyer.

MAUREEN HUTTON LEAVES A BEQUEST

The Hutton family have been very close to Southbroom since 1944 when Maureen and Alfred spent their honeymoon at the Southbroom Hotel (where the Admiralty stands today). In 1955 they built their permanent holiday home in Imbezane Drive where the family have visited every year since.

Maureen died last year at the age of 95 and left a bequest to the Conservancy.

Two of Maureen’s sons John and Roy Hutton attended a small ceremony at the Library where David Halle thanked them for their mother’s bequest and dedicated the birdbath to her memory.



*New Bird Bath in the Library Garden
Inset: LibbyCochran and Molly at the “christening”*

HOUSEKEEPING

REFUSE & MONKEYS

Refuse, both ordinary refuse and recycling is collected every Monday, regardless of Public Holidays. Please ensure you put your refuse out early in a cage or wheelie to prevent monkeys messing all over the verges. If you are not able to arrange to have your refuse put out on Monday then PLEASE take it to the depot in Outlook Road close to the South entrance.

Garden refuse is not collected by RNM therefore it must not be dumped on the verge but may be taken to the Outlook Road depot. Large amounts of garden refuse or household rubbish should be taken to the Oatlands Dump (take the road opposite Pistols Saloon and follow the signs).

All ratepayers are entitled to a free issue of both black and clear refuse bags; these can be collected from the RNM offices in Imbezane Drive (behind the Bowling club). Please take with you a recent copy of your rates account.

If you see the refuse truck in Southbroom on Wednesday or Friday this service is for registered businesses, the trucks are not obliged to collect residential refuse on any day except Monday.

SPEEDING

It is an offence to drive over 40 kph on Southbroom roads. The roads are narrow and unfortunately still potholed in many places. Especially during holiday periods we all like to enjoy walking or running on our roads, children like to cycle, skateboard etc., and we are privileged to have lots of buck and other wildlife in the bush that frequently wander on to the road. Please take time to observe your surroundings and enjoy your "game drive". If you see vehicles exceeding the speed limit please take their number and report them to our CPF WhatsApp group. If you are not yet a member send a WhatsApp with your name and lot number to the SAPS on 076 152 4479.

GOLF CARTS are not allowed on Southbroom public roads. Members of the Golf Club have a special concession to travel to and from their home only, on their golf carts. Only licensed drivers may drive a golf cart on the public roads.

DO NOT USE A GOLF CART TO JOY-RIDE AND NEVER ALLOW UNDER-AGE DRIVERS ON THE ROADS.

SOUTHBROOM PETS & CHAT GROUP

There is a useful WhatsApp group for pet owners, which has been very successful in locating escape artists. If you plan to bring your dog on holiday I would strongly advise you to join this group as if he/she gets out in a strange area he may not find his way home. Please also ensure your dog has a chip or collar with a tag and cell number. Lizelle our resident Southbroom Vet is wonderful taking in lost souls but to prevent any incidents please do keep your animals under control and ensure your property is securely fenced. Dogs that are not used to socializing on the beach must be kept on a lead at all times.

To join the Pets & Chats group send a WhatsApp to Petra on 082 387 3999

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Brian Thompson mentioned in his report that to alleviate congestion and to allow easier access for emergency vehicles to and from main beach during season we plan to initiate a One-Way system. Mbezane Drive will be one-way westbound and will be closed from the RNM office to eastbound traffic from 18th December until 3rd January. To access main beach you will use North or South Ridge Roads or Beach Road.

DROP AND GO ZONE To alleviate congestion at the main beach parking area there will be a “drop-off and pick-up” zone near the top of the steps down to Riptide. Please drop Grannies, kids and all your “stuff” quickly before finding permanent parking. Official Car Guards will be on duty to supervise this area.

PLEASE ONLY USE THE CAR GUARDS WEARING OFFICIAL CPF VESTS

Anyone posing as a guard but not wearing the vest must be reported to CPF

A FEW DOS AND DONTs

- DO NOT FEED THE MONKEYS
- DO NOT LET OFF FIREWORKS AT ANY TIME Any contravention of the By-Law should be reported to RNM Protection Services
- LOCK AWAY ALL VALUABLES Be especially vigilant on arrival
- LOCK ALL ACCESS POINTS When on your patio lock all other access points.
- ENSURE ALL ALARM SYSTEMS ARE IN WORKING ORDER
- ACTIVATE ALARMS AT NIGHT AND WHEN YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE
- DO NOT PLAY LOUD MUSIC LATE AT NIGHT some people like to sleep
- DO NOT DRIVE AROUND TOWN PLAYING LOUD MUSIC This is not only inconsiderate but spooks the wildlife.

