

FIXTURE LIST – 3rd QUARTER

July 2017

Date	Description	Dist / Elevati on	Leader	Contact	Grd
8-9 July	Zulu Cave. Meet at Monks Cowl wildlife office at 08:00. Route: Zulu Cave and back via Sphinx trail. Fitness required.	28km 950m	Farouk Omarjee	031-577 6336 081 530 8447 farouko@telkomsa.net	3
15-16 July	Cobham area. Back by popular request. eSipongwene via Policeman, Titty, Whaleback. Overnight in Nutcracker / Lakes cave. Easy valley walking to “cave” day one.	18km per day	Andy Brown	072 101 2498 andybza@gmail.com	3
16 July	Howick meander. - Local day hike - Symmonds Stream Conservancy, Beacon Hill Conservancy, along the Umgeni River to Howick Falls - several local eateries for food & drinks at the end of the hike - note the distance & grade - Combined hike with other clubs - last bookings by Wed eve. 12 July. R20 donation to the conservancies.	16km	Keith Ashton	033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za	2
22 July	Kloof Gorge. Meet at Ezemvelo car park Kloof Falls Road at 08:00 Look for MBC banner.	9km	John McGovern	082 659 5111 Between 08:00 and 13:00	1
29 July	Meet 8.30 at our home in the Karkloof. No 24, District Road 709, Karkloof . We shall walk through the forest to Bushwillow Park, up the steep forest path then along the grasslands and come down by Rockwoods Lodge and the Karkloof canopy tours, where there will be a vehicle waiting to transport back to our home for refreshments. A lovely days walk in the country i.e ZERO CARS AND TAR. A lunch pack and light jacket is needed.	20km	Christine Pickup	082 782 6025 christinebro3@gmail.com	2

August 2017

Date	Description	Dist / Elevation	Leader	Contact	Grd
5-6 Aug	Monks Cowl area. Magnificent Intunja, via Zulu Cave. Easy first day. Steep pull up and down Intunja on day two.	15km per day	Andy Brown	072 101 2498 andybza@gmail.com	4
5 Aug	African Fish River Trail. Lots of birdlife, walk through Beachwood Mangroves and along North bank of Umgeni river, meet at Green Hub Durban @ 08h00 & leave 08h15. Rain stops Play. Bring cash for tea at Springfield SPCA 1/2 way. Please confirm if joining walk by 4 August .	13km	Heidi Cox	heidi.dinan@gmail.com 0827064283	2
12-13 August	Highmoor - Backpacking hike to overnight in Caracal Cave - Via Fulton Rock with good Bushman's Paintings - Ideal for first time backpacking & sleeping in a cave, but also good for more experienced hikers as we will do some exploring from the cave so smaller day-pack also recommended - reasonable fitness required for steep descents & climbs - Bring enough water bottles to last overnight - Combined hike with other clubs. - MAXIMUM 10 MEMBERS, first come & paid first served - Last booking by Wed 2 Aug. Cost: R70	12-15 km per day	Keith Ashton	033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za	3
19-20 August	Lower Injisuthi Cave: Meet at Injisuthi Wildlife office at 09:00 Ideal for first time backpackers unsure of their fitness.	16km 300m	Farouk Omarjee	031-577 6336 081 530 8447 farouko@telkomsa.net	3
19 Aug	Kloof Gorge. Waterfalls, Mpiti and porcupine. Meet at Ezemvelo car park Kloof Falls Road at 08:00 Look for MBC banner.	9km	John McGovern	082 659 5111 Between 08:00 and 13:00	2
25-27 August	MBC Mahai Winter Campout. Amphitheatre 25-27 August. Mahai Campsite is situated in the Royal Natal Maloti-Drakensberg National Park at the base of the Amphitheatre, 46km north of Bergville. Day hikes arranged by MBC. Cost R120 per person per night. No pensioner or child discount.	15km Sat & 8km Sun	MBC Committee	amygrantham@futurenet.co.za	3

