

Southbroom *Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa*

Spring is
in the air



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

Hi Everyone,

Wow Spring has arrived!

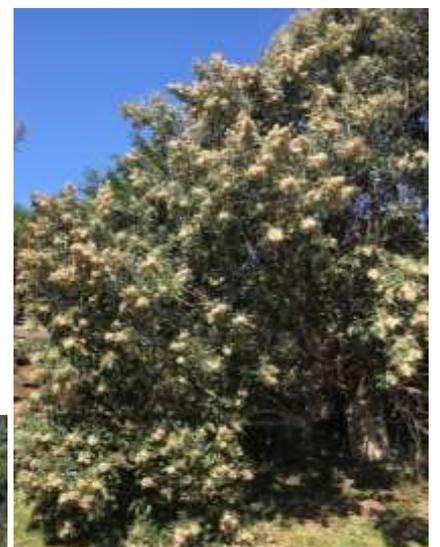
Arguably the best time of year, even in the sub-tropics where we hardly get a winter, after a short dormant period the trees are bursting with new growth, the gardens are coming to life, and the exotics such as bougainvillea

and azalea are showing their true colours. It is wonderful to see so many people caring for their verges and many are looking fantastic; a little competition is in the planning stages for the best verge, start preparing now so that your verge is at its best when judging takes place, probably early in the new year. Watch this space for details. We encourage everyone to go indigenous where possible but the odd non-invasive exotics do add a lovely splash of colour.



We cried when the big Natal Mahogany at the library blew over and had to be severely cut back, but look at her now, really showing off. A diseased Fiddlewood tree on the other side had to be removed recently and Libby Cochrane has been hard at work replanting the garden which will soon show its true colours.

The pergola on The Square was originally planted up with bougainvillea when the building was completed and is now doing a grand job of shading the outside coffee corner.



Thanks to all the volunteers who put in a lot of hard work to keep our village beautiful.





VANDALISM

With so many people working hard to maintain our village, we were absolutely shocked when vandals decided to go joy riding around Eyles park and part of the Golf course last weekend. They broke down the barrier and churned up the whole area leaving deep tyre marks all over the park. They also drove around the park at the old dump, where they were unable to make too much of a dent due to the sub base, as well as the area opposite The Outlook on the other side of the main road at the robots. Some peoples idea of fun after a good night out?

Our CPF are currently investigating and we hope that the perpetrators will be found and charged accordingly.

DUMPING And whilst on the subject of keeping the town

beautiful, it just blows my mind that people can take the trouble to drive to a vacant stand, a green litter bin or another street corner to DUMP their rubbish, instead of taking it to the depot in Outlook road or purchasing cage, which costs no more than a case of wine. Many of the empty wine bottles seem to end up dumped in black bags instead of recycled. Come on folks, we cannot allow the few to spoil it for the many, everyone needs to do their little bit to keep our town neat, tidy and beautiful.

SPEEDING

It never stops, every Newsletter we seem to “nag” about speeding around the village and whilst most residents do stay within the 40kph limit the majority of the time, it is more often visitors, contractors and service providers who are the culprits. We understand that security companies often have to answer a call quickly but in many cases security vehicles are merely patrolling, in which case they do not need to exceed the limit.

Recently a beloved pet cat was run over and killed, a tragedy that could have been avoided if the speed limit had been adhered to.

Please tell contractors to speak to their drivers and make sure your own visitors or family members are not behaving recklessly. Keep Southbroom safe – thank you.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: *by Brian Thompson*

BEACHES AND POOLS

RNM failed to fix the sewerage tank pipe at the main beach which has been leaking sewerage into the lagoon for some time, so we arranged for a plumber to repair the leak. Water samples taken indicate high levels of E.coli in the lagoon, so we erected a warning sign and sent more water samples for analysis after the leak was repaired.

We arranged for RNM to replace the four missing sewerage manhole covers near Riptide. We conducted a review of the signage at the main beach, and will tidy up and standardise the signage.

ROADS

We made a presentation on Southbroom roads to the RNM municipal manager on 3rd April, which included 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. RNM were interested in the proposal and requested a follow up meeting with

management and technical staff on 20 July, but this was postponed and we are waiting for another date.

We are pleased that we have managed to get RNM to allocate 1800m2 of pothole repairs to Southbroom roads. We met with the roads superintendent to prioritise 19 roads, and the contractor has started with South Ridge, Cliff and Dorwin roads.

We congratulate the residents of Peters Way who arranged for a contractor to repair potholes and a full overlay of the road.

WATER

There were two large leaks on water pipes in Basil road and Churchill Street which were repaired by Ugu plumbers.

