



LLANDUDNO NEWS

Summer / Autumn 2023

Headlines & Happenings

Dear Llandudno,

With Autumn rapidly approaching, or perhaps more accurately, suddenly upon us, much has already happened in our community this year! We have consequently tried to include information spanning several months in this issue and welcome any suggestions, notices, images, or other noteworthy events that may be considered for inclusion in future editions (email: llandudnonews@gmail.com).

January was a month that I'm certain few will forget easily. A horrendous fire was on the brink of ravaging our spectacular landscape but, because of highly skilled, hard-working, and dedicated professionals, we were fortunately and sincerely thankful to be unharmed (#ThankYouHoutBayFireDepartment). *More detail on this is provided in the next section for your perusal.* I personally found the experience terrifying to say the least and, as a result thereof, have decided to plot an "emergency disaster management" plan for our home.

Furthermore, leaking drains, blocked pumps, and sewerage problems have plagued us. Should you encounter any of these issues, please report them at https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html, and submit your logged service request number to Llandudno Infrastructure (Whatsapp). If you would like to be added to the Infrastructure WhatsApp group, please email llandudnonews@gmail.com with subject line, "**Infrastructure**".

On the bright & sunny side, we have good news too:

Adrian Kuttel made history (according to several online news broadcasters – and too many to reference here) by becoming the first ever competitor to complete the prestigious Cape2Rio Yacht Race as a solo sailor! Adrian also received handicap honours for this remarkable feat. Another Cape2Rio star deserving massive congratulations is Lexi Mamacos, who crossed the finish line on the 30th January – a mammoth and seriously impressive

task, especially for those of us who don't know the difference between starboard and stern! To make the date even more momentous, her mom, Audrey, celebrated her 93rd birthday! We genuinely wish her a superb and magical year ahead. Congratulations also to all of you who have celebrated birthdays or other special occasions this year (myself included ☺), we'll mention you by name once you reach ninety.

On the opposite end of the scale, Llandudno can apparently boast several highly talented youth (or as my parents would say, "youngsters"). Jack Hickman passed his Royal Schools of Music Piano Examination with distinction (performing his entire repertoire from memory), and Gracie Mahone looks set to give world-renowned pastry chefs a run for their money with her baking skills! Over and above this, Gracie has already at an enviably young age initiated charity donations and acts of kindness towards those less fortunate. Bravo Jack, and thank you Gracie!

As a final highlight, it is clearly evident that a large proportion of our residents are pet owners, and animal lovers! For this reason, we have included a page specifically dedicated to our furry families – how could we possibly exclude such a ubiquitously adored member of our environment and homes?! If you would like your furry (or even not-so-furry) loved one to be featured in upcoming issues of Llandudno News, please email llandudnonews@gmail.com with subject line, "**Pet Page**".

Rats, I almost forgot about the rodent inhabitants that many residents are encountering! Please take note that using **rat poison is strongly not advised**

and vehemently discouraged (and a safer, tastier, option is apparently peanut butter in **rat traps*** - this would obviously only be an option for those who lack a squeamish disposition). However, not all hope is lost – you could always give "Roof Rats" a call or, please see our Classifieds Page for professionals (felines not included) who actually know the correct way to discard of unwanted visitors.

That's all from me, for now...

Lolli.Blu
(Editor-at-Large)

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SRA Chairperson's Report

Rates Valuations General Valuation 2022

The rates valuation objection deadline is 30 April 2023. At the time of writing, I was unfortunately unable to obtain the overall valuation database. This would have enabled me to notify residents of the average increase in the municipal valuations, thus giving individual owners more accurate information as to the reasonableness of their valuations. I am taking this up with the City.

Ward committee

Interaction with the ward councillor is a useful exercise to address some of the issues raised by residents. Some of these include:

- an alternative notification measure, other than registered letters, for departure notices due to the breakdown of the postal services and concomitant delays.
- the issue of recycling only being collected once every two weeks as it is certainly not sufficient - I have raised this with the CID division within the City.
- the City has identified Hout Bay/Llandudno as a key tourism area and this has prompted a more visible law enforcement presence which bodes well for the greater community.

Loadshedding

The increase in load shedding has caused havoc with our infrastructure and in particular, the sewage treatment plant. We have escalated this concern

with the CID division within the City. If residents are interested, we can organise an information sharing session on alternative energy sources and solutions for what seems to be a problem that will be with us for some time. Apart from the convenience factor, I believe owners should increasingly look at the cost benefit analysis of installing a solar system at home.

Tourism

Against the doom and gloom pervading the international political and economic conditions, it is very encouraging to note the increase of tourists to our City. Owners are reminded to advise their tenants/airbnb guests as to the local by-laws with regard to noise, and that the leasing of properties for parties, events or functions are not permissible.

