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GREAT NEWS FOR SLOW FEST

Sedgefield's Slow Festival has received a double shot in the arm over the last week, bringing much relief to the committee who have thus far been working on a shoe-string budget. Not only has BASA (Business and Arts South Africa) agreed to come on board for a second year as supporting sponsors, but the Festival has signed a new partnership with WESGRO - the official tourism, trade and investment promotion agency for Cape Town and the Western Cape.

Whilst this is good for the Slow Fest financially, it is undoubtedly also a huge orange feather in the festival cap that two such well-known organisations have officially given it their seal of approval. With the Slow Festival marketing program expanding over the years from local to regional, it is now broadening to target national festival fans, and the committee is absolutely thrilled to have established the new partnership with WESGRO to achieve this goal.

WESGRO works to encourage visitors to discover cultural and heritage experiences found throughout the province.

"Events drive an increase in visitor numbers during the low season, geographic spread across the province, revenue generation across sectors and provides destination exposure and newsworthy content that can be used to drive awareness," said Judy Lain, Chief Marketing Officer. "In Wesgro's selection of regional events, we have taken care to ensure that we support a balanced year round calendar of events. The Sedgefield Slow Festival, which takes place from 25-27 March 2016, falls in line with our geographic spread objective. The event also strategically aligns with our niche activity, culture and heritage as well as wine and cuisine."

"We are elated to have WESGRO and BASA backing the Festival" said Amanda Dixon, committee member and organiser of the Slow Festival. "Culture and heritage tourism creates economic opportunities



for residents and also celebrates the rich diversity of our town. We hope to use the funds to grow the Festival in various areas, with definite focus on marketing as well as more Festival-related infrastructure and signage."

She and her committee have also offered a huge vote of thanks to

those closer to home:- the local businesses who are assisting through event sponsorship; and of course to the many, many Sedgefield residents who have got behind the festival team.

"You have offered encouragement and gone out of your way to help us to grow the

Slow Festival into a bigger and better event each year," says Amanda. "We know 2016 will be no different and we want you all to know how much your input is appreciated. The Slow Festival really is an event grown by Sedgefielders for Sedgefielders and all our visitors of course!"

The Slow Festival Committee 2016: Riana Hanekom, Tori Anderson, Liza Farrer, Tertia Rothman, Marianne Dobrautz, Tina Booysen, Nikki Jones, Rose Bilbrough, Amanda Dixon, Joanne Scholtz. Missing: Cornel Delafield, Gerda Vd Westhuizen, Shelly van Eden, Pauline Dawkins

TRAGIC ACCIDENT CLAIMS YOUNG LIFE

News of the death of a 16 month old girl rocked Sedgefield last week, with locals offering their heartfelt condolences to the family.

The little girl (we have withheld her and her family's names) died after ingesting a poisonous substance that is believed to have been some sort of caustic household cleaner. According to reports, she and her mother were visiting another family on Tuesday 16th February, when she wandered off for a few minutes and found the chemical which had been kept in a cool drink bottle stored under the kitchen sink.

On seeing what had happened her mother called the local first aid crew, who in turn called the ambulance. The toddler was rushed through to Knysna and then transferred to George hospital where she later succumbed to the poisoning.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

After years of suffering from ADASD (Alternating Departure / Arrival of Son and Daughter) we have quite suddenly and unexpectedly got our home to ourselves.



"OH MY WORD WE'VE BEEN ROBBED!" screamed Mrs Ed on the first day, as loud as her early morning baritone would boom. The windows rattled in sympathy.

"What?" I wailed, rushing down three stairs at a time in my haste to check the fridge. Landing on the landing I quickly realised the reasoning behind her fears – someone had taken all the clothing off the bathroom floor, there were no soiled T Shirts or socks draped over the back of the WMCC (Word's Most Comfortable Couch) (Patent pending), the three motorbike helmets, skateboard and pizza box had been removed from the passage and the kitchen counter was totally devoid of the usual late snack detritus.

"The swines! The swines!" spluttered Mrs Ed through her post sleep beard, "If I catch them I'll..."

Coming to a sudden realisation I placed a calm hand on her shoulder and, ducking just in time, managed to retrieve the baseball bat she was wielding in haphazard circles above her head in a clumsy effort to defend our family fortress.

"No we haven't been robbed," I soothed, in that 'talking to an wounded buffalo' voice that us men sometimes have to use, "It's just that you tidied last night and ... well... there's noone to UNTidy anymore. The kids have both moved out.... at the same time."

She instantly calmed as soon as the cent dropped (we can't afford a penny anymore)... and for a brief second she was smiling.... Only briefly, then her face turned back to Miss Misery as a secondary thought kicked in.

"Oh the poor little mites," she wailed, "They won't even have their mom to make them breakfast! How are they going to survive?"

I briefly played with the idea of pointing out that *not-eating-anything-she-cooked* would actually increase our children's chances of survival, but then opted for a safer diversionary tactic:-

"But don't you see what this means? I asked, "The house is empty. EE EM PEE TEE WHY. We have it to ourselves!"

It was a weird sensation indeed. We're not sure how it happened. Despite the fact that our son "The REE" (Resident Expert on Everything) and daughter "Fear Factor" (still learning to drive) officially left home three years and one year ago respectively (actually there was very little respect involved at all, one of them took my pillow!) they have always managed to make sure that our 'empty nest' never lasts longer than a month, and then at least one of them returns to take up residence.... Anyone would think they don't trust we can make it on our own.

"So... you mean... it's official?" Mrs Ed gasped, as we sat ourselves down on the WMCC (much more comfortable without a fast-asleep friend snoring on it) "We are actually alone?"

