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Editor's Final Chirp

The end of the line is around the corner and Annie and I will be moving to just around that corner to Chapman's Peak Drive with views nearly as good as the one's we enjoy in Llandudno.

Over the years it has been a fun ride with Llandudno and all of you, but I have to warn you that it's not the last you will see of us. We plan to visit often and continue to breathe the fresh air of the hiking trails, including the Coast Path, the beach and Logies Rocks, where my old man camped in 1925. As a parting shot, there is a new mystery trail I wish to share with you: if you take the path, near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, up into the SANParks firebreak, you will come to the right hand turn which crosses Lierman's Stream and joins Maori Road. Ignore that and continue way up and you will see on your left, a rough path heading East to below the Victoria Road curio sellers. Some have explored this route but not to the end and it is thought to link with the gravel track coming down from Victoria Road further along. I would love to hear an account of the outcome someday - it might make a superb round trip with spectacular views (perhaps take some litter bags with you).

Thank you Llandudno, and also the Lifesavers, for the farewell sundowner at the Lifesaver's Club. It was awesome, most humbling and the paintings of Llandudno, air, wild and sea-life by the late Ginger Townley-Johnson are stunning.

The good news is that the Llandudno SRA Team of directors is as motivated, strong and dedicated as ever - led by Kiki and includes Jonathan Crowther, who has seamlessly assumed my slot for the Environment. Please don't ever forget that this bunch is voluntary and give up stacks of their time for all of us hard done by and armchair experts.

I cannot resist the temptation of publishing some 1961 "Fake News" in the Argus of the day. It is an account of how four of us were rescued from the dangerous surf and rip, off Llandudno Beach and I "needed artificial respiration"! The truth is, that the four of us had in fact helped a group of youngsters from the surf and were swelling with teenage pride. But, why spoil a good story with anything like the truth? The headlines that night somewhat deflated our egos.

Cheers.

Huck and Annie

CAPE ARGUS
cents start circulating

HANDS ON

Swept out
in strong
sea



FOUR teen-agers on a Sunday school outing at Llandudno were rescued from drowning this afternoon. They are (from left): Douglas Riley, Chantelle Seiler, Malcolm Morrison and William Enderby. Right: Mr. P. Youngusband took part in the rescue.

Four teen-agers are saved at Llandudno

FOUR teen-agers, three boys and a girl, who were supervising a Sunday school outing, narrowly escaped drowning at Llandudno at 12.30 p.m. to-day after they had been swept out of their depth by a fierce undertow and knocked over by the heavy surf.

They were:

Douglas Riley (16) of 16 York Road, Green Point; Malcolm Morrison (16) of The Nook, Brixley Road, Sea Point; and William Enderby (15) of 1 Dyer's Road, Green Point; and Chantelle Seiler (15) of the Y.W.C.A., Long Street, Cape Town. Chantelle was in difficulties for a time with the surf, but was eventually able to pull herself ashore with the help of a lifeline.

SHOOTING

I grabbed the line and swam out to where the youngsters were in the water. They were shouting for help. I flung the line past them and told them to hold on. When they had all gripped the line I signalled for us to be pulled in and the crowd on the beach heaved us into shallow water in a few moments.

Llandudno, a journalist who is on leave after reporting the events in the Congo for the past six months, said he was working in his garden, which is only a few yards from the beach, when he heard shouts for help.

I ran down to the beach and saw there were some youngsters in difficulties. There were a lot of people who appeared just to be standing there. I ran into the water with my clothes on, but when they were wet my clothes weighed me down, and I got into difficulties myself.

the lifeline, I pulled myself ashore with the help of a line.