Kiki Loubser
SRA Chairperson

Llandudno Fire

The Llandudno Community has shown phenomenal determination in standing together and making a difference. A whopping sum of almost R 100 000 was raised for donation to the Hout Bay Fire Department, for their indispensable role in keeping us, and the environment, safe.

Since the fire, the SRA committee has discussed with SANParks possible measures to reduce the fire threat along the northern border. Plans that are now being developed are:

- 1) to clear alien vegetation in the section that did not burn between the firebreak and the burnt area;
- 2) to remove dead and burnt blue gums over a section north of the firebreaks;
- 3) to undertake a controlled burn of the area between the firebreak and burnt area.

The outcome of this will be to reduce the fire load, improved aesthetics with the removal of the blue gum trunks and regeneration of fynbos.

Residents should have already received a notice of the planned control burn via a SANParks notice (which the SRA committee also distributed on our social platforms). Residents are reminded that they should ensure their own properties are free of highly inflammable alien trees and shrubs.

As mentioned in the previous letter, we have initiated interaction with the Kerzner Estate regarding removal of alien vegetation on their property along the Llandudno southern border. We will also be contacting other authority landowners with regard to alien vegetation clearing in this area.

Please contact Jonathan Crowther with any queries regarding the future fire plans.



Credit: Anna (@WhatsApp)



Credit: Linda (@WhatsApp)



Credit: Pierre Van Hoeylandt

Security

The LSRA Security team (LSEC) continues to focus on maintaining the system of successful combination of: technology, coordination, and response – to keep Llandudno safe. For those of you who have sat through the long security presentations of the AGM's in years-past, you know that it is an elaborate and integrated system. Our last major upgrade was the enhancement of the Battery / UPS capabilities at over 18 sites, many feeding multiple cameras to survive Stage 4 load-shedding. Most of the system has actually proven robust enough to survive stage 6! Other upgrades are continuing. Still, maintaining these electronic systems through the constant headaches and damage caused by frequent load-shedding and grid-spikes, puts a strain on our approved maintenance budget but so far, it is proving sufficient.

Recently, 2 of our 3 long-range thermal cameras started developing faults after over 6 years of continuous service. As approved in our budgets, we had been saving for their eventual replacement and were able to pay for them in cash, to avoid finance charges. These PTZ cameras patrol our perimeter with SANParks and are each capable of thermal human detection at 1 000 meters (see photo below). Just 3 of these units are sufficient to scan our entire perimeter. In addition to their programmed A.I. (analytics / smart software) patrolling, they are also capable of being manually operated by WATCHCON / CCP & the responders during pursuits. This impressive feature has enabled some significant coordinated captures over the years and more significantly, has spread the

message to would-be criminals - Llandudno will be a challenging target!



LSEC is an active participant with many other Western Cape community organizations to share lessons learned and keep up with the latest issues. We believe that our success is by giving equal attention to: Technology, Coordination, and Response. More & more we realize that the middle part, "coordination", is what makes the difference. We contract Omnivision to process the A.I. video streams and relay confirmed alerts to the responders. However, the coordination of response from the many different public and private resources is done via the Hout Bay Neighborhood Watch's "WATCHCON" control center.

Many of you know WATCHCON as the call center to receive your complaints and/or requests for assistance ([021 790 9333](tel:0217909333) or [060 345 3514](tel:0603453514) [for [WhatsApp Only](#)]). What you may not know, is that since CCP was requested to take over the day-to-day operations of WATCHCON several years ago, they have significantly enhanced the service provided to include real-time tactical coordination.

That is, when a chase is under-way, it is CCP that coordinates the effort that leads to the apprehension. This almost always requires the involvement of multiple companies and resources. CCP is able to do this by remaining a NPC (Non-Profit Company) that can neutrally coordinate with the many different private armed response companies and public services (SAPS, Fire, SANParks, etc). This has been a great success!

Our challenge now is securing funding for WATCHCON. Previously, ADT provided corporate sponsorship to WATCHCON, but WATCHCON must now solely rely on private donations. The LSRA continues to be a significant monthly donor to WATCHON, in agreement with our approved budget. However, more is urgently needed to keep up with rising operating costs and increasing crime-fighting demands. Donations set up via automatic monthly withdrawals is what WATCHCON / CCP needs to manage their operational costs. I know first-hand the value the WATCHCON / CCP team brings to maintaining our quality of life, so our family donates privately. We encourage everyone to donate what they can (see information below).

