

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

ISSUES TRAIL

**PROPOSED REMOVAL OF SOUTHBROOM TIDAL POOL- SOUTHBROOM,
HIBISCUSS COASTAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
SUMMARY OF ISSUES/CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY
INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTIES**

March 2010

This Issues Trail provides a summary of concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs).

South broom Tidal Pool

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<p>I have the following comments, points & questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Granny's pool and the tidal pool at Riptide are amenities that South roomers use [my wife and I certainly do use them, with our grandchildren] ▪ The grass bank close to the tidal pool is a bonus, compared to Granny's pool which only has sand – yet both have a place when holiday makers or locals use the beach facilities. The main beach does not have the wonderful change room and shower facilities that Granny's has. ▪ The supporting documentation with this form, appears to be very one-sided without much supporting documentation &/or information ▪ The previous meeting referred to was not fully representative of Southbroom owners/residents from people I have spoken to recently ▪ Around 100 people in attendance at the meeting referred to in the document, out of 1000 land-owners is not a majority 	<p>Bernard Vorster, Southbroom resident</p>	<p>SSI Environmental- This comment has been noted.</p>

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<p>We are property owners at Southbroom, and have been coming to Southbroom for more than 20 years. We have three sons ranging from 10 to 17 years old.</p> <p>I am fully aware of all the arguments surrounding the pool, and I would just like to offer my opinion.</p> <p>The pool on the main beach offers a place for families with young children to come and swim. Even though there is a tidal pool at Grannies beach, there are no shop facilities or lifeguards on the beach section. Quite often families have children of different ages, and the main beach offers the added advantage of a safe swimming beach for older kids.</p> <p>I don't know much about the environmental issues around the pool, but I feel if it is demolished and removed, we would be exposing the grass banks directly to the effect of the big storms, and I feel we would lose the banks.</p> <p>By rehabilitating the pool, we would once more be creating a "family beach". A place where there are shop facilities, first aid facilities and life guards.</p> <p>Southbroom epitomizes "Family" for me.</p>	<p>Marc Hindle, Southbroom residence</p>	<p>SSI Environmental-comment noted</p>

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<p>I was horrified to hear that there are some small minded people in Southbroom wishing to demolish the tidal pool at the main Southbroom beach.</p> <p>Myself, husband and 3 children have been holidaying in Southbroom for over 30 years. My children spent every holiday on the main beach and the reason we went there was the tidal pool. When my children were very young they spent hours playing in the pool as they were a little nervous of the waves. My son has spent hours fishing off the end of the pool. When I had major surgery I felt safe swimming in the pool and felt as though I was in the sea. I have photographs of many people old and young enjoying that pool over the years.</p> <p>Although we live in New Zealand now, we come over nearly every year and holiday in Southbroom and the grass verge, the Restaurant, toilet facilities and the main attraction the tidal pool make us choose Main Southbroom Beach over any other beach in the area. I have a photograph that was taken in 2008 Xmas where the pool is full of people enjoying its location and nostalgia. One of those people in the picture was my teenage son who still likes the pool.</p> <p>Taken the time to consider other people instead of their own agendas.</p>	<p>Tania Lord & Family- Southbroom Residence</p>	<p>SSI Environmental-comment noted</p>

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<p>The Tidal Pool has been part of my childhood, adulthood and grand adulthood and I could not imagine Southbroom without it.</p> <p>Please do not demolish it as I need to have somewhere to bring my grandchildren. I am scared of the sea and will only swim in the tidal pool. So as a grandmother as well, please keep the tidal pool.</p>	<p><i>Tania Lord & Family- Southbroom resident</i></p>	<p><i>SSI Environmental-Comment noted</i></p>

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<p>I have sent a mail, pleading that the pool be reinstated. The best and true way to survey the public or interested parties, would be over a busy season, i.e. Christmas or Easter, when families come down year after year and visitors with their small children. The main beach is not safe for small children, the pool is the only place where they can swim safely. The photograph that was sent to you was taken after the devastating floods when the coastline was strewn with debris.</p> <p>Paul Reynolds has photographs taken by me with the pool full clean and lots of small children using it. "The Greenies" have latched onto as many reasons they can find to have it demolished, it will be a sad day for S.broom if that pool goes. As I mentioned, votes taken at the last meeting to have it demolished was in my opinion well orchestrated. The cost of demolition will be great and fixing it would be more cost effective.</p>	<p>M.P. Lewis , Southbroom residence</p>	<p>SSI Environmental-comment noted</p>

