



Hi Everyone,

On Tuesday morning 26th July 2016 Southbroom, and the whole of the South Coast, woke up (if they managed to get any sleep) to lashing rain, gale force winds and devastation all around. The photographs tell the story. But as usual the Southbroom community rallied round and were out in force, mopping up and making plans to get things back to normal as soon as possible.



Lifeguards hut at Main Beach



Main Beach Tidal Pool



Grannies Pool



Library Tree

We were really fortunate that this horrendous front did not hit us during the winter holidays when we had some fantastic weather and our visitors were able to really enjoy lots of outdoor activities and our wonderful beaches. Fortunately the good weather continued right up until the end of the Junior National Deep Sea angling competition at Shelly Beach last week. Congratulations to 12 year old Dylan Westoby (Tony & Sue's grandson) and his cousin Tristan Blake for representing Natal in this very prestigious tournament.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WATER

We are pleased to report that UGU has commissioned three pressure reducing valves (PRV's) in the Southbroom water reticulation system, which should significantly reduce pipeline breakages. Our water committee discovered that these expensive valves had been installed over five years ago, but had not been commissioned when they completed a review of the water reticulation system.

UGU has commenced a R45 million project to upgrade the Umtamvuna water treatment works. This is good news for Southbroom residents as these water works are the main source of our water supply.

UGU contractors have completed the project to lay new water pipes and a fire hydrant in Link Road. This project should reduce the large number of pipeline breaks this year.

We arrange for water samples to be analysed on a regular basis, and these show high ecoli levels in the Umkobi area. We are trying to trace the source so that this can be remediated.

BEACHES AND POOLS

The tidal pool was cleaned and plugged and a steel plate installed on the outlet pipe, and is looking good.

We arranged for all the lights at the main beach to be repaired.

HCM have provided a budget for a first aid station on the ground floor of the Lifeguard building, and we hope that this will be commissioned soon.

ROADS

The new HCM budget for roads is now available. We have completed a survey of roads and sent this and the priorities for patching to HCM, and hope that work will commence soon.

OTHER

Telkom have started a project to replace the old telephone poles with new ones. The contractor has damaged some of the telephone lines whilst completing this work. Telkom faults can be easily reported by sending a SMS to 30591 with text "service telephone number". This system is automated and a reference number is provided quickly.

Brian Thompson - Chairman

SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS COMMITTEE CHANGES

Unfortunately Richard Bridgeford, who has done an outstanding job covering roads and town planning over the last few years, has resigned to take up an overseas contract for three years. Cees van der Slikke will stay on the committee covering this portfolio but as this is the biggest headache for our committee we would welcome the assistance of another enthusiastic person, preferable someone with some Civil engineering background. Please contact any one of the SRA committee if you are able to make yourself available.

For around 15 years or more Kate Clarence has done an excellent job “Keeping Southbroom Beautiful” by managing the signage and many of the things that so often spoil our beautiful village. Kate is now ready to take a back seat to enjoy a little more travelling and spend time with her family. We are really going to miss her but we are extremely fortunate to have another passionate and dedicated lady in our village who for very many years has worked tirelessly to maintain our public gardens. Libby Cochrane not only looks after the gardens but also has a sharp eye for any little niggles she may come across and we are delighted that Libby has agreed to join the committee to assist and hopefully next year take over from Kate “Keeping Southbroom Beautiful”.

In order to coincide with the financial year end the Annual General Meeting of the Southbroom Ratepayers Association will be held in early January 2017, instead of December as in previous years. It's a few months off of course but the AGM is the time when we can vote new blood onto the committee. If anyone feels they can make a contribution to the committee please do contact one of the committee members, we need new enthusiastic people to help continue to maintain and improve standards in our lovely village.

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY GOLF DAY 2016

The Southbroom Conservancy sends a most sincere THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of the annual Conservancy fundraising golf day, held on Saturday 16 July. Despite inclement weather and a very small field of players a new record was set by the formidable team of Dawne Murray, Cathy Thompson and their tireless helpers – the astonishing amount of R53832 was raised.

