



## For Simon's Town and the surrounding areas

### WELCOME TO OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER

In this edition you will find information about local events, a new business and useful community information. Please feel welcome to send us your comments and contributions. We'll be sending out our newsletters in the last week of each month during 2013.

### JUST NUISANCE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



In 1939 the British Royal Navy did the unthinkable... Strange but true, they enlisted a dog. Enlisted him with rank, pay, rations and duties! And it was not just any old dog either. It was a gigantic Great Dane who won the hearts and minds of sailors on two continents and went on to become a legend. To this day, the legend lives on and locals and visitors still pay tribute to Able Seaman Just Nuisance. The life size statue of this truly extraordinary character, who was more human than hound, has pride of place in Jubilee Square, from where he wistfully looks out

toward the sailors he served so long and so well. Just Nuisance's birthday is celebrated annually on 1 April with a parade of dogs through Simon's Town to Jubilee Square. For those who would like a walk, dogs and owners are encouraged to join a trip up to Just Nuisance's grave on the hill behind Simon's Town. This event is a lot of fun and this year it promises to be even bigger than last year with a Lucky Draw and Prizes for the best dressed dog and owner, the most and least like Just Nuisance. Dogs are to be kept on leads and poop bags to be carried by owners. The entry fee is a can of dog food and/or a cash donation to be donated to local dog charities. Dogs from all walks of life are invited to take part in this great-dane-ly day! The walk up the steps to the Just Nuisance grave site starts at 8.00am and the parade starts at 10.30am. For further information email [Nicola Werkman](mailto:Nicola.Werkman@larijworks.com) or pop into Larijworks.

### SUPPORT THE ENDANGERED AFRICAN PENGUIN



On Monday 22 April a group of committed penguin conservationists and representatives from the African Animal Keepers Association start the third annual Penguin Promises walk in Gansbaai. They will walk for a week and reach Boulders on the afternoon on Saturday 27 April. The Simon's Town Business and Civic Associations have committed to support this campaign. We have arranged for children from local Simon's Town and Fish Hoek

pre-primary and primary schools to get involved and draw pictures of this famous Simon's Town bird. Their art will be displayed on the walls of shops and public spaces along St George's Street in Simon's Town on 27 April. Judges will decide the winners from various age categories and fantastic vouchers from local restaurants will be awarded to the winners. The Two Ocean's Aquarium Education Outreach Vehicle is also coming to Jubilee Square to entertain and amaze all those interested. There will also be a variety of music. Come and show your support. We appeal to all businesses to display penguins in their shop windows and dress their shop fronts with black and white. If you or your business are keen to get involved please email [Bronwen d'Oliveira](mailto:Bronwen.d'Oliveira@larijworks.com) or call 0832645404. We are looking for volunteers to help with arrangements, sponsored prizes and contributions towards printing and other costs. For more information on the Penguin Promises waddle please visit [www.penguinpromises.com](http://www.penguinpromises.com) and [www.facebook.com/penguinpromises](https://www.facebook.com/penguinpromises) and follow them on Twitter

### WHAT'S ON

**MARCH 29, EASTER FRIDAY**

### MARCH 30, OLD MUTUAL TWO OCEANS MARATHON

Various roads will be closed during this event including Main Road between Muizenberg and Fish Hoek (7-9.15am), Ou Kaapse Weg southbound (7-9.30am) and Chapman' Peak Drive (3.30-12noon). View the full list of road closures [here](#)

### APRIL 1, EASTER MONDAY JUST NUISANCE DOG PARADE

All dogs and their owners are invited to join us from from 9.30am on Monday to celebrate the birthday of our Simon's Town iconic dog, Just Nuisance. Hikers and fitness folks join us for a hike up the steps to the Just Nuisance grave site (9.30am) and a parade walk from 10.30am. There will be prizes for The most like Just Nuisance, the Least like Just Nuisance and the Best Dressed dog and owner. Browse the stalls of interest at the start of the walk outside the Bronze Art Sculpture Garden in the FBYC parking lot. There will also be lucky draw after the walk too. For further information email [Nicola Werkman](mailto:Nicola.Werkman@larijworks.com) or pop into Larijworks

**APRIL 5-7, NAVY FESTIVAL WEEKEND**  
The South African Navy opens its doors to the

@penguinpromises.

