

SKCID UPDATE

THE SKCID CONTINUES TO DELIVER

on what is included in the original Budget and Scope of Work and from a compliance perspective, following the Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI). This includes:

- Public Safety
- Fire
- Environmental Maintenance and Cleansing
- Communication, and
- Management and Operations

WHAT THE SKCID DOES:

- provides infrastructure that ensures 24 x 7 x 365 camera surveillance & License Plate Recognition (LPR).
- engages with the relevant stakeholders regarding the maintenance, compliance & clearing of firebreaks and aliens on our borders.
- alerts and or escalates to the CoCT required maintenance & safety issues relating to public areas ,roads , water , lights within the SKCID geographical area and that impact SK community as a whole. We need your continued assistance in logging C3's when you notice an issue in Simon's Kloof **
- beautifies and upgrade public spaces, where budget allows.
- alerts the CoCT with regards to safety of roads, public areas, etc. via logging C3's and the escalation thereof.
- communicates regularly with the residents on news relevant to the community.

WHAT THE SKCID DOESN'T DO:

- replace the City's service provision or Property Owners responsibility.
- take responsibility for clearing, maintaining of Privately owned Properties/ vacant erf's, including pavements, garden refuse or tree removal. This also includes properties owned by SANParks, SA Navy and CoCT.
- take up disputes between neighbours.
- take up building disputes or get involved with management of bi laws.
- take responsibility for the security of private property.
- pick up dog poop.



New sign at corner of Horatio Way & Victory Way

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

Hi there SIMONS KLOOFER'S!

As the long, cold winter makes way for what promises to be a hot summer we are pleased to share this next issue with you all.

The SK Gazette is a place for CID updates, social news and happenings in and around the neighbourhood.

We wish you a safe, happy and memorable festive season and new year!

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NEXT ISSUE OUT IN
JANUARY 2026

WHAT'S ON :

03 Oct 2025



Wine Festival
Simon's Town Town Hall
<https://www.simonstown.com/event/simons-town-wine-festival-2/>

22 Nov 2025



That 80's Show
Waters Edge
082 883 2070

Dec 2025 [date tbc]



Switching on of the Lights
Jubilee Square
<https://www.simonstown.com>

FIRE SEASON IS HERE!

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRE RISKS BY MANAGING VEGETATION

The steps you take to reduce risks on your property will directly impact how your home will fare in a wildfire. You need to create a barrier that keeps fire as far away from your home as possible. Fire reacts to wind, slope of terrain and follows a path where fuel is located. It is vital to create and maintain low fuel areas in the area around your home.

- Clear ‘fuels’ from around your home
- Keep grass areas well trimmed and watered
- Rake up and reduce leaf litter
- Remove flammable organic litter from around your house. It is extremely dangerous within a 10m radius of your home, especially under windows
- Remove or trim shrubs. There should not be any shrubs over 1m in height next to or below windows
- Trim tree branches overhanging your house
- Remove weeds
- Consider a minimalist garden design to compliment your existing garden



Minimalist garden design
Image: digyourgarden.com

OTHER FACTORS THAT AFFECT WILDFIRES:



HELP IS AT HAND ... WHAT TO DO

1st

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

2nd

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 Sergio and Andy at: fire@simonskloofcid.co.za

ISABELLA STRYDOM

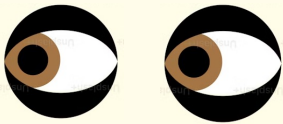
OUR RISING INTERNATIONAL PADDLER

At just 16, Isabella Snyman is already making waves on the international paddling scene. Though her family lives in Fish Hoek, her roots in Simon's Town run deep—her grandparents have lived in Simon's Kloof since the early 2000s, and her father runs Albatross House, a well-loved guesthouse in Victory Way overlooking the bay. Isabella's paddling journey began with lifesaving, where she first discovered her love for the ocean. "Through lifesaving I developed a passion for surf skiing, which later led me to join the Orca Squad on Zandvlei," she explains. Training there with canoes has made her a stronger surf skier, and today she competes in both canoeing and surf ski disciplines.



