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MERRY MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As we come to the end of a wonderful year (can you have any other kind of year living in the Garden Route?) the entire EDGE team would like to wish all you equally wonderful readers, (not to mention our writers, advertisers, suppliers and the nice fellow who waves whenever he walks past) a wonderfully merry, happy, joyous, relaxing, unbeatable, profitable, special, humbling, debt-free, blissful, quiet, lekker, jolly, sharp-sharp, raucous, ayoba, comfortable, action-packed, elegant, cheerful, generous, good, peaceful, outrageously wild, humorous, successful, pleasurable, lucky, fortuitous, blessed, warm, cool, heartfelt, romantic, whacky, cuddly, entertaining, sober, stressless, fun-filled, fancy, rejoicing, amusing, panic-free, hilarious, bright, wonderous, good-willed, colourful, present-filled, turkey-stuffed, fantastic Christmas!

The EDGE offices will be closed for our annual break-dance (sorry - it's a private performance) but we will be back on 6 January to begin work on our first edition of 2016, so remember to send all your news, phews, and whoo-hoos to editor.edge@mweb.co.za from that date onwards.

May God bless each and every one of you with the warmest and richest of his love!

Even Father Christmas can't resist 'Chilling' in Sedgefield for a while, but he assures us his sleigh has auto-pilot and a 'self delivery' app, so no-one needs to worry about missing out on presents.



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Notes from T'Ed's Head

We have been Christmas shopping, and to be honest, I think we are in trouble..... with the bank..... again.....

It really isn't my fault, I promise. We thought we would be SAVING money. And if the bank expected us to pay back THAT much on the Credit card – surely they should have asked us first? Or at least tried to stop us.

It's not as if we're difficult to get hold of – we are practically on the bank manager's doorstep... Actually no – that's incorrect – he's on our's. Most nights anyway. We can see him parked out there and sometimes I swear I hear him sobbing in the wee hours. Poor man. He wasn't to know that extending our overdraft online was so easy, and now it looks like his head office are holding him responsible.

But I digress.

The problem is online. Shopping online to be precise. It's the modern way to make one's Christmas purchases, we heard, and being the techno wizards that we are (*Mrs Ed sent her cousin a SELFIE PICTURE with her phone the other day.... Though I think it was quite by accident – she hadn't got her war paint on yet and the poor girl on the receiving end thought she was being stalked by some macabre Michael Jackson's corpse impersonator*) we thought that we should follow this trend.

After some research on the interweb we discovered the appropriate shopping page. I won't mention the website's name, let's just say that at first I thought I had stumbled upon the place where our president posted his current motto.

As I was sitting at our PC, and Mrs Ed hates shopping with me (*ever since the rather embarrassing bottle store incident of 2007*) she then 'logged in' (*another impressive techno term*) on her laptop too, using the same credit card details. Whilst we sat opposite



each other at the diningroom table, waiting for the page to 'load' (I told you I was technologically minded) I reflected on how easy and safe Christmas shopping had become.

"This is amazing," I said, taking a swig of my ice-cold amber nectar, "Where else can you have a beer whilst shopping? And think of the money we are going to save! No petrol, no stopping for expensive lunch-breaks, no queuing, no buying those rubbishy things just because they are there in the aisles...."

It WAS amazing. I felt like I had walked into the cyber version of Santa's Grotto – and the prices were brilliant!

'Deal of the day:- Was R500 Now R350' was the first thing that popped up on the screen.

"Wow! What a bargain!" I shouted with glee, quickly clicking the 'Add to your shopping trolley' button, "I just saved us R150!"

"What? How?" said Mrs Ed, picking up on my excitement, "Tell me! Tell me what you bought?!"

"Oh, ummmmm...." I quickly clicked on the 'View Shopping Trolley Contents' button to check. "It's uhhhhmmmm a particularly useful looking set of security lights!"

"Oh wonderful! Who for?"

But I had no time for frivolous questions, I was already onto my next bargain. This time at least I identified the product before making the purchase.

"My goodness. Look at this. There's a tent that is discounted by R300. THREE HUNDRED RAND! Can you believe it?" Into the cyber-trolley it went.

"That's amazing," she mused excitedly, "Is it bigger than ours....? OH-MY-GOODNESS- W I L L - Y O U - T A K E - A - F L I P P I N ' - L O O K - A T - T H I S ! ?"

"What?" I said, though I must admit I was barely listening. There were just too many bargains to be looked at.

"It's a foot spa!" she exclaimed, clicking on the 'buy' button, "You know like we saw on TV? AND IT'S 40% OFF!"

"That's nothing!" I parried, "Remember how I told you I used to be a HUGE Marvel comic fan – when I was a kid? Well (*clickedy-click-click*) I just bought us, wait for it, a custom printed Hulk double duvet cover, four Hulk pillowcases and a Hulk fitted sheet AT HALF PRICE! AND they said it comes with a FREE Hulk branded schoolbag!"

"Well," Mrs Ed tossed in triumphantly, "I hope they are going to fit OUR BRAND NEW IMPORTED WATERBED that I just bought AT FACTORY PRICE FOR ONE DAY ONLY!"

And so it continued. Eventually such was our buying-clicking frenzy we were just shouting out product names and discounts as we digitally slammed them into the trolley.

"Coffee whizzer:- 35% off!"

"Solar Bread Maker:- 45% off!"

"Mini garden fountain, Buy one get one free!"

"CHOCOLATE fountain, half price AND FREE CHOCOLATE!"

"Professional Crossbow set:- less 20%!"

"All-in-one DIY cutting tool:- 15% plus lifetime guarantee!"

Half an hour later (yes! Christmas shopping in half an hour – pure genius I tell you!) I was just hovering over a fantastic Toddler's Easter Bunny costume and trying to think whether we could hang onto it until one of our children got married and had his or her own offspring, when I saw a red light blinking in the corner of my screen.

"Loook!" I whispered hoarsely, unable to verbalise the squeal of immense delight that my brain had assembled in my throat.

I could barely believe it. In fact if it wasn't there, flashing in front of my eyes I would have pooh-pooed the mere idea. But a fact's a fact and there it was in writing:- In one simple shopping trip Mrs Ed and I were only R200 short of getting ourselves up to 'Platinum Customer' level! Furthermore, according to the instant calculations made by the very clever site, our total discount so far was sitting at an

RED TIDE WARNING

Test results from water samples indicate the 'Red Tide' (algal bloom) currently visible in the sea water just off our coast is indeed harmful. Owen Govender, Marine Ranger for the Knysna section of the Garden Route National Park says 'Professor Brian Allanson of the Knysna Basin Project has concluded the algal bloom is harmful to filter feeders. Such include muscles, oysters and shellfish.'

All users of the coastal environment are advised not to eat shellfish or any dead fish that wash up on the shore. The Action Pollution

Committee (SANParks, Knysna Basin project, Knysna Municipality and the Eden District Municipality's Health division) have decided planned water activities such as the Rotary Splash festival and the Lagoon Mile swim in Knysna can proceed. There is no evidence of people who have died from swimming during a red tide.

Visitors are mesmerized by the beauty of the red tide at night, the red coming out of the blue provides spectacular viewing! 'Red tide' is a phenomenon caused by algal blooms during which algae become so numerous that they discolor coastal waters (hence the name). The algal bloom may also deplete oxygen in the waters and/or release toxins that may cause illness in humans and other animals.'

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amount many times higher than that.

"Look at the money we've saved!" I said to Mrs Ed, in rather proud awe of our achievement. "We could pay our bills in January AND have enough to go away for a weekend!"

Admittedly, when we hit the 'check-out' button 15 minutes later, the clever page suggested that we had somehow eased (way, way) past the outer limits available on the credit card (*they must have got them on the phone or something*). But all was not lost, the screen told us, we could put some items 'on hold for future purchase'. My heart nearly broke when I bade a tearful farewell to the Master Brewer-Brewing Kit, and Mrs Ed harrumphed about losing the set of 12 Lifelike Garden Flamingos in Diminishing Sizes, but mostly we were ok.

..... until the bank smsd us the following morning.

I didn't fully understand what they were on about, and tried to call them back, but my son The REE (*Resident Expert on Everything*) thinks that the number provided was actually the minimum monthly credit card payment we would have to make.

"That's ok," chirped Mrs Ed happily, "The discount total will quite easily cover that – we'll just have to cancel the weekend away!" I'm going to leave it to The REE to explain everything.... after Christmas.

Talking of which...

On behalf of the whole T'ED family, I'd like to wish EVERYONE a Very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Be sure to look out for our January garage sale – considering the fantastic discounts we'll be offering on a whole lot of almost new goods...

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R.I.P CHARLIE
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It is with deep regret and sadness that we report the death of one of our most loyal crafters at Scarab Market. Charlie, who made children's bows and arrows, bamboo bird feeders, hanging chairs, ponchos and leather bags passed away quite suddenly on Tuesday 8th December. We will remember him at the market for his friendly helpfulness and his ability to always be able to 'make a plan' whatever the problem. He could turn his hand to most things, from fixing cars to making canvas blinds.

Charles Richard Whittington was born in Newcastle, Natal and was raised by nuns in an orphanage. So with these credentials he became a 'Roamin Catholic' which led him to the Garden Route. He was well known in crafting circles and he will certainly leave a big gap in our lives. Goodbye Charlie from all your friends at Scarab Market.

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LARS NAYLER'S 'LEGEND' STATUS

On Friday 11 December, the Western Cape MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport, Anroux Marais acknowledged Sedgefielder Lars Nayler's lifetime contribution to the sporting world, by officially awarding him 'Legend' status.

This at a prestigious gala function held at Nelson's Creek in Wellington. The 84 year old athlete was understandably proud to receive this accolade, though he added that due to some sort of communication glitch he almost missed the official function. "My wife and I were out on Thursday evening and received a call at about 10.30pm asking if we were on our way because our accommodation was booked. I asked 'What for' and they said 'for the legends awards tomorrow'! That was the first we had heard - and the ceremony was set to start at 8.30am the following morning!"

Needless to say they went home, packed and left at 'sparrow's' to make sure they would be there on time. Lars was one of only 36 individuals to be capped into the Hall of Legends.

Lars started his running career at the age of 40. In the subsequent 44 years he competed mainly in road and cross country races. He also took part in a number of 'Masters' track and field events.

Lars has successfully completed 26 Comrades Marathons with a best time of 6:55:09 and best position of 40th. Eleven of his Comrades medals are in the silver category. He also finished the notorious 100 mile Washie in an overall 5th position, and was



Lars Nayler, one of the 'original' Sedgefield Striders, receives his prestigious award from Western Cape MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport, Anroux Marais.

the first person to complete 20 Jock of the Bushveld races.

In 1983, 1985 and 1990 Lars was Manager of Springbok Marathon Team. In 1986, he received a merit award from South African Amateur Athletics Union (SAAAU) for administration.

From 1989, he served on the executive of South African Road Running Association (SARRA)

as Vice Chairman, a position he held for many years.

Lars, a fully qualified course measurer, is a founding member of Sedgefield Striders and served as a chairperson for a number of years. He is the current Honorary President of the Club and still actively involved in the organising of Sedgefield Striders' annual road race, the Tortoise Tuff.

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Here's wishing everyone a merry Christmas

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From the Mayor's Pen

Yet another year comes to a close with the annual summer school holidays upon us. It is the Season to be merry, the Season of celebration and parties. With Christmas parties, religious events, family gatherings and New Year's Eve parties, one cannot help but be caught up in the holiday spirit. The Festive Season is expected to be filled with happiness and joy. A time of relaxation and precious times spent with family.



Yet often this is the time of the year that is filled with frustration and impatience trying to navigate the busy roads and a town filled to capacity. Stress levels are high as you are trying to find your way around shops playing bumper cars with the shopping trolleys, or getting to a special destination. As with any town that is a popular holiday destination, this is also the time that a big part of our permanent residents work long hours. This Season to them is one of the most stressful periods of the year.

Thinking about what I want my message to be this month, the words "kindness" and "patience" came to mind. Whether you are working or enjoying your well-deserved annual holiday this year, I think the Season can be a whole lot more jolly for everyone if we just keep these words in mind more often. Remember that as we are on holiday, we have more time to get things done. We can actually breathe, relax and maybe enjoy the journey, not just the main destinations! Also keep in mind that the person serving you has probably been working long hours for an extended period and may need some of that patience and kindness I mentioned above.

If you are working, let us make sure that we treat our clients, local and visitors, in such a way that they will return year on year. They have chosen our beautiful destination for their holiday and a winning combination would be if the service matches the surroundings, every time.

Last but not least I want to congratulate my team at the Knysna Municipality with the early Christmas gift they received – we once again received a clean audit! Well done, we are proud of you.

Be careful out there, the roads are busy and our oceans, rivers and estuaries should be enjoyed with caution.

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans



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MESSAGE FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Knysna is excited to stand at the beginning of yet another summer holiday season. We have been working hard over the last few weeks to make sure the town is ready to welcome our guests over the holiday period.

As one can imagine the Municipality's resources are stretched to the limit over this period. Once again we have employed temporary staff to make sure that we will be able to handle the increase in feet and traffic, safety & security policing and also lifesaving duties on beaches in the area.

You have chosen a pristine natural habitat to enjoy your holiday, please show it the necessary respect and make sure that you leave it in the same way it was when you arrived, making sure that its legacy will last for future generations.

Enjoy your time with us and stay safe on the roads and beaches. Please do not drink and drive, rather make use of one of our excellent local taxi operators that will make sure you get home safely.

I want to thank my team for their work to date, they are operating

like a well-oiled machine and I know that, as always, our town and traffic will be running smoothly over the Festive period.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year, we hope you have a fantastic time in Knysna over the next few weeks.

Grant Easton
Municipal Manager
Knysna Municipality



MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RAKING IN ACCOLADES

Benjamin van Jaarsveldt, also affectionately known as Oom Ben by those who know him, walked away with three awards from the Department of Water and Sanitation at a prestigious event held in Worcester on Thursday, 26 November.

Currently the foreman responsible for basic services in Karatara, he has been working for the Directorates of Technical Services and previously Community Services for the last 13 years.

The awards event hosted by the Western Cape Provincial Operations Water and Sanitation Department aims to acknowledge Process Controllers and their Municipalities for the commendable and selfless work done providing

communities with safe drinking water and ensuring the protection of our precious water resources.

Oom Ben walked away with the awards for Best Process Controller Water, Best Process Controller Wastewater and Best Water Treatment Works. Strict criteria were set for these categories, which, amongst other, include knowledge of the process and different components of the plant, record keeping, operation and control maintenance and innovation and resourcefulness.

The 62 year old, who was born in Karatara, was delighted with the recognition of his work. "I am overjoyed and thrilled - it is wonderful to be recognized for the work that you do. What I do is not just a job; I see it as a purpose in life."

Knysna Municipal Manager Grant Easton said they are pleased with the accolades that Oom Ben has brought home. "Knysna Municipality is fortunate to have accomplished employees who are excellent at their job, and it is great when this is acknowledged from outside the organization. On behalf of management I want to congratulate Oom Ben and thank him for his commitment and passion for his work. We are proud to have him as part of the team, and hope that it motivates others to follow in his footsteps."



'Oom Ben' van Jaarsveldt (right) with Municipal Manager Grant Easton.

The municipality also received Blue Drop Status Awards for Karatara in 2010 and 2012.

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WASTE REMOVAL DAYS

Mon:- Groenvlei
Tues:- Sedge Central, Bibbeyshoek, Rheenendal
Wed:- Sedgefield Island, Smutsville area
Thurs:- Karatara
Fri:- Zeegezigt, Extension 3 and 4, Cola and Myoli Beach

WATER RESTRICTIONS

It is still low rainfall period for the area and with the influx of visitors our water demand soars over this period.

Please use water sparingly and adhere to the water restrictions in place.

The use of hosepipes for gardening and other purposes is permitted from 18h00 to 19h00 until May. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for residents with even street numbers and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for residents with odd street numbers.



Dates to remember

Municipal Meetings:

28 January:- Council Meeting
16 February:- Governance & Economic Development Committee
17 February:- Finance Committee
23 February:- Community Services Committee
24 February:- Planning, Development & Infrastructure Committee

Commemorative Days & Events:

16 December:- Day of Reconciliation
16 December:- Nite Race
19-23 December:- The Gift of Knysna shopping experience
20-27 December:- Garden Route Trail Series
25 December:- Christmas day
26 December:- Day of Goodwill
26 December:- Misfit Colour Run
01 January 2016:- New year's Day



EXEC MAYOR RESPONDS TO TENDER CONCERNS

The bid for the development of Knysna's Integrated Strategic Development Framework (ISDF) has come under substantial scrutiny since it was awarded to the Knysna Creative Heads Consortium (KCHC) in March 2013, with a number of groups and individuals speaking out against it online and through the media. Both council and the management of the municipality are determined that the tender process followed was totally 'above board', and Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans has issued the following statement on the subject:-

"Please allow me to dispel any discrepancies regarding this tender and the processes involved in awarding the contract.