"Uh huh!" I grinned, "Isn't it, well, quite bizarre?" I could almost taste the home-made, soon-to-be-brewed-in-one-of-their-bedrooms, craft beer.

"Oh wow!" she mused under her breath (I cleverly avoided suggesting that she should perhaps clean her teeth before doing anything further under her breath) "We can start decorating 'The Guest Room!'"

Now it was my turn to wear a grimace, though it was nowhere

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near the circus proportions Mrs Ed could muster up.

You see Mrs Ed has long believed that every home should have *The Guest Room*, which should at all times be tastefully (but not overbearingly) decorated, immaculately clean and totally ready for use, just in case an *Important Visitor* should arrive out of the blue. I have often pointed out to her, admittedly with a hint of sarcasm (I have two children – it's my default defence weapon) that in all my conversations with Queen Lizzie or Desmond Tutu (The Bish'), neither has ever mentioned 'Dropping in' on anyone, least of all us Sedgefield lot. But she insists.

Of course up until now this has not been possible – our visitors Important or otherwise, have always had to cope with anything from *My Little Pony* bedspreads (this was before such things were proclaimed evil) to *Iron Maiden 'Thugs of Death'* posters, as well as cunningly (albeit awkwardly) placed furniture to hide the places where the baked bean tin burnt the carpet and the Spud Gun took the seven inches of plaster off the wall.

But now things had once again changed. My next few weekends suddenly weren't looking so good at all, and the home-brew craft beer taste changed to Wall'nAll paint. "By decorating... you mean... just sort of... cleaning? Maybe patching up that plaster.... Maybe?"

But it was too late. Mrs Ed was already swopping furniture, fitting blinds, perfecting painting techniques and even ripping out old carpet to make room for interlocking wooden floors....

in her head at least.

She picked up her smartphone. "I've got the perfect room posted on Pinterest," she said excitedly, "If you have a look at the colours.....Oh.... How do I get to Pinterest on my phone?" "I have no idea," I replied, "Surely you know – you spend all that time...."

Apparently she didn't know, because 'Fear Factor' had always done it for her... in that sort of snatch it away 'Oh-my-word-I-can't-bear-this-just-let-me-do it!' kind of way.

"I can't believe you don't know!" I said to the frustrated Mrs Ed, 35 frustrating phone minutes later, "She showed you so many times – weren't you concentrating? How can you be such an ignoramus?"

I was still standing in dumbfounded disbelief when she threw down her phone and stormed off to fetch my laptop. "I'm sure I can get to it via facebook," she grunted on her return, setting the machine up on the dining-room table and turning it on. I went and stood behind her, still shaking my head at how technologically challenged she could be in the twenty first century.

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"Ok," she said, "What's your password?"

I took a step back.

"Uhm... gimme a sec...." I murmured. "I er... umm... Excuse me... Call of nature..."

Safely behind the bathroom door I clumsily thumbed a message to *The Resident Expert on Everything* (including passwords). "Pkeas sden me mt laptip poss wrd-uergt!"

It was as I awaited his reply that I noticed a message that had come in earlier, from our daughter....

Seconds later I sauntered back into the lounge, and nonchalantly leaned over Mrs Ed to close the

laptop's er.... top.

"It's ok," I chuckled, "We won't be decorating the room just yet. I just got a message from Feary," "And?" she asked, mono-brow raised.

"She's coming home tomorrow for a week or two," I smiled, "Something about running out of groceries."

Mrs Ed sighed. "You know they really can't survive without us can they?" she mused, "Once a dependant, always a dependant. They'll always be coming home asking for one thing or another."

"Too true, too true," I answered, "But you know what?"

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It's a small but highly effective opportunity for musicians to showcase their music – and the crafters & customers are loving it! Come and listen this Saturday.

* quote by Berthold Averbach
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SANPARKS' SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR PUBLIC CO-OPERATION



Gill nets kill indiscriminately, not only fish but other aquatic life too. Please report them!

"The successful apprehension of four suspects, recovery of a stolen boat and the confiscation of a 120m long gill net as a result of a tip off underlines the importance of public participation in the protection of the Swartvlei Lake, estuary and surroundings." So says Nandi Mgwadlamba, spokesperson for SANParks.

She was referring to a 'bust' by SANParks rangers which took place just after midnight on Thursday 18 February. News of the theft of four boats from Sedgefield had been passed on to Jonathan Britton, the Marine Ranger for SANParks Wilderness (which includes Sedgefield) and, armed with other information offered by a member of the public, a night patrol was launched.

Seeing four suspicious looking characters on the water, the patrol cornered them and the rangers started asking questions. Soon the suspects admitted that they knew the whereabouts of one of the missing boats - a dinghy - and led the patrol to it.

The suspects also divulged the location of the 120 metre gill net they had been using, and led the SANParks patrol to where it had been stretched right across the channel from the Island to the opposite bank.

This net was possibly the biggest scoop of all. Known by some as 'walls of death' because of their macabre success rate, these highly illegal nets hang from floats on the surface of the lagoon to weights on the bottom, indiscriminately killing almost everything that swims into it, from fish to reptiles to swimming mammals to aquatic birds.

The net was hauled out by the rangers and confiscated. It will be stored under lock and key until the investigation is concluded as it will no doubt be needed as evidence. Once the case is closed the net will be burned.

Says Britton, "We continue our search for all stolen goods from the Park including on land and in and around estuaries. We also urge all boat and vessel holders to be in possession of their permits to avoid confusion of what's legal or not during night patrols."

SANParks would like to thank members of the public who report sinister and suspicious happenings in and around the Garden Route National Park. Anyone wishing to pass on information may do so on 044 877 0046. If after hours the call will be redirected from that number. All information will be kept strictly anonymous.