Her training schedule is relentless: on the water before sunrise at 5:45am, followed by afternoon sessions on the vlei or in the ocean, plus running intervals and gym work. "We train regardless of the weather," Isabella says. The dedication is paying off—this year she proudly represented South Africa on the international stage, finishing 15th in the long course K1 event, an impressive feat given her age and experience. Much of Isabella's drive comes from the late Peter Cole, legendary paddling coach and founder of the Orca Squad. "Pete saw talent in me when I didn't think I had any. Without him, I would not be the paddler I am today," she says. His sudden passing last year was her toughest challenge yet, but also a source of inspiration to keep pushing forward. For Isabella, the best part of paddling is simple: "Just the rush of being out in the open ocean with the wind in my hair." Looking ahead, she dreams of breaking into the world's top ten. Closer to home, she hopes to inspire other girls in the community to follow her lead. But there's more to Isabella than paddling. She's also the proud founder of Bella's Rusks, a small baking venture she started at age 12 when her dad refused to buy her a phone. Using real butter, no preservatives, and plenty of imagination, her rusks have become a favourite in the Deep South community. They've gained a loyal following among Simon's Kloof residents—many claiming they're the best rusks in South Africa. Whether she's powering through the surf or pulling a tray of rusks from the oven, Isabella brings the same competitive spirit and determination. For this young athlete, the journey is only just beginning.

SEE IT, REPORT IT!



SKCID is a small team of unpaid volunteers who rely on you the SK Residents to: SEE IT, REPORT IT!

Please report (log) all issues / faults that you see on the CoCT C3's platform.

Use one of the SK WhatsApp Groups, to alert other residents of the issue by sending the details and reference number. If needed the SKCID will escalate.

BEAUTIFYING ST GEORGES STREET



Long standing Simon's Kloof resident, Louise Paterson is appealing to anyone that wants to assist her in beautifying St Georges Street in our town. Find out more, by contacting Louise on 083 406 2001

SKCID Board appoints **ANDREW ROBERTSON** as the Chairperson from 01 November 2025



Born in Joburg, Andrew comes from a fine-arts background, with 20 years' experience in various design disciplines. He currently runs an art and design consultancy which he started in 2004, while also being involved in a Healthcare technology business. Andrew, his wife and 2 teenage children moved from Seaforth to Simon's Kloof last year describing his new neighbourhood as 'a very special place'. Andrew enjoys boxing, hiking and loves being able to swim in the bay daily.

When asked what strengths he plans to bring to this appointment, Andrew said he would hope to do right by the founding members, volunteers and the community and build upon the incredible work that has been done so far. He also hopes to find ways to facilitate easy engagement and participation for the board, members and the greater community. His hope is that his skills around elucidating and realising business plans and strategies add value to the board and can bring people together.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- Tuesday 25th November 2025.
- Make sure you are a Registered and qualified Member to allow you to vote at the AGM.
- NB: Property Owners can register as Members and only registered Members who are aren't in arrears (for more than 60 days) can participate and vote at the AGM.
- Membership Forms are available on the website: www.simonskloofcid.co.za in the documents section and under the SKCID Membership folder.
- The closing date for New Membership applications is on the 12th November 2025.
- Make sure you submit a completed a Director Nomination form.
- Please remember to get the consent and signature of the Director you want to nominate and submit the nomination form by the 12th November 2025.
- You will be notified once the updated Director Nomination Forms are available on the website.

What to expect at the AGM:

- An overview of the Chairperson report.
- Approval of the 24/25 Annual Report and noting of the Audited Financial Statements.
- A review of the 24/25 year with regard to finances and operations.
- Approval of the 25/26 budget and implementation plan.
- Confirmation of the Registered Auditor and Company Secretary.
- Election of Board Members

Have any questions relating to the AGM or SKCID? Please email us at skcid@simonskloofcid.co.za and Caro will gladly assist you.

CITY OF CAPE TOWN IS GOING PAPERLESS REGISTER NOW

The City of Cape Town is going paperless to reduce the risk of accounts going missing or being delivered late by the South African postal service. Going paperless also reduces the financial and environmental cost associated with printing bills on paper.

Get your smart bill now! Follow the steps below to register.



How to register

- Register for paperless billing by 31 December 2025.
- Send an email or SMS with your email address and account number to register for emailed accounts.
- Email: Revenue.Eservices@cape.gov.za
- SMS: 31223
- After 31 December 2025, all accounts will be emailed.
- Account holders without email addresses are advised to call the City's Call Centre on **0860 103 089**.

THE FALSE BAY YACHT CLUB

A SIMON'S TOWN ANCHOR



Simon's Town is home to the False Bay Yacht Club (FBYC). FBYC is more than just a harbour for boats; it's a vibrant hub of sailing, rowing, fishing, and coastal camaraderie. Founded with a strong maritime spirit, the club remains a cornerstone of seafaring life in the bay. While membership is required to enjoy most facilities, the public is warmly welcomed at the on-site restaurant, 34° South - FBYC. Each year, the Annual Spring Regatta is the highlight of the club calendar, this spirited event draws competitive sailors from across the Cape, turning the waters of False Bay into a stage for seamanship and sportsmanship. Beyond racing, the club also partners with the Lawhill Maritime Centre, providing students with hands-on sailing opportunities and fostering the next wave of South African seafarers. For more information on the events in the marina visit www.fbyc.co.za.

