



SKCID UPDATE



2024/2025 REVIEW: It is hard to believe that it has been a year since the SKCID became operational. We are delighted that all the NPC and CoCT compliance and legal requirements are in place. After a successful recruitment drive, Eric Pelser and Andy Robertson have joined the Board of Directors effective May 2025. Eric will join the Security Portfolio and Andy will continue in the Fire Sub-Committee. Liz Chamberlain and Theresa Wilson will offer admin support in comms and website updating. Caro Stelling has joined the team, in the capacity of part time administrator. It has been a challenging year getting all NPC requirements in place, understanding and forging key relationships, and clarifying our role. To ensure that we keep delivering, we will continue to engage with the SKProperty Owners/ Residents and key stakeholder of the SKCID.

WINTER 2025

Hello again SIMONS KLOOFER'S!

We are delighted to bring you the fifth issue of the SK Gazette – we are now 1 year old!

Thank you to all who gave us feedback on the newsletter, we value your input and appreciate your encouragement. We are pleased to continue the Newsletter as a place for CID updates, social news and happenings in and around our beautiful neighbourhood.

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WHAT'S ON :

25 - 27 July 2025



Ben Voss in
Becoming Benno
Kalk Bay Theatre
www.kalkbaytheatre.co.za

02 Aug 2025



Muizenberg EcoActive
Beach Run
Muizenberg Beach
www.ecoactive.org.za

26July - 13 Sept 2025



Candlelight Concerts
Ed Sheeran meets Coldplay
Norval Foundation
<https://www.feverup.com/m/338426>

Simon's Kloof Environmental team



Led by Lorraine Goddard the SK environmental team is made up of Benjamin our gardener and SK volunteers, Chrisi Singer, Clare Watermeyer, Liz Chamberlain, Megan Long Innes, Shawn Wright and Shannon Law. We are thrilled to share the latest achievements in our ongoing efforts to maintain and beautify our beloved Simons Kloof. Lorraine and Sergio have successfully led the City Stand Clean-up to improve our community's spaces. The SK volunteers completed the fertilization of the entrance and Trafalgar Gardens, ensuring that these vital areas remain lush and vibrant throughout the season. Benjamin has been working hard to keep our pavements and fire hydrants free from weeds and debris, contributing greatly to the cleanliness and safety of the neighbourhood. The SK volunteers are assisting with watering Trafalgar Gardens and actively monitoring the surrounding areas, including the open spaces, pavements, and fire hydrants, to ensure they are well-maintained.

We would like to extend thanks to:

- the residents of Dolphin Way, particularly Bydie, Gavin, and Colin, who have maintained the green area in front of the reservoir for many years. Your continued efforts are truly appreciated!
- Shawn Wright who diligently maintains the steps between Trafalgar Place and Nelson's Way
- Mandy du Plessis, for her commitment to keeping the two servitudes in Nelson's Way pristine.

Exciting news, Shanno Law, our talented resident garden designer, will soon be lending her expertise to prune and tidy up the entrance garden. Afterward, Shannon will be advising on and sourcing new plants to give the garden a fresh, vibrant look. She has been working closely with Benjamin, teaching him valuable skills in pruning, planting, and garden care, and will continue to support him with the new planting efforts. Your hard work makes a difference!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND HELPING TO KEEP SIMON'S KLOOF BEAUTIFUL, PLEASE REACH OUT TO LORRAINE AT ENVIRONMENTAL@SIMONSKLOOFCID.CO.ZA.

Winter Wildlife in Simon's Town



In Simon's Town, winter (June-August) is a prime time for whale watching, particularly for Southern Right and Humpback whales. The African penguins at Boulders Beach are also active, and the fynbos biome comes alive with the winter rains, attracting Cape Sugarbirds and Sunbirds. Cape Point, a UNESCO is a wonderful nature reserve, which is on our doorstep.

SHAWN WRIGHT: Talks about the Submarine Museum SAS ASSEGAAI that has 'surfaced' behind the False Bay yacht club



Retired Naval Captain Shawn Wright, one of Simon's Kloof residents, has advised The SK Gazette that the SAS Assegai vessel is now officially open to the public and that he will be conducting tours.

With Shawn's remarkable forty years of service in the SA Navy, he is bringing his passion for sub surface warfare to the public. Shawn's knowledge of the Navy's Submarine Service has led him to become a guide on the submarine SAS ASSEGAAI and he will soon begin conducting tours. He has graciously offered Simon's Kloof residents to experience his guided tour of the submarine.

The SAS ASSEGAAI is open seven days a week from 09:30-15:30. A nominal fee for entrance does apply.

More information will be posted on the SK Social Group. **SHAWN WRIGHT: mobile: +27 82 783 7593 / email: shawn.wrightsa@gmail.com**

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA INITIATIVE



We will be increasing our camera surveillance around Simon's Kloof boundary perimeter. This roll out and installation will take place over the next three years and will be completed in 3 Phases.

We will be increasing the numbers as follows:

ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS:

- now 28
- **future 56**

LOCATIONS:

- now 14
- **future 32**

This installation will totally encompass Simon's Kloof's four boundaries.