The annual golf day is the main source of income for the Conservancy and the handsome amount raised will allow us to not only keep maintaining the special beauty of Southbroom and its indigenous flora and fauna, but to also embark on an exciting new community project – watch this space for further information. A particular thank you to the many people who supported this day so willingly – Southbroom Golf Club, Derek Sheena and Dane, Margate Furnishers, Saverite, the hole sponsors, the prize, wine and cash donors, the helpers, the many buyers of raffle tickets and most of all, the golfers who joined us on the day.



Kate Clarence & Malcolm Sutton braving the wind on the 15th

THANK YOU ALL – SOUTHBROOMERS ROCK!

SOUTHBROOM TENNIS CLUB

Southbroom Tennis club recently hosted their annual Club Championships. The event was very well attended and very competitive. Aside from the success of this event, the member and community support was always high and the spectators were never disappointed with some wonderful tennis being played in all of the events. Well done to all of the winners and congratulations to the club for an outstanding competition.

After a great deal of effort, planning and fundraising, we have finally embarked on phase one of our court renovation project. Thank you very much to all members, local businesses and individuals for their kind support in helping us to commence this project. Unfortunately, this project is an expensive one and this still only allows us to resurface just the one court; there are two more that still require renovation and resurfacing. We would like to appeal to anyone in the community that would like to assist us in this project with finances, fundraising or ideas in this regard as it will certainly benefit the entire community.

We welcome visitors anytime and have social tennis on Wednesdays and Saturdays every week open to members and visitors. We look forward to welcoming more of you to our club and our newly renovated court.

Southbroom Tennis Club is holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday July 30, 2016 at 12:30 at the club house. Members of the community are welcome to attend

*Brandon H. Saunders - Vice-chairman
Southbroom Tennis Club*

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

We welcome those of you coming down during the Gauteng private school holidays next month and do hope that the weather will be kind to you.

- Dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on the bathing beaches, i.e. Main Beach, Grannies and Umkobi
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times in public places (see June news for by-laws pertaining to dogs)
- Refuse must be put out on **MONDAYS** only. Please recycle and put both your black and clear bag on your verge in a cage of wheelie on Mondays, or take to the depot in Outlook road.
- **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY** around our village. Keep our town safe for runners, walkers cyclists, children and the animals. There have been some unfortunate incidents of wildlife being hit by speeding cars, this has to stop.

CHARITY EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

We often receive requests from various charities to publish their events and fundraising activities but our committee feel that this Newsletter is primarily to keep you touch with community activities within Southbroom and we do not want to inundate you with "begging letters" from every good cause on the south coast, especially as the majority of people already support their own favourite charities. However in order to accommodate a few local events perhaps a short list as below would be acceptable. Let me know your thoughts.

SOME UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Christmas in July on behalf of Child Welfare – YaYas – Saturday 30th July, 6.30 for 7pm
R200 per head - Contact Reg to book : 039 316 8442 or 079 046 1652

Trafalgar Presbyterian Church will be holding a Golf day on Friday 29th July at the Southbroom Golf club, funds raised will go to support their various charities.



Siyakwazi is involved in early childhood development and aims to unlock the learning potential of children with disabilities and learning difficulties. They are a community based organisation that focuses on children under 7 within our district. Their vision is that **'We can all learn'**.

Siyakwazi has a Masakane 2nd hand shop in KwaNzimakwe, opposite Munster, where for 3 days every month they sell 2nd hand clothes, baby stuff and goods to the local community. **They create a space where**

everyone can afford to buy what they need with dignity.

Popular items include children's clothing and toys, baby items and clothes for all ages and either gender. So, when next you spring clean, please consider donating items to Siyakwazi. They can be delivered to Beth's house at 372 Outlook Road, Southbroom.

To find out more contact Beth Cook 082 320 1068 or Sam de Boer 071 293 6895

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