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A NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT WORKS

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A WORD FROM WARD 102
BY BEA CAMPBELL-CLOETE

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STREET CAPTAINS**
FIND OUT WHAT THEY DO

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE
SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE LAW



In this issue, we explore what it means to be “a neighbourhood that works” - not by accident, but by design, participation and shared responsibility.

Our cover story profiles **Chad Cloete (page 9)**, a familiar and steady presence in our suburb for over a decade and a committed member of the BSRA Security Committee.

On **page 17**, **BSRA Secretary Sue Atkinson unpacks the legal considerations around sharing suspect photos on social media** - an important read in a digital age where good intentions can have unintended consequences. Understanding the legal framework helps ensure our efforts to protect one another remain responsible and lawful.

Families can turn to page 28 for something lighter: Let’s Go Birdspotting, inspired by the Bordeaux Birders. It’s a reminder that a working neighbourhood is not only about security and governance - it’s also about connection, curiosity and shared enjoyment of the spaces we call home.

The BSRA functions because residents participate - whether through committees, events, volunteering or simply staying informed. When we engage constructively, report responsibly and support one another, the system works.

Play your part in making Bordeaux South a neighbourhood that truly works. We love hearing from you - send us your thoughts, photos, or updates for the next issue!

Warmly,
The BSRA Buzz Team



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A WORD FROM WARD 102

HELLO BORDEAUX SOUTH!

Julie Parker said: “You are the creator of your own garden. Plant kindness and compassion. Water with love and gratitude. And you will enjoy beauty all the days of your life.”

I entered Bordeaux South for the first time late in December 2025. And to be honest, half of the pavement, the flowers and the beautiful birds almost met with a terrible fate. I was so pleasantly surprised at the sudden change in scenery that I almost crashed and ended up as part of the scenery. I am sure I would have been in a lot of trouble. Driving past the beautiful park had me make a detour. I stopped and for a moment I felt like I was staring at a yellow brick road. A place of magic, tranquillity, peace, joy. I could not believe that these beautiful spaces existed in Johannesburg.

Over the last few weeks, what has become abundantly clear, is that there is hope when communities decide to take responsibility for their own neighbourhoods. Bordeaux South ignited my mind to the possibilities of how neighbourhoods CAN work, notwithstanding the neglect by authorities, governments and entities. No, it is not right for communities to take this on, it should be the norm for local government to ensure these spaces exist, but the reality is very different.

The challenge, for me, as the designated PR councillor for ward 102, is this: “How do I replicate this throughout a very diverse ward?” How do I ensure spaces are created where everyone feels safe, loved and part of a neighbourhood that works?

Therein lies the challenge, but it is a challenge, not a mountain. Where there is will, and where there is cooperation, it can be done. What remains, from my side, in communities such as Bordeaux South, is to push for the other things to happen: reinstatements, potholes and basic service delivery issues.



Bea Campbell-Cloete is the designated PR Councillor for ward 102. Ward 102 includes Bordeaux, Blairgowrie, Bryanston and other neighbouring suburbs.



Bordeaux South ignited my mind to the possibilities of **HOW NEIGHBOURHOODS CAN WORK**

This I can only do with the help of every resident in Bordeaux South. Reach out, it may take time in some cases, but if we keep fighting, we can make a difference. Report and escalate. Join the Councillor Information WhatsApp group. Attend the civic education virtual webinars. Together, we can ensure that Ward 102 truly becomes great again.


**Blue Skies,
Cllr Bea Campbell-Cloete**

The BSRA extends its sincere thanks to former ward 102 councillor, Cllr Lucinda Harman, for her service and support during her term.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

BSRA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We're delighted to welcome the following **new members** to the Bordeaux South Residents' Association.


 Fakude family

 Ntuli family

 Verreyne family

 Modikoe family

 Thandeka Mhlongo

 Wagner family

We hope you'll spend many happy years here with us.

BSRA Committee

JOIN THE BSRA *today*



JOIN US

Become part of our vibrant community by contributing just R325 per month. Simply email buzz@bsra.co.za to start supporting the beautiful gardens, enhanced security, and family-friendly events that make Bordeaux South a fantastic place to live! Plus, enjoy support with reporting issues such as electricity and water outages to the relevant authorities.

GET UPDATES

Members gain access to exclusive WhatsApp groups for real-time updates on street captains, local issues, and community events. You'll also receive a quarterly newsletter with all the latest happenings in the neighbourhood.

STAY CONNECTED

Participate in fun community events, from spooky Halloween trick-or-treating to spring day car boot sales. Enjoy activities for the whole family while staying informed about security and neighbourhood matters.

Mail accounts@bsra.co.za or buzz@bsra.co.za to become a member.

Please encourage your neighbours to join.

