



KBRRA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025

A Busy Time for the Committee!

The Kidd's Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association (KBRRA) held a very successful community meeting in June to present options of how Kidds Beach can best maintain and deliver the level of service we expect, notwithstanding the deficiencies in service delivery provided by BCMM. The community mandated the KBRRA Committee to develop amendments to the KBRRA Constitution to allow for the development of a Home Owners Association (HOA) to manage the daily operational requirements for the village. A newspaper article on this decision in the Dispatch, in July, helped to get broader exposure of this proposal. The committee has been hard at work getting as many community members as possible to commit to the HOA, and going through the legal requirements to make this a reality. Watch your inboxes later this month for updates requiring your approval at the AGM in November.

R72 Still a Non-Starter

Unfortunately the news received from SANRAL this past week was not positive. There is still no firm commitment to funding from new investors into the MHG Developments and this means the start date for work on the R72 interchange will probably not happen before 2026. We ask all road users to continue showing care and caution in that area.

What has been improved is the sand road - East St extension. This has been an outstanding item on the roads improvement list but no support was received from BCMM. With the help of community donations of sabunga and financial assistance from local residents, the road was leveled, layers of sabunga added and a new road emerged. Thank you to our community for supporting this initiative!!

The pothole repair project will kick off this week, weather permitting. Again, thank you to our community for donating funds towards labour and tar. Thank you to volunteers who have agreed to assist with management and oversight of this project.

Keeping Our Beachfront and Lagoon Area Beautiful

Linda Mannheim and her team have done sterling work in clearing away lantana, invasive bushes and weeds from Pirates Walk. The team also worked on improving the drainage towards the beach, making Park Run a less muddy affair! If you haven't been that way for a while it is well worth the walk. They have also installed a totem pole of directions and distance markers, making the sharing of information fun and another tourist photo attraction!



Lifesaving & Beach Safety

Kidds Beach was identified as a beach requiring more lifeguard support. Since Easter, we have our own dedicated BCMM lifeguards, based in Kidds Beach. This will make a big difference to overall beach safety as summer starts and the weekends get busier. We appreciate the dedication of these individuals who work to keep our beach safe!

Community Hall

The Kidds Beach community hall has been out of operation since the end of September 2024 due to BCMM not paying the electricity account, for which they were responsible. Eskom disconnected the electricity supply at the end of September 2024. After nearly a year of attempting to resolve the issues and inaction from BCMM, the KBRRA Committee resolved to find ways to enable the hall to be utilised by the community, and enable funds to be collected for maintenance and upgrades in future. The hall has been painted, plumbing has been repaired and an internet connection has been installed into the office space. The first office tenant has taken up space and another large 5 x 5m office, and two 5 x 3m offices with toilets, are available to rent on a monthly basis. The Hall can be booked for functions once again. Please contact Kian Reynolds .

As part of the upgrade, the squash court has been refurbished and is open. Membership of the squash club and access to the court can be arranged.

Thank you to our community for the donation of paint to refurbish these areas. Your support is always appreciated!

A new Overseer!

Finally, we would like to welcome our new BCMM overseer to Kidds Beach. Steve is very excited about serving the community and has already met with committee members to discuss how we work together and for us to assist in developing a priority action plan. We look forward to seeing the improvements. Thank you to the Reel Guy for donating cleaning materials to get the beach bathrooms up to scratch!

AGM

The AGM will soon be upon us and we look forward to approving the implementation of the HOA through the amended KBRRA Constitution. Please review the documents you will receive and provide feedback before the AGM to enable the final version to be tabled for acceptance by all present.

Yours in community service,
Janice Hurly
Chairperson, KBRRA