



SSNW Watch

December 2022 | Newsletter | Christmas Edition

CHAIRMAN'S XMAS MESSAGE

Like most of our residents we will be pleased to see the end of 2022. Loadshedding, water restrictions, fuel increases and lately dry windy conditions with devastating fires. Thankfully the rain came and gave us some respite.

On a more positive note our new mayor and his coalition team, have been making great strides in addressing infrastructure issues such as potholes, electrical connections, lighting, water leaks and just generally cleaning up our city, making it more tourist-friendly than last December.

Our new Safety and Security Precinct is also a success story in that after a year of discussions it was finally agreed for the establishment of the precinct. Cameras, monitoring equipment and a 24/7 controller are in place. SAPS, Metro Police and beach patrollers are all now visible.

Long story short the beachfront is looking good at this point in time and hopefully it will stay that way and visitors to the beach will use the new recycling bins.

In this newsletter I would like to thank our past chairman, Sean Tappan, for the fine job he did in project managing the setting up of the Safety and Security Precinct.

A big thank you to our Corporate Members for their sponsorship in cash and kind towards enabling the Precinct to function effectively. SSNW donated R15 000

to the Precinct Project so you, as members, have also contributed.

As we prepare for Christmas, SSNW would like to thank all of our patrollers for their dedication and commitment throughout the year. SAPS, Metro, ATLAS, F.ADT, City Wide and CIC, thank you all for supporting SSNW and our Summerstrand Community. Also thank you to the municipal departments that have given us their support on our numerous projects.

Last, but certainly not least, to all our Summerstrand resident members and non-members, we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New year. Please remain safety and security vigilant during your holidays.

Stay Safe
Ian Millar
Chairman of SSNW

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*Together We
Are Stronger!*



SSNW AGM

The SSNW AGM was held on the 1st December 2022 at 6pm at the Summerstrand United Church Hall. The attendance was a little disappointing given that we had catered for a fairly large number due to the positive responses we received to our RSVP's.

The 2023 AGM will probably take place in early or mid-November as this should not clash with Corporate End of Year functions, etc. Any suggestions from our members to improve future attendance, would be appreciated.

As per our Constitution, our Chairman Sean Tappan, and Vice Chairman, Prof. Pieter Binsbergen, "retired" after serving two years in the respective positions. Your new Committee is as follows:

Chairman	Ian Millar
Vice Chairman	Glenn Pappin
Treasurer	Rob Wylde
Operations Director	Shaun Roberts
Operations Manager	Thomas van Deemter
Administrator	Lerryn Mew
Secretary and Social Media Services	Candice Millar

We thank Sean Tappan and Prof. Pieter Binsbergen for their service to SSNW and are pleased that they will remain as patrollers.

Glen Pappin, GM of Town Lodge Hotel and a part of the City Lodge Hotel Group, is a "seasoned" patroller, hotelier and member of the DMB (Discover Mandela Bay) Tourism and FEDHASA (Federated Hospitality Association SA). Glenn and Ian will share the vacant marketing position until further notice.

Shaun Roberts is our resident snake catcher, police reservist and an SSNW patroller. We look forward to his input in the operations.

Rob Wylde has so ably managed our audits and finances and we thank him for continuing to avail himself in the treasurer position. Rob will also be the driving force behind our need to improve the membership collection and reconciliation. Our growth over the last two years requires us to systemise certain aspects of our admin.

Lerryn Mew will also continue in the administration function, managing membership "take ons" and collections.

Candice Millar will also continue as secretary and social media services.

We thank Candice and Lerryn for staying on and wish all of the above every success for the year ahead.