The authority on matters of this kind, the Auditor-General (AG) of South Africa, raised no issues regarding this tender or the awarded contract when it formed part of the 2013/2014 Municipal Audit. An organisation established in terms of Chapter 9 of the South African Constitution to defend democracy, the AG has the sole function to audit and report on the accounts, financial statements and financial arrangements of all spheres of government, as well as municipalities. The AG audits all tenders, which includes assessing if all supply chain management (SCM) prescripts and relevant legislation were adhered to. In the year that this tender formed part of the AG's audit, Knysna Municipality was awarded its second consecutive clean audit.

That said, this matter was raised with the office of Mr Bredell, the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning of the Western Cape Provincial Government (WCPG). We received a letter from his office on 1 April this year which erroneously alleged "procedural deficiencies in adherence to the SCM prescripts and regulations".

Of the ten issues raised in this letter, one had been dealt with in the process with no prejudice and one had already been corrected. The administration of Knysna Municipality has sufficient proof to refute all other eight findings of the WCPG. This evidence, as pertaining to each of its findings, were sent to the Minister's office in a letter from my office dated 5 May 2015.



One of the main concerns raised by those who objected to the tender being awarded to KCHC, was the perceived potential conflict of interests of KCHC subsidiary CMAI Architecture, Development Planning & Urban Design. The Bid Evaluation Committee did draw the attention of the Bid Adjudication Committee to this potential conflict of interest. The Bid Adjudication Committee duly considered this matter when adjudicating on the award of the tender.

This perceived conflict of interest relates to one member of a consortium consisting of nine professionals from diverse fields of expertise. Furthermore, the entire ISDF process has been undertaken very publicly and in conjunction with a management team of the Knysna Municipality and external stakeholders. These include the WCPG Planning Department, Cape Nature, SANParks and officials from the Department of Rural Developments and Land Reform.

The draft ISDF report will be sent out for public comment and should there be any inclination that CMAI 'manipulated' the development boundaries so as to favour future development by this firm, this will be easily identified.

I would like to remind the WCPG, residents and all stakeholders that the final approval of the ISDF vests in Council and not the service provider.

My letter to the office of Minister Bredell, constituting our administration's response to the findings of the WCPG, contains 95 (ninety-five) pages' worth of annexures as proof that these findings are incorrect.

The letter from the WCPG, my letter in response and all 95 pages of proof contradicting the letter's findings were distributed to members of the media on Monday 7 December. We now consider this matter closed and look forward to working with the residents of Knysna on an ISDF that serves all residents of Knysna.

The ISDF is all about working together to find workable solutions to fill the empty shops, revitalise the industrial area and create jobs for our people. One of its main objectives is to ensure that new money enters and stays in our economy, enabling us to

lighten the burden on our domestic and international ratepayers. We also want it to provide solutions to ongoing issues, such as infrastructure and service standards, affordable housing and sustainable jobs.

While we are continuously exploring new ways to build on our exceptional tourism offerings, the greater Knysna municipal area needs new sources of income that are not dependent on a seasonal influx of visitors. With input from the community and other stakeholders we are exploring certain big ideas. But big ideas often require big funding and so we are already embarking on identifying every possible source of government funding, potential international funding, considering public/private partnerships and considering sponsors and corporate marketing opportunities. The ISDF – and your involvement with it – will consider all suggestions for backing future projects. It also allows for potential national and international investment in projects to the betterment of Knysna and all her people.

And the entire ISDF process is designed to include all of greater Knysna. The first community interaction phase began in September 2013 – only six months after the contract was awarded.

The next public participation session will begin early in 2016, when the draft ISDF will be open for public comment.

In short, the ISDF is being put together based on your ideas, with your continuous input. At its core, its main objective is to make it easier for us to work together towards a town where people and nature prosper. After all due procedures had been followed and the relevant legislation had been adhered to, we are confident in KCHC's capability to put together this document.

The letter from the WCPG, this municipality's official response thereto and all 95 pages of accompanying documentation are available for viewing at the office of the Executive Mayor in Clyde Street, Knysna.

We pride ourselves on having received three consecutive clean audits from the AG, having been placed among the top ten local municipalities in South Africa and having been recognised and honoured for good governance and service delivery by the President of the Republic of South Africa.

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Pick n Pay

Caring for our Sedgefield Community

Sedgefield Square, Main Road. Contact 044 343 1055

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER AMONGST OUR YOUNG FRIENDS!



When Sedgefield's Lions decided to treat a whole lot of Smutsville youngsters with a special Christmas bus outing to watch the matinee show of "Robin Hood" Pantomime at the George Arts Theatre, Pick n Pay didn't hesitate in 'coming to the party'.

Not only did they provide hot dogs for the 65 children and teachers, but they made sure that everyone had a cool drink too!

The date was set for Saturday 12 December, and the chaperones travelling along were almost as excited as the kids themselves. As is evident by the photograph, everyone had a whole lot of fun.

"It is so great that Pick n Pay have come on board and partnered us in this lovely outing," said Debbie Olivier of Sedgefield Lions, "That's what the Christmas Spirit is all about!"



Local Lions Alison Watson, Tony Fletcher and Di Fletcher gratefully receive the donated hot dogs, rolls and cool drinks from Pick n Pay's Elfranco Coert.

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NSRI - Safety at Sea & Around Water

NSRI are urging the public to be extra cautious around water and around the coast during the festive season and to be aware of rip currents and particularly the Full Moon and New Moon Spring Tides that cause stronger than normal rip currents around the coast and to have safety top of mind during the festive season vacation.

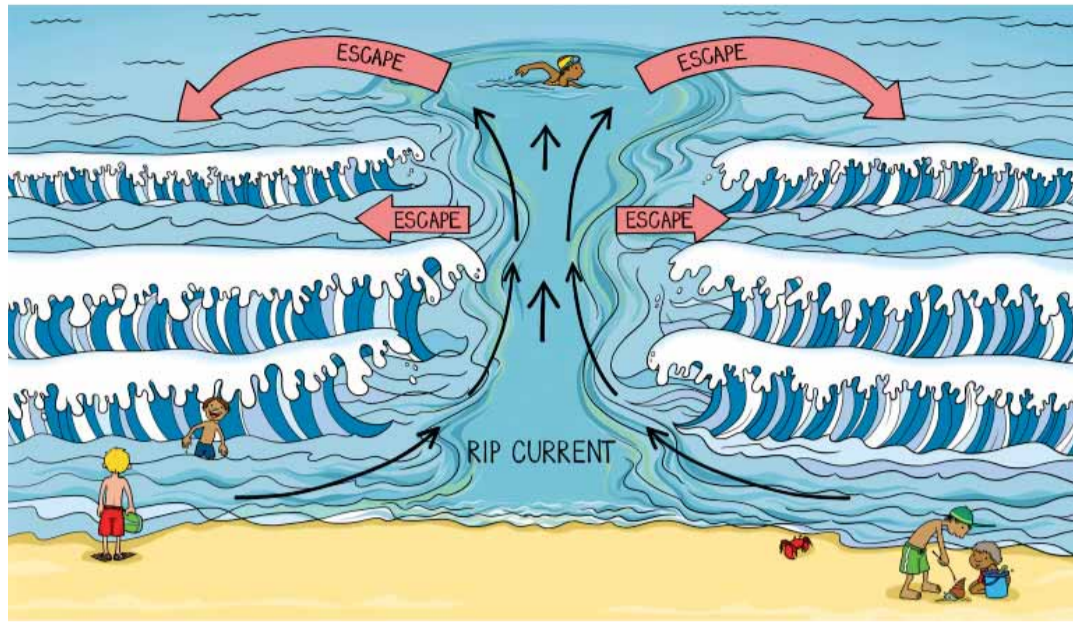
At all times bathers and anglers should be aware of high tide, low tide and the resultant rip-currents that form constantly, often at different places along the shore-line.

Sadly rip currents are the greatest cause of drowning accidents around the South African coastline. Rip currents are a river of water flowing out to sea against the incoming waves and are caused when the waves reach the shoreline rip currents allow water to be dispersed back into the ocean.

Bathers and shoreline anglers are most at risk during a Spring Tide and extreme caution is advised:

Spring Tide happens twice every month, at full moon and at new moon. Spring Tides bring a higher than normal high tide and a lower than normal low tide, causing stronger than normal rip currents, for a few days leading up to the full moon OR new moon, peaking on the day of the full moon OR new moon and lasting for a few days after the full moon OR new moon. There are two high tides and two low tides every day. During Spring Tide the twice daily high tides are higher than normal and the twice daily low tides are lower than normal and while rip currents are always present the Spring Tide creates stronger than normal rip currents.

Rip Currents are caused when the water reaching the shoreline in waves, swells and sea currents needs to find a way to retreat back into the sea and this is achieved in rip currents (a river of water retreating through the incoming swells back out into the sea). There are two types of rip currents, permanent rip currents, found alongside islands, rocky outcrops jutting into the sea, at river mouths, in between reefs and alongside harbour walls and piers, are found constantly occurring in the same place allowing the water reaching the shoreline to retreat back into the sea in the permanent rip current. Temporary rip currents, found



along beach fronts (along the shoreline), are forever changing their position and are unpredictable and can form suddenly along a beach front without warning at different places along the shore front throughout the day.

During Spring Tide these permanent rip currents and temporary rip currents are stronger than normal and although rip currents at all times pose a danger to bathers they pose the greatest danger during the Spring Tide.

Rip Currents form at different places along the shoreline constantly throughout the day. Bathers are at risk of being swept out to sea by rip currents while swimming or wading in water along the beach front. Even bathers wading in shallow water who find themselves trapped in a rip current that forms suddenly are at risk of being swept out to sea by rip currents.

Bathers caught in a rip current should not panic. Simply stay afloat by treading water (moving your arms and legs in circular movements), don't try to swim against the current as it will only cause you exhaustion and let the current sweep you out to sea but at your first opportunity swim parallel to the beach front until you are free of the rip current and then use the incoming waves to get back to shore.

While this is happening scream for help and wave your arm to alert people on the beach to raise the alarm.

If you are taking the family to the beach please go to beaches where and when lifeguards are on duty. Identify where the lifeguards are on the beach, show your children, and if you need help approach the lifeguards who will

help you. Swim within the safe swimming demarcated zones the lifeguards place on the beach using their red and yellow flags.

Lifeguards are looking out for where rip currents are forming and will ask bathers to move to between their red/yellow flags for the bathers own safety if they detect rip-currents forming where the bathers are swimming.

Do not drink alcohol if you are going swimming or boating.

Your swimming pool at home should be surrounded by a cloak of safety and children should not swim unless they are supervised by a responsible adult.

Swimming in rivers, at river mouths, in dams, lagoons and lakes extreme caution should be observed at all times in these areas particularly where river currents, incoming and outgoing tides and the flow of water can be dangerous to bathers.

Anglers fishing along the shoreline, particularly along rocks on the shoreline, are at greatest risk during the Spring Tide where incoming waves during the high tides engulf higher than normal over rocks. Anglers should not turn their back to the sea and should be vigilant and cautious of the wave action at all times while fishing.

Boaters, paddlers, sail boarders and anyone launching any kind of craft onto water should wear their life-jackets at all times while on water and carry easily accessible safety equipment - red distress flares, communications cellphone or VHF radio with fully charged batteries in water tight plastic sleeves, a waterproof torch, highly visible neon coloured clothing, a referee whistle worn around the neck, a

signalling mirror or CD disc (to use to shine against the sun) and let a responsible person know your time of departure, your exact intended route and your estimated return time and check in with the responsible person on your safe return. (If you are overdue the responsible person should raise the alarm without hesitation).

If your craft capsizes stay with the floating craft. Do not try to swim ashore. Use your emergency capsize kit to recover safety equipment, set off red distress flares and phone for help.

The NSRI wish everyone a safe summer season.

To call Sea Rescue in a sea rescue emergency phone 112 from a cellphone.

Safety tips can be viewed on our web site at www.nsri.org.za



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Happy Holidays



**CLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES
24 DECEMBER 2015 TO 3 JANUARY 2016**

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Please note that the offices of the Knysna Municipality will close at 12h00 on Thursday 24 December 2015 and reopen at 07h30 on Monday 4 January 2016.

The Customer Pay Centre in Main Street, Knysna, will be open on 28, 29, 30 & 31 December 2015 between 08h00 to 12h00.

All essential and emergency services will be rendered.

For enquiries or emergencies, please contact the Knysna Fire Department at 044 302 8911.

SLUITING VAN MUNISIPALE KANTORE: 24 DESEMBER 2015 TOT 3 JANUARIE 2016

Neem asseblief kennis dat die kantore van die Knysna Munisipaliteit gesluit sal wees vanaf 12h00 op Donderdag 24 Desember 2015 en heropen om 07h30 op Maandag 4 Januarie 2016.

Die Kliente-Betaalsentrum in Hoofstraat, Knysna, sal op 28, 29, 30 & 31 Desember 2015 tussen 08h00 tot 12h00 oop wees.

Alle noodsaaklike- en nooddienste sal steeds gelewer word.

Vir navrae en noodgevälle, skakel asseblief die Knysna Brandweer by 044 302 8911.

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Zonke inkozo ezibalukelileyo nezixhamisekileyo ziyakuphuyezwa.

Xa ufuna ukubuka okanye uncedo olukhawulezileyo ungaqhangamshelana ne Knysna Fire Department kulenombolo 044 302 8911.



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Diary Dateline

16th - 30th December 2015

Welcome to The EDGE's Diary Dateline column in which we will endeavour to keep everyone informed on community related events, meetings, outings and suchlike. This column is only for the use of non-profit clubs, associations and charities.

Wednesday 16

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market BIRTHDAY
9am - 5pm Art Exhibition Town Hall
2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)

Thursday 17

7am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
7:30am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
9am - 5pm Art Exhibition Town Hall
2:30pm Bowls coaching
5:15pm Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
7:30pm Lions Club of Sedgefield meets at the clubhouse. Debbie on 083 306 9998.

Friday 18

8am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
9am NG KERK Bazaar
9am - 5pm Art Exhibition Town Hall
9am Line Dancing @ St. Anthony's. 084 549 3967

Saturday 19

7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market @ Swartvlei
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market
8am - 1pm Scarab Craft Market
9am - 5pm Art Exhibition Town Hall

Sunday 20

7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome
2pm - onwards Christmas Arts & Crafts on Main Road near Tourism Office & Fijnbosch Coffee Shop.

Monday 21

6:30pm CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT on lawn by Lions Club. Picnic style
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall
7pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in the Catholic Church Hall. Ph 044 3433141

Tuesday 22

7am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
2:30 pm Bowls coaching
6pm Beginners Line Dancing @ St Anthony's Catholic Church 084 549 3967

Wednesday 23

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2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

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Friday 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 26

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8am - 1pm Scarab Craft Market
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market

Sunday 27

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Wednesday 30

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2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

Should your association, charity or group have any forthcoming events, please send us details so that we may publish them in our next issue!

PLEASE NOTE: Letters to the editor must be submitted with the author's full name, address and phone number. If a writer does not wish his or her name to appear in print, a 'pen name' (nom de plume) may be included. Email letters to: editor.edge@mweb.co.za



The editor has full discretion as to which letters to include or exclude and no argument, badgering, cajoling, bribery or heated conversation will be entered into. Opinions expressed in published letters and articles are not necessarily those of the management and staff of The EDGE Community Newspaper.

Dear Editor
I would like to thank you for your help and assistance to us when we truly needed it.

You willingly went the extra mile to point us in the right direction when we did not know the right route to take. You have shown us once again that you not only produce a great community newspaper - but that your community spirit is to be admired and appreciated. Thanks a million.

Sedgefield Resident

Dear Editor,
CANSAs says Thank You
CANSAs would like to thank all the sponsors, media sponsors and donors, volunteers and friends of CANSAs for their support, donations and sponsorships throughout the year. Without your valued support CANSAs would not have been able to reach their goals for 2015.

We also want to make use of the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful festive season, and

may you all be blessed abundantly.

Please take note that the CANSAs offices will close on 15 December 2015 and re-open on 4 January 2016.

Should you need any assistance during this period please phone **Minette van Zyl** 082443 3601.

Dear Ed
Tortoises for Sale!

"On the morning of December 7 the Conservancy received a call from a concerned member of the public to inform us that a man, standing on the verge of the N2 between the Scarab Market and Montage Village, was offering live tortoises for sale to passing motorists.

A Conservancy Committee member immediately went to the scene and confronted the vendor, who had three 20cm long Angulate tortoises at his feet. He was informed that what he was doing was against the law and that he could be prosecuted. He was instructed to put the tortoises in the Conservancy member's car, (which he did) before ambling off.

The tortoises have been relocated to a tortoise-friendly area of the Island Conservancy, none the worse for their experience. While it is illegal to collect, keep, sell, or transport a tortoise in South Africa, we feel that our action was the lesser of two evils.

The purpose of this message is to ask you to be alert to this activity and to inform ourselves or Cape Nature as quickly as possible"

Regards,
Oliver Purcell
opurcell@telkomsa.net
044 343 3250/083 444 2247

Dear Editor,
Following recent back surgery I would like to thank the Specialists and Staff at the George Medi-Clinic for the excellent care received whilst in Hospital. Also Dr Maree for all his kindness.

I would also like to thank the many customers for the care they showed towards me and the offers of support and help at the shop and Anne for holding the fort during my enforced stay at home.

