



S.A.A.R.P. Umhlanga Social Club

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Chairman's Message

Hello All,

I trust you are all keeping well.

Covid is unfortunately still with us, although we have moved to lockdown Level 1. As we are in the vulnerable age group, it would be foolish to start our meetings and events again. The wearing of masks is still obligatory, as well as social distancing, which makes holding meetings impractical – we would not only have to sit 1½ metres apart but this would make queuing for tea and bookings impossible. So regrettably, we will still have to keep our club on ice for the moment. Hopefully vaccinations will come to our rescue.

Sadly, that is not the end of the bad news. You will remember that cheerful lady, Ingrid dos Santos who took your attendance money at our meetings. Tragically, Ingrid passed away late last month, after a severe stroke. Ingrid was not only a valuable club member but was also a personal friend. She will be sorely missed and, on behalf of the club, I offered condolences to the family. Only a small family memorial service was held. A larger one was mooted but cancelled owing to Covid.

Normally, at this time of year, we have our AGM where the Club's finances are discussed and committee elected. Under the current circumstances, it is not practical to confirm or re-elect committee members, so I suggest we leave that until we are able to meet again. The club's finances however, can be discussed. Attached, you will find our 2020 financial statement. Understandably, there has been little action, except for subs received and we have ended the year in a rather healthy state (ironic, as this is a result of Covid). For those members who have paid, you will not lose out and will be credited for future subs. The item labelled "other", comprises telephone expenses of R65 and refunds of R110. (There are still refunds outstanding which I will reimburse at our first meeting).

This has been a very difficult newsletter to write. I apologise, but am just not able to include a joke this time.

Best Regards,

Brian Widdowson - Chairman