LIBRARY NEWS *by Elaine Harrison*



We do seem to be going from strength to strength and are constantly congratulated about our wonderful library. Thanks go to the Southbroom Ratepayers Association for their generous donation which has enabled us to purchase 60 new titles this year. No wonder our members are happy. We would also like to express our gratitude to the SRA for financing the much needed repairs to the library, and to Russell McKenzie for doing a great job, some of which he generously undertook at no cost to ourselves.

Also, thanks to Libby Cochrane for beautifying the garden outside the library. A cool shady spot to do some reading.

We are still selling tickets for our annual raffle. The first prize is a magnificent hamper (worth over R2000) and there are two attractive 2nd prizes. The hamper draw will be held at the Carols Concert at Eyles Park on Sunday 17th December. Tickets are available at the library for R10 each.



Thank you for your support.

BOWLING CLUB NEWS BY Julie Walker

Visitors are always welcome at Southbroom's friendly bowling club.

Tabs in:- Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 2pm for 2.30pm, and 3pm for 3.30pm for a quick 12 ends on Friday (except the 15th).

Non-bowlers who would like to have a try are asked to phone the secretary, Julie on 083 273 6840, or email southbroombowls@gmail.com for a free introductory session. If you would like to learn more, the bar is open after play – join us on the terrace from 5pm.

TENNIS CLUB NEWS



With the start of the Silly Season, the Southbroom Tennis Club again extends a welcome to all residents and visitors to make use of its facilities, but this year with a bit of a difference. The club house has been spruced up. It has been repainted within and without, adding to the STC's idyllic setting among the trees, opposite the golf course and next to Eyles Park.

BEFORE AND AFTER THE REFURBISHMENT



The fee for visitors to use the courts remains at R30 a person. It must be noted that this is a very important source of income and goes a long way to helping with the running of the club and maintenance. As always, there is an honesty box where visitors can leave their contributions.

The courts are open at all times but everyone is welcome to join in on club days on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

The club has arranged a fun fundraiser for all – a Partners' Funday at 1.30pm on Sunday January 7. It will consist of a series of games and competitions and will cost R50 per person. Please encourage all friends and family members to join us.

Again, those of you who are not members are invited to join the club, which now has a reciprocity agreement with other South Coast clubs through the Southern Counties Tennis Association, so club members can play at other venues for a reduced fee. Contact the club chairperson, Luise Mohr, on 072 927 7530 for details.

And a real plus for the Southbroom Tennis Club – and all those who would like to up their game – is the presence of a resident coach, Frank Hall. You can contact him on 083 274 5888. He also holds cardio sessions on Mondays at 0800 and on Tuesday afternoons at 1600. It's a fun way to shape up and shed the kilos.

Finally, this year's Christmas party will take place on Friday December 15 at 6pm at Rocky Ridge in Fascadale Road, Ramsgate. Entrance is R40 per person. The talented band, The Gentry, will be performing and food and drinks will be on sale. Family and friends are welcome. Booking is essential. RSVP: Nicky Momberg on 082 550 8590.



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www.cftennis.co.za

The club wishes everyone a wonderful, sun-filled Festive Season.

MISSION CHURCH NEWS

The Imbizane Mission Church in Bushy Vales (opposite Southbroom) is having its annual CAROLS SERVICE on Saturday EVENING 16 December 2017 AT 18.30 in the church due to the inclement weather over the past 3 years. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Christmas services are as follows:

Normal Sunday services at 9am each Sunday and on Monday 25th (Christmas Day) also at 9am. You are most welcome and encouraged to attend at this Christmastime.

The church has placed a box in the Southbroom store and we appeal to residents, to drop into the box, a gift for a boy or girl aged 1 to 15 years. Your generosity would be much appreciated and will gladden the heart of a child less fortunate than our own. These gifts will be distributed to local organisations who care for these children.

We wish to extend blessings to everyone for a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB

Exciting news, our wonderful local chef, Brandon Bisset, is now the consulting chef at the golf club so delicious food has become the norm ... but at golf club prices ... which is an exceptional benefit to have on our doorstep. Add to this the magnificent setting of the club, the welcoming staff and the family-friendly ambience – and we are onto a winner!

Throughout the holiday season “Supper on the Patio” will be a welcome feature, with special menu options for the little ones. So Moms take note: after a long day on the beach don't head for the hot kitchen – head for the long cool drink on the golf club patio, followed by a relaxed supper ... now that's a real holiday!