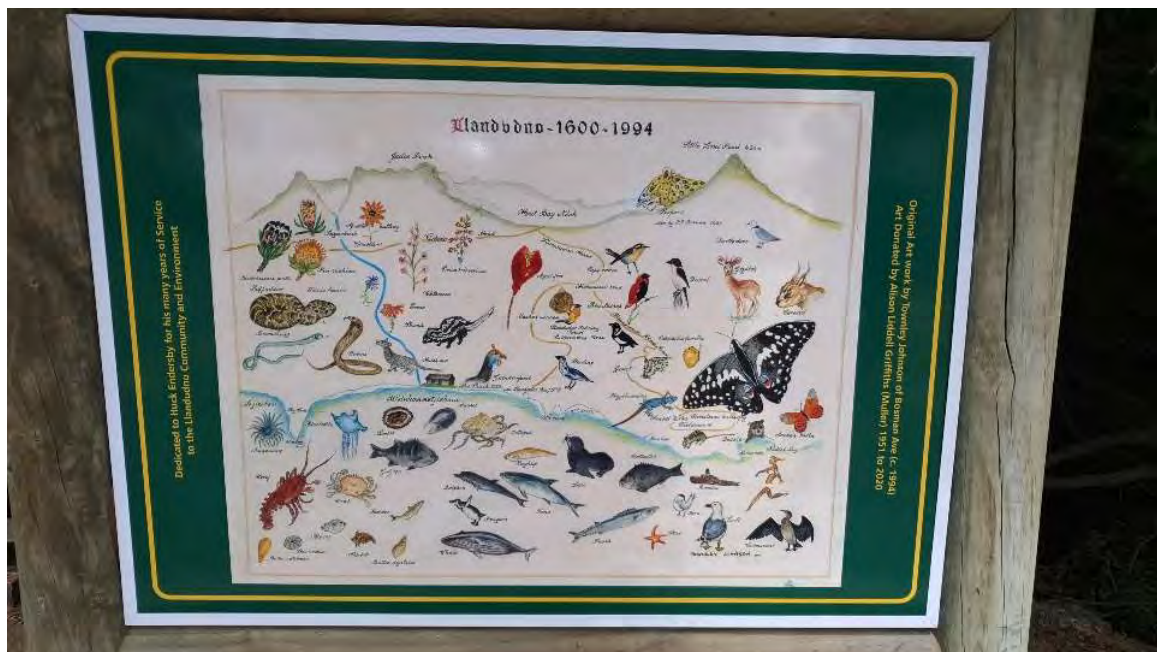
William Enderby and Malcolm Morrison had to be given artificial respiration after being pulled on to the beach, but had recovered from their experience an hour after the rescue.

Several people have been carried out to sea and drowned by the strong currents and undertow at Llandudno in recent years.

THANKS TO HUCK

To thank Huck (with obvious support from Annie) for his hard work for Llandudno over the last 16 years, a farewell event was held for Huck on Thursday 28 October at the Lifesaving Club. Many residents and invited officials attended, with Kiki Loubser providing a short thanks and farewell and Huck responding with thanks and the inevitable story from times past.

Two new signs were erected at the beach carpark and have been dedicated to Huck.



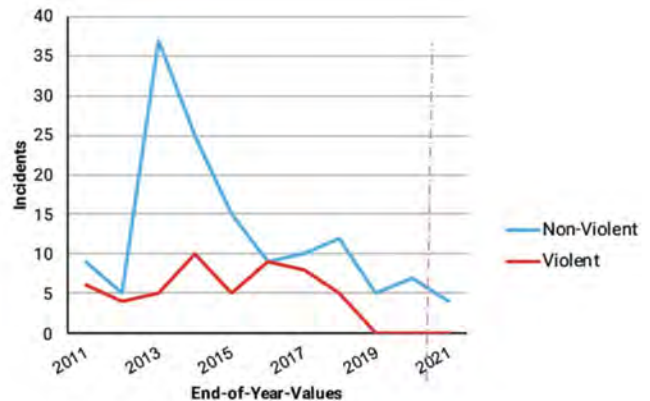
SAFETY / SECURITY

Newsletter Article

Llandudno has not seen any significant crime for the third year in a row. Our neighbors in Hout Bay and Camps Bay have also seen a drop in crime. Coordinated crime fighting has enhanced, and many of our initiatives were carried-over. Zero crime is no longer a pipe-dream and the effect on property values and general peace-of-mind have been profound.

No budget increases for security are planned for this year, except for the routine minimal inflation increase previously approved at last year's AGM. The 5-year budget plan has thus-far enabled us to keep up with the maintenance and upgrades of our 60+ camera system via Rubics; as well as funding the 24/7 public space response vehicle from PPA and off-site monitoring services of OmniVision. This includes the recent upgrade of our UPS systems at all of the camera sites to survive Stage 4 load-shedding, as well as replacement of some critical cameras with new models. Several other software and operational upgrades are keeping our system state-of-the-art and an example for other communities that we actively engage-with.

Crime continues a downward trend (see graph) with zero violent crime in 2021 so far. Unfortunately, most crime moved to daytime and there were thefts of 3 unlocked bikes & a skateboard, as well as breaking a camera and the theft of a phone off the beach - chased by the Lifesavers and recovered. However, the number of attempted crimes keeps our responders busy, with several late-night suspicious entries via Sandy Bay and many vagrants that walk in the front entrance unhindered. Two incidents have occurred in-which vagrants attempted to build temporary shelters in the immediate surrounding environment.