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<p>I would like to see the Tidal pool removed and the area rehabilitated. There is a perfect alternative Tidal Pool 410 meters away on a bearing of 199 degrees in the form of "Grannies Pool"</p>	<p>Mr. James Butterworth, Ratepayer associates)</p>	<p>SSI Environmental- This comment has been noted.</p>
<p>A vote was taken in 2008 ratepayer to remove the pool. One of the major concerns is the safety aspect to bathers in the lagoon mouth and surf. Someone is going to get hurt if it is not removed</p>	<p>Mr. D. Erasmus (rate payer, homeowner & resident)</p>	<p>SSI Environmental- This comment has been noted.</p>

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<p>There is a move by people, who neither use nor visit the tidal pool area, to have it removed. The tidal pool and the grass bank are the most populated and used areas of the beach during holiday periods. The tidal pool if restored is a boon for young children who can play in the pool and can be watched by parents from the bank. My children grew up playing and learning to swim in the pool, my grand children used it every season and hopefully my great grand son will play in it too.</p> <p>My greatest fear if the pool were to be removed is that the grass bank would be eroded, plus debris from the removal, would be strewn across the beach and prove dangerous to bathers. Rusty steel reinforcing could be washed by the tide onto a wide area. No contractor awarded the removal could guarantee the complete removal of the pool. It would also be an extremely costly business and in our economic times, it would be more beneficial for the community and more cost effective to repair the pool. I know that 90% of the voters against keeping the pool, never set foot on the grass bank.</p> <p>The pool, plus the grass bank and Riptide, are a great asset to Southbroom and a drawcard for holiday makers in the area, no only in Southbroom.</p>	<p>M.P. Lewis, South Broom residence (Lot 51 Southbroom)</p>	<p>SSI Environmental-Comment noted</p>
<p>SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants</p>		<p>March 2010</p>

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<p>If they demolished the tidal pool there would be no buffer to prevent the high seas and those bad storm surges, from eating away at the grass bank slowly eroding it away until there would be very little left for all the holiday visitors to sit on, eventually causing the life guard house and maybe even riptide to become a hazard. The grass bank would keep collapsing until it might reach the parking area. Then who is going to spend money building retaining walls to prevent the collapse of the grass bank. South broom would no longer become an attraction for people to holiday at. Bang goes the local economy. The grass bank is the reason most of us like coming to main beach, and if the lagoon is open the beach is not an attractive option.</p> <p>I would rather the local council repairs the tidal pool and makes it user friendly to attract people to main beach and make main beach attractive something Southbroom residents could be proud of. Most of the tidal pool is built on rock, there is only a small corner section that has become free standing because the sand there has been eroded when the lagoon opens. There must be a way of filling under there so the water from the lagoon cant erode it ,fix the cracks and concrete the side between the grass and the pool or fill it with beach sand to make a nice surround It would be so much cheaper than demolishing it, and it adds such value to main beach.</p>		

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<p>Take a look at the tidal pool during holiday season and see how well it is used to know the importance of retaining it. Add in your report a personal note from me to all those who want to demolish the tidal pool and most of them don't even frequent the main beach instead of letting them be and enjoying their life, let's euthanize them as they are of no use to me in Southbroom. Wonder how they would feel about that?</p>	<p>Stephen Lewis from 33 North ridge Rd Southbroom</p>	<p>SSI Environmental-Comment noted</p>
<p>This unsightly pool which is generally filled with detritus band is seldom, if ever, used by beachgoers is a danger to the public.</p>	<p>Mrs Angela Erasmus (Ratepayer)</p>	<p>SSI Environmental-Comment noted</p>

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<p>I would like to answers the following questions in respect of the notice of the proposed removal of the Southbroom Tidal Pool prior to attending the meeting on Wednesday 4th March.</p> <p>The 3 alternatives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Demolish and then rehabilitate. What does this entail and what is the cost? Are plans available for this work Decommissioning without demolishing, but rather filling the pool with sand What does this entail and what is the cost? Are plans available for this work? Repair and reinstating the pool. What does this entail and what is the cost? Are engineering plans for this work available? Has an EIA been carried out? <p>How will this work be funded?</p> <p>Are the findings available?</p> <p>What is the time frame for the above proposed options?</p> <p><i>SSI Engineers and Environmental Consultants</i></p>	<p>Southbroom Agency Elite Figtree Lodge Estate</p>	<p>By The Hibiscus Coast Municipality Yes There still need to be discussion with the engineers regarding timeframe for construction</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>March 2010</i></p>

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