SUMMER MOCKTAIL AND COCKTAIL RECIPES

Serves 1

GUAVA MARGARITA

Ingredients:

- Ice
- 115g Guava nectar
- 3 Tbsp Orange juice
- 2 Tbsp Lime juice
- Salt
- Lime wedge, to garnish



Method

- Fill a cocktail shaker with ice, then add the guava nectar and the juices and shake it
- Strain into a salt-rimmed glass filled with ice.
- Serve with a slice of lime

womenshealthsa.co.za

Serves 4

COSMOPOLITAN

Ingredients

- 1 cup vodka
- ½ cup triple sec
- ½ cup cranberry juice
- ¼ cup freshly squeezed lime
- 1 small lemon to garnish



Method

- Garnish with lemon peel.
- Pour all ingredients into a cocktail shaker with ice.
- Shake well and pour through a strainer into 4 martini glasses.

essentialflavours.co.za

Serves 1

BLUE LAGOON

Ingredients

- ¼ cup of blue Curaçao syrup
- 2 tablespoons of freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 355ml of lemon-lime soda, such as Sprite
- Lemon slice, for garnish
- Ice (optional)



Method

- Squeeze the juice from a fresh lemon
- Fill a highball glass with two or three ice cubes
- Pour the blue Curaçao syrup and lemon juice into the glass, then slowly fill the rest of the glass with the Sprite. Stir gently to combine.
- Garnish the drink with a lemon slice.

savortheflavour.com

Serves 4

MOJITO

Ingredients

- Ice
- 6 parts light rum
- 12 mint or spearmint springs broken apart.
- 6 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- club soda
- 4 slices of lime



Method

- Place ice in beverage shaker, add in the rum, the broken sprigs of mint, lime juice and sugar.
- Shake well and serve over ice in a highball glass.
- Top off each glass with a slice of lime and a sprig of mint leaves (serves 4).

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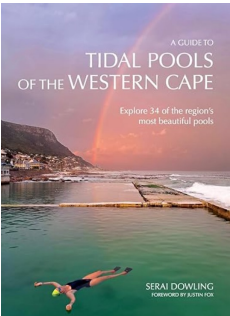
SUMMER ENTERTAINING WITH SK RESIDENT

Notes from LESLEY WRIGHT

‘For the past six years, I’ve been fortunate to call Simon’s Kloof home. It’s a community defined by warmth, generosity, and a genuine spirit of togetherness – something I feel blessed to be part of. That same spirit inspires the way I entertain: with intention, attention to detail, and a focus on creating spaces where people can relax, connect, and celebrate the beauty around us. As Summer 2025 arrives, it feels like the perfect moment to share a few simple but special ideas to help you host gatherings that will be remembered long after the season fades. **ENTERTAINING DOESN’T HAVE TO BE ELABORATE.** With thoughtful décor, fresh seasonal flavours, and the company of people you love, your table will become a place where stories are shared, laughter lingers, and memories are made. That, to me, is the true essence of summer entertaining in Simon’s Kloof. Dress the table with a cheerful cloth and don’t forget playful or decorative serviettes – I admit, I’m a passionate serviette collector! For the centrepiece, keep it simple yet striking: succulents and indigenous blooms bring a natural charm. Prefer a coastal vibe? Scatter shells and beach-inspired accents. Either way, the décor will set the perfect atmosphere for both afternoon and evening gatherings.’



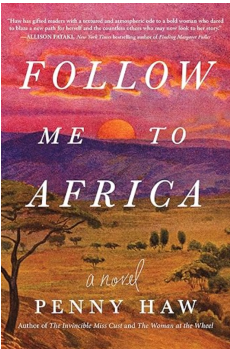
THE SK BOOK NOOK



TIDAL POOLS OF THE WESTERN CAPE - Serai Dowling [2025]

‘Swimming in tidal pools is about joy, freedom and a sense of wonder’ : Daily Maverick

The gorgeous photo-filled book contains information on how to get to the best pools, accessibility, facilities, swim ability, what to expect when you get there, things to do nearby and safety



FOLLOW ME TO AFRICA - Penny Haw [2025]

‘Haw’s prose is immersive, making readers feel as though they are truly there’ : Historical Novel Society

From the acclaimed author of The Invincible Miss Cust and The Woman at Wheel comes an adventurous, dual timeline tale that explores the consequences of our choices, wisdom that comes with retrospection, and relationships that make us who we are, based on the extraordinary real life of Mary Leakey

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TRAFFIC INCIDENTS:
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LAW ENFORCEMENT:**
0800 222 771

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