### BIG 5 SIGNS, GRAPHICS AND PICTURE FRAMING OPENS IN TOWN



A big welcome to Tony and Karen Crosland who recently opened their shop in the old hardware store. The duo, who are well known in the south peninsula, have been framing pictures for nearly 30 years and were judged best framers in the Cape for two years running. Opening the shop here seemed like a sensible move as Tony has been responsible for most of the signage in Simon's Town. Tony says, "please call into to the old Hardware shop and say hello". Service offered include picture framing, mount cutting, signage, digital printing on canvas, photo paper and vinyl and custom tin signs. The shop is open from 9am to 4pm on weekdays, 9am to 2pm on Saturdays and closed on Sundays and public holidays. Contact Big 5 Signs & Graphics on 021 786 2122, on [email](mailto:info@big5signs.co.za) and visit their [website](http://www.big5signs.co.za) for more information.

### FEEDBACK ON SIMON'S TOWN BUSINESS NETWORKING MEETING



On Thursday 7 March about 50 members of the Simon's Town business community met for an informal gathering at the False Bay Yacht Club. The meeting focussed on connecting those in tourism in the area and discussions on how to get more visitors to rediscover our beautiful town. Information on the power of collective digital marketing and the 2013 planned events, promotions were shared. A one night stay for two people at Mariner Guest House was won by local wildlife artist Paul Dixon from Dixon, Reid Fine Art Gallery. A well deserved prize for the ongoing commitment to improving security, cleanliness and other important issues on behalf of business owners. Viv von der Heyden from Scenic South, a news and information website for the South Peninsula wrote and posted a summary of the evening. Read more [here](#).

### NAVY FESTIVAL 5 - 7 APRIL 2013



This festival is free and the gates are open from 10 am to 6pm and there is a fun-filled programme of activities, displays and vessels to visit. Residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to explore our Naval harbour and learn more about what the Navy does. There will be a parade through Simon's Town on Saturday morning, 6 April from 09h00 - 10h30 when the Main Road will be closed to traffic. (The Main Road will also be closed to traffic on Wednesday evening, 3 April 18h00 - 19h00 for the practice.) Note that there will be gun firing at Noon during the Navy Festival. Enquiries: Sub Lieutenant Benjamin 021 787 4620.

### HEARING A BLAST IN SIMON'S TOWN

Please note the following dates and times when the nine inch Rifled Muzzle Loading Gun will be fired:

5 April Navy Festival - 12noon  
 6 April Navy Festival - 12noon and 20h00  
 7 April Navy Festival - 12noon 27  
 April - Freedom Day - 12noon

### SIMON'S TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON

At its recent meeting the STCA Executive Committee appointed Lorraine Holloway as its new Chair. Lorraine has extensive experience in the Simon's Town / Glencairn area, having been active on the Glencairn Action Group, the STCA and the Baboon Liaison Group, and she also currently serves on the Ward Committee and the Far South Peninsula Community Forum. Geoff Brundrit, who has worked with the City on climate change and sea-level rise and been Chair of the Friends of the Simon's Town Coastline and is now the Chair of Simon's Town Coastal Forum, will take on the position of Vice Chair of the STCA.

public each year during the three day Navy Festival in Simons Town. Entrance is free and the gates are open from 10am until 6pm. There are various events in the main arena that both young and old find entertaining. The event attracts large numbers of visitors so add this to your diary and use the train rather than your car if you can!