THE HILL DEVELOPMENT INFO SESSION

CAPE EAPrac, the environmental consultants of the much discussed development called The Hill (proposed for the area known as 'Cloud 9, on the northern side of Sedgefield) have issued a statement informing parties as to what to expect at the information session set for early next week at the Smutsville Community Hall.

"The event that has been scheduled for 29 February is not a meeting, it is not intended to share 'new' information but only what has already been presented by other means/ documentation," it reads, "It is specifically formulated as an Information Sharing Session that follows on the numerous other pre-applications information-sharing steps that have already taken place in other parts of town and/or through other mediums/forums."

They have asked interested and affected parties to be aware that the complex process of consulting with them is only at a preliminary stage. The information session which they have arranged to take place in Smutsville on Monday 29th is the only gathering so far arranged, but is not the first, nor is it the last or the only opportunity for stakeholders to obtain information and/or to engage with the consultants regarding the development proposal.

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Preparations for the 2016 Rugby Season have kicked off with a vengeance and the Sedgefield's 'Eagle Stars' are busy getting themselves match fit and ready to face whatever their opponents throw at them. With so much work to be done on and off the field, the club committee were delighted to hear that their local Pick n Pay has once again kicked off their generous sponsorship of the team.

Chairman Freddie Hardnick, Club Secretary Dave Hardnick, Ben Brinkhuis, the coaches and the players are more than grateful for the supermarket's dedication to their team through the donation of boerewors, rolls and cooldrinks. These will be sold to the public as a fundraiser to pay for travelling expenses when the team plays away matches.

This fundraising plan worked well throughout the 2015 season, allowing the committee and coaches to spend more time fulfilling their commitment to promoting and growing local rugby talent.





Council NEWS

February 2016

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The number of job opportunities per ward are as follows:

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This community driven project, while labour intensive, will provide invaluable hours of work experience and potentially favourable references. This means that participants who make the most of this opportunity will be able to apply for permanent, gainful employment at the end of their temporary work – with an endorsement from Knysna Municipality.

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Our meter readers are easily identifiable by their uniforms, or ask to see the ID card that will be in their possession at all times.

We would like to make a friendly, yet urgent, appeal to all consumers to ensure that their meters are accessible to be read at all times. You are welcome to contact the municipality's customer accounts or meter



reading sections for any queries at 044 302 6558, 044 302 6597 or 044 302 6408.

Consumers can also take their own readings and phone them in to the aforesaid numbers.

WASTE REMOVAL DAYS

- Monday:** - Sedgfield Groenvlei area
Tuesday: - Sedgfield Central, Bibbey's Hoek, Rheenendal
Wednesday: - Sedgfield Island, Smutsville area
Thursday: - Karatara
Friday: - Zeegezigt, Extensions 3 and 4, Cola and Myoli Beach



NOMINATE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KNYSNA MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL

Knysna Municipality invites public to be appointed to the nominations for members of the Knysna Municipal Planning

Tribunal (KMPT). The KMPT will consist of municipal officials and external members who have demonstrable knowledge, experience and preferably qualifications in any of the disciplines of spatial planning, land use management or land development, or the laws relating thereto. The period of appointment will be three years and a person is welcome to nominate him/herself.

While it is expected that the KMPT will meet once every two months, or once a month by exception, members are expected to spend between eight and sixteen hours on the KMPT every second month. This will include preparation for the meetings, site visits and the meeting itself. An hourly remuneration rate will be determined by Council, based on government guidelines.

Nominations must be submitted on the prescribed nomination form by 26 February 2016. Submit nominations to the Office of the Director: Planning

WATER ALERT!

The water demand in our greater municipal area has been extremely high. Residents and businesses must please reduce consumption to avoid water shedding. Our rivers are running low and we must be aware of how vulnerable our water resources are, and need to use water sparingly.



Water restrictions are still in place and, should the demand not decrease, the municipality will implement stricter measures. Water restrictions are as follows: even street numbers may water gardens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 18:00 & 19:00. Odd street numbers may water gardens on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 18:00 & 19:00.

Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans wants to remind residents that we are in the midst of the worst drought in decades. "It has been confirmed that 2015 was the driest year on record. Water is a very scarce resource and that is the reason we plead with residents to continue to use water sparingly throughout the hot and dry summer months. Using water wisely will not only save you money on your water and energy bills, but will help to extend the availability of the existing supply of water."

From the Mayor's Pen

Climate change is affecting the world, but closer to home prolonged droughts are causing havoc. Towns are without water, crops totally destroyed – a bleak picture and one that we will feel the effects of for some time to come as the country will most likely have to import food, and that means increased prices.



As with every dark cloud, there is always a silver lining, and in this case it must be the public jumping in, working together and helping where they can. Water Shortage SA is one example. A spontaneous initiative that sprung up on Facebook, it gained over 22 000 likes and has already delivered two million litres of water in 20 days.

Their motto is "Never sold, never bought, never sponsored, only donated by South Africans for South Africans". They said the word was spread via social media, where people could both make an appeal for aid and also respond to calls for assistance.

How it works is that people post on Facebook they have water to donate and someone else would reply saying they are passing through that area. No one is in charge - the leadership has come from people wanting to help. I was very proud to see residents in the Greater Knysna area also contributed.

It's not just water that was donated, I've also seen numerous pictures of truckloads of donated feed for animals transported to drought stricken areas all over South Africa.

I believe these initiatives are showing the true hearts of the majority of South Africans, not the cheap racial slurs that we've seen in the media recently. We are a rainbow nation with the ability to stand together, help each other and if we can continue this ubuntu in all aspects of our lives, we will truly create the country Nelson Mandela envisaged.