Reviewing past crime activities in Llandudno, you cannot fail to note the high correlation between crime events and the absence of working alarms / beams. It is very important that all residents maintain their home security system (for example: locked doors, beams, electric-fences, analytic cameras, and panic buttons etc.), and have a Home-Alarm-Response Contract so that in-case of an incident the responders can be invited into your property to assist. Otherwise, the responders cannot enter, and your alarm activations will neither be monitored nor responded to.

As voted on last year, the LCA quickly met the minimum threshold of 100 PPA Home-Alarm-Response subscribers to get the dedicated additional 2nd vehicle 24/7. The LCA continues their campaign to get more residents to sign-up with PPA to meet the minimum subscriber thresholds for PPA to take over manning of the Sandy Bay and Entrance Huts. At the time of publication, the LCA reported that they have 129 subscribers to PPA, and we need to get to 130 for them to man the Sandy Bay Hut and 180 for them to man the Entrance Hut. If you are interested in helping the community with this, please contact PPA at 060 940 5542 (WhatsApp active) or admin@ppa247.co.za.

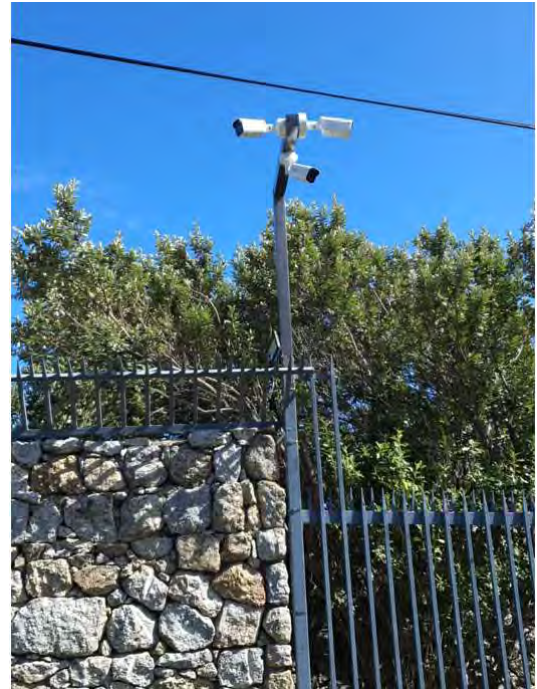
The LSRA continues their policy of only budgeting to fund the perimeter cameras and rely on donated cameras for the internal street views. We have received several donations and pledges for continued expansion and upgrade. The LSRA only accepts camera onto the network that provide views giving broad coverage to the surrounding areas; the contribution from these donors to help fight crime in our community is greatly appreciated and in-keeping with the practice long established by prior donors over the many years.

The LSRA continues to work closely with the HBNW and Watchcon/CCP to coordinate our crime fighting efforts. A large private donation was used to further upgrade our UHF Radio System to provide Llandudno with our own private Channel on the Watchcon network now shared with the Lifesavers. As we have learned over the years, the trick to catching criminals is the speed of the collective response, and this is greatly enhanced by the radio network (which also provides a back-up when cell coverage is down). Please see the LRSA Website (<https://www.llandudno.org.za/>) for the Emergency Contact List and Procedures on what to-do in an emergency. The WATCHCON / CCP number is: 021 790 9333 or 060 345 3514 (for WhatsApp Only).

The LSRA has been actively working with the City and LCA to try and find a solution to the traffic & illegal parking problems at the main beach. The City has been responsive, but a sustainable & reliable solution is still under active discussion. In the interim, community volunteers are regulating and supporting our semi-permanent car-guards via the program set-up by CCP - to try and mitigate the chaos that often happens. Similarly, the LSRA has been continuously engaging with the Authorities and LCA on the criminal element being attracted to Llandudno via short-term rentals by irresponsible landlords.

The LSRA Security Committee has worked exhaustively with the Board to increase the number of members in the LSRA so that

everyone can participate. We hope you can all attend the AGM via ZOOM on 6th of December 2021. For any questions you can always email us at: security@llandudno.org.za.



Wes Corbett
SRA Director: Security

INFRASTRUCTURE

Llandudno has experienced a plethora of infrastructural problems and breakdowns in recent times - ranging from sewerage leaks, intermittent power failures in the lower parts of Llandudno and a series of water outages which culminated in the water supply to the area being cut off for more than eight days during November 2021. The SRA has formed a sub-committee to represent the community with the City of Cape Town on these issues. The sub-committee is also in the process of liaising with the City to put in place a preventative maintenance plan at sewerage leak "hotspots" in the area.