### APRIL 13, JUST NUISANCE COMMUNITY MARKET

Come and make a nuisance of yourself at the Just Nuisance Market in Simon's Town's Jubilee Square on Saturday 13th from 9am to 2pm. The market attracts those wanting to enjoy peaceful garden while browsing for high quality, local, hand-made, fresh, creative and quirky items. Come and pester us! Contact the market coordinator Christina Tranter on [email](mailto:info@justnuisance.co.za) or call 0726917304. [FaceBook Page](http://www.justnuisance.co.za)

### APRIL 16, STBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us at Bertha's restaurant for the annual meeting of the Simon's Town Business Association. Proceedings start at 17h30. More information to follow in an email invitation. Please [RSVP](#) if you can make it.

### APRIL 18, ANNUAL LADIES GOLF OPEN

The annual Ladies Open is on the 18th of April. The popular annual Ladies Open golf day takes place on April 18 at the Simon's Town Country Club. The event attracts entrants from all over the peninsula and is a great opportunity for you to advertise and network. Call the pro-shop 021 786 1233 for details. Live music will be provided by Alan & Shelley for

## TRAFFIC ISSUES

We are being informed that the current phase of rehabilitation of the Main Road between Kalk Bay and Fish Hoek will be completed by mid May 2013. Thereafter, once funding has been secured for the final phase linking through to Clovelly, a contract will be issued and work will again commence after some delay. It is clear that businesses and residents in Glencairn and Simon's Town are being affected by the delays, increasing our awareness of the precarious nature of the access to the Far South. We have only Main Road, Ou Kaapse Weg and, when it is open, Chapman's Peak Drive. Accidents, emergencies, breakdowns, slow trucks, cyclists, wonderful sunny beach days, all lead to increased levels of frustration on the road and affect the economy of our area. Access has to be considered as a key factor limiting further development in the Far South.

## IMPROVEMENT IN TRAFFIC FLOW AND CONTROL

The Simon's Town Civic Association and the Simon's Town Business Association continue to meet with City officials requesting them to conduct up to date traffic studies so as to be able to implement improvements to traffic flow and make our roads safer. Suggestions on the table include the long-requested traffic circle at the intersection of Glen Road and the Main Road, altering the lane markings at the intersection of Red Hill Road and Main Road to make access from Red Hill Road safer, a small mini-traffic circle outside the West Dockyard Gate which would facilitate entrance and exit from the Dockyard without hindering Main Road traffic, and moving the pedestrian traffic light at Sea Forth from its present position (which is opposite what used to be an entrance gate to the school) to nearer the Seven Eleven, where crossing for scholars and tourists could be much safer. The City have already agreed to some minor changes which will improve the intersections at Birkenhead Road and the Glencairn Expressway, and that of Oatlands and Main Roads. Tour bus parking, often in illegal areas, continues to need attention. In addition, both the STCA and SBA have also been pressurising PRASA for years to allow vehicles to turn when dropping or meeting passengers through their now shut-off parking area at the Simon's Town Station.

## HERITAGE ISSUES

Our Ward Councillor, Simon Liell-Cock, has been taking a special interest in heritage issues and is going to be commissioning a heritage study of the Far South area as a basis from which we can motivate for legislation that protects our natural and cultural assets. He has also expressed concern about the pressure that small museums, like the Simon's Town Museum and the Cable Restorer, are under from the authorities who are intent on centralising museum assets.

## REPORTING PROBLEMS TO THE CITY

The City is suggesting that residents and business owners who have issues to raise with the City do so directly, copying to the Sub Council Manager [desiree.mentor@capetown.gov.za](mailto:desiree.mentor@capetown.gov.za)

The suggested first port of calls are:

General complaint: [Contact.Us@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Contact.Us@capetown.gov.za) or SMS (no more than 160 characters) 31373

Electricity: [faultreportingcentre@capetown.gov.za](mailto:faultreportingcentre@capetown.gov.za) or SMS 31220

Water: [waterTOC@capetown.gov.za](mailto:waterTOC@capetown.gov.za)

General correspondence: [Correspondence.CRM@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Correspondence.CRM@capetown.gov.za)

## JOIN OUR CIVIC AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

**SBA** membership fees are due as of 1 April 2012. The membership fee is R360 for the year. Please deposit your subs into the SBA account, ABSA, Longbeach, 632005, Account Number 9064161720, Reference: YOUR BUSINESS NAME. Fees can also be paid to Paul Dixon at Dixon-Reid Fine Art Gallery in St Georges Street. For more information on benefits [email us](#) or call Keith Alcock at 021 786 4200.

