



On behalf of Southbroom Ratepayers and Southbroom Conservancy we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

The Ratepayers Association held their AGM in December and Conservancy held theirs in January, both meetings were very well attended and we thank you for your support. The two organisations tend to overlap in some areas therefore, in 2013 we will be working much more closely together; with each organisation having at least one representative on both committees. By working together we hope we can really make a difference and help to improve the poor services from which we are currently suffering. A full list of all 2013 Committee members for each organisation is available on our Website [www.southbroom.org](http://www.southbroom.org)

## **RATEPAYERS**

Without a doubt the major issue on members' minds arising from the AGM was roads; however we had a very good meeting with some positive input. At the first meeting of the new committee the points arising from the AGM were discussed and our new chairman, Brian Thompson has put together a list of the main objectives for 2013, which were discussed and agreed. These are of course not the only matters that will concern us but the ones we feel are the major priorities.

## **SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS - 2013 OBJECTIVES**

### **Finance**

1. Increase paid up membership from 28% to 40% of ratepayers.
2. Investigate alternative funding methods for 2014

### **Signage**

1. Continue painting of street kerbs until July (with paint from HCM).
2. Implement lids on street bins and new improved signage.

### **Roads**

1. Request HCM to prepare a long term plan to refurbish Southbroom roads
2. Request HCM to allocate 5% of revenue to road refurbishment in next budget
3. Investigate alternative methods for funding road repairs
4. Consider feasibility of using street monitors for road repairs

### **Tidal Pools and Beaches**

1. Implement a solution to make safe the underside of the Southbroom tidal pool.
2. Prepare a scope for the Lagoon staircase project and implement.
3. Review the ablution facilities at main beach and implement improvements

### **Water**

1. Investigate reasons for water shortages and liaise with UGU to take corrective action
2. Monitor ground water sampling (Green Town project) and follow up non-compliance.

### **Communication**

1. Issue an electronic newsletter to all members on a quarterly basis .
2. Issue a postal newsletter to all members in November (shared with Conservancy)
3. Review and update content of website on a quarterly basis.

### **Other**

1. Apply for HCM approval for a New Year party on the Southbroom beach. Review the accuracy of HCM property valuations, and prepare a report for HCM to take action against the poor service provided by the valuator.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Item 1 above is a frightening statistic, but it is true that in 2012 only 28% of ratepayers belonged to the Association and even less to Conservancy. You are receiving this Newsletter because we have your e-mail address; we only have around 30% of e-mail addresses on our database, therefore you are probably a paid up member. If not, I have attached the updated subscriptions form which you can complete and return to the appropriate organisation (NB each organisation has a different bank account). We have over 1000 homes in Southbroom, if each homeowner joined both organizations at a total cost of R600 pa it would make very little difference to your pocket but a big difference to what we could do to augment the services we are currently receiving. Please pass this on to your neighbors and friends and encourage them to update their details and join up.

### **STREET CHAMPIONS**

There is a list of "Street Champions" on the website which has not been updated for a number of years and this initiative has pretty much fallen away, apart from a few of our dedicated citizens who are always there to help. The idea is that each street has at least one representative who will generally keep an eye on what goes on around them, encourage neighbors to beautify their verges and plant indigenous, monitor building projects, dumping, potholes, vagrants, snares, etc as well as encouraging neighbours to join Ratepayers and Conservancy. We are now reviving this initiative and updating the list of volunteers. We already have a number of people who have come forward, but we always need more. If you are a permanent resident and would like to add your name to the list please contact Jackie Pratt.

Once we have a list of champions for the majority of the streets we plan to have a joint get together with Conservancy & Ratepayers Committee representatives so that we can discuss the roles of the Champions and share ideas.

## NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS

### **SOUTHBROOM COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM**

Kingsley du Plessis, the Chairman of the CPF, advised us that our Reservists and the Police did a sterling job during December which kept crime to low levels. In particular we would like to thank Const. Comfort Mlambo and Mr Bennie Kruger for the effort and time that they have given to keep the crime rate as low as it was during December compared to previous years.