A particular thank you to the Sedgefield Baptist Church Community for your prayers, meals, visits and emotional support during this difficult time.

Helen Stuart
Wool n Things

RECOGNITION FOR LOCAL SUPER COP



Congrats to our Super cop and Police Sector Manager Sgt **Sonja Stander** for her outstanding work in our community. Seen here with the awarded

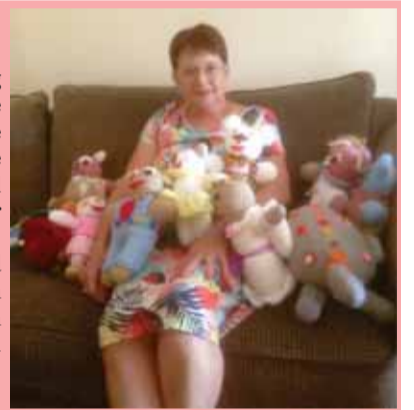
Above L-R **Juanita van der Westhuizen**, **John Moore**, Sgt **Sonja Stander** & **Mike Hofhuis**

certificate of appreciation from Knysna CPF, which was presented to her recently.

Knitting for Joy

Maureen van Rensburg has knitted these beautiful toys, over the last 2 months, for the under-privileged children of our community.

The toys were handed over to Sedgefield Lion Alison Watson on 9th December 2015. A real labour of love!



NSRI STATION 23 Wilderness Thank You

The crew of NSRI Wilderness, who also cover the Sedgefield area, have offered a huge thank you for the **R10,000 donation** received from **Melodrama 2015**.



In an effort to "keep it local" the funds will be utilised for fuel and accessories for the craft stationed at the NSRI Sedgefield Boat house on Myoli Beach. Thank you also to Ian Sparks at Shell Garage who added an extra R800 on top of this donation and will manage the distribution.

Where have all the big fish gone?

by June Lotz

Sedgefield waters, are not what they used to be. As a matter of fact, fishing anywhere in the world, is not what it used to be.

The older Sedgefield fishermen can still clearly recall how they caught huge Kabeljou, Grunter, Shad, and Mussel Crackers, when they were strong young men. Some local fishermen and women tell how, in hard times, they supported their families on what they caught in the ocean. Enough to feed all the hungry mouths and some left over to sell for a few Rand. Fish were big and plentiful in those days.

What could we do to bring back those days? Is it even worth the effort to teach our grandchildren to fish? A heart-breaking thought...

A concerned fisherman, and "grandpa to be" asked me to write something in a desperate attempt to create some awareness amongst the careless, ruthless fishermen that have no love and consideration for the paradise that we live in. He feels that, if every individual, that takes something from the sea, at



least adheres to the rules and regulations, "Little Peanut" will have the opportunity to enjoy fishing with his/her grandfather. The rules and regulations are clear and well thought through. There are explicit reasons for size and quantity constraints. Please release the fish that does not measure up or stop catching when you have reached your quota. For the many kind and caring fishermen out there: "Keep up the good attitude and oppose or report careless behaviour that gives fishermen in general a bad reputation." ...and soon, when "Little Peanut" is born, named and old enough to carry his/her own fishing rod, look out for two figures against the sunset fishing side by side at Gericke's Point.

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The first *Gift of Knysna* takes place from Saturday 19th to Wednesday 23rd December and will promote the region's most impressive artists, crafters, designers, producers and makers

under one roof – in the alluring Woodmill Walk.

Partnering with Woodmill Lane in providing visitors with a single destination for discovering the best of handmade, homemade and homegrown shopping, local eating and entertainment, the Gift of Knysna will open between 9am and 6pm on the 5 busiest shopping days of the year. Together, Woodmill Lane and Woodmill Walk will be collaborating on the full line up of activities and promoting The Gift of Knysna across all media platforms.

No other time of year presents as much opportunity to profile the Garden Route's unique offerings, showcase it's

creative heritage, promote local businesses and provide resident communities with an economic boost. The Gift of Knysna intends to ensure that this opportunity is realised.

A comprehensive marketing campaign across the Garden Route has been planned to attract shoppers from Mossel Bay to Storms River, as have a number of supporting activities and events.

With the support of Knysna & Partners, Knysna Municipality, KnysnaFM, CCDI (the Cape Craft and Design Institute), Woodmill Walk and Woodmill Lane, The Gift of Knysna is going to be one of the town's most talked about festive season experiences.

For more information, visit www.thegiftofknysna.co.za facebook.com/thegiftofknysna instagram.com/thegiftofknysna Alternatively, you can email admin@thegiftofknysna.co.za or call 082 558 5430.

Knysna Council Speaker Eleanore Bouw-Spies and Bobbie Erfmann of Woodmill Lane are delighted with the Christmas plans for Woodmill Walk.



Breakfast at Tiffany's ...

Everyone will have noticed that the well loved premises at Tiffany's have recently received a facelift. Locals and visitors alike will be delighted to revisit this popular local landmark.

Since opening their doors the new owners Paul and Joy have received nothing but praise from satisfied customers. We asked them to introduce themselves.

"We both hail from Port Elizabeth, Paul originally from the UK. I worked for the same shipping company



for 36 years, where I did a bit of everything. I also helped with the VIP catering at Iron Man every year.

Paul was a tool room manager for an engineering firm. It was always my dream to one day have a coffee shop or B&B. When Tiffany's came up for sale, it gave me the opportunity to do both. Paul and I both fell in love with Sedgefield and it was therefore not a very difficult decision for him to allow me to follow my dream, and his by default." said Joy.

We wish them all the best in their new venture.



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After 4 years of having had our own family run restaurant, we have decided to sell our business, which is very close to our heart.

We would like to thank all our valued and regular clientele, and look forward to still enjoying your patronage until we do move on.

Worry not, we will still see all of you around Sedgefield.

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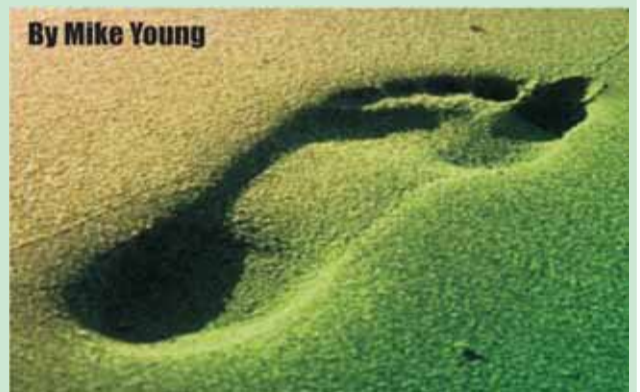
If you had any doubt that the holiday season is upon us, you should have been at the local markets on Saturday morning! I could not believe how crowded it was with happy smiling faces and I was really glad I got there early enough to buy my needs for the coming week before stocks ran out.

Over the years my preference is to buy as much as possible of the food that I eat from local sources. I make this choice because it is easier to find out how the food is produced. This in turn means that it is easier to avoid food that is made to look better, last longer by the use of chemical additives. What got me going in this effort was seeing how chickens are produced in factory farms in America and as I started to look a bit more widely I found that a lot of factory farming is used in America as a means of filling up

supermarket shelves in a way that maximises profit to the chain owners.

Here in Sedgefield we can opt for a very different lifestyle. Buying at our local markets is a good starting point, but if you take the trouble you can find other outlets that offer locally produced meat, bakery products, vegetables, honey, to name but a few. Even our local chain store has a few surprises. They stock vegetables packed by a George-based operation called Try Me, whose owner has a farm in Blanco and looks for every possible opportunity to source his products locally.

Of course it's not all good news: a week or two ago I was intrigued to find that the cheapest Cheddar cheese on sale was produced in Ireland. If you do a bit of research you'll find reports about the way that European countries subsidise their farmers. This is probably



By Mike Young

why the cheese was so cheap. Everything that I read makes me believe that if I buy produce produced locally it will be easier to be sure that it is produced and made available in such a way that it will be the healthy alternative. I've learnt not to be shy about asking for details about how my food is produced. As far as cost is concerned, sometimes locally produced foodstuff may seem a

little more expensive, but I've found that better quality often means less is thrown away.

A final thought: if you do buy local, you are likely to be contributing to the employment of people who live locally, so I hope what I've written will encourage you to buy local as much as possible.

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DOGS:

(Right) - We have 6 puppies, almost ready for adoption. They are still living with their foster mom, so please call her on 0828028631 to arrange a meeting, should you be considering adopting a puppy from KAWS.



CATS: Kittens

We have 7 male kittens (2 months old) & 1 female kitten (4 months old) up for adoption!



If you are considering adopting a kitten, please visit the KAWS cattery on Marlin Street to meet them. They are absolutely adorable!

Tabasco

This gorgeous green-eyed girl (right) is 1 year old and is so looking forward to finding a forever home! Please pop in to the KAWS cattery and meet her, if you are considering adopting a cat.



Zorra (right) is a 9 month old unique breed little angel! So loving and playful....we can't believe no one has adopted her yet! Please come to meet her if you are considering adopting a young dog.



COLA CONSERVANCY
Living in Harmony with Nature

The Cola Conservancy enjoyed its last 2015 work party in the Cola Beach Car Park on Wednesday morning the 2nd December.

The parking area was well trimmed. The small garden next to the Telkom Power Box was tidied. The plants the Conservancy planted last December are spreading and showing just how gutsy they are.

The beach path was given a sound austerity haircut. It is now possible to stand at the one end of the path and see right through to the other end. Because of this lurkers of the four footed and two footed kind should struggle to hide as they wait to pounce on innocent dogs, cats and humans.

Yes it was muggy; yes there was a great deal to trim; yes

some of the shears and secateurs could have been sharper, but a good time was had. Much tea and Coke were consumed, sandwiches gratefully munched and lots of sweat sweated. The result is a car park and beach path which welcome the public.

The Conservancy is grateful to the Sedgefield branch of the Knysna Municipality for all their support, both on the 2nd December and through the year. Mr Chris Hartnick and Mr Donovan Tony are always there to assist and provide logistical support, especially of the chainsawing and clearing type. A big thank you is also extended to the year-long, enthusiastic assistance of Mr Joseph Titus and Mr Daniel Booyens who, together with the Conservancy members and the Municipality, help make a difference.

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THE STORY OF THE CELEBRITY OWLS



Words and illustration by Sheila Collins

The community on our little island were all abuzz. Only two days after an owl box had been mounted high in the 'Hanging Tree' a pair of Spotted Eagle Owls had taken up residence.

Even greater was the excitement weeks later, when two round, fluffy little heads were spotted peering at the world from their lofty nursery. Later still news swept the island that they had left the nest and were seen sitting atop the box, then on the ground and even climbing over a garden wall.

They became the Island celebrities and all their antics and movements were discussed, monitored and constantly photographed as excited passers-by stopped beneath the giant Gum tree to catch a glimpse of the cuddly twins. Papa was wonderfully camouflaged, perched not far from them, while Mama owl spent her days in the big tree in my garden from whence she too could keep a surreptitious eye on her progeny in between catching up on sleep.

The babies started to frequent my neighbouring garden, much to the horror of my resident birds who did not appreciate them and I could frequently locate the owls by the cacophony of

hysterical birds fussing and protesting the presence of this scary predator, while with closed eyes, the statuesque owl sat in dignified silence ignoring the chaos around her. Most comical of all were the mouse birds that unexpectedly encountered her large frightening form in the tree. I'm sure I understood their hysterical dialogue, as a flurry of crests and tails fluttered around in the branches. "Give her an up and under Mickey!" "No, you go first Minnie" "Sock her in the..." "OK guys, this is scary, let's just buzz off"

One day I returned home to find a friend/my tenant on his knees with his backside in the air as he photographed one of the adventurous babies toddling along my garden path on his plump little legs that looked as if they were covered with white, downy leg warmers. But the cute siblings still spent most of their days together in a low bush near the tree of their birth.

Comfortable in each other's company they huddled together, grooming one another and snatching occasional 'love bites'. The enchanting Celebrity Chicks had a constant audience of admirers who came on foot, skateboards, on bikes, prams, walking dogs, jogging or by car and truck to gaze at them and record on film this captivating family. Many admirers would

move to within a meter of them to get a great photograph. The little owls would stir their heads and stare with big yellow eyes (papa observed all this from his high perch in stony silence).

One day one of the owlets was on the path beneath their tree searching for lizards and grubs when a dog chased it. It flew off strongly sweeping into the protective canopy of the trees in my garden where it spent the rest of the day preening and sleeping while the constant rasping call of the anxious sibling could be heard from the other side of the shrubbery.

Meanwhile both Ma and Pa continued to keep a furtive eye on their twins from the convenient elevation of the tree in my garden. Soon the owlets too would often visit my garden and great was my joy when they moved in. From my lounge I could see the whole family, Ma and Pa high up in the tallest tree and their precious teenagers in a smaller tree below them - peace reigned as they had escaped the throng of sight seers and paparazzi and were able to get some shut eye and safely explore the lawn for snacks.

I too slept peacefully at night with the soft 'hoohoo hoohoo-ing', the only murmur to intrude on Sedgefield's silence. I felt mean when I saw folk searching the tree for the owls and was tempted to invite them into my garden, but the temptation soon dissipated when I saw all four sleeping in undisturbed peace.

A few evenings later I was sitting peacefully in the quiet of the evening when my resident birds screeched and sqawked in

panic and I watched in horror as the large wings of the young adult owls swooped across the lawn, chasing after my tiny terrified birds that flew swiftly and safely into the dense cover of the little forest.

It was then that the full implication of having these large immigrants in my garden dawned on me. They needed to eat. And here in my garden was a gourmet buffet, nurtured by me over many years! Finding it such a perfect home they will all be breeding again and again. I thought of my little robin who for the last four years has reared her chicks in a basket on a shelf in my bathroom: my resident frog, Jeremiah, who comes at this time of year to clean up the insects under my bed: the glorious Paradise Flycatcher who has made my garden its home ever since I moved here 25 years ago: the boubou shrikes, the little batises, woodpeckers and sunbirds, the weavers and cuckoos, among many more, and of course the Guinea fowl who breed every year in a secluded corner of the property and then emerge to vandalise my garden as they feed their growing brood. I like to think the tortoises and bees are safe but I'm not so sure about the snakes!

So, lovely and privileged as it is to open my door in the morning to find four huge forms in my trees and eight glowing yellow eyes observing me, it has its concerns.

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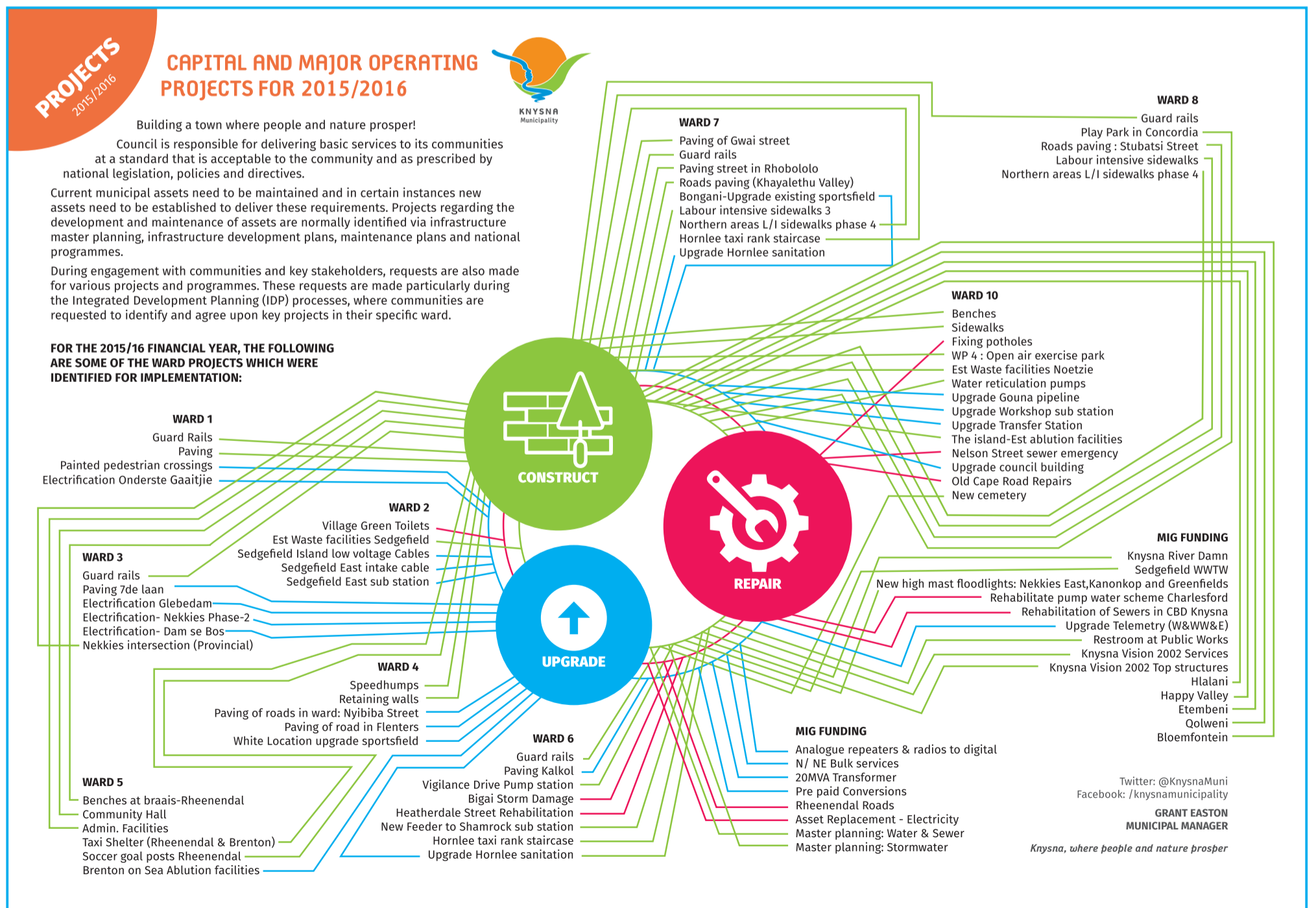
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Above Mike Hofhuis and Juanita van der Westhuizen receiving a donation from Peter Wood of Sothebys.