COMMUNITY

A NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT WORKS

When refuse collection was delayed for over a week, as communicated by Ward 102 regarding Pikitup's schedule in February, it could easily have become a frustrating situation for residents. **Instead, it became a reminder of what makes Bordeaux South a community that functions well under pressure.**



BSRA stepped in swiftly and, together with residents, arranged for Phambili Services to assist with a private refuse collection. The objective was straightforward: maintain cleanliness, protect public health, and ensure our streets remained orderly while municipal services were being resolved.

This is what a neighbourhood that works looks like. It's a residents' association that takes initiative. It's residents who stay informed, responsive, and supportive. And it's a shared commitment to maintaining the standards we expect for our suburb.

At the same time, being part of a well-run community also means being active citizens. Exercising our right to vote and constructively demanding accountable, efficient service delivery is how we strengthen not only Bordeaux South, but Johannesburg as a whole.

Thank you to everyone who played their part. When challenges arise, Bordeaux South responds - together.

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Around this time, BSRA put out a call for assistance to assess and repair a gate on our palisade fencing, a resident quickly stepped forward to help. From sourcing materials to managing the repair and providing updates, the issue was resolved efficiently and without fuss.

Thank you to the resident who took the initiative, and to those who also offered support. This is Bordeaux South at its best - practical, responsive, and community-minded.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

BSRA GARDEN UPDATE



With summer in full swing there has been lots going on in the gardens around the suburb. We are busy with our seed harvesting from the colorful annuals that have brought flowering delight over the past few months. Once harvested some of the areas require splitting of plant matter and general care as they become a bit sparse over the flowering months. We are busy with the process of thinning out garden beds from all their summer growth at all intersections to make sure views of the road are unobstructed. This is an ongoing process so please bear with us.

There is of course all the general maintenance activities in the flowerbeds and the ongoing mowing of the park and other areas around the suburb. We are also re-landscaping the garden at the entrance at Shell after the new security upgrades (see above). The planting will continue to happen on an ongoing basis as time allows with all the other activities.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

PROJECT FLOWER UPDATE

Project Flower, the ongoing clean-up and rehabilitation initiative led by communities along the spruit, continues to show encouraging progress. Through regular litter removal, clearing of invasive plants, and steady restoration efforts, the area is slowly reclaiming its natural balance.

The most exciting sign yet? Recent sightings of leguans along the spruit - a strong indicator that the ecosystem is responding positively. It's a reminder that consistent, collective action does make a tangible difference to the environment and health of our shared natural spaces.



COVER STORY

MEET CHAD CLOETE

RUNNING THE STREETS (IN A GOOD WAY)

By Amandla Kwinana

*Five years ago, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was the steady presence of neighbours like **Chad Cloete** that reminded me of what community truly means. Practical, approachable and deeply invested in Bordeaux South, Chad has been a resident for more than a decade and is now a key member of the **BSRA Security Committee**. I had the opportunity to find out more about what keeps Chad rooted here and how each of us can play a part in strengthening the suburb we call home.*

For those who may not know you yet, tell us a little about yourself - how long have you lived in Bordeaux South, and what brought you here?

I'm an easy-going guy. I love working with my hands and gardening a green space is what keeps me grounded. I work in the automotive and solar industries, so I'm constantly on the move around Joburg, but Bordeaux South has always been home. I've lived in Bordeaux South for just over 10 years now. When my wife, Suzanne, and I got married, I told her that I didn't want to move out of this suburb. Thankfully she agreed.

The mix of leafy green spaces, the river, and easy access to nature right in the middle of an urban environment is hard to beat. Add to that a vibrant, close-knit community, and it's what's kept us firmly rooted here.

What made you decide this was the neighbourhood you wanted to call home?



Suzanne and I love this space and community. From the awesome neighbours we have had (including you and your family), to the park and the spruit and open spaces, we thought this would be the best place to call home and raise a family.



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COVER STORY

What do you love most about living in Bordeaux South?

My favourite thing about Bordeaux South has to be when I go for a run and all the people that wave and smile back. It just seems like a great environment to be in. Whether it's people chatting in the streets or walking dogs. It seems like a place where people don't want to be locked in their house. They want to get out and experience life outside.

You oversee the BSRA Security portfolio together with Fiona - what does that role actually involve on a day-to-day basis?

Most days start with checking all the various security WhatsApp groups for activities in the night and what has happened. Then liaising with the various security partners and residents with back and forth to the committee.

Once that happens, I get my morning coffee in and start my day, off to work.

Normally if there are maintenance tasks it will involve getting hold of a Security partner in the day to alert them something needs to happen but 9 times out of 10, Fiona beats me to that - she's lightning fast.

We are also in constant communication with surrounding Residents Associations to keep in the know about what happens in the area surrounding us and then applying those measures in our area.

In the evening, I manage to catch up on admin like adding people to the gates so they have access to Park and Vega.



What are some of the challenges residents might not see behind the scenes?