Ugu installed a locked chain on the gate to the water reservoir, which has prevented committee members from making inspections, and a key for the lock has been requested from Ugu.

We are extremely concerned about the viability of the Ugu municipality, which had serious financial issues, labour problems and has lost several senior managers responsible for water management.

We recommend that all residents keep an adequate supply of drinking water, and if possible install water tanks at home.

GENERAL

We are pleased that Oliver Ransome has been appointed as chairman of the South Coast Ratepayers Association. He has already organised a strategic planning session with all ratepayer associations, and has arranged a meeting on 10 September with the RNM municipal manager to discuss ratepayer concerns, which I will be attending.

Brian Thompson

CONSERVANCY MATTERS

COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY

We believe that you should be picking up debris everyday including Saturday for International coastal clean-up day. Join us this Saturday in collaboration with pro surfer Royden Bryson ...

If you can't make it on Saturday try to make a habit of taking a bag on your beach walk to collect any rubbish you find there.

Together we can make a difference.



Join Pro surfer Royden Bryson
in collaboration with Ocean Friendly SA and Southbroom Conservancy
for a coastal clean-up walk from
Southbroom Main Beach to Grannies Pool

Please bring your own bag to put your rubbish into
We will be collecting data afterwards to see what was collected in our area
For more information contact Taryn 0760787189



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WILDLIFE

Local residents Julie and Cleve Walker have a camera on their property and report regularly seeing the following animals:

Bushbuck, Common duiker, Blue duiker, Genet, African wild cat, White-tailed mongoose, Water mongoose, Porcupine as well as a pair of Egyptian slit-faced bats nesting in their laundry and Peter's epauletted fruit bats in their garden. Recently the camera picked up this pair of Bush pigs eating fallen



dates. Although they have been reported by local farmers (where they can be a nuisance), Bushpigs have not been seen around Southbroom for some time so it is good to know they are back and our wildlife is thriving thanks to conservation measures.

BOWLING CLUB NEWS



Southbroom Bowling Club looks fantastic after its facelift. The gardens surrounding the green look beautiful in full azalea flower - thanks to resident and member Julia Moorley's careful attention. Now, the area above the car park is receiving a major overhaul. Members turned out to help clear the jungle and to replant with dietes, aloes and other suitable plants. The club thanks Anne Skelton of Southbroom Conservancy, The Southbroom

Ratepayers' Association, and the village's public-gardens champion Libby Cochrane for their help in providing advice, material and labour for the project. Our thanks also to bowling-club workers Elliot and Alfred, and to Mr Zulu of the municipality for hauling away mountains of discarded material.

In bowls news, the club is very proud of Mal Sheppard and Tony Waters, both of whom won bronze medals in the region's Champion of Champions tournament held recently at The Bell. Congratulations also to new member Andre Coetzer, who has been selected for the Kingfisher Bowling Association's Under 30s team to play in the upcoming Inter-districts competition at Pietermaritzburg after only a few months of bowling.



The green will be closed for the month of October for spring treatment. It will be watered, hollow-tined, fertilised, top-dressed, and allowed to rest. However, the pub will definitely be open on Friday afternoons to keep the camaraderie among its 90 members.

Visitors to Southbroom wishing to play during this period will be welcomed by any of our neighbouring clubs. In addition to the two senior coaches Malcolm Milne and Jim Cook, the club also has two new coaches, Cleve and Julie Walker. All bowls coaching is free, and if anyone is interested, please contact the club secretary :

Julie Walker at southbroombowls@gmail.com.

Southbroom Bowling Club

083 273 6840



SPRING WINE FESTIVAL



SOUTH COAST
RIVERBEND FARM

Profiling more than 120 wines from 30 premier wine estates and for the first time ever also presenting

“The Secret Gin Bar”

Date : Saturday 22nd September

Time: 17h30 – 20h30

Tickets: Limited to 300 – R180 each and can be purchased either by eft or directly from Riverbend Crocodile Farm. Please phone 039 3166204

Tickets include: Tasting glass, option to order wines at great prices, a light meal and heaps of fun!

The South African Porsche owners club is hosting its annual getaway and 200 Porsche enthusiasts

with more than 110 beautiful Porsches will be staying at San Lameer from Thursday 20th September to Monday 24th September.

If anyone would like to see the cars they will all be on display on Sunday 23rd September between 10.00am and 1.00pm at the Margate Pier in Panorama Drive, Margate for a “Show and Shine”.

Admission is free.



If you are travelling to Southbroom for the October school break, travel safe and enjoy our beautiful village. Don't forget to check our FB group for any last minute events and our website for more info about Southbroom and local businesses.

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