September 2017

Date	Description	Dist / Elevation	Leader	Contact	Grd
16 Sept	Kloof Gorge Hike. TBA Meet Kloof Falls Road car park at 08:00 Look for the MBC banner.	? km	John McGovern	082 659 5111 Between 08:00 and 13:00	2
16 Sept	International Coastal Cleanup. A very important international event on the environmental calendar (3rd Saturday of Sept). Meet at 08h00, likely at Beachwood Mangroves, but TBA when confirmed with organisers.	5km	Heidi Cox	072 101 2498 andybza@gmail.com	2
17 Sept	Howick - Day hike in "The Ambers" - hike in extended area - Lovely views around Howick & surrounding areas, plenty of game & birdlife - Combined hike with other clubs. - MAXIMUM 12 MEMBERS, first come first served - Last booking by Wed 13 Sept. Cost : R20	12-15km	Keith Ashton	033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za	2
22-23 Sept	Rockeries pass on day one to Mponjwane cave. Returning via Mnweni Pass on day two. Escarpment hike to up 3000m altitude. Not for the unfit or the faint hearted. We leave the cars at Mnweni Cultural and Hiking Centre.	13km day one 25km day two 1800m	Andy Brown	072 101 2498 andybza@gmail.com	5
30 Sept to 4 October	The Giants Cup Trail. Sani Pass to Bushman's Nek. 4 nights. 5 days.	60km 700m	Farouk Omarjee	031-577 6336 081 530 8447 farouko@telkomsa.net	3

**Note: It is the prerogative of a hike leader to accept or reject members or other applicants from participating in his or her hike, after questioning the applicant on their fitness and experience. It is a privilege not a right to participate in a hike.
Day hikers are requested to phone the leader beforehand to confirm their attendance and that the hike is still on schedule.**

Advance Notices

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30 Dec to 2 Jan	BUSHMAN'S NEK- CELEBRATE NEW YEAR IN STYLE IN A STUNNING AREA - Short (just over 1.4 km) backpacking to Bushman's Nek Hut for a three-night stay.- Beautiful day hikes from this base to see waterfalls, bushmen's paintings, caves & lovely pools for swimming. Hut has lockable rooms with bunk beds & mattresses + flush toilets & showers (only cold water but no problem) - Combined hike with other clubs. Don't forget your drinks & goodies -Please book early to secure your place - last bookings by 15 Dec. Cost: R360. i.e. R120 pppn	12-15km per day	Keith Ashton	033 239 5023 keimarg@iuncapped.co.za	3

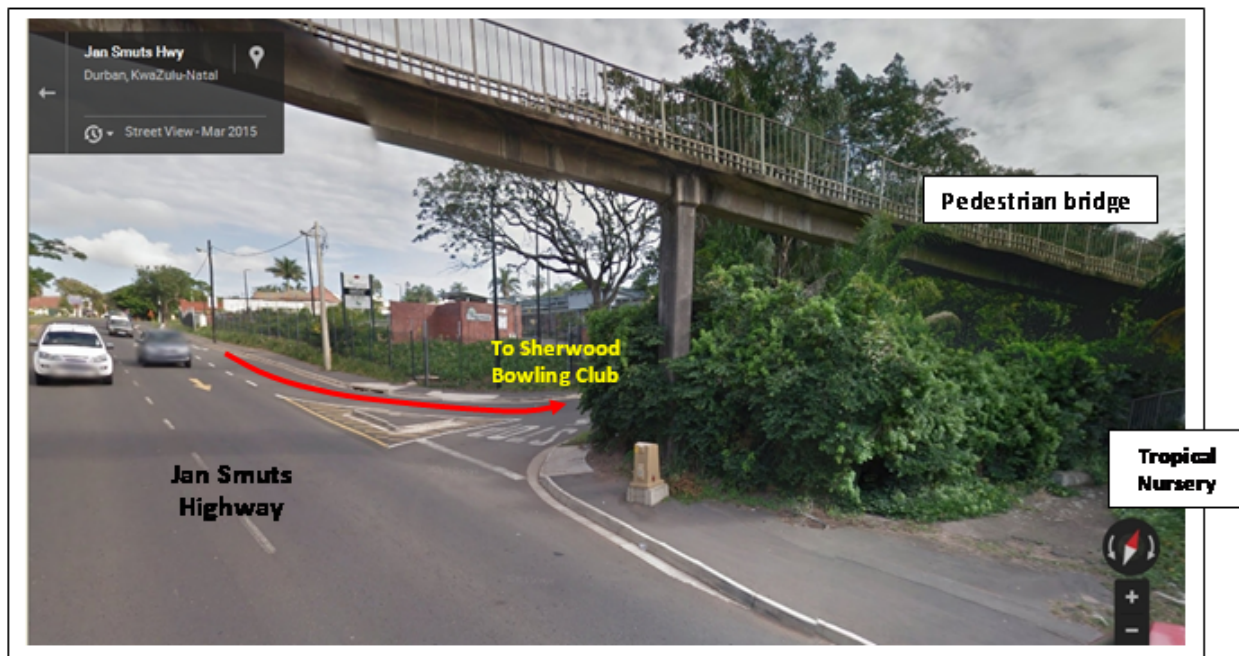
MBC SOCIAL CALENDAR – PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE

Directions to Sherwood Bowling Club - 860 Jan Smuts Highway

From Durban - Take N3 out towards PMB, after Tollgate take the Sherwood off-ramp and turn right under the freeway in to Jan Smuts Highway, up the hill, past under the pedestrian bridge and at the first traffic lights take a right U-turn to join the opposite lane, drive down and turn left just before the pedestrian bridge, up this narrow lane for about 200m and then turn left through the gate into the Bowling Club parking.

From Westville - take the M13 towards Durban, past Westwood Shopping centre, through 45th Cutting traffic lights, down Jan Smuts Highway, turn left just before the pedestrian bridge, up this narrow lane for about 200m and then turn left through the gate into the Bowling Club parking.

From PMB, from Hillcrest take the N3 past the Pavilion and four-level interchange, take the Sherwood glide-off, keep left in to Jan Smuts Highway, past under the pedestrian bridge and at the first traffic lights take a right U-turn to join the opposite lane, drive down and turn left just before the pedestrian bridge, up this narrow lane for about 200m and then turn left through the gate into the Bowling Club parking.



SOCIAL CALENDAR

MBC Socials normally take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We gather at 19:00 for a 19:30 start.

MBC Socials for 3rd quarter 2017

13 July	30 th Anniversary Braai. And a little slide show to take us on a trip down memory lane.	Please RSVP your attendance to Karen on kjmchiro@eject.co.za for catering purposes. RSVP's by no later than the 10.07.2017.	BYO meat/braai options, and your friends. Salads and rolls will be provided. Cash bar available. R20p for non-members please.
27 July	Digital Mapping of the Drakensberg Rock Art.	Michelle Dye from the African Conservation Trust. http://www.africaconservationtrust.co.za/	
10 August	More escarpment hikes from Andy Brown	Andy Brown	
24 August	4x4 camping trip to Northern Tanzania with a brand new safari company 'Great Migration Camps'. Their expertise and local knowledge made this a game-viewing trip of a lifetime. We visited the Ngororo Crater, Serengeti National Park where we witnessed the calving and migration of wildebeest; dropping down into the Great Rift valley to Lake Natron on our way back to Arusha.	Jovita da Silva and Christine Raulstone	
14 September	An August 3 day mountain bike race in the Namaqua National	Sorin Dimitriu	

	Park with the potential for magnificent flowers...		
28 September	East Coast Falconry	Rowan Matting	
	FOURTH QUARTER SOCIALS		
12 October	AGM	Please RSVP your attendance for catering purposes by 07.10.2017. amygrantham@futurenet.co.za . Boerie/cheese rolls will be served to attendees.	
26 October	A mini first aid workshop. Being able to think clearly and think out the box during times of stress or emergency is a strong attribute for any leader. Doug does first aid training aimed at remote areas with limited access to huge amounts of medical equipment and this fits in well with the hiking. He uses simulation and re-enactment as part of his course and it's invaluable for first aiders to get an idea of how bad a scene can look.	Craig Smith and Doug Lang An "in the bush" emergency, basic first aid workshop, (not for certificate) but by a certified and very capable medic who's used to being away from civilisation.	
09 November	MBC Annual Photo Competition 2017	Maggie and Wendy from the Bluff Camera Club	There are 3 prizes to be won. Please see details in the magazine.
23 November	MBC Annual End of Year Party	Join the MBC for an End of Year Celebration. Please rsvp to Amy	Charity to be announced.

		<p>on amygrantham@futurenet.co.za by 09.11.2017 for catering and seating purposes.</p> <p>Friends and non-members are welcome at a cost of R60pp for non-members. Cash bar available. All food will be supplied by the MBC and the Sherwood Bowling Club.</p>	
14 December	To be announced		
28 December	NO SOCIAL		