In general, the City of Cape Town responds quickly to reports of burst water pipes, electricity faults and sewerage spills (there has been some exceptions). In the case of the recent major water supply problem, members of the sub-committee have been in contact with Councillor Quintas who is setting up an open day with various City officials to review the problem and determine that such an event is never repeated. The provisional date of the meeting is 8 December 2021.

The sub-committee has also negotiated with the City Traffic Department that a more proactive traffic enforcement service will be put in place during this summer season.

Andrew McNulty
SRA Director: Infrastructure



ENVIRONMENT

And so it is – the baton has been passed over and the “environment” requirements of Llandudno are now in my hands. Many thanks to Huck once again for his great care of our beautiful Llandudno over these past few years. He forged many close working relationships with City of Cape Town service providers – his motto being that it is much better to make friends with the city officials and to politely ask, rather than demand services - an approach with which this portfolio will continue. We will all miss you Huck.

Our in-house vegetation and odd-job team, run by the ever-willing Ashley Weaver, continues to do a fantastic job tidying up our environment. You may have noticed, drainage channels cleared of grass and weeds, trimming back of vegetation protruding onto roads, cutting back of the paths along the open spaces and those near the beach, fixing the stairs onto the beach, grass cutting in open spaces and a number of other smaller jobs. With the wet winter there has been prolific vegetation growth so there is a lot more to cut and trim than usual. Please bear with us – within a few weeks identified key areas will be dealt with. Please let us know if there are any areas that we have missed.

Walking around Llandudno, many of you will have seen that most residents take a lot of care looking after the verges outside our homes. For those that do seem to neglect this aspect, please can we appeal for you to take a little effort in pulling out weeds and trimming back plants and trees. Our service provider has to focus on the public areas.

Many of you will have seen the additional pile of sunbeds next to the central beach path and at the shower area. It would appear that another service provider has won tender for this summer. We are currently following up with the City (thanks Wes Corbett) regarding the pile of sunbeds that are stored from previous seasons – apparently from past vendors that no longer

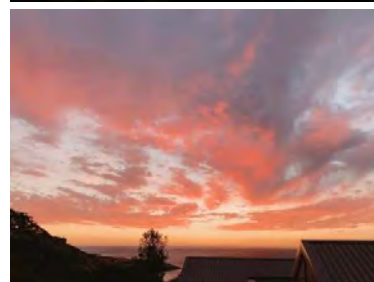
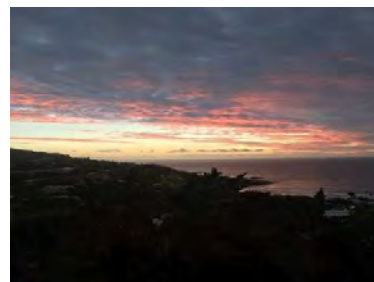
have contracts. The plan is to try and get these removed. There has already been one bash at removing some of the broken equipment that has landed up in the bushes behind the beach – but still a fair amount to clear up.

Regarding the firebreaks along our southern and northern boundaries – SANParks cleared these areas during the middle of November. Those living and walking on the boundaries should see the cut areas. Kersner Estate has also committed to clearing the firebreak on their property just after the start of the Sandy Bay path.

We have all been affected by the number of builds that are taking place. Welcome to the new owners. There is a lot of frustration from many neighbours regarding rubbish, blocking of stormwater drains, etc. Can the new owners please ask their builders to pick up their litter and rubbish that daily spill onto public roads. One day you will be living here and will be as frustrated as some of your neighbours currently are.

Enough natter from me. Till the next issue under a new Ed.

Jonathan Crowther
SRA Director: Environment



COMMUNITY



Communications – NOTICE:

Note below the official notice that has been posted since 22 November 2021 on the Notice Board, Newspapers, and Website. Please visit the website (www.llandudno.org.za) to review the latest information and be sure to give a Proxy if you are unable to attend. The company managing the Video Conference and voting is Lumi Global (same as last year), and will be sending out a preliminary notice & short training explanation on 29 November 2021. This will be followed with a login password emailed to you on the day of the meeting (06 December 2021).

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Llandudno Special Rating Area NPC that will take place on 6 December 2021 via video conferencing.

Date: 6 December 2021

Time: 19h00 (log in from 18h30)

Venue: Video conference meeting online. Please email sra@llandudno.org.za on or before 17h00 on 3 December 2021 to obtain details of the application to be used, meeting ID and password.

And... in the days before the water supply crisis, less we forget (thanks to those who posted and where Ed extracted them from) the fun we do have in our hood!