At Sothebys we will continue to support the Neighbourhood Watch and also assist the new home owner in becoming a part of the community and the Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch.

May the season ahead be filled with good memories and lots of happy times. Don't let crime put a damper on your holiday. Be vigilant, be aware!

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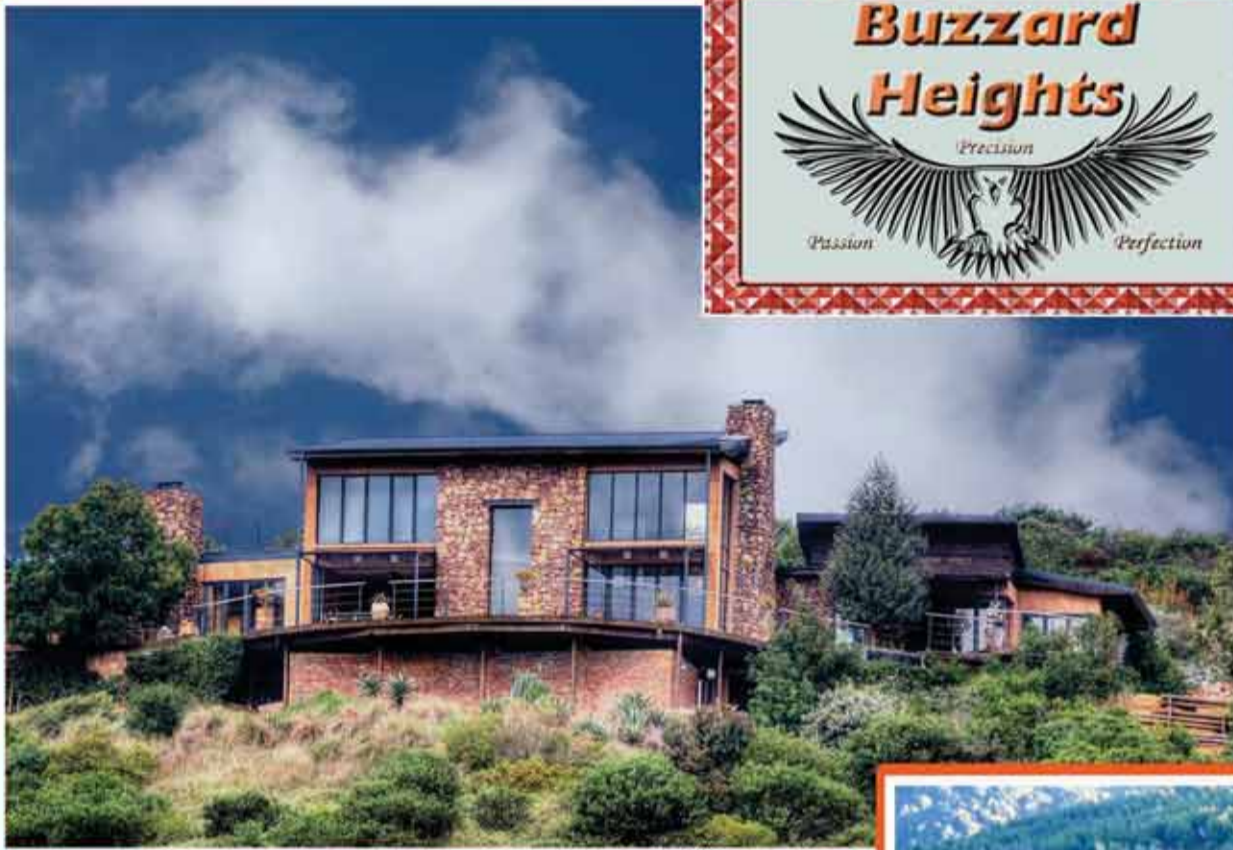
	
	

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Father Christmas organised by the Chas Everitt team will be doing his annual 'sweetie drive' on 24th December 2015 from 5pm. Kiddies listen out for Santa's bell.

His route will be down the Main Service Road, past Shell Garage towards PnP Centre, down Kingfisher Road towards the river mouth, then down to Myoli Beach and the circular road around Cola Beach. From there back via Kingfisher Road up to the traffic circle and up Swallow Drive.



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Alzheimer's is a debilitating disease for the sufferer as well as their family and caregiver. It is not easy to accept that your loved one will be there in body but not in mind. It is hard to think that someone you have known all your life will eventually not know who you are. The Living Cornerstone is there to help one cope with the inevitable, to lighten the load and provide a secure environment where sufferers are cared for in a loving homely atmosphere, a real home from home care.

The Living Cornerstone was born from a vision in February 2008. It all started through another project - delivering meals to the needy old and frail people in our community. Because of this we came across a number of underprivileged/ lower income groups of people at various stages of Alzheimer. These folk were living on their own and not coping too well. Their bodies were fed but not their minds? There was no stimulation. They were lonely and insecure. Because of the financial constraints of the families involved, the cost of getting a caregiver in to look after their loved one was



Oupa Jan and Gawie Barnardt two residents

beyond their means. Therefore they were often left on their own during the day. Some of these folk wandered off and got lost. Some were confined to a locked up house or even worse a locked room. Some even showed signs of sexual abuse. We have come across many sad cases in our little village alone and there are many more out there that we do not know about.

Vision

Hope for the future, gives power to make a difference and a firm foundation for the present.

Mission Statement

Our aim is to provide a loving homely secure environment and to create dignity and independence as far as possible for all our residents irrespective of race, colour or creed. Our homes are run on Godly principles. A strict daily routine for the residents is in place. This includes walks twice a day with a caregiver outside of the fenced property. This is to enable the residents to integrate with the community.

Who are TLC beneficiaries

Our residents range in age from 63 to 98. (The 63 year old was 58 when he started with Alzheimer's.) We had one blind lady in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's in our care as well. We have been able to help a number of exceptionally sad cases to live with dignity.

At the present

At present we are renting three houses in the village of Sedgefield. Our first house was opened in May 2013. The 2nd house in December 2013 and the third house opened in May 2014. We have a total of 20 residents in 24 hour care, and a waiting list that is growing by the day. It's clear that there is a growing need for Alzheimer care for people who can't afford private care, and a 4th and 5th house is desperately needed. However, currently, our only drawback is lack of finances.

To be able to run our homes effectively, The Living



Cornerstone being a Public Benefit Organisation relies on prayer, faith, donations, and sponsorship and fundraising events. If anyone would still like to come meet the residents and see the work and care that TLC does they are welcome to contact Petra Brits 071 413 6162 or Elzabe Balan 082 304 0714

There is so much more that we have envisaged for the future of The Living Cornerstone. If you require more in-depth information of what the future holds for TLC or you would like to adopt/sponsor a resident contact please Gilda Scammell 084 544 1203 or Petra Brits 071 413 6162.

<http://livingcornerstone.co.za>

THE LIVING CORNERSTONE being a registered Public Benefits Organization N°. 930038731. in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act 1962 all donations and sponsorships are tax deductible. A tax donation certificate will be issued on request.

Our LOGO explained.

1. The rock is what TLC is built on. It is our firm foundation (God) and what we provide for our residents.
2. The mature tree is the residents when they come to TLC.
3. The green leaves represent Hope. The new Hope we give to residents in our care and their families.

Small beginnings produce mighty works.

Tommy to the rescue



Laiken, is 19 years old and has Down Syndrome, so sometimes she finds doing certain things like riding a bike a little challenging. She really wanted a bike and fortunately Tommy Roberts was the one to make this dream come true.

Ronald Frederick Pitt

29 APRIL 1942 – 11 DECEMBER 2015

'Until we meet again'

Ronnie, dearly loved husband of Barbara and Dad of Christopher, Lizelle, Yolande and Sinazo, father-in-law of Riaan and Nicholas and Granddad of Lieschen, Kyle, Luke, Ruan and Amelia, passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, on Friday 11 December 2015 at 05:30.



He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. A Memorial Service to celebrate Ronnie's life will be held on Friday 18 December 2015 at 14:30 at St Francis United Church in Sedgefield.

The Sun, Magnetics and Moods

by Crista Davel

You don't have a clinical history of depression, you cannot pin your mood on Zuma's recent antics because you're a-political, you live fairly healthily, yet you're feeling down. And heavy. And you don't sleep well. It may have nothing to do with the usual reasons for depression or low mood, but everything to do with the way your body reacts to our solar system's hottest heavenly body – the sun.

So what is it then? To keep it brief and simple: all heavenly bodies have magnetic fields that are alive with electro-magnetic activity, and the same applies to the human body. Just think MRI, CCG and ECG – all means to measure this activity. In particular, the sun's magnetic activities, such as solar flares, CMEs (coronal mass emissions), coronal holes,

galactic cosmic rays etc., cause geomagnetic storms and the like on earth. These, in turn, affect our bodies' magnetic fields, which launches a cascade of physiological changes that can affect the way we feel. This is not conjecture but proven by a growing number of studies that show an association between geomagnetic storms and mood disorders such as depression and mood swings, as well as blood pressure fluctuations. There was even a significant correlation between geomagnetic activity and suicide as noted in a South African review that looked at over 13 years of suicide data.

So solar flares can have serious consequences. But how precisely do the storms affect our bodies? "The most plausible explanation for the association between geomagnetic activity and depression and other mood disorders, is that geomagnetic



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storms can desynchronise melatonin production and circadian rhythms," says Kelly Posner, a psychiatrist at Columbia University, in an interview with New Scientist. "The pineal gland, which regulates melatonin production and circadian rhythms, is sensitive to magnetic fields. The circadian regulatory system depends upon repeated environmental cues to [synchronise] internal clocks. Magnetic fields may be one of these environmental cues." Circadian rhythms are physical,

mental and behavioural changes that follow a roughly 24-hour cycle, responding primarily to light and darkness, according to the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, USA. One conclusion is that this disruption of the circadian cycle precipitates seasonal affective disorder, suggests Dr Posner, which can increase suicide risk. That these geomagnetically-induced emotional changes affect behaviour, even how we deal with money, was also shown

in a study done by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. "Unusually high levels of geomagnetic activity have a negative, statistically and economically significant effect on the following week's stock returns for all US stock market indices," the researchers said. Also, "(We found) evidence of substantially higher returns around the world during periods of quiet geomagnetic activity." Better do astronomical research before you play on the stock market.

If uncharacteristic confusion and a disturbance in your emotions have been a hallmark of your moods this year, it may serve to bear in mind that scientists have been stumped to find an explanation for the

nature and magnitude of the magnetic activity in our solar system during 2015. According to some, it has been weird and uncommon. Research has also shown that some people are more susceptible to these magnetic changes. Yes, mental and mood disorders are too complex to attribute mainly to geomagnetic storms, yet it could be helpful to consider them too as a possible cause, or perhaps an aggravating factor. A little research, walks on the beach and being kind to yourself with the reassurance that 'This too shall pass', may bring relief and be the only treatment needed. Should low mood and feelings of depression persist for longer than two weeks, a visit to the doctor is necessary.

SANPARKS IS THE PLACE TO VISIT THIS DECEMBER

There are 3 sections making over 155 000 hectares of landscapes, seascapes and fynbos areas of the Garden Route National Park-Wilderness, Knysna and Tsitsikamma. Each area has a forest and marine component.

Wilderness.

The Wilderness system comprises three lakes namely, Rondevlei, Langvlei and Eilandvlei. These and the Serpentine wetlands form part of an internationally proclaimed RAMSAR site (wetlands of global significance for biodiversity conservation). The system is home to the Great Crested Grebe, Red-knobbed Coot, little Grebe, Cape shoveler, Yellow-billed Duck and Reed Cormorant and many more. So to make it easy for bird watchers, there are two spots dedicated for the activity, the Malachite Kingfisher bird hide and the Gallinule Bird Hide close to the Touw River. Visitors need patience to see the many bird species which frequent the area. Caspian and Kelp Gulls are often seen scouting for food.

Visitors to the Wilderness section of the Park can enjoy a trip down the Touw and the Serpentine Rivers right up to Island Lake in a canoe. Access to Swartvlei and Rondevlei is restricted due to the Ramsar site requirements. By paddling up the Touw River, visitors have the opportunity to pass through dense indigenous forests and watch birds. Many water birds can be spotted in that area including the Half-collared Kingfisher, the Giant Kingfisher, Fish Eagles and others.

Hiking and nature walks

- The famous Outeniqua Trail is a series of day walks over 7 days. It starts in Beervlei and ends in Harkerville.
- Brown-hooded Kingfisher Trail: This is also through the forest and leads to the river. This trail is also popular for bird watching. The trail distance is 4.1km and trail time: 2-3hrs.
- Bosduif Loop
- Cape Dune Molerat trail
- Millwood overnight trail
- Woodville Big tree circular walk

Mountain biking

- The Homtini mountain bike route
- The Farleigh mountain bike route

Water activities

- Canoeing in the Touw River prior to trying out segways. They are two-wheeled, self-balancing battery powered electric vehicles, considered to be leaders in green transportation. Visitors to the Ebb & Flow rest camp (Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park) can now traverse the Kingfisher Trail on a Segway.

Knysna

The Knysna forest is home to the elusive Knysna elephant(s), caracals, leopards, blue duiker, bushpig, bushbuck, genet, Cape

grysbok, Cape grey mongoose, porcupine, Vervet monkeys and baboons.

A new cycling route

Knysna is adding a 12-kilometre mountain biking (MTB) route to its existing set in gorgeous Knysna. Harkerville is known globally for its mountain biking routes in the Knysna forest. The new route known as 'Graspad' is accessible from the scenic Kranshoek gate and promises a ride through species-rich indigenous forests. Cyclists will ride through towering trees with a backdrop of the ocean. How to get to Kranshoek: GPS Coordinates: 34°05'28"S 23°18'23"E

Other activities in Kranshoek: Picnic spots, the waterfall, dolphin and whale watching and the Kranshoek hiking trail.

Other MTB routes in nearby Harkerville have also received a facelift. Local cyclists have thanked SANParks for this recent action

Two of Knysna's Hiking Trails receive Green Flag status

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The Harkerville Coastal Hiking trail is a two-day, 24-kilometre hike, starting and ending in Harkerville. It passes through some prime examples of high-forest, crosses sections of coastal fynbos and takes the hiker along some breathtaking natural scenery along a cliff-coast.

Menu of hiking trails in the GRNP is available at http://www.sanparks.org.za/parks/garden_route/
Call 044 302 5600 or Central reservations: 012 343 0905

Diepwalle: Hub in the forest

Diepwalle with its well-known camping decks is located at the centre of the Knysna forest. All bookings can be made via 044 302 5600, online, or at Thesen Island reception area. The legends museum and a tea garden are the closest amenities to the decks.

There are ample short day hiking trails or nature walks close to Diepwalle, including the Elephant trail and others. There also numerous picnic spots including Kranshoek and the Garden of Eden.

Tsitsikamma

The word 'Tsitsikamma' meaning 'the place of clear water' is what the Khoisan called this area with a dramatic coastline, lush indigenous forests and lots and lots of water. The word "Tsitsikamma" hails from the Khoekhoe language tse-tsesa, meaning "clear", and gami,



meaning "water", probably referring to the clear water of the Tsitsikamma River. Other meanings are 'place of much water' and 'waters begin'.

Its MPA is split into the De Vasselot Section Controlled Zone and the Tsitsikamma MPA (No-Take Zone). A total of 202 species of fish, sharks and rays from 84 families have been recorded in the Tsitsikamma MPA alone. Fifteen of these species can be found on the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) red data list as either vulnerable or near threatened whilst many other fish species protected by the MPA are classified as over-exploited or collapsed in South Africa.

It is home to one of the Garden Route's big trees, a Yellowwood tree that is nearly 1000 years old. Two of Tsitsikamma's hiking trails (the Otter trail and the Dolphin trail) enjoy green flag status and were declared as such by a watchdog for hiking in SA, the Hiking Organisation of South Africa (HOSA). Green Flag status is a system that ensures hiking trails in South Africa meet standards in terms of 'trail outlay, accommodation, facilities and service, as well as the conservation of natural resources.' In turn, hikers are guaranteed that their expectations will be met and that they also receive value for money.