Security levy yearly subscriptions are R1440, or quarterly R360 or monthly R120. These are also payable into to the SBA account. Please use the

evening entertainment. A cash bar is available and the restaurant is open. Everyone is invited. [Email](#) for more information.

## APRIL 27, PENGUIN PROMISES AWARENESS WADDLE

Join us to welcome committed conservationists as they finish the annual [Penguin Promises](#) walk. This campaign aims to raise awareness for the plight of the endangered African penguin. A children's art competition, music and Two Ocean's Aquarium Education Outreach vehicle has been arranged to show support from the Simon's Town community. We appeal to all businesses to display penguins in their shop windows and dress their shop fronts with black and white buntings for at least a week from Wednesday 24 April. If you or your business are keen to get involved please [email](#) Bronwen d'Oliveira or call 0832645404. We are looking for volunteers to help with arrangements, sponsored prizes and contributions towards printing and other costs.

## INFORM US

If you know of, or are organising any activities and events, please email [simonstownba@gmail.com](mailto:simonstownba@gmail.com) so that they can be added to our Events calendar.

reference: Security & YOUR BUSINESS NAME.

Contributions from private residents should also go into this Absa account giving your name and 'security' as a reference

All residents and ratepayers of Simon's Town and Glencairn should **join** the **Simon's Town Civic Association** to support the excellent work they do for our community. Membership fees are R80 per annum per household. These can be paid at the Parking Office on Jubilee Square during office hours or by internet banking: Account holder: Simon's Town Civic Association, Standard Bank, Fish Hoek branch, Branch code 036009, Account number 073815209. Please put "Subs, your name" as the sender. Please also notify the STCA that you have paid stcamail@gmail.com. Cheques are no longer accepted due to excessive banking fees.

[STCA website](#) and [SBA website](#)

emergency numbers:

**Simon's Town Police:** 021 786 8646 or 8647

**Metro Police and traffic :** 0860 765 423

**Water/Sewage Emergencies:** 0860 103 089 (24 hrs)

**Navy Ops room** (for all issues concerning the Navy) 021 787 3818 (all hours)

**Baboon emergencies:** 071 588 6540 (all hours)

**Metrorail complaints:** 0800 65 64 63

#### **Reporting issues to the City**

Issues needing the City's attention can be reported directly to the Sub-council Manager, either by [email](#), fax 021 782 1185, or by dropping off a note at the Sub-council offices in Fish Hoek. Please keep Desiree Mentor informed of progress / or lack of progress so that she can follow-up if necessary. Each report should contain the Date (of submitting the request); the Category (Roads, Waste Management, Parks, Water supply, Graffiti, etc); a Detailed description of the problem (this must include the exact location - eg not just a street name, but opposite which house number, or which end of a beach), and provide the name and contact details of the person submitting the request.

Queries and complaints can also be logged at the City's Call Centre: Tel: 086 0103 089 or SMS 31373 (no more than 160 characters) or [ContactUS@capetown.gov.za](mailto:ContactUS@capetown.gov.za)"

**Fish Hoek Emergency Control Centre: 021 782 0333, 782 0444**

**Fire and Emergency:** 107 from landlines, 112 from cell phones

**Roads, potholes and stormwater:** 0860 103 054 (24 hrs)

To report people **tossing burning cigarette butts** into vegetation: 021 424 7715

To report **people feeding baboons:** 021 957 5937 or 959 5900

**Cable theft hotline:** 0800 222 771 toll free 24/7

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