In Knysna we are fortunate not to have water shedding as yet, but the continuous heat is wreaking havoc with our supplies, so please use water sparingly! Think how you can save, re-use and be water wise. We have started the construction of a new water reservoir which will give us more storage capacity, but that will only be finished later in the year, and our rivers are running low.

Municipal elections are around the corner and voter registration is open. As important as Ubuntu is for building a country to be proud of, so is democracy. This is the time where your voice can contribute to the future of the country. Every vote counts and all residents, but especially the youth, must realise that decisions made now will influence your future – be part of it! Make sure you register and vote, it is your constitutional right!

Voter registration will take place on 5 & 6 March 2016 – let's also work together in this process to create a place where people and nature can prosper!

& Development, Mr. Mike Maughan-Brown, via e-mail at mmaughan-brown@knysna.gov.za or via post to PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570. The prescribed nomination form may be obtained from the director's office at the corner of Main- and Church Streets, or downloaded from www.knysna.gov.za. For further information, contact the office of the Director: Planning & Development on 044 302 6351.

Dates to remember

Municipal Meetings:

- 24 February:** Planning, development & infrastructure
24 February: Ward Committee Meeting : Ward 4
25 February: Special Council Meeting
1 March: Ward Committee Meeting : Ward 5
8 March: Ward Committee Meeting : Ward 3
10 March: Mayoral Committee
10 March: Ward Committee Meeting : Ward 1
15 March: Ward Committee Meeting : Ward 2
22 March: Ward Committee Meeting : Ward 8
24 March: Council Meeting

Commemorative Days & Events:

- 26-29 February:** GR 300 & GR Lite
27 February: Knysna Celtic Festival
5 March: Club 702 Music Extravaganza

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS AROUND PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY

THE KNYNSNA Municipality has spoken out about the recent decision by Parliament's Select Committee on Petitions and Executive Undertakings to investigate activist Mike Hampton's allegations against the Municipality.

In his presentation, published on his blog, "Knysna Keep" and "Love Knysna" Facebook page, and titled, 'Trouble in Knysna,' Mr Hampton alleges irregularities with the funding of Knysna Tourism, the awarding of the ISDF tender, the appointment of the Municipal Manager, and what he termed the "unconstitutional" blocking of his e-mails to the Municipality.

In response to this, Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans says: "Although we were invited to appear alongside Mr Hampton before the Select Committee, Knysna Municipality declined to attend because we were concerned that attendance alongside Mr Hampton would reinforce the view that there may have been some validity in his allegations. It is worth noting that these allegations have been addressed,

investigated and where appropriate resolved on numerous occasions in the past."

Wolmarans continues, "Knysna Municipality considers it unfortunate that the Select Committee expressed its displeasure at its absence, and it certainly takes exception to the assertion by the committee chairperson, Setlamorago Thobejane, that the municipality had to be there because an invite from Parliament is as good as a command to attend. Knysna Municipality views Mr Hampton's appeal to the Select Committee as a last, desperate effort to further his personal and possibly political agenda after all the other avenues available to him had been exhausted, and we would have expected the Select Committee to be aware of this."

"Knysna Municipality saw little point in wasting taxpayer and ratepayers' money by attending what appeared to be only a briefing and not a formal hearing."

"Despite the fact that Mr Hampton's allegations against the municipality have been addressed, he nevertheless

continues to relentlessly spread his innuendos and rumours. To date his campaign has cost local ratepayers thousands in wasted time and energy of many elected officials and members of staff, all of whom would rather focus on current issues than on issues that have already been addressed. Unfortunately the facts seem to be of no consequence to Mr Hampton."

"Knysna Municipality takes pride in the fact that it received clean municipal audits from the Auditor-General for the last three financial years and that it has twice been a model pilot site for National Treasury."

"Knysna Municipality remains more than willing to comply with any official procedurally sound summons from the Select Committee if it decides to pursue this rather futile matter, and we will, of course, give the Select Committee our full cooperation."

Wolmarans concludes: "In our actions, Knysna Municipality endeavours to act ethically and be of service to the people of Knysna."

Voter Registration Weekend 5 - 6 MARCH

In view of the upcoming municipal elections that are expected to take place in late July/early August this year, the first voter registration weekend to be held by the Electoral Commission will be on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. This will allow voters who have not previously registered, to register; and those who now reside permanently in a different voting station from that where they are currently registered, to re-register.

Voters can check where they are currently registered by sending their ID number by sms to the Electoral Commission at 32810.

Voters should note that the law requires them to be registered in the voting district in which they permanently reside. This is particularly important in municipal elections because for such elections voters can vote only in the voting district where they are registered.

The Municipal Demarcation Board, which is responsible for delimiting municipal wards every five years ahead of municipal elections, completed its work late last year. Whereas Knysna currently is divided into 10 wards containing 29 voting districts, the MDB has delimited the town into 11 wards containing 30 voting districts. This has meant not only one extra ward but also changes to nine of the ten existing wards. In this process many of the voting districts have been split between two or three wards.

The general consensus appears to be that the MDB's delimitation

for the Knysna wards was fair and reasonable and the relevant rules were properly applied. Inputs from political parties, ratepayers' and residents' associations, community organisations and individuals played an important part in the final outcome.

In the case of the two Sedgefield wards, the new wards have been re-delimited as follows

WARD 1

There will still be two voting districts in Ward 1, with the following changes:

The Sedgefield Bowling Club: this voting district will consist of the whole of Sedgefield Island voting district situated south of the N2. However, the area north of the N2 will become part of the Sedgefield Town Hall voting district in Ward 2 and all voters living in that area should re-register at the Sedgefield Town Hall.