Natures Valley beach, also part of the National Park, has enjoyed blue flag status for several years in succession. Blue flag status is an indication that the beach meets all stringent environmental criteria including water quality standards, safety and others.

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USEFUL TIPS TO REMEMBER WHEN EXPLORING THE GRNP THIS SUMMER

The Garden Route National Park (GRNP) is a mosaic of landscapes and seascapes, a haven for birds and animals including seabirds, rare and endangered species. We wish all our visitors a safe and memorable time in the Park. Guests visiting the Park this season to enjoy its multiple nature walks, cycling trails, forest excursions and water-based activities are therefore encouraged to observe all rules and regulations for an enjoyable, safe stay.

Vessel and boat owners are urged to:

- Obtain a relevant vessel permit and adhere to all boating regulations at all times.
- Always exercise caution when swimming in the Park's estuaries (Swartvlei, Knysna and Groot River) as tidal flow could be potentially dangerous.
- Fish and bait bag and size limits should not exceed the set criteria in the rules and regulations.
- Please keep yourself and those whom you love safe by not consuming alcohol while planning to swim.

Observe all signs posted in and around the estuary at all times.

SANParks encourages anglers to act responsibly this season. In doing so you will assist SANParks in ensuring the maintenance of a healthy fish stocks for generations to come:

- Know the fishery regulations and abide by them. Limit your catch by not catching your maximum limit.
- Practice catch and release.
- Take away everything you brought with you. That includes fishing line, bait boxes, plastic bags and old tackle.

Walking dogs in the GRNP

We know that you and your dog family enjoy the beach just as much as we do. Help us conserve endangered birds such as the black oyster catcher, by keeping your dogs on their leashes at all times. Please train them to not bark at or chase after birds. We have placed blue bins along the coast for your convenience to pick up and place your doggie poop in.

The onus is on those walking dogs to abide by guidelines regulating this activity. This can be done through checking signage regularly that is posted along the beach and forestry areas.

Dogs are not allowed in the Knysna estuary and the forest areas. Walking dogs is permissible in the Wilderness part of the Park only in the areas listed below:

- East of the Parking at the NSRI up the staircase before the Wilderness Hotel.
- Kleinkrantz parking area, west to 6th Avenue and east up to the first rocks at Gerrick's Point
- East of the parking at Myoli beach and Cola Beach (except

during 01st December- 31st January, between 09:00am – 17:00pm)

- Along the Vlei where there is reasonable access and no signage prohibiting dogs.

Survival tips

- When encountering animals (baboons) for example, it is best not to walk through a troop, rather wait for an opportunity for them to disperse and let you walk through.
- Should you encounter a snake, do not approach it even if it seems dead. It sounds impossible, but remain calm.

Useful numbers:

All numbers are included in all accommodation in the Park but day visitors can contact the following numbers:

Knysna (estuary) and related areas: 044 382 2095

Knysna forest: Harkerville 082 803 0701

Knysna forest: Diepwalle- 0828075652

Wilderness (lakes including Swartvlei): 044 877 0046

Forest (Farleigh): 044 356 9021

Forest (Goudveld): 0443890252

Tsitsikamma (MPA, lakes and rivers) - 042 281 1607

Forest- 044 531-6792.

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Carlo van Tonder, Cape Nature:- 044 802 5333 and Michael of the Plettenberg animal sanctuary:- 044 534 8054.

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NATIONAL PARKS

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- The Pied Kingfisher trail in the Ebb & Flow Rest Camp (Wilderness) can now be traversed on a Segway. Segways are two-wheeled, self-balancing, battery powered, electric vehicles.
- Goudveld, an old mining town in the lush Afromontane Forests, is turning into an attraction for visitors to the Garden Route. This popular hide-away is 22 kilometres from Knysna, in Bibby's Hoek to be exact. It is part of the Garden Route National Park (GRNP) Afromontane Forests, the largest continuous indigenous forest in South Africa. It received an Excellence Award from Trip Advisor recently.



- Canoeing at Island Lake, Swartvlei, in the Knysna estuary and Natures Valley can now be done with canoes hired from the Park's reception areas.
- Knysna has added a 12-kilometre mountain biking (MTB)

route to its existing set of mountain biking routes in Harkerville, Goudveld and Farleigh. The new route known as 'Graspad' starts at the Kranshoek gate. Follow pictures of black and white bicycles. Cyclists will ride through towering trees with a backdrop of the ocean. How to get to Kranshoek: GPS Coordinates: 34°05'28"S 23°18'23"E



- The Outeniqua hiking trail is a 7-day trail with 8 overnight huts. It is a 108-kilometre hike in total. Hikers would traditionally begin in Beervlei (Hut 1), then head over to Windmeulnek, then Platbos, Millwood, Rondebossie, Diepwalle, Fisantehoeck to end up in Harkerville (Knysna). Now the first night will be spent in Windmeulnek hut instead of Beervlei. Beervlei will still remain the starting point for the Outeniqua Trail and hikers will still be able to park their vehicles there.
- Rooted in time is a guided forest tour ran from the pick-up point in the community through the Diepwalle Forest to Spitskop View Point with interesting stops along the way including the King Edward Big Tree, Templeman Station, Valley of Ferns and The Forest Legends Museum

For a menu of what to do this summer, visit the Garden Route National Park: http://www.sanparks.org.za/parks/garden_route/, 044 302 5600, central reservations: 012 343 0905

Exact location: Western Cape and Eastern Cape. Nearest Cities: George (West) and PE (East)

GPS coordinates: 34°0'S 23°15'E / 34.000°S 23.250°E / -34.000; 23.250 Coordinates: 34°0'S 23°15'E / 34.000°S 23.250°E / -34.000; 23.250



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HOLIDAY SECURITY TIPS FROM OUR LOCAL 'SHERIFF'

This year we would like to concentrate on our residents who are planning on going away for the Festive Season. Here are some tips:

1. Get a house sitter: The best way to protect your home is by having a trusted friend or family member who can live in the house while you are away. If you have pets, they can take care of them at the same time. There are also professional house sitting individuals that will do this for a fee, but you have to be sure that you trust them and that they come with excellent references.

2. Your mail: The last thing you want to worry about is someone getting your mail and reading your personal information. Also congestion of Junk Mail shows the criminal that you are not at home. Ask your neighbour to please clear the post box on a daily basis of all your post and Junk Mail.

3. Get someone to check: If no one can house sit for you, at least ask neighbours to keep an eye out for you. Make sure to give them your contact number in case they see anything strange going on. Ask them to also call your security service provider if they see someone on your property.

4. Install timers: One great way to make people think you are home at night is by using timers on the lights. You could have a specific lamp turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn or at different times of the night.

5. Lock everything: Make sure that you double check all doors and windows before you leave for your trip. Make it as difficult as possible for the thieves to gain access.

6. Refrain from telling people the details of your trip on social media sites such as Whatsapp Groups, Facebook, Twitter or on your cellular or home voicemail. Don't announce to the world that you are leaving and won't be back for a while.

7. Home security system: There are still many residences in Sedgefield that do not have any security system. Install one!! If you do have a system, ensure the radio signal is communicating with your service provider and that it is armed when you leave.

For the visitors to Sedgefield:

8. Do not leave items of any value in your vehicles whether it be parked at your residence or on the street.

9. Do not leave bicycles, any water sport gear, beach attire lying out on the balconies and in gardens which is in full view of the public view.

10. Take the same safety precautions you would as if you were back in your home town or city. Although crime may be far less here, you will only be enabling the criminal by being negligent and complacent.

Security FEATURE

MEET THE ADT TEAM



Pictured is the new Sedgefield ADT Management Team. Proudly posing at the newly revamped offices are Steven Green - Branch Manager, Arnold Boshoff - Armed Response Manager, Gideon Barnard - Sales Representative, Mario Cassara - Technician, Esmerelda Carelse - Client Liaison, and Karen Moore - Office Admin Manager.

Security Advice for Holiday Homes. None of us would think twice about taking all of the reasonable steps possible to secure our residential properties. Why should the safeguarding of a holiday home be any different?

When deciding what type of security system to install at your holiday home, it is important to remember that this property will probably stand empty for a substantial period of time.

Burglars tend to target homes that look empty, so make sure

that your holiday home appears occupied as often as possible. Ask anyone that lives close to your holiday home to keep an eye on the property for you, and to alert you if they see any suspicious behaviour. Local residents can be your eyes and ears when you are hundreds of kilometres away.

If there is a neighbourhood watch program in the area, alert them to the fact that you will be gone so they can pay a little extra attention to your home.

SUIDERKRUIS SECURITY



Pictured above from (l to r) - Ivor Claasen (Sales); J P Roux (Technical); Gideon Maree (CEO); Marianne van der Merwe (Admin) and Jani Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen (Branch Manager)

The team at Suiderkruis Security wish all their loyal clients a safe and blessed festive season, and a happy 2016.

Holiday tips - We urge the public not to take valuables to the beach and if you do make sure they are locked in the boot. Lock your vehicles and close the windows.

Please see additional safety tips below:

Lock before leaving: Double check that you have locked and secured all windows and doors before leaving your holiday home and that the alarm system is armed;

Invest in strong locks: Ensure that all your outside locks are a minimum of four lever locks or double cylinder security locks;

Never leave keys: Never leave keys under a doormat or a pot plant;

Secure sliding doors: These doors can be secured simply by placing a piece of timber cut to size in the sliding rail. Make

sure that sliding doors cannot be lifted vertically;

Fencing: Full fencing, sturdy gates and outdoor beams are a good deterrent for your property;

Lighting: Have good exterior lighting, preferably on a timer to increase visibility during night time;

Lock tools away: Do not leave tools like ladders or spades outside, as they can be used to break into your holiday home;

ADT Signage: Clear signage indicating that you have security, this also helps to discourage burglars.



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NB. Classified adverts for the next issue need to be in by Monday 11th January 2016. Faxed or emailed classies will not be placed without proof of payment

1. To Rent

3 bed house, carport + garage, laundry. R8000pm. Houseproud tenant. 044 343 1727

2. Accommodation wanted

Retired professional couple require 1 or 2 bedroomed flat/garden cottage on long lease meticulous tenants, keen gardeners. Phone John 082 443 4426 Refs

3. Accommodation Holiday

Bird Cottage on the Island. Quality accommodation. Low rates. Spacious, DSTV, w/machine. Also stop over option in Guinea Room Suite. 044 3431261 www.birdcottage.co.za

4. Announcements

A few of Moira's Classy Christmas Cakes on sale at Steam Whistle Stop. Beautifully decorated, 5 months mature. Uniced (wrapped) cakes also avail on request.

Aha! Station Pies - now at Mosaic (Middle) Market. No longer at Wild Oats Farmers

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Are you AWAKE? Please read "Sedgefield Holiday Season - Sustainable Living?" on board at Library and Municipality.

Congratulations Sam on winning hamper at Sedge Pets.

Course/workshop - learn how to paint/distress furniture - Dec/Jan R500 per person; 8:30 to 1pm. Rick 083 764 2555. www.thunderwood.co.za

DAMP CLOTHING? Tumble drier no good? Phone Hands on Electrical on 083 297 1929

Hair by Irene is moving to Pine Lake Marina on 04 Jan 2016. We are still @ Forest Lodge till 31 Dec. Thanks to all our clients for your support wishing each & everyone a Merry Christmas & Prosperous 2016. Irene & Charmonay

NEEDED BY FRESH START SEDGEFIELD : used children's clothes, shoes and toys. Items will be traded in the Smutsville Recycle Swap Shop by the children who collect recyclable material. Call Joy on 083-5556804 or drop in box at Dr Standers.

Requesting transport for a parcel to Pmbg of a wooden lazy susan (40cm) & small Christmas goodie box please. With thanks Thurza 044 343 2375

Sedge Pets thanks all it's loyal customers for their support and wishes them a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you to Cindy & Hilary for their faithful monthly cat food contribution. Bless you. Gill - Sedge Pets

WANTED : Sedgefield Hospice Shoppe need your second hand goods. Have a clean out and help others with your unwanted items! Please drop off or give them a call 044 343 1722

5. Boats & Accessories

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12. Education & Tuition

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13. Electrical

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14. Employment Offered

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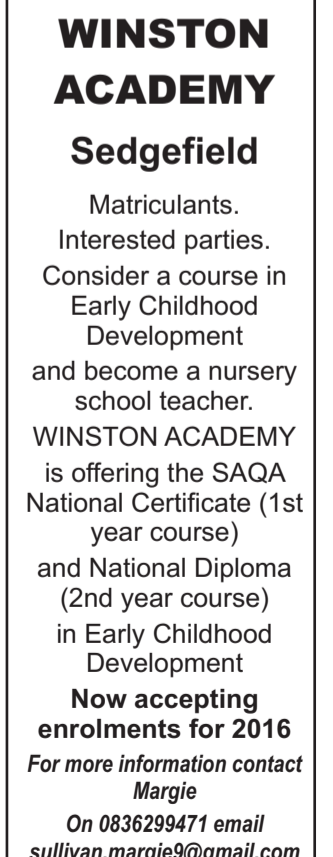
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We trust that you and your loved ones will enjoy a peaceful and blessed Christmas and that 2016 will bring you an abundance of love, peace, good health and prosperity.

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34. Tea/Coffee/Take Aways

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36. Wanted/ Swap etc

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SLOW TOWN MOBILE MEALS

by Jim Mitchell

Mobile Meals was started by Gilda Scammell in April 2007 with the aim of providing meals to the less fortunate members of the greater Sedgefield community. This vision and philosophy has continued since then and at this stage, we provide over 1 000 meals a month.

The charity is run by the team of Alan, Angie, Beattie, Judith and Saskia who handle their portfolios with enthusiasm and diligence. My thanks to each of them as without their input and effort there would be no Mobile Meals.

The meals are prepared in the kitchen in the Municipal offices on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 52 weeks a year. The meals are then delivered to the recipients by a team of volunteers. The operation is similar to the national "Meals on Wheels" but we have no affiliation to this operation.

All this would not take place without our "supporters" from the little town of Sedgefield whose generosity appears to know no bounds. Our income comes mainly from a group of donors whose regular financial amounts forms the nucleus of our Funds. My heartfelt thanks goes out to these kind Sedgefielders. Support is also received from civic minded organisations like Lions and local businesses, restaurants, coffee shops etc

Other income in the form of cash donations is received at the Tourism office. Other donations like fruit, vegetables and groceries are delivered to the kitchen. Too many people to name individually, but to all these folk, I wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas.

We are very grateful for the income received for our Outreach activity but the task of keeping Mobile Meals ongoing requires continual funding. Should you wish to commit to Mobile Meals, donations may be made into our bank account - Slow Town Mobile Meals, FNB a/c 62502775549 code 210 229 and Swift code FIRNZAJJ (for our visitors & Swallows)

Cash deposits can still be made at the Tourism Office - please try and avoid cash deposits direct into our bank account, as the bank charges erode the donation.

On behalf of the committee of Slow Town Mobile Meals, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2016.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding Slow Town Mobile Meals, please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you.

Jim Mitchell
Chairman
083 379 3737 or 044 343 1221



WESSA Graduates say "YES" to Greener Futures

Over 100 enthusiastic young participants on the Department of Environmental Affairs' Youth Environmental Services (YES) Programme are equipped to pursue careers in the green economy after having received their graduation certificates at a ceremony held in Caledon.



The Knysna and Sedgefield 2015 participants on the Youth Environmental Services Programme

This group is the latest intake of youths from disadvantaged backgrounds that have completed the year-long YES Programme, which has been implemented by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) in the Western Cape over the past three years.

The YES Programme was created in response to two of the most significant issues facing our economy, namely the extremely high youth unemployment rate and the lack of skills amongst job seekers. The programme has addressed these issues by providing the previously unemployed participants with environmental skills training

and by offering them structured workplace mentorship.

The skills training has been provided by WESSA's Environmental Skills Development Unit in the form of a variety of LG-SETA accredited courses that have been presented since the start of 2013 to more than 375 YES Programme participants from Cape Town, Hermanus, George, Worcester, Grabouw, Oudtshoorn, Knysna and Sedgefield. The participants have also benefited from non-accredited training in subjects

such as Health & Safety, First Aid and Professional Development.

The workplace mentorship has been facilitated by WESSA by arranging job placements for the participants at various host organisations, which has given them an opportunity to gain practical work experience and to network with prospective employers. While these placements have been

predominantly in the environmental sector, host organisations have also been from the education, local government, green business and the agricultural sectors. The variety of these host organisations has added a hugely to the diversity to the programme and to the applicability of the training to a number of different employment sectors. Without the input and nurturing received in these organisations the YES Programme participants would have

certainly not have grown as much as they have.

At the ceremony in Caledon, a number of YES Programme participants from previous years had the opportunity to share their stories of success with this year's graduates. These success stories include Randall Saptou and Phinando Ingo from Oudtshoorn, who received bursaries from the Department of Environmental Affairs to study further at the Southern African Wildlife College in Mpumalanga following their completion of the YES Programme in 2014. Verdi Alaart from George was a participant on the programme in 2013 and was then selected for an internship with the Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve. Taryn Van Neel from Cape Town secured a permanent position with CTEET (Cape Town Environmental Education Trust) as an Environmental Educator after being hosted by them while on the programme in 2013. Says Taryn, "The WESSA YES Programme has given me so many opportunities to network and make positive changes to uplift my community. This programme has had a huge impact on my life and has been a stepping stone to achieving even greater things."

