



## **KHBA NEWSLETTER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023**

***I cannot do great things; I only do small things in a greater way.***

***Prevent Pollution - Protect Nature***



## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sheer gratitude and heart-felt thanks to all our incredible KHBA volunteers. My message is dedicated to all of you. Without your commitment and the work you each put in, KHBA as we know it would cease to exist. It is because of you that things get done.

I first met Marge Mitchell and the KHBA committee in 2007. The vision was to set up a recycling centre on the corner of Delamore and Hospital Road. There was nothing but a patch of land. I offered advice and assisted with the roll-out but since the launch of the centre, Marge and team have been hands on daily. It is through this remarkable effort and continuous drive by KHBA to market the centre, coupled with the plea to the community to support the initiative, that it is the success that it is today.

The recycling centre has come with its own set of challenges along the way, however with each hurdle, came even more determination by the committee.

It is through this and the support of the local community that keep the centre running, and through all the efforts, have ensured a cleaner environment as well as a steady stream of income for the people who work there. This is achieved by recycling rebates paid through the sale of the recyclables.

In closing, I would like to appeal to those who are not using the recycling centre responsibly, to please do so. We each have our bit to do, please do yours.

Till next time.

Yours in recycling,

***Rosanne Griffin***



## Acknowledgement well deserved!



Above: Vukani Cele and Doris Mazeka

The Keep Hillcrest Beautiful Association (KHBA) accepted an award for being the community recycling site with the highest tonnage collected of paper and cardboard. The award was handed out by Mpact recently.

The Keep Hillcrest Beautiful Association acknowledges the support from the community and their staff members who have kept the place running since 2009. This comes after the association was recognised by Mpact for being the community recycling site with the highest tonnage collected of paper and cardboard.

The recycling centre in Delamore Road is a busy one and is well supported by members of the public. The centre has provided a revenue stream which supplements the wages of the staff employed by the Keep Hillcrest Beautiful Association.

The staff members are Doris Mazeka, Vukani Cele and Nqobilo Mazeka. The staff members are tasked with sorting the many materials dropped at the centre, which is labour intensive, sorting into the various categories such as cans, paper and cardboard.

## Verge awards!

KHBA chooses two private verges a year as being of special beauty – a summer verge and a winter verge. The choice for the winner of the ‘summer verge’ competition was the verge at the property number 6 Tunzini road (right) and the winner of the ‘winter verge’ number 66B Ridge Road (pictured below). Well done to our winners!



## Monthly voucher winners

Well done to our voucher winners and a special thanks to our sponsors.

**APRIL  
VOUCHER WINNERS**

**Richdens:** Alan Dawson  
**Blackwood's:** Sally (KZN Solar)  
**Stretta Café:** Rob van der Waal  
**Butlers:** Mike Kirby

**MAY  
VOUCHER WINNERS**

**Richdens:** Pamela Gregory  
**Blackwood's:** M W Hunt  
**Stretta Café:** Ronel Dedlow  
**Butlers:** B van Oudheuden

## Monthly voucher winners



## Thank you!



A huge thank you to Masakhe Media for sponsoring these amazing street pole ads for KHBA. We cannot thank you enough for your support!

## Clean-ups – before & after



Left : Amazing work, thank you Ronald Galtrey and the Buildex team for creating these steps from Old Main Road to the Hillgate shopping complex, pro bono as a gift to the village.



Above: Before & after photos of clean-ups done in Hillcrest. To everyone involved, thank you!

## Maintenance of the rail reserve



Left: The rail reserve maintenance is done by KHBA and sponsored by Marc Bouchier of Umgeni Steam Rail.

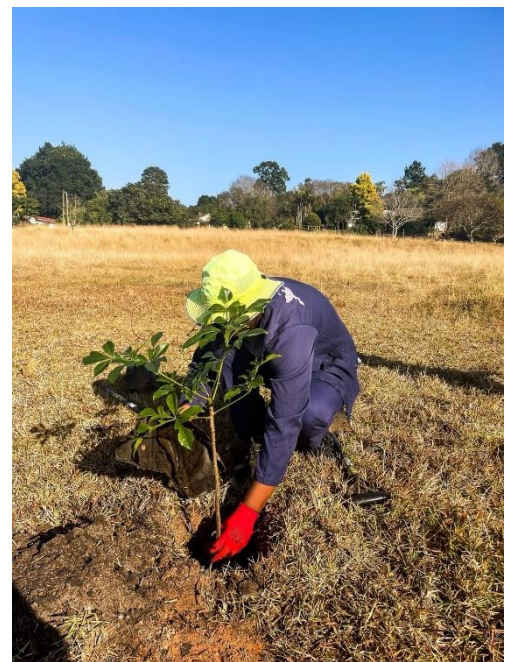
Right: Thanks to Chris Harburn of Giba Gorge MTB Park for sponsoring KHBA's maintenance of the cycle track through Hillcrest from Ashley Drive to Padley's Crossing – a distance of 9km, Happy cycling!



## Mandela Day

In celebration of Mandela Day, KHBA and Parks Department planted three trees (White Pear and Kiepersol) in Elizabeth Park in West Riding.

Thank you to the Parks Department for donating the trees!



## Adopt-a-verge



Above: Thank you to Grasschopper for adopting the verge outside McDonalds. A shining example to other businesses in the area, doing their bit for the environment. We appreciate you!

## Financing of Activities

With the generous support of many public-spirited members of the Hillcrest community as well as support from a few members of the commerce and business sector in our area KHBA is just breaking even in the balance between income and expenditure. We thank these people and bodies for their support. Unfortunately, KHBA has not managed to persuade more than a few members of the business community to assist in its endeavours which KHBA feels are beneficial to business in the area. KHBA feels that a tidy town is conducive to increased commerce through encouraging visits as has been shown in Umhlanga. It is stressed that all committee members are voluntary workers carrying out their tasks 'pro bono', and sometimes at personal expense. For those persons who wish to contribute towards our funding needed to continue with our endeavour our bank details are:

**Keep Hillcrest Beautiful Association**  
**Standard Bank Hillcrest**  
**Account 25 661 876 3**

### WHAT DOES YOUR DONATION HELP US ACHIEVE?

#### IMPROVE RECYCLING

- Maintain and operate the recycling centre
- Care for the environment
- Promote sustainability
- Provide employment

#### BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY

- Maintain verges in Hillcrest CBD
- Encourage businesses to maintain their verges
- Remove graffiti, litter, invasive alien plants
- Maintain rail reserve

#### CREATE JOBS

- Provide Jobs to 4 previously unemployed persons
- Pay their salary from recycling funds, fundraising and donations

[www.khba.org.za](http://www.khba.org.za)

#### Our Banking Details:

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