SUMMER SOCIALS AT THE GOLF CLUB

- SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 12.30 – 3.30 : Sunday Lunch with Papa and Mama James
- Including 3 course buffet R150 pp
- WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 6-9PM - TRADITIONAL POTJIE ON THE STOEP
- Hosted by Nick – kids welcome R95pp
- THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 6.30 PM - MUSIC CONCERT WITH THE GENTRY
- Adults R220 kids R100 which includes a light meal.

ARTISANS REPUBLIK

Artisans Republik a lovely new venue for a variety of artists and crafters, will be holding a series of events during the season, including kids craft days to keep the kids out of mischief during inclement weather. Visit their website www.artisansrepublik.co.za for full details or pop into the studio in the Driftwood Centre.

SOUTHBROOM SURF SCHOOL

The popular surf school will be setting up on Southbroom main beach from Friday 8th December and will be there every day weather permitting throughout the season. These guys are all experienced surfers and qualified life savers. This is a great way to educate your kids about the dangers of the sea while having fun learning to surf.

Remember there are strong rip currents especially when the mouth is open. Make sure you only swim between the Lifeguards flags and keep well away from the rocks and tidal pool.

Richard and Ali or any of their friendly instructors will be happy to chat to you about safety at sea. Southbroom and Umkobi beaches are protected by shark nets. From time to time in cases of strong winds and high seas the nets maybe removed. Bathers will be warned and the beaches closed to bathing. Lifesavers are on duty during season on main beach and Umkobi, the remainder of Southbroom's beautiful beaches are unprotected and there are numerous hidden rocks and dangerous currents. Take care and have a safe and happy holiday.

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- PROTECTION SERVICES EMERGENCY 039 682 555
- RAY NKONYENI MUNICIPALITY 039 688 2000 -039 688 2027 – SMS 32061
serivices@rnm.gov.za
- RNM SOUTHBROOM DEPOT: 039 316 6125
- UGU WATER AND SANITATION: 039 688 5830 – 080 009 2837 SMS 44751 info@ugu.gov.za
- Eskom 086 020 4560 – 086 003 7566 CSOnline@eskom.co.za
- PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO REPORT COMPLAINTS DIRECT TO RNM AND UGU
<http://bit.ly/uguresidentsrequest>
- NSRI SHELLY BEACH 082 990 5950 – PORT EDWARD 082 990 5951
- SPCA LOWER SOUTH COAST 039 312 0962
- SOUTHBROOM MEDVET CENTRE – DOC 039 316 8046 – VET 039 616 8000
- SOUTHBROOM PHARMACY 039 316 6075
- MARGATE PRIVATE HOSPITAL 039 312 7300

You can also find a full list of contact numbers for all local Committee members as well as a list of local businesses on our website www.southbroom.org.

SOUTHBROOM SUPPORT GROUP

The support group continue to operate in Southbroom, offering home support, visits and basic nursing advice to people residing in the village on a need/request basis. We can also offer the use of some equipment i.e. walkers, toilet seat raisers and commodes on a temporary basis. Emergency meals are also available to people in need due to illness or as care givers from the Community deep freeze in Dr Stewart's rooms.

Contact : Debbie Derman at 072 537 4848.

FROM THE EDITOR

This will be my last Newsletter for 2017 and I wish to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed and helped to make my job so much easier, it's been fun putting the Newsletters together. I have received so many stories and lots of wonderful photographs during the year and I apologise if you have been left out, if I included everything we could end up with our own "Herald". I would especially like to thank Conservancy: Sharlene, Anne, Peddy & Debbie, Tennis Club: Luise, Frank & Phillip, Bowls Club: Julie, and Elaine and the team from the Library. But I would especially like to thank my chairman Brian Thompson and our great committee who go the extra mile as well as being so much fun to work with. Last but not least to Dawne Murray for her help during the year, her wonderful posters and her commitment to the whole community.

I wish you all safe travels a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2018.

Very best wishes

Jackie Pratt – Southbroom Ratepayers

admin@southbroom.org

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See Carols poster and subs forms on the following pages.

Conservancy



CAROLS CONCERT

The Southbroom Conservancy
invites you to an evening of music & singing; fun & friendship
for the whole family.

Special Christmas performance by
Winston Smile

No entry fee, donations welcome.
Bring your own chairs, drinks and snacks.
We will provide carols song sheets and music.

**Sunday 17 December,
6 to 8.30pm
Eyles Park -
next to tennis courts**

NOTE: at 5 pm there will be a
guided walk through the
Bushbuck Trail (same venue)

(Keep an eye open for FATHER CHRISTMAS who may pay a surprise visit)

**Children please bring one of your old toys to donate to a
less fortunate child**



**SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION &
SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY**

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