Phase 1: Northern Boundary - Runciman Drive

- all identified residents have agreed to accommodate the new equipment for which we are sincerely grateful. We are aiming to commence installation by end of August 2025, with completion expected within 2-3 months (weather dependant)

Phase 2: Southern Boundary - SANParks

- to commence July 26

Phase 3: Eastern & Western Boundaries - SA Navy & St Barts

- July 27 as budgeted CID funds become available

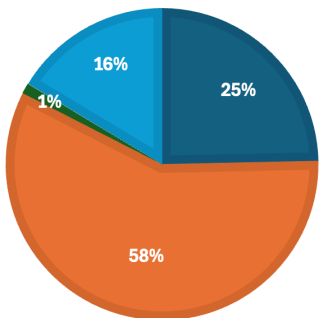
Eric Pelser, Nico Panagio and Gary Douglas focus on Security, and should you be interested in joining the team, please email Gary security@simonskloofcid.co.za

2025/2026 SKCID BUDGET

Our budget for the next year is tight, with majority of funds allocated to the Camera Project.

The pie chart below indicates where the 25/26 SKCID budget will be allocated in respect of our focus areas and operating costs

Management & operations	R 87,001
Public safety	R 204,225
Communications	R 3,812
Environment	R 57,738



STOP FIRES BEFORE THEY START



The Simons Kloof Fire Sub-Committee meets monthly and is made up of dedicated residents committed to fire safety. The committee comprises of Gavin Chamberlain, Andrew Robertson, Andries Schaap, Martin Smolders, and Sergio Capellino. Armed with the comprehensive Vulcan Fire Report, the committee has made significant strides in improving our community's fire readiness. Several initiatives have been rolled out within the Simon's Kloof area and its borders to mitigate fire risks and ensure a safer environment for all. Through the establishment of valuable relationships with key stakeholders, the Fire Sub-Committee has implemented the following initiatives:

FIRE BREAK CLEARING: We have worked alongside relevant stakeholders to clear the fire break along Simons Kloof's border with the South African Navy and alien vegetation clearing at St.Barts.

INSIGHT INTO FIRE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES: Our collaborations have provided insight into the fire break clearing schedules and processes for SANParks and the City of Cape Town (CoCT), which will ensure that future efforts are well-coordinated and timely.

FIRE EQUIPMENT: We have acquired two dividing breeches, which allow for the attachment of two fire hoses at once. These breeches are securely housed at 13 Horatio Way and 8 Victory Way. Reflective bibs have been procured for committee members, ensuring visibility during emergency operations

FIRE BREAK AUDIT & INTERACTIVE MAP: The completion of a thorough fire break audit has been a key milestone in our preparedness efforts. This audit has resulted in the creation of a detailed interactive map, which highlights:

- Non-compliant areas
- Vegetation that poses potential fire threats.
- Other risks requiring attention.

The interactive map is a crucial tool for ongoing discussions with stakeholders and Simon's Kloof Property Owners, ensuring that we are proactive in our fire management strategies. **The map will be presented to residents as part of our Fire Preparedness Presentation, which will take place later this year. Dates and times for this session will be communicated soon**

LOOKING AHEAD THE FIRE SUB COMMITTEE WILL BE FOCUSED ON:

- **ENSURING COMPLIANCE AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BREAKS:** Continue working with our stakeholders to ensure fire breaks are compliant and regularly maintained. This process will be part of the last-quarter clearing cycle for 2025, with a focus on addressing ongoing issues
- **ENSURING OUR HYDRANTS & HOSES ARE IN WORKING ORDER:** Ensuring that the fire safety equipment is always ready for use by conducting regular checks and maintenance
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** We aim to keep all Simons Kloof property owners informed and involved, emphasising that fire safety is a shared responsibility. We'll be reaching out with more information on how each of us can play a part in protecting our community.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE TEAM AND HELP WITH THESE IMPORTANT EFFORTS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO SERGIO AT: FIRE@SIMONSKLOOFCID.CO.ZA.

MUSEUM MUSING



Simon's Town Museum is housed in "The Residency" which was built in 1777 as the winter residence for the Dutch East India Company Governor at the Cape. Simon's Town Museum was established in 1977 by the Simon's Town Historical Society. The Museum was originally housed in the old Simon's Town Municipality complex, but moved to "The Residency" in 1982. The building has a long history, having been used as a hospital, post office, school, customs house, police station, gaol and magistrate's court. The Museum collects and exhibits the cultural history of the people of Simon's Town and their connections with the Dutch East India Company and the Royal Navy. Visitors can explore displays featuring maritime artifacts, ship models, and historical photographs, as well as learn about Simon's Town's significant role during the colonial era and its strategic importance during the World Wars. The museum provides an engaging and educational experience for anyone interested in South Africa's coastal history.

THE SK BOOK NOOK

THE HOMEMADE GOD - Rachel Joyce [2025]

'Family is everything, even when it falls apart' : Goodreads

If your reading taste leans toward literary explorations of family, carefully crafted relationships, and atmospheric settings diluted with just enough mystery, The Homemade God is highly recommended. It's a quietly haunting, emotionally layered novel that lingers after the last page.

THE THINGS YOU CAN SEE ONLY WHEN YOU SLOW DOWN - Haemin Sunim [2012]

'Wise advice on how to reflect and slow down' : Elle

By offering guideposts to well-being and happiness in eight areas – including relationships, love, and spirituality – Haemin Sunim emphasises the importance of forging a deeper connection with others and being compassionate and forgiving toward ourselves.

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