Smutsville Primary School: Two changes have been made to this voting district. First, the voting station has been moved from the Smutsville Community Hall to Smutsville Primary School (please note that the map incorrectly still shows the old voting station); and secondly, the whole of the Karatara voting district (currently in Ward 2) that lies south of the N2 (stretching all the way from Lake Pleasant to the west bank of the Goukamma River) will become part of the Smutsville Primary School voting district and all voters living in that area will need to re-register at the Smutsville Primary School.

WARD 2

There will continue to be two voting districts in Ward 2, but these voting districts will be changed as indicated below:

Sedgefield Town Hall: This will consist of, firstly, the current voting district area (covering Sedgefield town, from Groenvallei in the east to the end of Montage Village in the west, and from The Hill in the north to the hill behind Bleshoender Street in the south) and, secondly, the Swartvlei and Rondevlei areas north of the N2 that previously fell into the Sedgefield Bowling Club voting district in Ward 1.

Karatara Community Hall: The people living north of the N2 will remain in this voting district but the whole portion of the current voting district that lies south of the N2 will become part of the Smutsville Primary School voting district in Ward 1 and voters living in that area will have to re-register there.

Voters should take note of the following:

1. Voters must take either their bar-coded ID book or their new ID card to the relevant voting station on 5 or 6 February to register or re-register.
2. Persons over the age of 16 years may register, but will only be permitted to vote when they turn 18.
3. Unregistered voters must register in the voting district where they permanently live.
4. Registered voters whose existing voting district has been split and who live in the part that has been moved to another voting district must re-register in the new voting district in which they live.
5. Registered voters who have moved to another voting district must re-register in the latter voting district.
6. Voters who do not re-register will remain registered in their old voting district.

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A Tale of 2 Slow Cities in the World

As one of its original goals since starting 7 years ago, The Slow Festival has aimed to connect & collaborate with another international Cittaslow town. It is with great excitement that the 2016 festival organisers can announce that Sedgefield's Slow Festival will host members of and crafters from a Cittaslow Town in Turkey.

Plans started in the second half of 2015 when the Slow Festival committee was contacted by Nihat Özdal, chairman of the City Council & Cittaslow representative from the Cittaslow town of Halfeti in Turkey. "We started chatting via email and Nihat suggested the idea of himself and colleagues from Halfeti coming to our festival. He sent through a basic

proposal of both Turkish crafts and foods that he would look to introduce to us at the Festival" said Slow Festival organiser, Amanda Dixon.

Having received the official 'green light' via an official Cittaslow letter from their side last week, plans have been set in place for 6 Halfeti delegates to fly out for the 2016 festival. Amanda approached K&P Sedgefield office manager, Belinda Hobson, to request help with logistics to secure 5 days of accommodation for the Turkish delegates during the festival from 22 to 27 March.

Enthusiastic about their visit to Sedgefield Nihat offers a hint of what to expect "We are going to bring our handicrafts such as mother of pearl inlaid copper,



embroidery, stone carvings, paper marbling, mosaics and felt" said Özdal. "Also, we would like to introduce our traditional foods such as steak tartar a la turca, kebab with eggplant, chickpea roll, turkish delight with Rose, terebinth coffee, Halfeti pistachio, dried fig and apricots."

And so, with the imminent intercontinental meeting of 2 of the slowest cities in the world, be sure to diarise the dates to come and meet our Turkish guests on the Village Green in Sedgefield during the Slow Festival (25-27 March).

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WILDERNESS AND VICTORIA BAY WARNING SIGNS ARE UP!

The first phase of improving safety awareness for hikers walking along the Leentjiesklip to Victoria Bay railway line has been completed with two signs being erected. A further two signs will be erected to ensure additional coverage.

The signs were funded out of the Ward 4 (Wilderness, Touwsrante & surrounds) project funds. The Wilderness Ratepayers and Residents Association (WRRRA) arranged for the erection of the signs. According to Cllr Leon van Wyk, the next phase to provide funding for monitors to patrol the line is presently being activated. "The project plan to introduce guides along the line is in preparation for discussion with tourism role-players in the next week.

Ideally, the hospitality industry will co-ordinate the project and introduce additional trails," he said. Mr Neville Ewing, Chairman of the Wilderness Ratepayers and Residents Association, said the safety of tourists is paramount. Ewing said it is a sad day that the signage has become a necessary thing to do. He asked the hospitality industry to convey a responsible message to tourists if they do want to walk on the railway to do so in large groups (nothing less than six people).

At the sign at Leentjiesklip are from left, Johann du Preez (Project Manager Support Services and Complaints), Neville Ewing, (Chairman of WRRRA), WO Bossie Boshoff (Sector Head: Wilderness), Cllr Leon van Wyk (Ward Councillor) and Ian van Rooyen (WRRRA: Safety and Security).



Mona McDonald

8th April 1922 - 25th December 2015

Dearest Mum you will forever be in our hearts, love, thoughts and prayers.

You were such a champion always fighting in the right way for your family and friends. We will all miss you terribly. We know we have all been so very blessed and enriched to have had you as a Mum, Gran and Gran-Gran. God bless you Mum, we shall see your sweet smile and remember your happy voice each and every day. From all the family in South Africa, New Zealand, England and Scotland.



Ozzie Circus Spectacular Comes Home

by Melanie Baumeister

The Garden Route was treated to the premier performances of the Aussie Circus this weekend.

Featuring an all human cast (no performing animals) the acts delighted young and old for 3 shows per day. The stars of the show hail from all over the world, from Russia, France, Romania and George, amongst others.