The keynote address at the graduation ceremony was delivered by international motivational speaker, extreme adventurer, TV presenter, youth

developer, conservationist and WESSA patron Braam Malherbe. He encouraged the graduates to take ownership of their futures by leading purpose-driven lives with integrity and a strong code of ethics, saying: "It is imperative that each and every one of us understands the inter-connectivity of all life and the important role us humans have in protecting our biodiversity".

Speaking at the event WESSA senior project manager, Mandy Noffke, said: "This graduation event is a wonderful culmination of a year of learning and hard work for these enthusiastic participants on the DEA Youth Environmental Services programme. WESSA is proud to have been the implementer of this successful programme that has trained and mentored these young people who can now contribute to driving the green economy in the Western Cape."

The YES Programme has been funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) under the auspices of the department's EPIP (Environmental Protection and Implementation Programme) and guided by the government's EPWP (Expanded Public Works Programme) job creation programme.



KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

BID NO. T 77 / 2015:

APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR BIOLOGICAL MONITORING AND MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE SERVICES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS

Knysna Municipality invites tenders for the provision of Professional Services for Biological and Medical Surveillance Services for the Employees of Knysna Municipality for a period of six (6) months.

The physical address for collection of tender documents is **Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna.**

A receipt for a non-refundable deposit of **R 218.00** payable by cheque made out in favour of Knysna Municipality is required on collection of the tender document. E-mailed tender documents can be obtained from the following address: mmato@knysna.gov.za at no cost.

Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Heidi Cronje, Tel No. 044-302 6513, email: hcronje@knysna.gov.za.

The closing time for submission of bids is **12h00 on Wednesday, 27 January 2016**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **bid box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the latter time and latest date. Telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will not be accepted. Bids must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date of the bid.

Bids will be opened on the same day at the Supply Chain Management Section at 12h05. Late or unmarked bids will not be considered.

Bids may only be submitted on the bid documentation that is issued.

Bids will be evaluated according to the **80/20** preference points system. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to bid and/or re-advertise or to reject any bid or to accept a part of it. The Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest bid or to award a contract to the Bidder scoring the highest number of points.

Further requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of bids are stated in the Tender Data.

G.S Easton
Municipal Manager
Clyde Street
KNYSNA
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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

BID NO. T 78 / 2015:

APPOINTMENT OF A TRAVEL AGENCY FOR THE 2015/16 TO 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR (UP TO 30 JUNE 2017)

Knysna Municipality invites tenders for the appointment of a Travel Agency for the 2015/16 to 2016/17 Financial Year (UP to 30 June 2017).

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Birding Experience



Please join the SANParks Honorary Rangers: Wilderness region who, with the assistance of the Lakes Bird club, are hosting a birding event at the Wilderness National Park on the mornings of Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2015.

- Local birding experts and professional guides will accompany you on morning outings to the Brown-hooded trail, Malachite and Rondevlei bird hides, a visit to the Reflections Eco-Reserve farm (owner Tm Carr), and an early morning visit to see Island Lake birds.
- Every morning Peter Ginn, a bird photographer and author of 10 books, will give a talk and guide you to discover more about the birds around you and give you handy tips on how to identify birds.
- Our children's program will have a theme "birds for kids": walk around the park, ask questions and afterwards a fun event with once again birds as the theme.

Cost: SANParks Daily Conservation Fee.

For more information: Christine Thomson
Cell: 082 606 0062 e-mail: thomsonc@telkomsa.net

SUCCESSFUL FIRST YOUTH SUMMIT KNYSNA

Knysna Municipality hosted Knysna's inaugural Youth Summit event which took place on the 2nd and 3rd of December at the Knysna Secondary School, under the theme "The Role of Knysna Youth in shaping a sustainable future".

Representatives from the National Development Agency, Department of Education, Tourism, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Economic Development Department gave presentations. The youngsters were grouped in five different commissions to discuss various



The aim of the summit was to create a platform for the youth to express the challenges that they are faced with in their day-to-day lives. It was also a good networking and exposure opportunity for the young people who were present.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Georlene Wolmarans spoke on the alarming concern of the country's high rate of youth unemployment. "Census estimates show that more than 3.2 million young South Africans between the ages of 15-24 are neither employed nor engaged in education or job training. According to South Africa's Labour Force Survey for the last quarter of 2013, two-thirds of all unemployed South Africans were under the age of 35."

"Under normal circumstances this is a wonderful age. You have a blank canvas and it is within your power to create the life you want for yourself. However, we know that the youth in South Africa, are facing some staggering challenges."

topics including, Enterprise Development, Social and Community Development, Sport Development, Skills Development and Tourism Development.

Discussions of the draft Youth Policy was also on the agenda. The municipality held Imbizos prior to the Summit in order to consult and get the views and perspectives of the youth. The municipality wants to build a credible youth structure that can work collaboratively with the Youth Desk in implementing the policy and strategies. This will be done by establishing a Youth Council in February 2016.

Ms. Wolmarans spoke about the various social issues that the youth is faced with. "The youth in the Greater Knysna area are faced with various struggles which include, unemployment, identity issues and socio-economic challenges. We have made a commitment as a municipality to make a difference – and this is the first

ACTION PACKED BEACH DAY PLANNED : SEDGEFIELD

On 19 December 2015 Sedgefield will not only see the Slow Town Fun Run hosted at Myoli Beach at 9am but will once again welcome last year's highly successful amateur SAND CASTLE BUILDING competition hosted by Knysna Tourism.

The theme for the 2015 competition will be Marine Creatures...

Bring the whole family or enter as individuals, groups, companies or couples as we plan a great family day with some awesome prizes from our sponsors.

This year will once again include the Beach Egg Toss and Sedgefield Sotheby's Treasure Hunt. You can enter on the day at the beach @ R50 per team (max 6 persons).

Contact Knysna Tourism's Sedgefield office on 0443432007 for more information and pre-registration.

Be sure to support us and fill the beach with Marine Creatures. Thank you to our prize Sponsors: Sotheby's, Knysna Elephant Park, Acrobranch, Bos Tea, San Parks; Flytime paragliding, Pili Pili, Sedge Links, Out there Communications, Black Water's River Lodge

NB: At 8pm in the evening of Saturday 19 December (weather permitting) on Myoli Beach, the NSRI Sea Rescue will be holding a demonstration to educate the public on the difference between Chinese lanterns and emergency flares, in an effort to minimise false call-outs.



WATER SAVING TIPS

How to save water indoors

Saving water in the bathroom

- Check all taps, pipes, and toilets periodically for leaks. A tap drip or invisible leak in the toilet will add up to 57 litres of water a day. Or 397 litres a week, which adds up to 20724 litres of water a year.
- Put a bucket in the shower to catch water. The water you collect can be used to water your plants or garden.
- Invest in a dual flush toilet. Water consumption can be dropped by 35%. Install toilets that have cisterns with a maximum flush capacity of nine litres.

Take a shorter shower or try a navy shower. Due to a lack of fresh water aboard ship, sailors were taught to get wet, turn off the water, soap and scrub, then briefly turn the water on to rinse. It also is far better to shower than to run a bath. A shower cuts down on water usage by 66%.

Don't use the toilet as a waste basket. Using a waste basket instead of the toilet for tissues and other bits of trash will save litres of water that would be wasted.

Don't let the water run when you brush your teeth, wash your face or hands, or shave. This can save a few litres per minute.

Saving water in the kitchen and laundry.

- Fill your dishwasher. Your dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or partially full of dishes, so be sure to fill it. Many dishwashers have a water saver cycle to save even more water.
- Select proper water level for laundry. Unlike your dishwasher, you can control the amount of water used by your clothes washers. Select the proper water level for each load of laundry. A front load washing machine uses 1/3 less water than a top-loading machine. Make sure that you only wash a full load every time.

Reuse fish tank water. Use fish tank water on your household plants. Besides saving water, it's a good fertilizer as well.

Don't let the tap run until the water cools down. Instead, keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running taps wastes many litres of water per minute. Before rinsing, put the sink stopper in place. If you need to use the garbage disposal, release the used sink water as the disposal is turned on.

Defrost food in the refrigerator. When defrosting food, plan ahead to thaw it in the refrigerator or microwave oven instead of under running water.

If you wash dishes by hand, rinse the dishes off in a sink partially filled with water, instead of under running water.

How to save water outdoors

During Water Restrictions the following ARE/NOT allowed.

- Use of hose pipes for any purpose.
- Use of sprinkler or irrigation systems.
- Reuse water. Instead of pouring water down the drain use it to water your garden or pot plants.
- Gardens on **even street numbers** may be watered from 6pm - 7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. **Odd street numbers** from 6pm - 7pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

- About 90,000 litres of water fall on a typical roof each year.
- Installing a water drum will save water and garden plants prefer rainwater to tap water.

Remember to report broken water pipes in your neighbourhood or misuse of water to the Municipality immediately. Water is precious, we cannot afford to waste it.

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THIS CHRISTMAS, BE AWARE AND SHOW YOU CARE

The EDGE on Health

Merry Christmas Fellow Earth Suit Drivers

What a wonderful time of the year to be an inhabitant of this planet. There's an abundance of light (especially in our Southern Hemisphere), food and water to be shared by everyone, and it's exactly what our bodies - or earth suits - seem to crave after a year of denial and very hard work. After months of putting our noses to the grindstone - forcing ourselves out of bed every morning to continue with keeping the economy on the go (for what it's worth in this little corner) and bringing home the proverbial bacon.

And here we are. We've saved up all our hard earned squillions, we've splashed out on petrol and we're ready. The car is packed, the 'padkos' is in the cooler box and our expectations are high. We WILL have fun. That's where it all begins. The loss of sanity - where we load our earth suits with the desire to have the most perfect holiday ever!

We'll load it up with food that we haven't had all year - lots of rich and decadent meals descending into our unsuspecting digestive systems. We'll lie in the sun with gay abandon - surely that short amount of time on the beach 'won't do too much damage'? We'll convince ourselves that it's 'safe' to burn ourselves to a crisp and suffer the wrath of great big ball of fire in the sky.

The interesting thing is that in this time of holidays we also try to capture the joy of our youth and bounce about playing 'bat & ball' and Frisbee - putting the old earth suit through its paces only to wake up the next morning and wonder what on earth has happened as our earth suits set off all the alarms to warn us that perhaps moderation is really the best way forward.

Therein lies the rub. And herewith a word to the wise (which is all of us that have been driving this earth suit for a while) - Moderation is key. TAKE IT

EASY. Be kind to yourselves. Have a holiday. A body holiday. Have a time that takes your body and mind as a whole in to account.

Rest, say no to the third helping of trifle. Drink one or two glasses of wine instead of all the bottles at once. Get your Vitamin D dose whilst slathered in sunscreen, wear a hat and drink lots of fresh water. Perhaps play only one bout of Frisbee and give everybody a turn instead of going for the 'Jonty Rhodes' dive that not even Jonty Rhodes himself can execute any more.

Read all the novels that have been piling up over the year. By all means stay up all night having great conversations with far flung family as you all meet together at the beach house, but then sleep in or at least have a restorative nap.

Exercise your face by smiling. Smile at everyone and practice your patience. It will lift your spirits and the spirits of all who you encounter. Breathe deeply and live in the glorious moments which make up a memorable holiday. This will do the earth suit a world of good and will be a lovely gift to it before you drive it all the way back to where you'll need it to start the new year with gusto.

You'll be refreshed and relaxed instead of burnt and broken. Do your best to walk the golden midway and reap the rewards that will ensure that you can keep breathing.

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TED's Cryptic Brain OOPS!
Some of last issue's clues got eaten by Gremlins in the printing process - here they are - along with our apologies!

16. Oh stop crying - there's not a cloud in the sky. (3,2)
18. Foreigner who might pull your chain? (8)
19. Nutty biscuits? (8)
21. Beer directions she turned over. (6)
22. Wails about a point in a number of break-downs. (6)
26. He's the junior member of the board. (4)
27. We're told they don't exist yet one has been seen! (4)

SAMURAI

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			6	3				

1. Each Samurai Sudoku puzzle consists of 5 overlapping "classic" 9x9 Sudoku sub-puzzles.

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SAMURAI

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2. Each 9x9 sub-puzzle must be solved according to the rules of Sudoku.

TED's Cryptic Brain Cruncher

Across

1. Penalisable offence in the orchestra pit? (10)
6. Pointless bad stain from wine. (4)
9. Was the gunner very cut up about the gas? (5)
10. House drawn in a fashion that no one could look see in or out. (9)
12. Would it be dark at the end of the road? (6,9)
13. Replay it clear for those listening. (7)
15. How terrible that the smoker returns for his shirt. (7)
17. The Public Relations I'm after, er... may just have a short fuse! (6)
19. Leather is not found inside the safe-house. (7)
21. A wee creature found to have insane terrorist ethics. (8,7)
23. A desperate attempt to finish the final hole? (4,5)
24. For a purchase one should ensure one is placed in the correct position. (5)
25. One of Mr Bean's family might not be welcome at the braai? (4)
26. It will slow down everything except, perhaps, drinking. (10)
more than it was. (13)
4. The year-end, I believe, has been cut short by the sound of it. (7)
5. Was it bad when he put the cot up inside with the smart car? (7)
7. No airman's befuddled by this tiny republic. (3,6)
8. Salt meaning Dido went back inside. (6)
11. Surprising that this old poet wrote nothing about the Vatican? (9,4)
14. Strangely, the mongrel promise was a little deceptive. (9)
16. Rodents turned up for the long walk to a galaxy, far, far away. (4,4)
18. Said Otto, "Sir! Your liver has turned up!" (7)
19. Break the egg on the alien with an axe. (7)
20. Money for the poor as an afterthought? Not in this book. (6)
22. Plain diet for the 'out of the box' artiste inside. (5)

Down

1. A small vehicle's attempt at church work? (8)
2. Two points for boss not giving in to the temptress. (5)
3. Bowler's time judged to be

Across : 1. Instil 4. Skippers 9. Lariat 10. Dear Dear 12. Name 13. Shots 14. Turn 17. Held In Camera 20. Indian Summer 23. Aura 24. Sweat 25. Eric 28. Ecstatic 29. rescue 30. Absinthe 31. Fiends.
Down: 1. Iolanthe 2. Scramble 3. Ivan 5. Kleptomaniac 6. Port 7. Erebus 8. Spring 11. Which is Which 15. Fiona 16. Dry Up 18. American 19. Crackers 21. Pamela 22. Crises 26. Pawn 27. Yeti

FRESH START - changing the lives of youngsters AND volunteers

"Making a fresh start is not easy....it requires courage and a first step towards a dream....and it definitely helps to have a nurturing hand to mentor you through new territory. But at the end of the day, the only person who can make a fresh start is YOU. From the moment The EDGE Team heard about the FreshStart Sedgefield project and particularly its Recycle Swop Shop, we were captivated and inspired. The project is now going into its third year of operation....and there are some special stories of success. Phenomenally the project is driven completely by devoted volunteers and has no overheads....no buildings or infrastructure....making it a virtual 'do good' reality, where everything that is collected goes directly to the cause of helping people help themselves! It's no wonder that this charity has been nominated for the Knysna Sanlam award!" - Bomber Webb, Edge Editor.

26425 kgs of rubbish gave 582 children the possibility of a Fresh Start in 2015

Antony Tooley, the Chairman of Fresh Start Sedgefield explains that the objective is to help people to help themselves to a fresh start in life.

"There are no handouts," he says, "Only hand-ups, which is a real test of tough love. The focus is mainly on children, as we believe that if our children can be empowered to help themselves, this will create a resilient new generation. ...and make our world a better place."

"The core project is the recycle SwopShop where children bring in recycling waste, exchanging it for 'mula points'. These in turn, can be exchanged for items that they need - from stationery to toiletries, to clothing and toys and sports equipment.

"Twenty nine Swop Shop Wednesday markets were held in 2015 at the Sedgefield Primary School which is based in Smutsville. 582 children registered themselves on the

programme this year, and this resulted in 4388 visits, bringing in 26425kgs of recycling product. Plastic, glass, paper, tin and cardboard were all carted away by Interwaste in 32 seven ton truck loads. So the project is good for planet earth too! We also involve our regular collectors in interesting projects like running vegetable gardens to support the school kitchen, planting trees (70 were planted this year) and building floats for the Slow Festival- life skills that are important in building healthier communities!

"Many children treat the market as a fun experience - and most love the safe and supportive space it creates. This is what key community figures have to say about FreshStart:

"I can tell you ,the change in our children has been incredible," enthused Smutsville Primary School principal, Stephanus Dogh. "The whole town just

waits for Wednesdays," "The Swop Shop is teaching them values in a practical hands-on way. Also discipline, how to save and how to care for the environment. The awareness is spreading and they feel empowered because they can now do something for themselves!"

Martie Rooi, one of the SwopShop volunteers and a legendary community player, agrees that the project 'has made a huge difference to the children, it helps with their schooling and clothes and gives them confidence that they can do it. Everyone looks forward to SwopShop days'.