I think one of the biggest challenges is how fragmented our law enforcement system works. The thing that comes to mind is when and whom to call. When something is a by-law infringement, call the JMPD and for acts of criminality, call SAPS. Also understanding the role of your security provider and where their jurisdiction comes into play, especially with your private property and homes. Also understand it's a thin line for them to walk on, in protecting public spaces.



COVER STORY

What motivated you to step into this portfolio?

I've always been a very security conscious person and loved fiddling with gadgets and automation. Hilary (BSRA committee member) encouraged me to get in touch with Jarrod. He delegated small tasks to me in the beginning which I took to and found that I worked well with Fiona too. The rest is history.

Any recent success stories?

Getting residents to report crimes to SAPS is a success in my book. As someone who had grown despondent with law enforcement in South Africa, it is so encouraging to see that are still so many hard-working men and women in our security forces still. While we are still so far from being perfect, if everyone could report crimes then more resources can be allocated in the right places. We have seen two successful prosecutions in the last year alone (incidents that occurred in Bordeaux South) and the credit goes to everyone playing their part in the system.

What are small, practical things households can do that make a meaningful difference?

I think that a very small thing that is often overlooked is to take 5 minutes out of your day to have a walk around your property. Just see if anything is out of place, a lot of crime, especially in suburbs, is opportunistic. If a criminal can see a chance, they take it. Simply because sometimes we become complacent. I can remember many days where I have got home tired and not even visited my own back garden for even a minute in the evening. It's that which criminals are relying on.

How would you like to see Bordeaux South grow over the next five years - especially in terms of safety and community spirit?

Bordeaux South is already such a beautiful mix of people from all walks of life. Events like Halloween highlight that really well. I hope that the community sticks together, and we could possibly have even more events in our own park.

MY LOCAL FAVOURITES



RESTAURANT

Pron (Linden)

I go every year for Birthday Noodles



HANGOUT SPOT

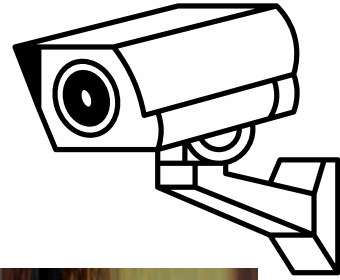
Old Parks and Tipu Cafe
(Bordeaux)



HOLIDAY

The Drakensberg

AWARENESS, SYSTEMS & SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



By Fiona Reid
Bordeaux South Resident and BSRA Security Committee Member



Security is not defined by guards alone. It is a layered system, **AND EVERY LAYER MATTERS.**

Security without panic – awareness, not alarm

At BSRA, our approach to security is grounded in awareness rather than fear. While it's important to stay informed, it's equally important that communication does not create unnecessary anxiety within the community.

Not every observation or incident signals an immediate threat and not every risk requires urgent broadcasting. Much of what happens in effective security management takes place quietly in the background: monitoring patterns, assessing trends, and responding early before situations escalate.

Our goal is to keep residents informed, calm, and empowered, knowing that: potential risks are being observed, systems are being monitored, and action is taken where needed; even when it's not always visible.

Security works best when vigilance is shared and measured, not reactive.

Security is more than guards – it's infrastructure

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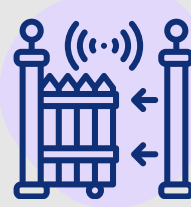


Key components that directly impact safety include:



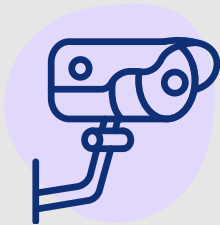
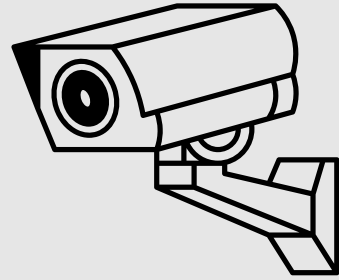
Lighting

Well-lit areas reduce hiding spots, improve visibility, and act as a natural deterrent. Poor or failed lighting creates blind zones that increase vulnerability.



Access control & gates

Gates are only effective when they are functional, maintained, and used correctly. Repeated faults or incomplete closures weaken the entire system.



Cameras

Cameras assist with deterrence and post-incident investigation, but they are not a substitute for awareness or physical barriers.



Maintenance & visibility

Overgrown areas, damaged infrastructure, or neglected spaces reduce sightlines and create cover. Maintenance is not cosmetic — it is a security function.

When these systems work together, they reduce reliance on emergency response and improve overall safety for everyone.

A Shared Effort

Security in the suburb is strongest when infrastructure is maintained, systems are respected, and residents remain observant and engaged.

Thank you for playing your part in keeping our community safe - calmly, responsibly, and together.

