



SKCID UPDATE



We are pleased to advise that all formalities, NPC and most compliance requirements have been completed and that we are fully operational as a CID.

Our **1st MEMBERS MEETING** will be on the Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 6pm at the Simon's Town Town Hall.
See the Agenda under the Documents tab on www.simonskloofcid.co.za

We are proud to share with you that much has been achieved in the last 6 months.
A topline report can be found on page 2, specifically in the areas of:

- Fire Management
- Safety and Security
- Environment
- C3 reporting

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Read the periodic updates at : www.simonskloofcid.co.za

THIRD ISSUE

Happy 2025 to all
SIMON'S
KLOOFER'S!

We trust you will enjoy our 3rd issue, and the 1st for the new year. A place for SKCID updates, social news and happenings in beautiful Simon's Kloof.

To those that are new to the neighbourhood - we **welcome you!** Please contact Clair Schaap so that she can add you to the SK Database, ensuring you get important community news and information.

If you missed issues 1 & 2, find them at the dedicated tab on www.simonskloofcid.co.za



HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL

OUT AND ABOUT ...

6 - 10 January 2025



Funk The Disco [70's]

Kalk Bay Theatre

www.kalkbaytheatre.co.za

22 Feb 2025

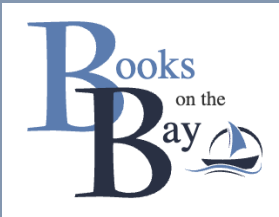


High Tides & Green Grass

Water's Edge

072 926 4016

14 - 16 March 2025



Books On The Bay

Simon's Town

www.booksonthebay.co.za

SK CID UPDATE cont..

FIRE MANAGEMENT :

- Completed the Fire Risk Assessment for SK
 - Based on the findings and recommendations, we have set up a separate Fire Committee
 - Built a relationship with COCT Fire Hydrants Department. who have completed the testing of and repair of 5 fire hydrants with SK
 - The SKCID will complete a quarterly check on the fire hydrants
 - Requested Property owners to clear their properties of fire fuel and we would like to thank properties who have responded to this
 - Approached 20 vacant stand owners and the developers of St Barts Estate directly regarding stand clearance and are pleased to advise that 12 vacant
- property owners and St Barts have or will be clearing their stands. 2 have informed us of their intention to build
- Engaged with the City Of Cape Town who own a number of properties within SK and are awaiting feedback from them as to when they will start the clearing of vegetation on the City Owned Stands
 - Started engagement with the SA Navy regarding the clearance of the property to the West of Victory Way
 - Margie Laurence organised the fire Demonstration, which was attend by 20 SK Residents

ENVIRONMENT:

- Employed the services of our resident gardener, who works weekly within SK clearing weeds, fire hydrant areas and the front and island gardens.
- Set up a system to water the entrance garden with overflow mountain water.

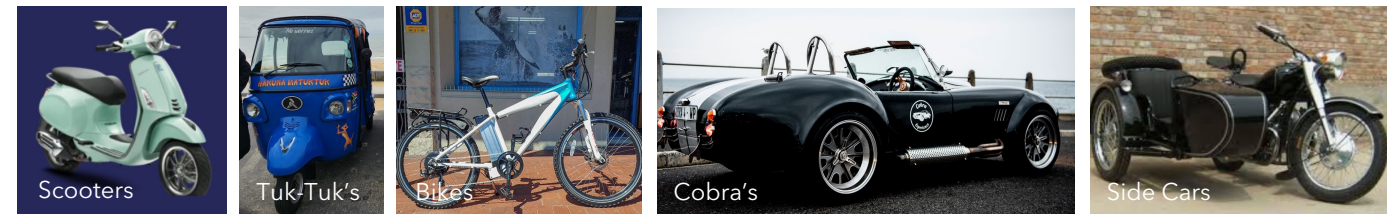
C3'S [COCT REPORT A FAULT SERVICE REQUEST]:

The reporting of faults and incidents with the COCT is everyone's responsibility, and we thank those of you who actively report C3's to the City. Over and above the C3's you have reported, the SKCID has reported 47 as follows:

Fire Safety	Fire Safety	1
Roads	Defect Road	1
Fire Safety	Leaking/ damaged Fire Hydrants and covers	6
Health & Safety	Hole - Reinstatement after water incident	1
Hazardous Trees	Clear Tree	2
Fire Safety	Clear ERFS	18 Erfs
Street Lights (Trafalgar)	Street Lights Not Working	1
Water Pressure	Low Water Pressure	2
Health & Safety	Fallen Branches	1
Water	Burst Pipe	1
Water	Leak in Roadway	1
Water	Burst Pipe	1
Electricity	Power Outage	1

GET FROM A TO B LIKE A TOURIST ...