After the confirmation of the office bearers for 2023/2024, the agenda dealt with the following:

- Outgoing chairman's annual report
- Treasurers presentation
- Marketing/PR presentation
- Lucky draw – won by Russell Booth
- Thanks to VIPs in attendance and members
- Snack and refreshments

YOUR EXCO COMMITTEE



Ian Millar
Chairman



Glenn Pappin Vice
Chairman



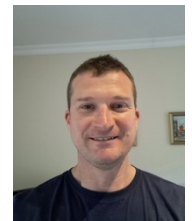
Rob Wylde
Treasurer



Lerryn Mew
Membership Admin



Candice Millar
Secretary and Social
Media



Shaun Roberts
Operations Director



Thomas van Deemter
Ops Manager
Patrol Scheduling



FIRES

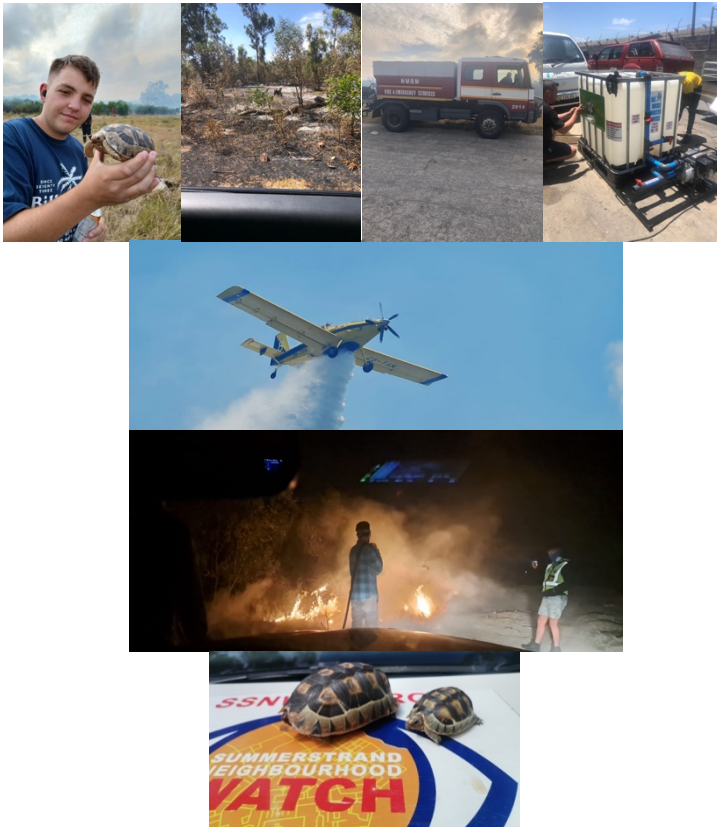
During the recent spate of fires (2 weekends), our patrollers were out there helping the firefighters using their own firefighting equipment (Chris Opperman and teams). It was amazing! Our teams worked day and night!

Cheryl Botha from South End made contact with SSNW Ian Millar and suggested that we provide all the firefighters, municipal and our own, with lip ice, eye drops, water, cooldrink and sweets. Cheryl's suggestion was prompted by a personal family tragedy that took place during the 2017 fires near Thornhill and Woodridge. Having seen the effect of these fires and the smoke on the "battle weary" fireman, she decided to do something that would be of great assistance to the firemen.

Requests went out on all of our Social Media platforms and the Spar in Summerbreeze, Humewood, 3rd Avenue Walmer and Summerstrand Pharmacy all contributed to the cause. Our community of residents were unbelievable and never stopped supplying for days on end. Your patrollers spent day and night shuttling the welcome supplies to fireman in our area and still took some to the other affected areas.

SSNW were also blessed when Mr Kerry of Extreme Project donated a firefighting system to SSNW and Glen Pappin suddenly has his own "Red Fire Engine" (his red vehicle with firefighting system in his trailer in tow behind him).

The other good news is that our Patroller Blake saved a total of +- 40 tortoises that were affected by the fire.



Thank you to our security partners!

A BIG thank you goes out to all our public and private sector security and emergency services partners. We would not be able to do any of this without you and your support!



Our Stats!



Crime Reporting Group: **622**



Members: **265**



Active Patrollers: **48**

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