The Bordeaux South Residents Association (BSRA) security portfolio is managed by dedicated volunteers, Fiona Reid and Chad Cloete. They oversee all security matters affecting our community.

POWERING BORDEAUX



ONE LITRE AT A TIME.

BORDEAUX BLUE CARD



Introducing the Bordeaux Blue Card

Engen Bordeaux is proud to launch a loyalty program designed exclusively for our residents. With every litre of fuel you purchase, you'll enjoy personal rewards while, helping to maintain and uplift our suburb:

HOW IT WORKS



30c cashback per litre:

- 20c goes directly to you.
- 10c supports the Bordeaux Residents Association for suburb maintenance and community projects.



Redeem your cashback in the convenience store for groceries, pies, sandwiches, coffee and essentials.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

You are required to bring your id and proof of address for verification purposes only

WHY IT MATTERS

Every litre you buy helps keep Bordeaux running smoothly. From street lighting to landscaping and community safety, your fuel purchase contributes to the upkeep of the suburb we call home. Transparency is key – the Residents Association will share updates on how funds are used.

HOW TO SIGN UP

To sign up, please speak to a staff member in-store.

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Randburg, 2194

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WHY WE DON'T USE PIERCING GUNS

Words and photos by Athelas Studios

*New kid on the block, **Athelas Studios** - a tattoo and piercing studio based at the Valley Wellness Center - take us inside their world and share why professional standards matter when it comes to body art and piercings.*



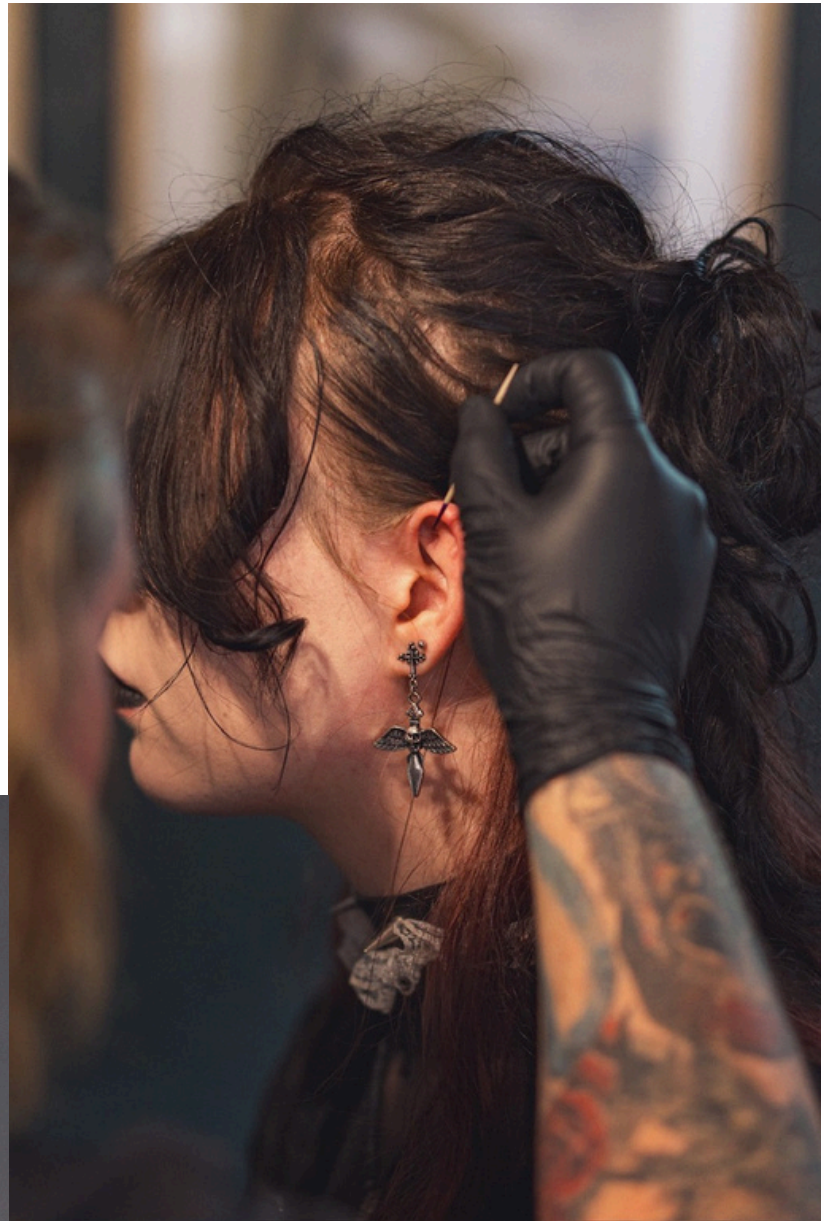
Here at Athelas Studios, Axel will only accept the highest standards for our clients, and prioritises your health and comfort. He uses only high quality, completely sterilised, single use needles to perform our piercings. This has a multitude of benefits, including being less painful and having an easier and quicker healing time. Let's talk about the difference between a gun piercing, and a professional needle piercing, shall we?