<https://www.houtbaywatch.com/donate>

Bank: Nedbank

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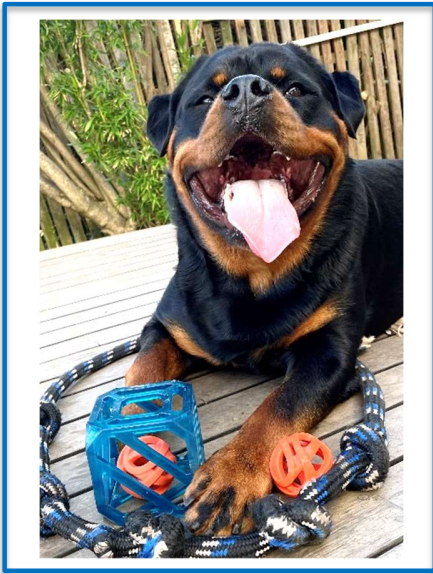
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Ref: WATCHON

Wes Corbett
SRA Security

Pet Page



FEATURED PET

NAME: Zorro

BREED: Rottweiler

FAMILY: Hooman Mom & Hooman Dad

AGE: 2 years, 9 months

LIKES: Searching for cats and lost balls at the tennis club, Jess Shimmin's treats, my toybox...

DISLIKES: Jeeps that exceed the speed limit driving past me, bathing, awful music, muzzles

I'VE BEEN LIVING IN LLANDUDNO FOR: 2 years, 7 months

BEST PLACE TO FIND ME: @the front gate, checking for intruders

MORE ABOUT ME:

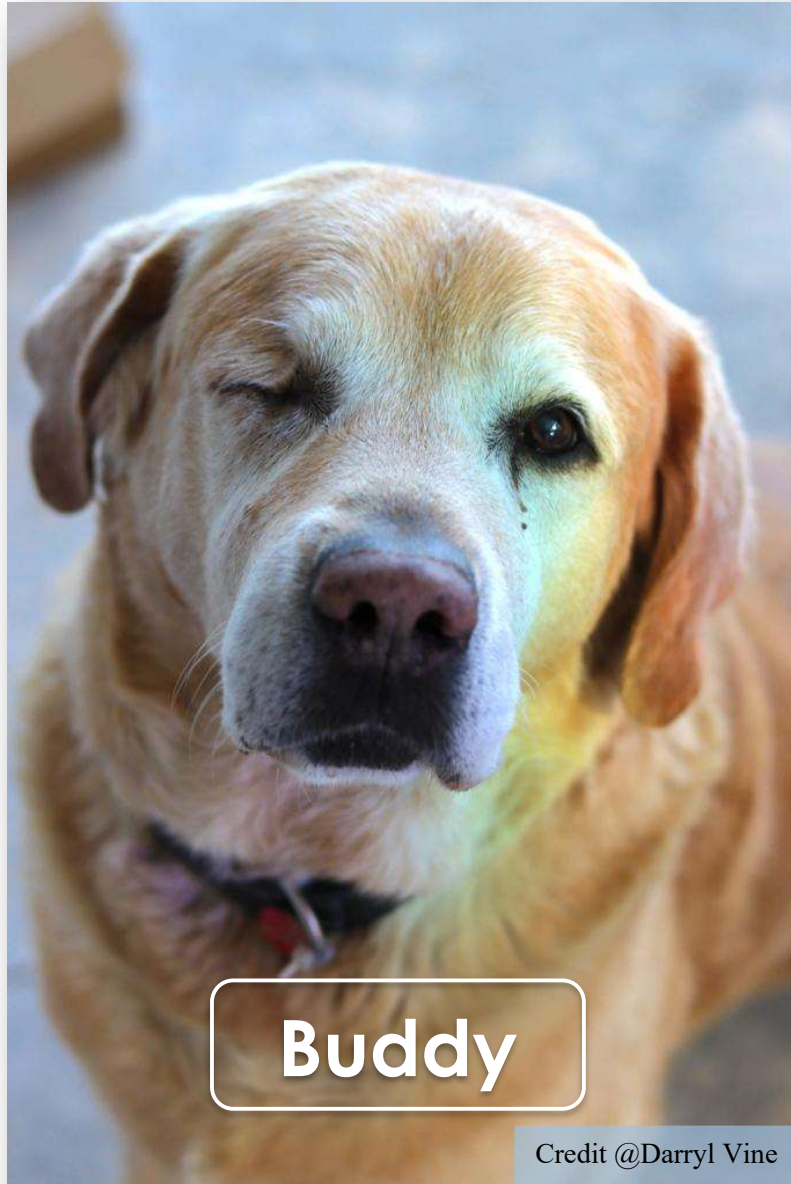
Born in Gordon's Bay, I have 11 siblings. My breed is often feared but that makes me sad. I am a gentle giant, as long as you don't threaten my family (or neighbours). I LOVE playing more than anything, and wouldn't hurt a fly – okay, maybe a fly, but nothing else.