The cast and crew total more than 60 people who travel with their families, the youngest of which is 10 weeks old!

The show is highly recommended and the performers engaged and delighted the audience for a little under two hours with barely a moment to close our gaping mouths and catch our breaths. Bravo Aussie Circus! Bravo!

Book tickets through Computicket for the other shows available countrywide.

Above: This is Luis Daza, one of the last remaining Human Canon Balls in the world. During performance season he is shot from the Aussie Circus Spectacular canon up to three times a day. Luis is originally from Columbia - now a world traveller with a very specialized set of skills he is one of the stars of this fantastic show.

Pictured below, after the late show on Saturday 20 February, the Executive Producer, Sebastian Cassie and his sister Meryl Cassie, the Ringmistress of The Aussie Circus Spectacular, are surrounded by their family - 'The Kirchner Clan' from Cape Town to George. The Cassie siblings are locals from Pacaltsdorp, now heading up the International Circus that is delighting audiences all over the country for the next few weeks. They are on in Port Elizabeth this weekend and are well worth the trip for a show of a very high standard. Entertainment that will thrill all ages. Behind them, the legendary Dome of Death - an act of epic proportions using motorbikes and riders with nerves of steel. Photos by Emma Rorke



Performing Puppets for Police

Sergeant Sonja Stander, Sector Commander of Sedgfield, approached local wardrobe mistress, and potter, Linda Ormond, to create puppets.

They will enable the SAPS to communicate with children about sensitive issues - abuse, cruelty to animals and other difficult situations pertaining to children. The puppets are anatomically correct under their perfect little outfits and their names have been chosen to suit all cultures, Thandi Mary and Tembi-Joe will be performing at the Slow Festival on the Village Green for the first time this year.



Local 'Sheriff' Mike Hofhuis, Linda Ormond and Sgt Stander with the Thandi Mary & Tembi-Joe.

Linda has kept the pattern for characters, expanding the future use and will be adding a policeman and his canine companion to the collection of repertoire of our local police performance.



KNYSNA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 19 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000, of the date of the following meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chamber:

Special Municipal Council Meeting: Thursday, 25 February 2016 at 8:00

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Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 19 van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels Wet, 2000, van die datum van die volgende vergadering wat sal plaasvind in die Munisipale Raadsaal:

Spesiale Munisipale Raadsvergadering: Donderdag, 25 Februarie 2016 om 8:00

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RAISED VOICES OVER VILLAGE GREEN

An issue being hotly bandied around Sedgefield at the moment is that of a proposed project on the Village Green, the area of Municipal land between Crane Walk and Flamingo Drive, opposite the lagoon.

The project, put forward by Sedgefield's well-known Public Benefit Organisation Masithandane, is to create a Visual Arts and Environmental Mosaic Park, which would include several large mosaic artworks, a small stage, and an aromatic herb garden, intertwined with boardwalks. The stage would have public toilets at the back - a facility which the Municipality has envisaged building for some time.

But it seems that many Crane Walk residents, most of whom have homes looking onto the public area, are dead against the idea of having anything change the green's current status quo.

On 10 February, at an informal meeting called by Councillor Louise Hart, the project team members were met with an angry barrage of criticism and accusations by those living along that road.

Barely giving Hart and the Masithandane representatives a chance to present the sketched details of the project, the residents made no bones about showing their dislike of the whole idea, and vehemently attacked it. A few even suggested that attempts had been

made to sneak the project through before those living on the edge of the green could object.

"You lot have done all the planning without consulting us at all," said property owner Doug Watson.

In a letter sent to The EDGE he later continued in an accusatory vein. "I fear the unwillingness to provide any democratic involvement was a deliberate ploy to avoid proper public consultation and facilitate the process with minimal discussion," it read. (see letters page).

At the meeting Hart and the others sitting on her side of the table attempted to explain that the very purpose of the meeting had been to involve the community and get input, but this was met with more angry diatribe from outspoken residents. It was soon more than evident that there was not going to be a pleasant exchange of ideas and constructive criticism. Indeed those at the meeting in an observation capacity could only watch the goings on in stunned silence. "It was as if plans for a block of high-rise flats had been put on the table," one person later remarked.

By the time the meeting was over, the shell-shocked project proposers had agreed to go back to the drawing board with regards to a location for the Mosaic Park, but since then discussion regarding the project being located on the Village Green has spread further afield. Through the *Sedgefield Local's* Facebook page and letters to the paper, more and more people have come out in support of the idea.

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STREET NAMING SAGA CONTINUES

Four weeks after it was first advertised, the proposal to rename the streets in Sedgefield's Island suburb after indigenous trees is still causing a great deal of heated discussion around Sedgefield.

Our letters page holds only a sample of the correspondence received both for and against the idea, with some believing that it is a waste of tax-payers' money whilst others are looking forward to having an address more befitting of the nature of Sedgefield.

With the application (according to the Street Naming Committee of Knysna Municipality) originating from the Sedgefield Ratepayers Association in 2012, the current Ratepayers' Committee are being overwhelmed with questions and comments regarding the proposal.

Chairman Roy Phillips insists that the matter is totally out of the Ratepayers Associations hands now, and that individuals should raise their concerns with the relevant municipal authorities.

"The application was done by the previous committee, I gather in conjunction with Sedgefield Island Conservancy, the Tree Committee and other role-players. It is now in the hands of the Municipality and public participation must take its course," he said. *Email your views to naming@knysna.gov.za*

Said Swallow drive resident Sarah Jane Gibbs "There are a lot of young people who have children and would love to have something like this to bring their kids to. Why does everything have to be such a fight? Why not embrace (the idea) and ask how they can come on board and support it to ensure that the facilities are not abused and what they can do to beautify the town," (see letters page).