We again request that homeowners secure their properties, especially when they go to sleep at night or when they go down to the beach, making sure that set their alarms.

Although there was a slight reduction in the discharge of fireworks, there are still far too many fireworks being discharged throughout Southbroom area, which is having a negative impact on the Wildlife, as well as being disruptive for residents and pets. We again remind homeowners that the discharge of Fireworks in Southbroom is forbidden in terms of the local bylaws. Transgressions may be reported to the local police station, preferable with proof (e.g. a photograph).

### **ROADS**

The Municipality conducted maintenance on Barnstable and Link Roads in January. The committee provided the Municipality with a schedule prioritising roads for future maintenance as requested.

## LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS COMES TO SOUTHBROOM



### **S A WOMEN'S OPEN**

Southbroom Golf Club will be home to the 2013 S.A. Women's Open from 19 to 21 April. This is a professional golfing event, co-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour (LET) and S.A. Women's Professional Golfers Association (WPGA). It will be televised live to South Africa and the World. The opportunity to show case Southbroom is immense and we urge everyone to support the event and ensure its success.

At present, the golf club is hard at work preparing the course, club house and temporary practice facility at Eyles Park. Nearer the time, certain roads will be closed, grand stands will be erected and porta cabins will move in to accommodate all the services that support an event of this stature. Roads around the golf club and course, including part of Captain Smith's Road, will be designated 'pedestrians only' and

motorists will be asked to use the Eyles Road link between Outlook Road and Southbroom Avenue.

It is interesting to see how much interest the tournament is generating. Visit [www.ladieseuropeantour.com](http://www.ladieseuropeantour.com) and navigate to Tour Schedule / April 2013 / S.A. Women's Open / New Tournament Info. Here you can see which lady golf professionals have already applied online to play in the tournament, and that the 108 slots are already well over-subscribed. This bodes well for tourism, for all of our businesses and for local employment.

The golf club will be a hive of activity from Monday 14 April. Practice rounds will get under way and there may be a Pre-Qualifying tournament played. The customary Pro-Am will be played on the Wednesday and the main event tees off on Friday 19 April. We urge you to come out and watch the ladies in action. Let's send our guests home with lasting memories of a spectacular stay in Southbroom. Report by Joy Crutchfield



## SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY

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Gloriosa Superba

At the Annual General meeting of the Southbroom Conservancy held in January, Chairman David Halle brought along a lovely specimen of a Gloriosa Superba or Flame Lily. David felt that the name was synonymous with Southbroom, and suggested we adopt it as our signature flower. Why not plant a few in your garden and on your verge, they really are quite stunning when planted en masse.

### SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY AGM REPORT

1. Membership fees increased to R300 per annum
2. Need to work with SRA to increase membership numbers
3. Bob Kempthorne to investigate possibility of issuing Tax certificates
4. "Working for Coastal Group" has been effective in aiding removal of alien vegetation
5. Educational talk was given to Garden Services Groups and Landscaping Businesses about managing gardens in environmentally friendly way
6. Application has been made to Delta Trust to convert conservancy areas in Southbroom into Nature Reserves
7. Michael and Alfred can be employed at R150 a day to clear gardens or plots of alien plants . Contact Peddy Bam or Anne Skelton
8. Homeowners encouraged to visit indigenous " reference " garden at Eyles Park to see what alien invaders look like

9. Monkey problem difficult to resolve but residents encouraged to keep food out of sight and thereby remove temptation as much as possible
10. Agreed to form a united front with SRA in order to avoid duplication.

## **BACKGROUND**

Southbroom Conservancy is registered as a Non profit organization PBO 930 036 095. It was founded as a conservancy and established in February 2003. It covers the area between the Imbezane and Mkobi Rivers, the Indian Ocean and the National Rd R61.

