

	Name: Alistair Burt
	Member: Since 2015
	Served: As a Regional Chair and as an ordinary member of the RMC plus currently on the Board
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	Work Experience: Former Employee of SANParks, worked in the Kruger National Park, and the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Former Senior Regional Environmental Advisor at Eskom, Power Delivery Projects Former Project Manager Consulting to Western Cape Disaster Risk Management, SANParks and CapeNature Co-owner of an Overland Safari Company, operating in Southern Africa Owner of an Environmental Consultancy, servicing the Renewable Energy Market, the Conservation Non Profit Sector in Africa. Served as an HOD for a well known Safari Company in the Exclusive Lodge Market, with Lodges all over Africa. Currently serving as the Chief Engineer and Director of Engineering, Canouan Resort Estate and Villas.
What I love about the SHR	It is an avenue that allows ordinary Citizens an opportunity to invest in our National Asset of National Parks. It allows people to make a valued contribution to the Conservation of our Natural, Social and Cultural Heritage, by allowing members to get onto the ground, learn, share and enjoy our National Parks while having fun. I believe that our organisation makes a massive difference and I like being part of that amazing group of people that gives back to conservation, and our South African National Asset.
Passion for Conservation	I have known from an early age that I was destined for a career in conservation. On reflection of my career, I have successes at both a professional and voluntary level. My passion for the environment and its conservation has been galvanized from leading passionate people from all walks of life, to leading firefighters on the mountains of the Western Cape, to pushing conservation agendas in corporate South Africa. A need to protect, put back and create through teamwork and education is what drives me.
Qualifications	B-Tech Nature Conservation Environmental Law for Environmental Managers Lead Auditor: ISO 14001 and Environmental Management Systems. Project Management Cathseta NQF 2, working towards my NQF 4.
Strengths	I am a strategic thinker, with vast experience in systems that are applied in the Conservation and Environmental Sectors. I managed the strategic risk and proactive planning for a collection of 5 star luxury lodges in the Lowveld, reporting to the GM and Ops Director, as well as consulting to 2 NPO's on

	Environmental Compliance to the NEMA suite of Legislation, reporting to the Registrar, and Directors of these entities. I currently still manage strategic risk and proactive planning as Chief Engineer and Director of Engineering at Canouan Resort Estate and Villas.
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Election Manifest Board Election 2026 SANParks Honorary Rangers.

I am a Career Conservationist with over 20 years experience in the Conservation, Environmental Management and Non Profit Fields.

If re-elected by my peers in the SANParks Honorary Rangers.

I pledge to:

Serve the organisation so that we can increase our efficacy and involvement in all SANParks from all of the regions in this great organisation. Every member has something to offer this organisation and it is my first desire to improve the membership experience and grow our membership. I intend doing this by:

Working on finding a means to mainstream our Junior Corps into the Senior Corps so that we don't lose out on a possible continuity of our passionate youth. I have worked with the Juniors project for a number of years dating back to my youth in the early 90's when I found this amazing organisation. In doing this we ensure that the history and legacy of our organisation is acknowledged and built on. The inclusion of the youth through our Junior Corps. is the only sustainable way in which we build a fully invested and ultimately transformed organisation that represents the desires of SANParks but builds on the great foundations already cast by this amazing organisation.

I will continue to lobby for the streamlining of our business systems to run in line with international best practice based on the International Standards Organisation (ISO Model), this fits hand in glove with the already launched King IV governance principles that the current board has been working on; this means that I hope to see more, and will push for more accountability and transparency from our Executive and National Structures in their service to the members, less admin for members and the optimization of communications to the membership. Legacy issues will need to be addressed and a strategic plan answering to our membership is needed.

I will continue to push for members to have more fun and investment in the organisation, and the organisation that we passionately serve, SANParks, increasing awareness of the role of volunteers in conservation and supporting community involvement. This can be achieved by creating more opportunities for volunteers to get more physically involved in projects on the ground and promoting more family involvement where children are exposed to real conservation. This offers adults opportunities to become real heroes and role models to their children and grandchildren in the activities they perform for SANParks and the Greater Conservation Asset. We must become an integral part of the SANParks operations, this is done by building relationships and finding partners in achieving a common goal of preserving our heritage and sustainable future of our environment.

Finally, I wish for my peers everywhere in the country to see me as one of them. I am there to represent their interests, if chosen, and as such it is my belief that the culture of the board must be reachable and empathetic to the needs and desires of the membership in strategizing the direction in which we will take this amazing conservation organisation.