According to Masithandane's proposal document the multi-faceted, interactive park, with a centre stage for visual arts, will promote cultural and environmental awareness. "It will be a place of beauty to enjoy with family and visitors. It will attract locals and tourists alike. The Park will provide opportunities to embrace interactive experiential learning in a fun and enjoyable way, allowing nature to be the teacher. It will have a positive effect on the town's income and provide job creation opportunities," it reads.

The idea for the mosaic project (not the location) was seeded approximately two years ago, and a funding application was sent off to National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF). This application was finally approved in December 2015. Because of the synergy between ideas in the Masithandane proposal and the Municipality's plan of building a small band-stand and public toilets on the Village Green, it became an ideal situation for a collaborative effort.

To this end Councillor Louise Hart asked architect Johan Grobler to come up with a design for the Village Green that would incorporate all the ideas into one which could be presented to those living on the edge of the Green. Equally excited about this project the architect did this work pro-bono.

Details of the project

It is envisioned that a stage would be built in the centre of the area and be surrounded by three mosaic pieces. These artworks will incorporate both functional and aesthetic art and include a:

- Whale - a water feature to highlight the plight of water
- Octopus - housing a projector room to allow for the screening of documentaries on the stage wall and form seating.
- Dolphin - to highlight our marine life and create additional seating

Each art piece will be accompanied by a small information board that tells of the status of the sea creature as well as a snippet of local mythology. An additional Braille info board would be erected to allow visually impaired people to also enjoy the Park.

This would see the employment of five new mosaic crafters and three form crafters.

The stage area would be available for hire for small cultural events such as an afternoon of jazz, art exhibitions such as Art in the Park, and other visual art functions. The funds raised will be ploughed back into the establishment of the gardens and maintenance.

An interactive 'musical meander' will incorporate musical instruments made from recycled and up-cycled materials. A musician or artists will be employed to work with 20 children to create upcycled instruments to imitate the sounds/behaviour of the creatures in the Park.

Funding is currently being sourced to build a wooden boardwalk to allow easy access to the Park while maintaining the integrity of the fauna of the area designated. Local artists will be invited to create art pieces

symbolising our natural heritage to be placed along the boardwalk to enhance a magical walk into the park. This area would lend itself to "Art in the Park" and allow local artists to showcase their work.



Finally the Park would incorporate an aromatic herbal garden. Again signs would be made to explain the medicinal use of the plant.

The project aims to:

- build capacity and transfer skills as a basis for development
- invest in social equity - it targets support for marginalised and disadvantaged groups
- promote arts and crafts produced by groups of women and people with disabilities
- preserve and promote cultural, historical and natural heritage
- protect and promote traditional knowledge and cultural expression
- create economic opportunities for income generation and job creation and the reduction of unemployment through new venture creation
- create a base for art, culture and national heritage tourism
- embrace interactive experiential learning and participation that will promote cultural and environmental awareness
- promote community development and beautification
- promote Sedgefield as a destination for visual art functions and an annual festival and parade.

Fortunately funding for the project is not dependant on the Village Green being its location, so alternative venues in Sedgefield may also be taken into consideration.

Please send your comments / suggestions regarding the park to editor.edge@mweb.co.za.

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

GOUKAMMA NATURE RESERVE COMPLEX MANAGEMENT PLAN

NOTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION PROCESS REGARDING THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GOUKAMMA NATURE RESERVE COMPLEX.

The objective of the Goukamma Nature Reserve Complex management plan is to ensure that the protection, conservation and management of this protected area is consistent with the objectives of the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act, Act 57 of 2003 (NEM:PAA) and managed in accordance with the purpose for which it was declared.

Management plans need to be compiled in consultation with stakeholders as prescribed by Section 39(3) of the NEM: PAA which states that all persons who may be interested in, or affected by the management plan, are to be given the opportunity to comment on its content.

REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&AP):
CapeNature wishes to invite all Interested and Affected Parties as identified in Section 39(3) of the NEM: PAA to register their interests by providing written submissions regarding the Draft Management Plan for the Goukamma Nature Reserve Complex.

For submission of meaningful representations or objections that you would like to raise and to register as an Interested and Affected Party please complete the attached registration form.

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS:
The last day for submissions is: **Thursday 10 March 2016**. All comments can be forwarded to the Environmental Practitioner Mr. Christoff du Plessis at the following details:

- Email: christoff@enviroworks.co.za
- Fax: 086 601 7507

THREE STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT:

- Brenton on Sea Community Hall on 10 March 2016 from 14:00 to 16:00
- Riverdeck Restaurant on 10 March 2016 from 17:00 to 19:00 (Buffels Bay)
- Sedgefield Municipal Council Chamber on 11 March 2016 from 16:00 to 18:00.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN:
A draft management plan is available for public review at the following places: **Knysna Municipal office, Knysna Community Hall, Knysna Tourism office, Sedgefield Municipal office.**

An **electronic copy** of the Goukamma Nature Reserve Complex Management Plan can also be viewed on the CapeNature website www.capenature.co.za



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DIARY DATELINE

24th February -
9th March 2016

Wednesday 24

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)

Thursday 25

6.30am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
7:30am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
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 26

8.00am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
9.00am Line Dancing @ St. Anthony's. 084 549 3967
10- 11:30am Anchusa meet @ St Francis Church hall. Ph 044 343 1099
4:30pm MOTH meetings at Lions Club. Ph 044 343 1996

Saturday 27

7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market @ Swartvlei
8.00am - 2.00pm Mosaic Market
8.00am- 1.00pm Scarab Craft Market
12-1:00pm Sedgefield Interchurch Prayer Group at Grace Fellowship