## **SOME OF THE CURRENT PROJECTS**

1. Removal of Invasive Alien vegetation from the village
2. Maintenance of the Bush buck trail
3. Maintenance of the Imbezane River Meander
4. Maintenance of the Frederika Trail
5. Maintenance of the Outlook Dassie walk.
6. Construction and Maintenance of the Frederika viewing deck.
7. Educational and HCM regulatory signage throughout the village.
8. Plastic bag dispensers at all entrances onto the beach for the removal of dog waste.
9. Regular community hikes along the South Coast for pleasure, education and “clean-ups”
10. Supervision and training for removal of game snares and traps. 1 Staff member.
11. Management of recycling depot in village, providing training and employment.
12. Training of litter cart operator to keep streets litter free and litter bins empty.
13. Management of village gardens by volunteers.
14. Advice on planting of indigenous vegetation and education about alien vegetation.
15. Regular testing of water in and around the village and checks on septic tank systems.
16. Assistance with detection of water leaks and repair.

## **THE BAD NEWS**

Peddy Bam reports that there is an increase in the number of snares Joseph (the man employed by Conservancy to check on snares) is finding. It was 3 to 4, but is now up to a frightening **8 to 10 per week**.

Peddy is particularly concerned about the red duiker population around Eyles road, near Mandalay and on the adjoining farm.

If you have a vacant plot on your boundary or close to you, please check for snares. They are most likely to be set on narrow paths or openings in the bush. It takes Joseph about two weeks to cover most of Southbroom. We need your help.

Thank you - Peddy Bam.

## RECYCLING

Those of you who attended the AGM, will have heard the presentation from HCM regarding their proposed recycling project under which they propose to use Southbroom as a pilot town. Ultimately HCM will take over the recycling, but initially until it is established and functioning efficiently, Conservancy will be working with HCM overseeing the project. At present, although many of you have noticed that the coloured recycling bins have been relocated to the Transfer Station in Outlook Road, close to the South entrance, **THE DEPOT HAS NOT MOVED** and the current depot in front of the Municipal offices will continue to operate until further notice. Please continue to utilise the pink bags and take your recycling material to the existing depot. It is estimated that by the end of March HCM will be ready to move the operation to the Transfer Station and Ratepayers will be notified by a Newsflash and Notices at the Depots. Meantime – as you were.

This chap is a regular visitor to a garden pond in Link Road, isn't he beautiful, but beware of that tail.

If you have any interesting sightings please send your photos to the conservancy committee guys



## SOUTHBROOM LIBRARY

The Raffle for the Hamper which was on show in the Library for a few weeks, was drawn at the Ratepayers AGM, however the winner was not present. The raffle prizes were delivered personally to very happy recipients. Winner of the Christmas hamper was Lester Govender and Nishara Rajkoomar won the pamper hamper. They were both reluctant to have their photos taken so we didn't force the issue. R3 200.00 was raised and grateful thanks are extended to all who contributed towards the prizes and to those who bought tickets.

Our Library continues to go from strength to strength and, thanks to a dedicated band of Volunteers, it is now acquiring a reputation as one of the better libraries in the area and

attracts readers from quite far afield. Pop in and check out the amazing selection of books, catch up with local news and get to meet your neighbours.

The Ladies Golf coming to Southbroom is really going to bring us into the public eye and hopefully motivate our Municipality to improve our services and make a positive impression on visitors. Both organisations have some enthusiastic new blood on their committees and with the help and support of all our Ratepayers we are positive we can make a difference.

For your convenience, if you are not already a current member you can complete and return the form below, or you can join up on line at [www.southbroom.org](http://www.southbroom.org)

Together we can make a difference

**SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY**

<p><i>PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSERVANCY AND RATEPAYERS ARE SEPARATE ORGANISATIONS WITH SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS</i>  <i>Kindly complete this form and send POP to the organisation you are supporting.</i>  <i>Please try to support both organisations, we are working together to maintain and improve your village</i></p>		
<b>2013 SUBSCRIPTION INVOICE</b>		
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Annual sub: R200 Donation R.....	Total paid: R	Standard Bank Margate – 057528 Account Number - 053386744
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