Top Tips for Hot Days

- ❄️ Avoid exposing your dog to hot asphalt or sand for any prolonged period; it can burn his paws.
- ❄️ Be mindful of your dog's breed. Dogs that are brachycephalic (have a short head and snout), such as Bulldogs, Boxers, Japanese Chin, and Pekingese, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-nosed dogs. Keep your brachycephalic dog inside with air-conditioning.
- ❄️ Provide plenty of fresh water.
- ❄️ Protect against sunburn. Dogs, especially those with short hair, white fur, and pink skin, can get sunburned. Limit your dog's exposure during the day and apply sunscreen to his ears, nose, and coat before going outside.
- ❄️ Keep a check on activity. Running on the sand is strenuous exercise. A dog that is out of shape can pull a tendon or ligament, and running on wet sand can make his paw pads blister.
- ❄️ Don't let your dog drink seawater; the salt will make your dog sick.
- ❄️ Rinse him / her off at the end of the day. Salt and other minerals in ocean water can damage your dog's coat.

Reisen, Jan. "Tips for Keeping Your Dog Safe This Summer". American Kennel Club, 2019, <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/summer-safety-tips-for-dogs-2/>.

In Loving Memory Of...



Buddy

Credit @Darryl Vine

Paw Prints On My Heart

You came into my heart one day,
So beautiful and smart,
My dear and sweet companion,
I loved you from the start.
And though I knew the time would come,
When we would have to part,
You'll never be forgotten,
You left paw prints on my heart.



Puzzle Page

Ocean animals

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| Jellyfish | Whale | Dophin | Sea turtle |



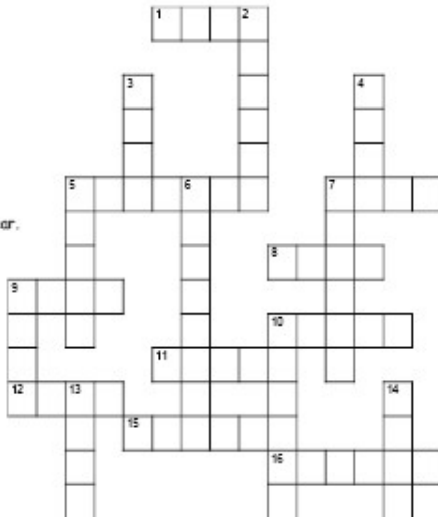
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- PLCSIEPO _____
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- NIRADEGNG _____
- ERCNSUSNE _____
- GISFINH _____
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Across

1. Grains on the beach.
5. Living in a tent.
7. It warms you up.
8. Two wheeled transportation.
9. Comes with a shovel.
10. Full of daylight.
11. A sandy shore.
12. Area of inland water.
15. Warmest 3 months of the year.
16. Top for warm weather.

Down

2. Plunging into the water.
3. Move through the water.
4. Summer hazard.
5. House in the woods.
6. Frozen treat.
7. Trail walking.
9. A place to swim
10. Pants for hot weather.
13. Toy for a windy day.
14. Mildly hot.



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Classifieds

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- Agmat Taxi
+27 73 521 3207
- Andiamo Tours (Jacques Basson)
+27 74 263 4266
- V Transfers
+27 83 883 8010

APPLIANCE REPAIRS

- Hout Bay Appliance Centre
+27 21 790 3960 / +27 82 341 3067

BABYSITTERS / NANNIES / AU PAIRS

- Manlete (Manti)
+27 61 806 4627
- Nandi
+27 61 698 1512
- Nannies R Us (Vibeke)
+27 72 351 6722

CARPENTERS

- Austin
+27 60 477 8451
- Levy
+27 60 486 2896

ELECTRICIANS

- Rushen
+27 73 892 2851
- Shaun
+27 82 786 5363 / +27 21 790 1347
- Theo
+27 72 273 2742

GARAGE DOORS

- Dryden
+27 21 931 7573
- Tom
+27 82 962 1758

PEST CONTROL

- Abri
+27 72 202 1114
- Ozzie
+27 83 261 6786

PET SITTERS

- Gael Karp
+27 76 585 4713
- Sarah Trouchet
+27 62 714 5489

PLUMBERS

- Jaco Smit
+27 63 019 6080
- Mills Plumbing (Darren)
+27 72 985 6220
- Robert Hill
+27 72 019 9028

POOL SERVICES

- Pool Pride International
+27 82 742 4904

SNAKE CATCHER

- Brett Glasby
+27 83 326 1610
- Dale Snyders
+27 83 632 1085
- Garth Loots
+27 83 968 1811

VEHICLE LICENCING / REGISTRATION

- Denzel
+27 73 151 8950