There are options aplenty for you, your family and visitors when it comes to getting from A to B in Simon's Town and beyond. Available via the local operators in Simon's Town, or the Cape Town operators can deliver.



SPECIAL FEATURE:

BE PREPARED FOR A FIRE EMERGENCY



We are in the midst of the hottest months of the year, and as you know with that comes the risk of fire.

Preparation is vital in preventing the start or spreading of fires.

[also read the WILDFIRE READY doc on www.simonskloofcid.co.za]

PLAN AHEAD OF TIME:

- It is vital to have a plan of action in place in order to be prepared in case of a wild fire.
- Make sure that your possessions/assets are properly insured. However, the best insurer cannot replace computer data files, personal documents, family photos, souvenirs and artwork.
- We need to do everything we can to reduce the risk of a fire starting and gain those precious 'extra minutes' that will help give firefighters a better chance to get the fire under control. Reducing all fire hazards can make it safer for you to stay and defend your home.

THE COMBINATION OF FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO FIRE RISK



FYNBOS

Burns readily due to its fine and fibrous nature.



ESKOM

Collapsed power lines, due to our gale-force winds.



ALIEN VEGETATION

Rooikrans, gum trees and wattle catch fire rapidly.



STRONG WINDS

Despite the risk, people still braai and a spark could be fanned into a fire.



HIGH-TRAFFIC ROAD SKIRTING

Cigarettes butts carelessly disposed.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS BY REMOVING:



All dead vegetation from your property and verge.



All fast burning alien vegetation – rooikrans, pampas grass, port jackson, black wattle or gum trees from your property and verge.



Any bushes close to windows, glass doors, wood decks or beams etc.

HELP IS AT HAND

FIRSTLY:

Immediately report a fire to the authorities:

COCT FIRE CONTROL:

- 021 590 1900 or
- 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 from a cell

IF these numbers are busy , then call:

SIMONSTOWN FIRE:

- 021 400 3908

SECONDLY:

Provide details of the fire on these WhatsApp groups:

- SK Urgent
- Deep South Fire and Disaster [ask to join this one if you have not yet]

CAN YOU HELP US?:

We are needing residents to assist us so that we as a community are fire-ready.

If you can assist, please drop an email to Gary at dougiegaz@msn.com



Meet SK Resident, Sharon Crowther

Sharon’s journey to Simon’s Kloof began with a visit to Simon’s Town, where its charm, history, and proximity to nature felt like home. Originally from Plymouth, UK, Sharon grew up surrounded by a strong naval tradition, which resonated deeply when she discovered Simon’s Town’s maritime heritage. After meeting her Capetonian husband while working in Tanzania, the couple purchased a plot in Simon’s Kloof in 1999 and built their dream home in 2003. Following years of living abroad, they finally settled in the area in 2015.

Living close to nature inspires Sharon daily. Her home backs onto the mountain, offering access to trails like Swartkop and the Smits to Simon’s Town hike. “Living close to nature and wildlife is such a privilege,” she says, reflecting her commitment to preserving the area’s pristine beauty.

For Sharon, Simon’s Kloof is all about community. “We moved a lot when our children were growing up, so I really value the friendships here,” she shares. Her volunteer work with the NSRI Simon’s Town base is particularly close to her heart. Sharon is proud to contribute to the lifesaving efforts of the organization, which plays a vital role in the safety and wellbeing of the community and its visitors. Through her work with the NSRI, she’s experienced the resilience and generosity of Simon’s Town residents, especially during emergencies like the devastating fires.

Her favourite spot is the False Bay Yacht Club, though she also loves exploring the town’s cafes and shops. Describing Simon’s Kloof in three words, Sharon chooses “Community, Beauty, and Pride”—a fitting tribute to the place she calls home.

BABOON MONITORS STATUS



Council has approved the proposed partnership with the Shark Spotters to assist with the implementation of the Cape Peninsula Baboon Strategic Management Plan.