Piercing guns may look quick and convenient, but they come with serious risks.

Piercing guns cannot be fully sterilised, which increases the chance of cross-contamination and infection. They work by using blunt force to push a dull stud through the skin, causing more trauma, pain, swelling, and slower healing - especially in cartilage.

The jewellery used in guns is often too short, too tight, and not implant-grade, leaving no room for swelling and increasing irritation or allergic reactions. On top of that, piercing guns are frequently used by people with minimal training and are sometimes used on body parts they were never designed for, like nostrils, bellies, or cartilage.



Professional studios like Athelas Studios use single-use, sterile needles instead. Needles cut cleanly through tissue, cause less trauma, and allow for safer healing with properly fitted, implant-grade jewellery.

Your body deserves informed care, proper tools, and professional standards. Fortunately, there's a place that prioritises all those values, and it's right here within your beautiful neighbourhood.

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE

Sharing suspect photos on social media: A South African legal perspective

By Sue Atkinson
BSRA Secretary



Sharing or forwarding
someone else's post
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YOU TO
LIABILITY**

The risks of sharing photos of suspects on social media before arrest

Social media makes it easy to share information quickly, including photos of people suspected of being involved in crime. While this is often done with good intentions, posting or forwarding images of suspects before anyone has been arrested or appeared in court can create serious legal and practical problems in South Africa.

Fair trial rights come first

The Constitution guarantees everyone the right to a fair trial. When a person's photo or name is shared online before they appear in court, it can shape public opinion and create a sense of "guilt by association".

This is especially risky in cases that rely on witness identification. If witnesses have already seen a suspect's image on WhatsApp or Facebook, defence lawyers may argue that identity parades or in-court identification have been tainted, which can weaken or even derail a case.

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It can be illegal

South African law places limits on publishing information about suspects:

- **SAPS Act (section 69):** In general, photos of suspects in police custody may not be published before a decision to prosecute, unless permission is given by a senior SAPS official. Ignoring this can lead to criminal charges.
- **Criminal Procedure Act (section 154):** Publishing information that identifies an accused person before they appear in court and plead is restricted, with penalties that can include fines or imprisonment.

These rules exist to protect both suspects' rights and the integrity of investigations.

Defamation and dignity risks

Posting an image and accusing someone of a crime, especially if the information is wrong or unproven, can amount to defamation. The person affected may sue for damages. In serious cases, criminal charges such as *crimen injuria* may also apply, where a person's dignity or privacy is unlawfully harmed.

Importantly, even sharing or forwarding someone else's post can expose you to liability.

Harm to investigations and public safety

When suspect photos are shared widely, suspects may be alerted and flee or try to hide. There is also a real risk of vigilantism. South Africa has seen cases where innocent people were wrongly identified on social media and then threatened or attacked by members of the public.

Trial by social media

Courts and legal commentators have warned about "trial by media", where public debate and online outrage run ahead of the justice system. Once an image is widely shared, it cannot be taken back, and the damage to the court process, and to individuals, may already be done.

In short

Sharing photos of suspects before arrest or court appearance may feel helpful, but it can be unlawful, unfair, and counter-productive. The safest option is to pass information directly to SAPS and allow investigations and courts to do their work properly.

If you would like to read more about this issue, please see the following links:

Legal position when sharing images of suspects on social media

<https://fishhoekcpf.co.za/partners/saps/social-media/>

Defamation risk

<https://caf.co.za/defamation-crimen-injuria-social-media/>

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COMMUNITY

3 QUESTIONS, 3 STREET CAPTAINS

In Bordeaux South, our Street Captains are the friendly connectors keeping the neighbour informed and connected. We posed three quick questions to some of our Street Captains to learn more about they do.

Q1

How did you get roped into this?

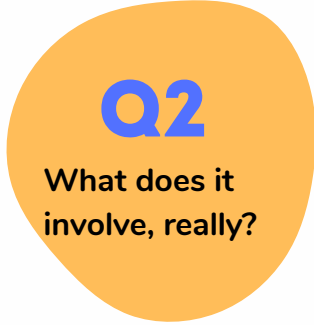


Stephanie Aproskie
Napoleon Avenue

I've lived here for too long 🤝 and I have too many opinions!

Q2

What does it involve, really?



Bernie Marais
Valley Road

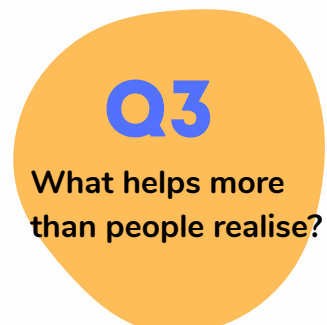
The previous street captain left the suburb but I have always wanted to be involved at some level.