Councillor Irene Grootboom says that the special celebration days at the SwopShop - Easter Mothers' and Fathers' day - are amazing as the children get to take a gift for their family, which makes them very proud.

Antony says that 'The' BIG

challenge is to keep the shelves stocked with a variety of new and second hand items..... this is vital to keep children motivated to come every week. In the last year alone children used their points to 'purchase' nearly 12 000 items from the SwopShop. While our younger collectors are thrilled to get 'anything', it's important for our SwopShop to have 'cool' stuff so that teenagers are also enticed into the loop. Perfumed deodorants, hair products, rugby balls, netballs, bicycles, dinkies and barbies have BIG appeal.

Collection bins for second hand items are in place at Lemon and Lime, Dr Stander's rooms, The Edge, St Francis Church, Montessori School in Knysna and Knysna Tourism. The flow of second hand goods into the store is constant and is a real accolade to the community spirit of Sedgefield and Knysna, to whom we are most grateful!

'Hand-me-downs' can be a child's treasure!

This principle fuels the SwopShop. We need and are so grateful for all seconds- be they small or large toys, clothes, games, sports stuff and household items.

This little girl worked hard for the doll which she loved from the moment she saw it.... perhaps her first doll, which will be treasured forever. Thank you to the little girl who donated her!



Collection bins for second hand and new items are in place at Knysna Montessori School, Lemon and Lime, Dr Stander's Rooms, The Edge, St Francis Church and Knysna Tourism....or you can always call 0762943075 and someone will collect.

Wise Choices - Life Choices

The Recycle Swop Shop in Smutsville is all about teaching children life skills in a fun way.



Choice is one of them.... The way they choose to spend their time, the choice of collecting recycling or not, the choice of spending or saving, and when they spend - to do it wisely!

This child chose so wisely, and really took her time. She only had eight points and chose a beautiful pink jug and three colourful mugs. She was really chuffed and said her family would be so proud!

REACH FOR A GOAL

After many months of saving, this young Recycler reached his goal.

He was so excited and even wore his Kaiser Chief's shirt to come to the SwopShop. Every week he pushed his collection of recycling in an old wheelbarrow and was extremely curious to see how much the bags actually weighed.

He also always made sure it was correctly recorded on his personal record card. Saving is a serious commitment! The excited lad jumped for joy when he realised he had reached his goal of 84 mula points - and had enough to trade for a new soccer ball.

When asked he said that the feeling of reaching the goal he had set for himself was just 'fantastic'.



New Development for 2016

For many children in Smutsville, access to health care is challenging as the Sedgefield clinic is situated in the main town. In consultation with the school who recognise the need....and after successful negotiations with the clinic, a delighted FreshStart will change their market days to a Monday so as to coincide with the availability of a weekly Mobile clinic that will operate adjacent to the SwopShop.

'We are looking forward to the Mobile Clinic being at the Smutsville Recycle SwopShop on Monday afternoons in school terms' says Sister Combrink. She added that this service will start on 18th January 2016 and we believe will provide a wonderful opportunity for children in need of special treatment and care.

Entrepreneurs in the Making

Two brothers had made an ingenious cart with wheels and a rope to pull it. It is SO full of recycling every week - but they are shy and keep hiding behind it!! South Africa's next entrepreneurs in the making?



It's all in a day's joy at the SwopShop Market

One child's journey - from standing in the queue, weighing his big plastic bag, being allocated 8 mula points, taking quite some time to choose his cuddly toys and going off with a banana and a hug!

This little guy was so cute - and by the end of his time at the FreshStart Recycle Swop Shop he knew that he was loved by his new friends, that he had been welcomed and recognised, helped to choose his OWN special thing, eaten a banana (which he thoroughly enjoyed) and could skip home with joy...dreaming of the next SwopShop!!"



CRAFTING...TO HELP THEMSELVES

In addition to the Swop Shop, Fresh Start has supported the development of Mama Bears Craft Centre in Smutsville.

This business is owned by Elsie Cervati, who converted her nursery school into a craft centre. Her dream is to produce and market unique and interesting crafts....mainly with a component of upcycling, and in so doing help women in Smutsville to earn a living.

The mohair angels, soft hearts and shaggy sheep are already popular and can be purchased from the local pop up market in town, over the season.



THE AMAZING FIND OF THE FOSSIL ROCK

On Sunday 6 December local dad Derrick van Heerden found a fossil rock which has been estimated to be anything between 100 million and 280 million years old!

He was walking along Bokmakierie street, off Kingfisher Drive when he saw a rather strange rock with a bluish tinge to it. He says the reason he stopped to pick it up was that it looked like it was glowing!

A close look revealed what seemed to be an imprint of a leafy twig, so he decided to take it home and do a bit of research.

He and his wife Carly contacted Dr Thomas Holtz, a paleontologist in Maryland, USA, who replied that he thought it was probably a fossil of a seed fern called *Dicroidium*.

"*Dicroidium* is an extinct seed fern (a group of long vanished plants: their leaves were like ferns, but unlike ferns--but like conifers, flowering plants, etc.--they reproduced using seeds) from the Triassic Period (252-201 million years ago). *Dicroidium* is definitely known from rocks in South Africa, so that is consistent," his email said.

They then passed this information on to Professor Marion Bamford from the Evolutionary Studies Institute, University of Witwatersrand. She had this rather interesting technical information to offer

"You do indeed have a fossil fern but it is not *Dicroidium* as the rachis does not bifurcate and the venation of the pinnae is not right. In plain English the stem (rachis) onto which the leaflets (pinnae) are attached does not divide into two (bifurcate). The venation is the fine lines on the leaf surface and shown in the picture sent to you by Dr Holz. This is more likely to be a species of the fern *Cladophlebis* which would make it anywhere between Permian (280 million years) and Early Cretaceous (100 million years old). (*Dicroidium* is an extinct seed fern - it has seeds in separate organs; regular ferns have spores on the backs of the leaves - the furry brown lumps).

I think someone must have dropped it there because Sedgefield sediments are much younger - Pleistocene = last 2.5 million years ago. The closest Early Cretaceous deposits are at Kirkwood but they are in a softer mudstone. The closest Permian deposits are in the Karoo.



"So," says Carly, "It turns out that it is anything between 100 million and 280 million years old; a time when the planet was home to Gondwanaland, when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. It is presumed that it was brought through with a load of quarry sand from the Karoo, perhaps when the houses in Bokmakierie were built. It's not from Sedge as our sand is only 2.5 million years old."

As to what is to become of the ancient rock - Derrick's parents are having a special glass case made for it so that they can keep it in the family.

"We would have given it to one of the museums had they asked, but considering they have samples already we'll consider this a special gift from Mother Nature to us," says Carly. "One only needs to hold the rock in their hand to connect to the idea that there was this whole other world existing before the human race was even considered. It has a mind-blowing energy, and everyone who has held it until now beams with a smile unlike I've ever seen before!"

Farewell Alf Siebert

Alf Siebert A much-loved Sedgefielder who made a substantial difference in Sedgefield over the 22 years he lived here, passed away on 27 November 2015 after losing the battle with cancer.



One of Alf's biggest legacies is that he was the man who originally started the recycling campaign in Sedgefield, launching and running the recycle centre and eventually, with the assistance of Sheila Collins, getting the village up to the status of No1 Recycling village in South Africa.

But his hard work certainly was not limited to this campaign. He was on the committee for the upliftment of the gardens around the station, spending many tireless hours digging, planting and trimming, he was a founder member of the Enviro Garden on the Island as far back as May 1998, and a very active member of the Wildlife Society of Southern Cape, through which he did many stints in tortoise rescue and alien clearance. He was a past chair of the Sedgefield Ratepayers, and members of the bowling club will also remember his dedication to the upkeep of the greens.

Alf is survived by his wife Kathy, son Aiden, his grandchildren and numerous friends.

"Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Sister Henriette Christie and Dr Janet Stanford of Hospice," says Kathy, "Their kindness and support meant so much to Alf and all of us."



SOCCER CLUB CELEBRATES

On the 12th December 2015 Two for Joy Football Club hosted a huge Year End Function - to say thank you to all the players who have worked so hard during the year.

"Now it was time to wind down, relax a little and celebrate the achievements of their hard work," says spokesperson Rhodes Henene. IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT!

"I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Management of the team for not giving up when it seemed things were not functioning. They pressed on until the last moment. To the players I say BRAVO - you were the true soldiers. We managed to reach the final of Cllr Irene Grootboom Tournament. I can not forget the spirit shown by supporters and fans. Guys you were marvellous, keep up doing the good work and never stop supporting Two for Joy - its your home."



says thank you, thank you- especially to

- ❖ The children and parents of Smutsville for their commitment to recycling and helping their kids help themselves
- ❖ Real gratitude to children of Sedgefield and Knysna who donated their used clothes and toys and bicycles and collected their old crayons for this cause
- ❖ Smutsville Primary for providing the market space
- ❖ Every donor who has made a contribution - big or small - you will never know how sometimes a special delivery came at THE perfect time, when it was most needed
- ❖ The ladies who sewed a hundred of the most beautiful 'rokkies' and skirts for Christmas parcels, the knitters who made blankets jerseys, beanies and scarves to keep children warm in winter, the farmers who provided thousands of apples and pears, the ladies who baked and decorated hundreds of cupcakes for special festivities, the gardeners who grew vegetable seeds for the garden, the crafters who developed shaggy sheep and angels
- ❖ The institutions who provide space for our collection boxes and to those who give us discounts on purchases
- ❖ All our friends who support FreshStart positively and do whatever they can, whenever they can

And mostly to our regular volunteers for their dedication, time and love

If you are inspired by our story or need more information please SMS Jennifer on 0762943075

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

THE JOYS OF BEING A FRESH START VOLUNTEER

The slogan 'Helping Children Help Themselves' caught my eye just over a year ago and I knew I needed to explore what this really meant! And so began the most precious journey of finding out how could I be involved, what was this all about and where could I best serve! WOW! Little did I know what abundant blessings lay ahead!

I was tasked to try and capture in pictures the stories, the emotions, the hopes, the dreams, the achievements, the struggles, the joys and the relationships that developed as children began to come week after week. I have watched the children change as they are loved and nurtured, treated with respect, called by name and given the gift of 'time' - time to be noticed, time to make their choice in the Swop-Shop, time to be touched and time to engage unconditionally in an affirming positive environment. There's something 'magic' that happens every week!

I love the privilege of this work, because everything it stands for, contributes to one of my deepest values - that of building bridges that so often divide us as human beings. What a gift to see rich and poor, old and young, black and white - many from different countries, speaking different languages - and yet all working as a team and growing in love. Fresh Start is about 'doing' life together - children and volunteers alike - sharing stories and teaching each other the values and disciplines of life. It has been a great joy to hear the rich testimonies from the precious and committed volunteers of their journey with Fresh Start but at the end of the day it's the smiles and joy on the faces of the 'little people' that steals my heart every time!

There's another thing about being a volunteer - and it's not only for Fresh Start! It's also about Sedgefield and 'community'! Sedgefield has a rare gift seldom found anywhere else - it's the gift of generosity, care, compassion and inclusion. I see it in each and every volunteer - a sense of commitment, pride and passion for working together - each with a common goal and a common purpose - that of uplifting and empowering children (and each other) on this wonderful journey of life. So YES - I am inspired, uplifted,



encouraged and deeply touched through my work as a volunteer - and my life is certainly much richer, more colourful and indeed blessed. I look forward to the year ahead and the exciting opportunities that Fresh Start will bring in many new and diverse ways as we grow and develop.

"It is only love that fuels the spirit of great deeds the heart of service is the grace of belonging."

Lailah Gifty Akita

Love Annie Ogilvie (just one of many volunteers touched by Fresh Start)



CHURCH SERVICES

AGS Emmanuel Lighuis
Oggend diens: 9h30
Woensdae oggende biduur 10h00
Woensdae aande sel en dissipelskap
opleiding 19h00
Tel: 044 382 6551 Na ure: 072 352 2138

Anglican Chapelry of St. Aidan's,
(Just above Wilderness hotel)
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December 2015
5:30pm - Carols & Blessing of the Crib
(a service for adults and children)
CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December 2015
7.30am and 9am - Holy Communion
Sundays 8am:
Holy Communion Service.
Fifth Sundays of the month:
5.30 pm Evensong, and no 8am
Holy Communion Service.
Phone: Nic Hanekom 044 850 1925, or
Hercules Keyser 044 850 1009

Church of Christ
Maartin & Lynn van der Walt.
Meeting 10am & 6pm
Tel: 044 343 2919

Church of the Resurrection
(CPSA - Anglican)
David Curry Ave, Smutsville
9.00am - Holy Communion
David Hardnick 078 860 2825

Deo Gloria
Paradise Lake 09h30 Afrikaans.
KINDERKERK.
Aand dienste : 18h00 English.
Woensdagaande : 19h00 LERING
Navrae: Past Danie & Karin de Bruyn
044 343 1301 or 084 714 7023
Br Aintree 044 343 2690

Elohim Gemeente
Protea gemeenskapsaal – Karatara
Sondae: 09:00, Kinderkerk tydens diens
Prediker: Hansie Strydom
Kerkkantoor: 044 - 343 1165

EVANGELISCH-LUTHERISCHE
GEMEINDE SÜDKAP
SOUTHERN CAPE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Rondeleihoogte
24. Desember
Heilig Abend Gottesdienst um 17:00
Uhr mit Pastor Nils Rohwer
Für Routenweisungen/How to get
there: Peter Lor 076-6493050

Knysna Presbyterian Church
Sundays 9.00am, 14 Clyde Street,
Office 044 382 7722
Rev Wayne van Heerden
083 633 9777, 044 384 2109
wayne.vanheerden15@gmail.com

Lakeside Baptist Church
Sedgefield Primary School
Sunday morning : 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and crèche
Pastor Lee Peterson 071 485 8013

Ned. Herv. Kerk Outeniqua
Eredienste: George 9.00vm
11.00vm @ The Old Chapel
(Buffelsbaai pad, agter Marmica's)
Telefoon: 044-8712125

New Apostolic Church
Sedgefield Congregation
Plumbago Street, Sedgefield
Wednesday 19h30pm - 20h30pm
Sunday 9.00am to 10am
Eng: Anthony Davis - 083 641 5027
NG Gemeente Die Vleie, Hoekwil
Sondag Eredienste : 09:30
Invitation to: Interdenominational
Services: 09:30 in the Upper Room
Leraar: Ds. Dawie le Roux
Tel: 044 850 1640 (H) Sel: 084 532 9958

NG Kerk
Dienste Sondae- Sedgefield - 8.30
Ds. Francois van Tonder
Tel: (044) 343 2020
Karatara - Skoolvakansies - 10.30
Ds. Marius Coetzee Tel: (044) 356 2651
Kerkkantoor Tel: (044) 343 2033

NG Kerk die Vleie
Kerkstraat, Hoekwil, Tel: 044 850 1610
Sondag Eredienste:
Oktober - Maart 09:00
April - September 09:30
Spesiale Kinderdienste:
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Pinkster Protestante Kerk
Pentecostal Church
Masedonië Gemeente Smutsville
Sondae: 9 - 10vm Sondag Skool;
10 - 12nm Ere Diens
Herderspaar Pastoor Joseph en
Sust Oosthuizen 073 668 0995

Sedgefield Christian Church
Sunday @ 9.30am
Friday Youth Meeting 6.00-7.30pm
Pastor Noel & Susan v d Merwe
044 343 1279

Pastor David & Leonie Christie
Praise, Worship & Youth, 072 292 9020

Sedgefield Seventh-day
Adventist Church
Saturday mornings:
9:15 Song Service and Bible Study,
11am Divine Service in
Sedgefield Municipal Boardroom.
Between Post Office and Town Hall
Ph 081 270 7212

St Anthony's Church
Mass 8am Sundays
Cnr Sysie / Flamingo Streets
044 382 1391

St Francis United Church
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Eve open 5pm - 7pm
for communion and prayer.
Christmas Day
7:30am Communion Service

9:30am Family Service
Sunday 27th December
Family Service 9.30am
Cnr Swallow Drive / Pelican Lane
044 343 1702

Suid-Kaap Christen Familie
Laerskool Sedgefield Primary School
Sunday: 11am, Wednesday: 7pm
Pastor: Leon & Elmarie Terblanche
081 271 1551. admin@skcf.co.za
Assist Pastor: André & Soné Rossouw
072 341 7099

Truth Centre Church
Sedgefield Town Hall
Sunday 9.30am
General Overseers:
Dr Levael and Ps Alicia Davis
084 804 6558 or 078 992 4723

Wilderness Christian Fellowship
Sunday Service & Children's Church
9.30am.
Evening service
(last Sunday of month) 6.00pm
Wilderness Hotel (Old Karos Hotel)
George Road, Wilderness
Pastors: Chris & Trudie Smit
044 877 0307 or 084 240 5414

The Birth of Jesus:

Whilst the world seemingly insists that we remove Christ from Christmas, it is so very important that we reassure ourselves and, most importantly, our children, that He is the reason we celebrate this special time. So that we can reflect on His humble birth, when He became man so that he could show us by example how we should live, and how we should love one another, here is the true Christmas story paraphrased from the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

While Mary was still engaged to Joseph, she miraculously became pregnant through the Holy Spirit, as foretold to her by an angel. When Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, he had every right to feel disgraced. But he did not want to cause her further shame, so he decided to act quietly. But God sent an angel to Joseph in a dream to verify Mary's story and reassure him that his marriage to her was God's will. The angel explained that the child within Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit, that his name would be Jesus and that he was the Messiah, *God with us.*

When Joseph woke from his dream, he willingly obeyed God and took Mary home to be his wife, in spite of the public humiliation he would face.