This plan envisions a sustainable and wild baboon population living in natural landscapes on the Cape Peninsula, with community partnerships and local solutions as being key to keep baboons wild and reduce human-baboon conflict.

In terms of the proposed MoA between the City and the Shark Spotters, the grant funding will be available for the following outcomes, amongst others:

- Employment of a field manager and baboon ranger services for stipulated baboon troops, from sunrise to sunset
- Assist in the roll-out of an infrastructure programme to establish hard boundaries between natural areas and the urban environment where suitable
- Implement a baboon population research programme and employ a baboon researcher
- Acquire and maintain the required operational infrastructure and technology to ensure an effective and efficient programmed
- Actively engage animal welfare groups, non-governmental organisations, residents associations, authorities, scientists and academic institutions
- Ensure ongoing and regular public updates through the relevant media channels that have been established by the Shark Spotting Programme, and develop new channels as needed
- Respond to reported baboon incidents
- Develop, drive and engage public education and awareness programmes around baboons and the BSMP
- Submit monthly operating reports and an annual report
- Submit an annual baboon management research report

Source: City of Cape Town

SIMON'S TOWN GHOST WALK

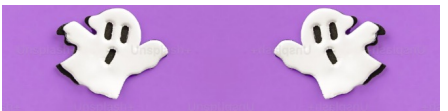
It has been said that Simon's Town is arguably the most haunted village in South Africa. Yikes!

Adventurers come from far and wide to take the ghost walk and find out what places are haunted and by who.

Characters such as the Lavender Lady, the Ghost of Flora, Lady Kingsley and other tales make up the adventure.

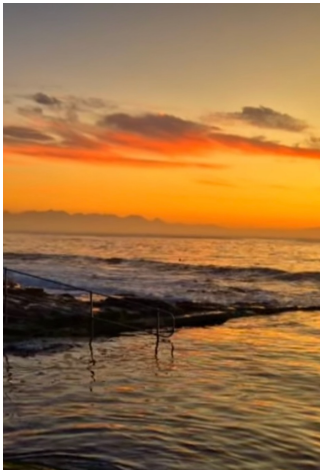
And places that are said to houses these ghosts include:

- The Admiralty House
- The British Hotel
- Lord Nelson
- The Simon’s Town Museum
- St. Francis of Assisi
- The Police Station



TIDAL POOLS OF THE PENINSULA

An alternative to the beaches we have are the plethora of safe tidal pools found along our amazing southern peninsula. Why not grab your costume, towel, cooler bag, willing family and friends and enjoy one of the many on offer?



- **St James** [St James]
- **Dalebrook** [Kalk Bay]
- **Brass Bell** [Kalk Bay]
- **Wooley’s** [Clovelly]
- **Glencairn** [Glencairn]
- **Miller’s Point** [Miller’s Point]
- **Buffel’s Bay** [Cape Point]
- **Soetwater** [Kommetjie]

ELEVATE ENTERTAINING THIS SUMMER

As the summer season unfolds, Simon’s Kloof provides the perfect backdrop for memorable gatherings with family and friends. With its breathtaking natural beauty and inviting spirit, hosting at home can become an elevated experience.

Create a DIY Drinks Station: Take the stress out of hosting and keep guests refreshed by setting up a self-serve drinks station. Use a table or a repurposed outdoor bar cart to display pitchers of water infused with herbs and fruits, pre-mixed cocktails, and a selection of local wines and beers.



Add an ice bucket, glasses, and garnishes like lemon slices or mint, and let guests help themselves. It’s practical, stylish, and gives you more time to enjoy the gathering.

SUMMER GARDENING



Make the most of Simon’s Town’s sunny summer days by planting water-wise indigenous plants like fynbos and aloe, which thrive with minimal watering. Water early in the morning to reduce evaporation, and use mulch to retain soil moisture. For seasonal veggies, try tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, which flourish in the warm climate – but baboon proof this area. Add flowering plants like lavender to attract pollinators and keep your garden buzzing with life. A little care goes a long way to creating a vibrant and sustainable summer garden!

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NUMBERS TO SAVE

COCT FIRE CONTROL:
021 590 1900 or
107 from a landline or
021 480 7700 from a cell

SIMONSTOWN FIRE:
021 400 3908

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