Forwarding messages mostly but also building community ❤️

It's just about being aware, passing on relevant information, staying informed as to the happenings within the suburb, and assisting the committee where possible.

Q3

What helps more than people realise?



Michelle Adams
Hilma Road

I was asked as nobody in our street had volunteered.

Forwarding a few messages a week.

Reporting issues when you see them and having cameras!

Being observant is also really good. We can be the eyes and ears for each other, improving security and service! Something wrong, something right, something broken, something fixed, an open garage, an out of place person, being aware and notifying helps loads and make us a stronger community!

A simple response and being kind.

Not part of your Street WhatsApp group?
Get in touch with BSRA on buzz@bsra.co.za

WHAT THE COMMITTEE DOES IN A TYPICAL MONTH



HERE'S WHAT
THAT LOOKS
LIKE IN AN
AVERAGE
MONTH.

SERVICE DELIVERY ESCALATIONS

Residents log faults with the relevant City entities. Once reference numbers are provided, the BSRA assists with escalation and follow-up.

In a typical month:

- ±60–90 service delivery escalations (Joburg Water, City Power, JRA, City Parks, JMPD)
- This excludes major area outages or dry spells, when volumes increase significantly

That is roughly two to three escalations per day.

SECURITY OVERSIGHT

Separate from general faults, the security portfolio handles:

- 5–10 security-specific matters (incident follow-ups, contractor liaison, footage reviews, boom issues, coordination with Savika and Shomrim)

Security work also includes ongoing monitoring, pattern tracking and preventative planning.

GATES, FENCES AND ACCESS

Each month the committee deals with:

- 8–12 gate, fence or boom matters (new access registrations, remote issues, trigger problems, fence damage, boom repairs)



COMMUNITY

NEW RESIDENTS AND MEMBERSHIP

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WHATSAPP MODERATION

To keep groups constructive and focused:

- 20–30+ moderation or redirection interventions per month (moving issues offline, de-escalating tensions, correcting misinformation, redirecting neighbour disputes, reinforcing group guidelines)

This happens almost daily.

GARDENING AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERSIGHT

The suburb is actively maintained.

- 8 structured gardening sessions per month (twice weekly)
- Ongoing oversight of verges, planting, irrigation, storm damage and contractor management

ADMIN, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

The committee consists of nine volunteers.

- Monthly committee meeting: 9 collective hours
- Average portfolio work: ±2 hours per person per week
- Total volunteer hours per month: ±80+ hours

That is the equivalent of two full working weeks - volunteered.

PROJECTS AND SPECIAL MATTERS

In addition to routine work:

1–2 special projects or once-off matters per month (AGM prep, policy drafting, tree donations, meetings with others, recycling coordination, infrastructure planning)



*SUPERHERO COSTUME ASIDE,
I'M JUST A NEIGHBOUR WHO
DECIDED TO HELP*

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!

Running a suburb takes more than a handful of volunteers. There are small jobs that don't fit neatly into a portfolio but still need doing.

If you've ever wondered how you could help without joining the committee or taking on something huge, here are a few practical gaps we'd genuinely love support with.



RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Our recycling partnership works well, but it needs consistent attention.

You could:

- Send clear Tuesday reminders
- Liaise with ARO when issues arise
- Help improve education and awareness
- Encourage wider participation

OVERGROWTH SPOTTER

With the rain, verges and curbs can quickly get away from us.

You could:

- Do a monthly drive-through or walk
- Identify overgrowth hotspots
- Flag areas needing attention

FENCE & PERIMETER VOLUNTEER

Security isn't only cameras and patrols — it's infrastructure too.

You could:

- Do occasional fence walk inspections
- Log visible damage
- Help coordinate minor fence repairs



COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTOR

Our newsletter is built by residents, for residents.

You could:

- Pitch story ideas
- Interview a neighbour
- Write a short feature
- Capture photos of improvements

STREET CAPTAIN CHEERLEADER

We have committed street captains. Keeping them encouraged matters.

You could:

- Check in occasionally
- Share appreciation
- Celebrate small wins
- Notice when someone needs support

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

We don't run events constantly, but when we do, extra hands help enormously.