Perhaps this noble quality is one of the reasons God chose him to be the Messiah's earthly father.

Joseph too must have wondered in awe as he remembered the words found in Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (NIV)

At that time, Caesar Augustus decreed that a census be taken, and every person in the entire Roman world had to go to his own town to register. Joseph, being of the line of David, was required to go to Bethlehem to register with Mary. While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Probably due to the census, the inn was too crowded, and Mary gave birth in a crude

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stable. She wrapped the baby in cloths and placed him in a manger.

Out in the fields, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks of sheep by night. The angel announced that the Savior had been born in the town of David. Suddenly a great host of heavenly beings appeared with the angels and began singing praises to God. As the angelic beings departed, the shepherds decided to travel to Bethlehem and see the Christ-child.

There they found Mary, Joseph and the baby, in the stable. After their visit, they began to spread the word about this amazing child and everything the angel had said about him. They went on their way still praising and glorifying God. But Mary kept quiet, treasuring their words and pondering them in her heart. It must have been beyond her ability to grasp, that sleeping in her arms—the tender child she had just borne—was the Savior of the world.

After Jesus' birth, Herod was king of Judea. At this time wise men (Magi) from the east saw a star, they came in search, knowing the star signified the birth of the king of the Jews. The wise men came to the Jewish rulers in Jerusalem and asked where the Christ was to be born. The rulers explained, "In

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Bethlehem in Judea," referring to Micah 5:2. Herod secretly met with the Magi and asked them to report back after they had found the child. Herod told the Magi that he too wanted to go and worship the babe. But secretly Herod was plotting to kill the child.

So the wise men continued to follow the star in search of the new born king and found Jesus with his mother in Bethlehem. (Most likely Jesus was already two years of age by this time.) They bowed and worshipped him, offering treasures of gold, incense, and myrrh. When they left, they did not return to Herod. They had been warned in a dream of his plot to destroy the child.

HOSPICE
Knysna - Sedgefield

Friday the 18th December is the HOSPICE Book, Cake and Plant sale, starting at 10:00am outside of the Hospice shop on the main road.

The two raffles will also be drawn on this day so if you have not bought your raffle tickets yet you still have two days to pop into the shop and buy them.

If you have any plants spare in your garden please bring them along or if you bake please drop of a cake for the sale. We are still in need of times for the food hamper, so if you have spare tins in your cupboard they would be welcome.

Hospice would like to wish all of our locals and visitors a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at the Hospice shop.

THE HOSPICE SHOP Main Rd, Sedgefield Ph 044 343 1722
Monday & Friday 10am- 12.45pm; 2pm – 4pm •
Tuesday - Thursday : 10am - 12.45pm Saturday : 9.30am-12.30pm

SEDGEFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

30 th November 2015	7 th December 2015
1 st Paddy & Bernard Sheridan 56.94%	1 st Judy Dixon / Toni Williams 64.58%
2 nd Meg Isherwood / Tony Bowen 54.17%	2 nd Meg Isherwood / Tony Bowen 58.33%
3 rd Dougie Fourie / Howard Ross 53.47%	3 rd Dougie Fourie / Geoff Ditchfield 50.00%

We meet at the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Flamingo St every Monday evening at 18:45 and start playing at 19:00.
For more information contact Johan Steyl on 044 343 2158 / 082 855 5590

WILDERNESS BRIDGE CLUB

12 December 2015, 7 Table Howell	9 December 2015, 7 Table Howell
1st Marcia Kriek & Ann Lamprecht 62.9%	1st Bella Scoccia & Barbara van der Noort 61.4%
2nd Leslie Farnaby & Johan Steyl 60.8%	2nd Pat Sims & Stella Mellor 60.2%
3rd Tony Colman & Hanneke Nieman 58.8%	3rd Marcia Kriek & Ann Lamprecht 56.2%

We meet every Wednesday at the Wilderness Hotel.
Registration at 1.15 pm, play starts 1.30 pm. Visitors and new members most welcome. Contact Johan 044 343 2158 or Margaret 082 856 6804.

BOWLS TIDBITS

As from Wednesday 16 December – normal Tabs-in will continue and casual dress is allowed until 2nd January when we return to Club colours. Please note it will be normal Tabs-in and you may not arrange your own teams on these days.

League commences on 23rd January – names are on the board.

A special thank you to Joey for the really lovely gardens that we have around the Club. They are looking particularly good at the moment and we really appreciate the hard work that goes into this. With the tortoises running around too – how fortunate we are to live in such a special place!!

Our sincere condolences to Gill Maasdorp whose husband passed away last week. You are very much in our thoughts, Gill.

Our thoughts and prayers are with James who has had surgery and is in hospital in Mossel Bay. We all wish you a speedy recovery James.

Condolences to Jennie Jooste whose sister passed away last week after a long illness.

To those members who are travelling over the Festive Season, we wish you all safe journeys and to those remaining here, enjoy the visitors and to everyone, a very Blessed Christmas and all you wish yourselves for 2016.

I think you guys who ride bicycles around Sedgefield better beware!! There is a lady driving a car who stopped beside one of our members while he was riding his bicycle to tell him what beautiful legs he has!!! I will leave you to guess who it was!! Watch it guys!!

Good bowling everyone.
OFF THE MAT

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TIDE TABLE

Next Full Moon: 26 November 2015
16 December - 30 December 2015

Date	Low	Sunrise	Sunset	Hi	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed 16	00:29	05:11	19:36	07:02	10:03	23:24
Thur 17	01:13	05:11	19:37	07:53	11:07	-
Fri 18	02:05	05:12	19:37	08:56	12:10	00:03
Sat 19	03:13	05:12	19:38	10:16	13:15	00:42
Sun 20	04:48	05:13	19:38	11:39	14:2	01:21
Mon 21	06:22	05:13	19:39	13:07	15:26	02:01
Tue 22	07:26	05:13	19:39	14:35	16:31	02:4
Wed 23	08:17	05:14	19:40	16:05	17:36	03:31
Thur 24	09:03	05:15	19:40	17:37	18:37	04:22
Fri 25	09:45	05:15	19:41	19:05	19:34	05:17
Sat 26	10:24	05:16	19:41	20:31	20:25	06:14
Sun 27	11:01	05:16	19:41	22:02	21:12	07:12
Mon 28	11:37	05:17	19:42	23:38	22:00	08:11
Tue 29	12:11	05:18	19:42	01:18	22:30	09:08
Wed 30	00:21	05:18	19:42	03:00	23:05	10:04

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS ON MAIN

2pm – 5pm Sunday 20 December

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KAWS WORKSHOP AT SMUTSVILLE SCHOOL

Folk connected to Knysna Animal Welfare recently conducted a workshop with ±100 children at Sedgefield Primere Skool in Smutsville to educate the children on how to care for their pets.

Staff from KAWS - Victor and Hester - gave a hands-on demo on feeding, housing, brushing,

Right: Hester from KAWS leading the way with the children.

etc with great emphasis on kindness, all assisted by Cathie Garner and her therapy dog Cassidy who allowed the

children to feed, groom and pet him. The children participated with great enthusiasm and it is hoped that this will be the start of

many such talks in the community to improve the lives of all the animals and their owners.



KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY



Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified individuals with enthusiasm for the following career opportunity in our dynamic organisation:

BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER Planning & Development Section DIRECTORATE: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

TASK GRADE 12
R245 304 to R318 384 (Basic Salary)
R370 706 to R465 153 (Total Cost to Council Package)

THE INCUMBENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Approval of All Building Plans
- Approve and sign applications
- Responsible for the Law Enforcement of National Building Regulations
- Supervise the maintenance and update of the plan submission register
- Liaise and provide general advice to the public and developers regarding all aspects of development
- Comment on Town Planning applications and provide information to Town Planning Department
- Organize the Aesthetics Committee
- Responsible for the effective and efficient operating of the Building Control Section
- Responsible to manage the sections human resources

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

As per Section A16 of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards (Act No. 13 of 1977), the minimum qualification shall be of a standard equivalent to a Senior Certificate plus three years tertiary education, at an accredited educational institution, in one of the following building disciplines:

- civil engineering
- structural engineering
- architecture
- building management
- building science
- building surveying or
- quantity surveying

Up to 6 years' experience in a similar environment

High level of computer literacy

Code B drivers' license

Confirmation/proof of own vehicle

Fluency in at least two of the three official languages of the Western Cape

Good Communication and interpersonal skills

Good report writing skills

A law enforcement certificate will be an advantage

Applicable Municipal benefits will apply.

All applications will be considered but in terms of its Employment Equity Plan the municipality would prefer to appoint a Coloured, Indian female or African or Indian Male, if a suitable candidate in that category can be identified.

To apply all applicants **MUST** complete a Knysna Municipality application form and submit a detailed-up-to-date CV, covering letter with an exposition of training, experience, competencies and previous employment record and certified copies of qualifications.

Application forms are obtainable from reception at the main municipal offices in Clyde Street, Knysna and the municipal website: www.knysna.gov.za

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SA PGA PAR3 A GREAT SUCCESS *Continued from back page*

On receiving the locally made wooden trophy, Van der Nest thanked event organisers and owners of the Sedge Links Golf Club, PJ and Piet Gronum for the tireless work in putting the tournament together. "I usually just drive past the course when driving from Port Elizabeth and will never drive past again without stopping for a game," he said. The friendly and approachable 2015 title holder praised the club members who had acted as marshalls and various event crews. "I must tell you, if you continue playing this course you will all be great golfers. I want to thank Marianne [du Plessis] your club captain who gave me some valuable tips yesterday during the Pro-Am," he smiled. PJ Gronum, Sedge Links Golf Club Director of Golf was grateful that the weather had not arrived earlier and that it had given the players a good

opportunity to experience the course and the spectators the pleasure of watching great golfers in action. He also explained that the concept of a par 3 tournament is now being equated to the excitement of sevens rugby and T20 cricket with the shorter more exciting format that was created to lure new interest in the sport to broaden its audience," said Gronum. He added that this was only the second time that a PGA invitational par 3 had been played in South Africa. "The people of the Southern Cape are giving birth to a form of professional golf that no one has ever seen." The pelting rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of the players, sponsors of spectators as they enjoyed the music provided by local musician, Dave Mac's in the comfort of the club house while partaking of spirits of

another kind. Knysna & Partners CEO, Greg Vogt thanked the Sedge Links Golf Club team for a wonderful event and for showcasing Greater Knysna. "I want to congratulate one and all on what you achieved this weekend. The weather is something that we all wish we could control at times, but besides the rain bucketing down, I have heard only good reports from both players and spectators alike." Vogt would like to thank the participants and invite them to return to area to enjoy the various activities. "Come and experience why we are known as an adventure town," he concluded. The weekend's gallery were all in agreement that the tournament was a great success. "Absolutely brilliant. Congratulations to all concerned," concluded Sedgefield local, Martin Schutte. Gronum was unable to provide details of next year's SA PGA Par 3 at time of going to print.

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SA PGA PAR3 A GREAT SUCCESS

by Fran Kirsten

The bucketing rain over the weekend did nothing to dampen the spirit and golfing talent of the 11 PGA professional golfers on Saturday, December 12 as they battled it out for the title of 2015 SA PGA Par3 Champion.

The weekend had kicked off with the invited PGA professionals playing a round of golf on the deceiving Sedge Links Golf Course in a friendly Pro-Am with members and celebrities on Friday, December 11 at 15:00.

Bakkies Botha, renowned Springbok and Blue Bulls rugby player had many a head turning as the locals and players alike wanted to get to know this gentle giant.

The day's play was won by a four ball, without their professional, Cliff Barnard. Unfortunately Barnard's Golf shop in Plettenberg Bay had been burgled and he was unable to leave in time to make the tee-off. This however did not deter Blik and Sandra Van't Slot and Helen Wang from winning the nine-hole 4 ball alliance with two scored to count competition on a whopping 48 points.

Snapping at their heels, were PGA Professional, Altus Kapp and his three amateurs Mike Newbery, Joy and Dave Herbst. Great PGA tour professional Derick Petersen and his three amateurs, Fran Kirsten, Jan Potgieter and Steve Reeder took third place.

The official PGA Par 3 Invitational tournament started at 11:00 the following morning, December 12 in pleasant conditions. There was no sign of rain as the first of the players were introduced to a respectable gallery on the first tee-box of the Sedge Links Golf Course.

Plettenberg Bay's teaching professional, Cliff Barnard and SP Nienaber were first off. They

were soon followed by Altus Kapp, Adam McKinlay, Peter Berman, Neil Kruger, Nic Grundtvig, Derick Peterson, Heinrich Bruiners and the 2014 title holder and King of Aces, John Bland.

Although the wind was picking up, the players enjoyed the challenges of the Sedge Links Golf Course and the attention of the fairly large gallery for the first 18 in dry conditions.

George resident and PGA Sunshine tour player, Derek Petersen led the field throughout the first 18 and it was clear to see that he was focused on wrestling the title from his playing partner, John Bland. After the first 18 holes, Petersen was top of the leader board with -1. Close on his heels was John Bland with even par. Adam McKinlay, Peter Berman and Graeme van der Nest all turned after 18 on even par with SP Nienaber and Altus Kapp on +1.

The Sedge Links Golf Course had treated Heinrich Bruiners less favourably as he turned on +3 after his first 18 holes. Heinrich narrowly missed 7 putts that either skimmed the hole or lipped out. It could have been a very different story for the young tour professional at the half way stage.

Both Nic Grundtvig and Neil Kruger were on +5. The Plettenberg Bay professional was obviously affected by a break-in into his shop in Plettenberg Bay the previous day and came in after 18 holes with +6.

Tournament Director and CEO of St Francis Links Jeff Clause joined the players for lunch at the Sedge Links Club House keeping all entertained with his usual jovial spirit. No sooner had the players set off on their second 18 when the heavens opened and the rain came bucketing down. Keeping a close eye on the



2015 Sedge Links PGA Par 3 winner Graeme van der Nest

weather, Clause made the call to shorten play from 36 to 27 holes. The completely drenched players were relieved to make their way back to the club house after completing nine holes in extremely wet and cold conditions.

After 27 holes, the jubilant Graeme van der Nest was declared winner of the 2015 Sedge Links PGA Par 3 on a very respectable -3. This year's runner up was non-other than Knysna PGA teaching professional and Scratch Golf owner, Peter Berman on -1. Leaving previous title holder, John Bland in third place on even par.

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NEW DATES FOR SABRINA LOVE OCEAN CHALLENGE

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The organisers of the annual Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge presented by Discovery would like all runners, trail runners, walkers, swimmers and mountain bikers to take note of a change to previously advertised dates. This year, the fitness events will take place on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of December. "With over 4500 participants in 2014, meeting the maximum capacity in almost every event, the Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge has become one of the Garden Route's biggest sporting events and is not to be missed," says event director Mark Collins.

This year's Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge kicks off with the 10km road run, which includes a

beautiful section of beach, on the evening of the 21st of December with the low tide creating perfect beach running conditions. Tuesday the 22nd begins with the 15km surf ski challenge followed by the 6km ocean swim and the 5km beach walk. The new and much anticipated 1 mile ocean swim rounds off the second day's activities. The third and final day of family fun and fitness takes place at the magnificent Kurland Estate. The day starts with two trail runs, a 6 or 10km option followed by the 25km mountain bike ride. The festivities draw to a close with the popular Kids of Steel event, which is open to children of 6-12 years and involves traversing an off-road trail course that includes obstacles, a swim and a floating bridge.

The organising team is particularly excited about the new routes for the trail runs and the Kids of Steel event this year. Collins said: "I think the kids are going to have even more fun. We have tailored the swim distance for different age groups to cater for children with varying swimming abilities."

Collins also cautioned that all entries are limited and

encouraged people to enter sooner rather than later to secure their spot. Participants can enter online now or at the Sabrina entry points located off Robberg V Beach or at the Ocean Blue shop at Plettenberg Main Beach from the 12th of December. Interest in the inaugural 1 mile swim is anticipated to be high

and swimmers are encouraged to enter quickly as entries are limited.

Due to the generous provision of event sponsors Discovery, proceeds from the Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge go to the Sabrina Love Foundation, which looks after children with special

needs. Participants in the 2014 event contributed over one million rand to the Sabrina Love Foundation making a real difference in the lives of these children and their families who are challenged by circumstances beyond their control.

Barry Swartzberg, Discovery Group Executive Director says:

"It's been a privilege for Discovery to be involved in the Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge for the past seven years. Discovery has a business priority to make a meaningful contribution across communities and through our involvement; we are honoured to continue supporting children living with special needs. For us, it also goes beyond charity to a larger social responsibility that Discovery is passionate about - getting people active and making them healthier. The Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge brings all these elements together and highlights the many benefits of getting physically active both for the community and for people's health."

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