You could:

- Assist with logistics
- Help source small sponsors
- Support fundraising for specific projects
- Lend a hand on the day



COMMUNITY

SMALL JOBS, BIG DIFFERENCE

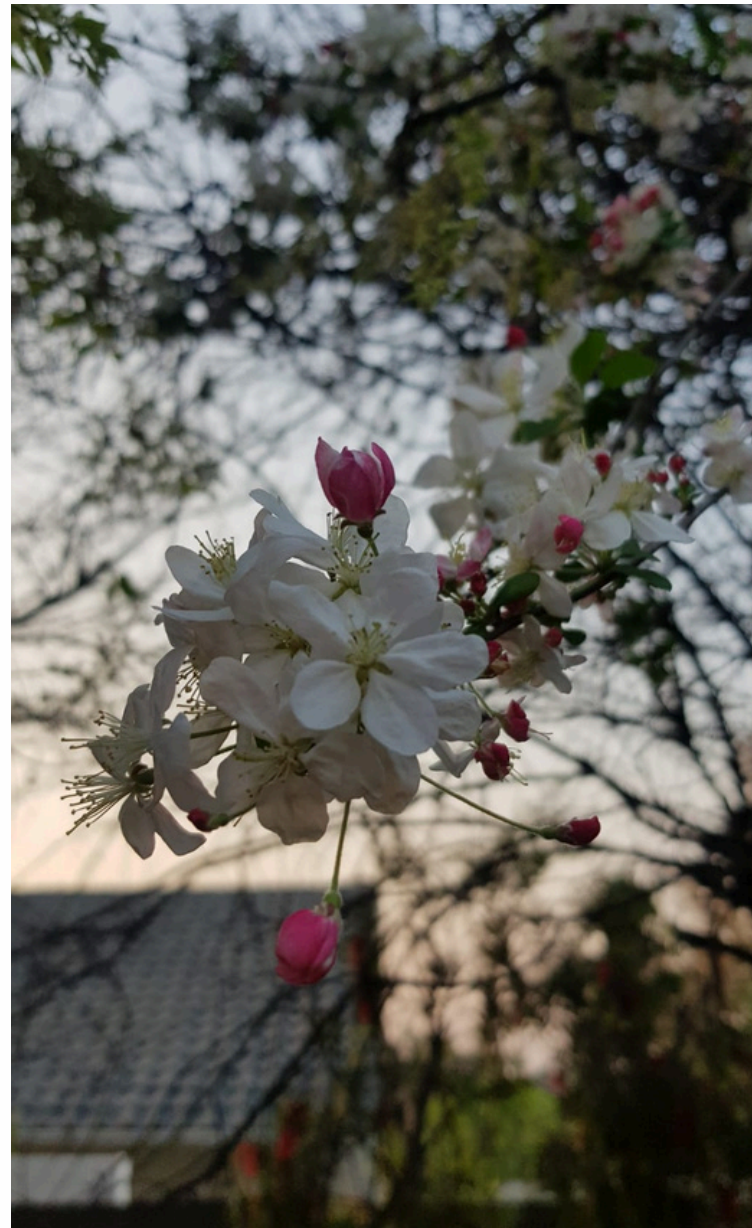
Five ways to make life in Bordeaux South even better

From our vibrant families and thriving local businesses to our cherished elderly residents, it's the small, thoughtful touches that make Bordeaux South feel alive. Here are five simple ways to contribute to our neighbourhood - without any fuss, but with a noticeable impact.

1. **Keep your patch looking impeccable**
A neat pavement, carefully trimmed verge, or bins brought in on time does more than look good - it keeps pedestrians, dog-walkers, cyclists, and drivers safe.

2. **Be the neighbour with the heads-up**
Notice something out of place - a new pothole, a power outage, a fallen branch, or a potential hazard? Correctly logging the issue (see p.6) and a quick message on the **BSRA Suburb Issues/Faults WhatsApp group** can prevent stress and help keep the community safe and smooth-running.

3. **Greet, connect, and check in**
Sometimes a simple "How's it going?" is all it takes. **Greet our Savika Ops security guards**, check in on elderly neighbours, or say hello to new families and parents juggling school runs. These small gestures build rapport, foster connection, and reinforce the safe, welcoming atmosphere we all value.



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4.

Give a little notice

Planning a party, renovation, or a scout fundraiser? A courteous heads-up to neighbours or a note on your **Street WhatsApp group** makes a big difference - particularly for those working from home, caring for children, or simply enjoying a quiet evening.

5.

Recycle thoughtfully and support local

Sorting your recycling correctly and putting it out **every Tuesday** keeps our streets tidy and sustainable. Beyond that, supporting local businesses, attending a 1st Bordeaux Scouts event, or volunteering with BSRA strengthens the social fabric that makes our suburb so special.

In Bordeaux South, it's these everyday, considered actions - the small jobs - that make a real, lasting difference. Together, they create a neighbourhood that's safe, connected, and full of the unmistakable spirit we all love.



Our local Savika Ops security guards: a smile and wave go a long way



Community in action as volunteers remove weeds at Bordeaux South Park

SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES



Thanks to all residents who report service delivery issues, including those spotted about the suburb that don't affect them directly.

BSRA membership means we offer you assistance with escalating issues after they are first reported. To help us escalate, please supply information in the form of this template.

Template to use:


- ▶ Name:
- ▶ Contact Number:
- ▶ Address of Issue:
- ▶ Date of Occurrence:
- ▶ Reference Number:
- ▶ Brief Description:


If this format is not followed, it is not possible to escalate issues.

Here is a list of the entities and their contact details:

 **Joburg Water (Water & Sewer Issues)**


 https://customer.forcelink.net/joburg_water/login

 : (011) 375-5555


 : customerserviceemails@jwater.co.za

 **City Power (Electricity)**

 : City Power - <https://citypower.mobi/login>

 : (011) 490-7484


 **City Parks Issues**

 : (011) 375-5555 or 0860 562 874

 **JRA (Road Issues)**

 : hotline@jra.org.za

 **JMPD (Bylaw Issues)**

 : (011) 375-5911

Source: Ward 102



PIKITUP QUERIES AND REPORTING

Two ways to report directly to Pikitup

- via their call centre on 010 055 5990 or 087 357 1068 or
- via email on info@pikitup.co.za

You can also reach out directly to our councillor on 083 440 7901, she has indicated in the media that she is taking this cause up personally, directly with Pikitup.



REPORTING EXCESSIVE NOISE

After some months of quieter revelry, we have again started receiving reports of excessive noise from Amigos. Please, if you hear them, take the time to report them to

- JMPD on 011 375 5911 to log and
- 011 375 5918 for dispatch to see progress of the call

Please get a reference number and keep records of reference numbers and numbers of times you have called. All of this will assist in the ongoing attempt to find a more permanent solution for this challenge.



LITTLE BORDEAUX

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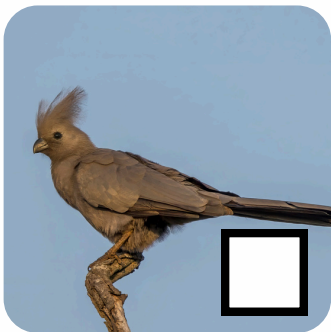
Let's go bird-spotting!

Scouts Gone Wild

LET'S GO BIRD-SPOTTING

By Amandla Kwinana
Bordeaux South Resident and Bordeaux Birder

One thing I love about the Bordeaux Birders is discovering just how many birds call Bordeaux South home. Some, like the early-morning Hadedas, can be a bit irritating, while others, like the bossy Common Myna, are hard to ignore.



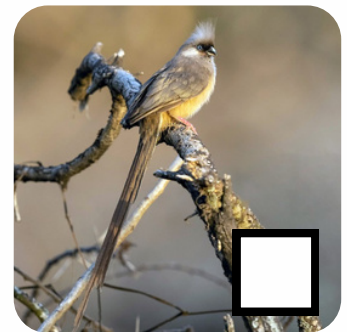
Grey Loerie/Go-away-bird



Hadedas Ibis



Crested Barbet



Speckled Mousebird



Laughing Dove



Spotted Eagle-Owl



Spotted Thick-Knee



Common Myna

👁️🐦 How many of our feathered friends can you spot in your garden, at the park, or while walking the dog?

Print out this page and tick off each bird you find.

Keep an eye out for more birds coming your way in the next issue. Happy spotting! 🐦



More than 100 members!!!



Scan the code to join the Bordeaux Birders WhatsApp group

1ST BORDEAUX SCOUTS

SCOUTS GONE WILD

By Amandla Kwinana

Photography by Daylin Paul



*As Scout parents, we are grateful that our kids had the opportunity to take part in this Survival Camp experience. In a world where convenience is the norm, **it is invaluable for young people to learn practical life and survival skills.** Experiences like these shape confidence and character in ways that last far beyond a single weekend.*

The 1st Bordeaux Scouts took part in a Survival Scout Camp from 6 to 8 February in Broederstroom on the border of Gauteng and North West - a weekend designed to test resilience, teamwork and true outdoor skill. With no electronics, no matches, and only carefully packed survival kits, our Scouts immersed themselves in practical activities such as shelter building, survival cooking, tracking, water sourcing and navigating without tools.

The camp also provided opportunities to be assessed for Observation, Survival Scout Craft, Survival Interest and Veldcraft badges. We are incredibly proud of our Scouts for embracing the challenge with courage and enthusiasm. Experiences like these build confidence, character and capability - and it's inspiring to see our young people living the Scouting spirit so fully.

Special thanks the dedicated team that shows up for our kids - every Friday night and beyond!

To join or find out more about the 1st Bordeaux Scouts, contact Keziah 'Sunbird' on 063 776 8659

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

SUPPORT LOCAL STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY

Bordeaux South is home to a vibrant network of local businesses that keep our neighbourhood thriving. From skilled artists and chefs to trusted service providers, these businesses are run by our neighbours and play a vital role in our community.

By choosing to support them, we help sustain jobs, foster growth, and keep our local economy strong. Explore our business directory and discover the great talent right on our doorstep!

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