Sunday 28

6.30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride departs Cycle Worx. All welcome

Monday 29

6:30-10:00pm Badminton Town Hall
7.00pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in the Catholic Church Hall. Ph 044 3433141

Tuesday 01

6.30am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
12:30 Arthritis Foundation meetings @ Die Ou Kaross Hotel, Wilderness. Info Moira - 082 729 4509
2:30pm Bowls coaching

Wednesday 02

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2.00-5.00pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

Thursday 03

6.30am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
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2:30pm Bowls coaching
5:15pm Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
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Friday 04

8.00am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
9.00am Line Dancing @ St. Anthony's. 084 549 3967
10- 11:30am Anchusa meet @ St Francis Church hall. Ph 044 343 1099

Saturday 05

7:30am Sedgefield Striders Club Run.
7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market @ Swartvlei
8.00am- 1.00pm Scarab Craft Market
8.00am - 2.00pm Mosaic Market
10am Depression and Anxiety Support Group - 9 Sysie St, Sedge. Lynette 079 156 6735
3pm Astronomical Society meet at St Anthony's Catholic Church
3-5pm The Calligraphers of the Garden Route meet at Small boat harbour, Leisure Isle. Jenny Birch 044 343 2451

Sunday 06

6.30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride departs Cycle Worx. All welcome
2:30pm Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meet in the little class room at St Francis United Church, Swallow Drive, Sedgefield.

Monday 07

6:30-10.00pm Badminton Town Hall
7.00pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in the Catholic Church Hall. Ph 044 3433141

Tuesday 08

6.30am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome
2:30pm Bowls coaching

Wednesday 09

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
12:45 for 13:00 Masithandane Stakeholders Meeting at Masithandane.
2.00-5.00pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10.00pm Badminton Town Hall.

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 Sir

In response to a recent article in THE EDGE - 10 February 2016 I have to bring to your notice a statement made by a certain Bezuidenhout of the Municipal Roads department that reads as follows: Quote "has put the outlay down at approximately R100 per sign, and other than the paper work and the updating of the municipal Geographical Information System, there are very little other cost involved" Unquote.

Mr Bezuidenhout has made no reference to the cost of labour putting up the new road signs.

- Who will be paying for the renaming of the roads?
- Will the money come from the ratepayers or has someone made a generous donation to the council for changing the road names?

Moreover, although Mr Bezuidenhout has made reference to paper work he has omitted to indicate who will be paying for the paper work. Has he or the Council given no consideration to the following serious implications and in some cases unnecessary expense to individuals living on The Island? Out of pocket expenses for all individuals living on The Island which probably no one has considered:

- GPS direction finding maps are very expensive to update;
- Any individual having a current bank account will have to inform the bank of their new street address.
- SARS will have to be informed of the new street address.
- Post Office have to be informed of new street address.
- All organisations whom home owners have accounts with will have to be informed of the new street address.
- Individuals running small businesses from home will have to trash their business cards and have new ones printed at own cost.
- The Council will be throwing away money rather than concentrating the real issues such as the improvement of the infrastructure in Sedgefield notably the roads that are in a shocking condition.
- Emergency Services will also have problems find their way around the renamed streets on The Island.

The above points speak for themselves. For a coastal village such as Sedgefield attracting tourists should be a priority to provide more monetary turnover and income for small businesses in Sedgefield for "survival" and to sustain paying their rates and taxes timeously.

Kind regards
Pete Vander
Letter edited due to space constraints Ed

Dear Editor,
Subject: STREET NAME CHANGES
One wonders whether the objections to proposed street name changes for The Island are based on financial considerations or are they really based on emotionalism? Interesting to see that the existing names do not all date back to the old South Africa generally but date back to the Nationalist era specifically. No

Smuts? No Botha? Change these street names and bring Sedgefield wholly and solely into the realm of nature. I would have preferred to have seen animal names to tree names as bushbuck, porcupine, genets, field mice and mole rats still exist as residents. But at the end of the day the cost of replacing a few old mainly Nationalist racist era street names, with names more in keeping with Sedgefield street names is relatively negligible, getting rid of names that should be replaced is priceless.

Mark, Colin and Joy van Zyl

Dear Sir

Renaming our streets to keep in line with the rest of Sedgefield is a good idea. After all we do live in the Garden Route. However I do have a comment to make. Blackwood to a lot of us means an Australian Alien and to quote from "Field Guide to TREES of Southern Africa" Braam van Wyk & Piet van Wyk A native of Australia:----- A declared invader in South Africa.

Cape Blackwood is a lesser well known forest tree. The name does have more letters and clearly 2 words, might be more expensive. You have for the other streets have an interesting mixture of English, Afrikaans and Koi-san names how about one botanical name HALERIA (Tree Fuschia) Grows well on the Island. The sunbirds love the nectar form the Orange tubular flowers and the fruit eating birds go bananas over the fruit (excuse the pun.) Please consider this. As a long time gardener and property owner I have no desire to live in an ALIEN STREET.

Yours sincerely
Fay Jones

Dear Editor,

Please find included various reasons why the proposal to develop Sedgefield Village green is an unworthy, detrimental plan of NO benefit to Sedgefield or its population.

My first disapproval comes from the manner in which this whole project was conceived. Those involved in this plan's conception forgot the basic tenant of democratic accountability - involve all affected parties at the outset and not after a fully implementable plan has been developed. This is not an uncommon practice of planners - devise a plan, present it as a complete package thereby making it that much more difficult or even impossible to amend. Had Louise Hart truly wished to 'consult' the residents of the green involving them at the beginning was important.

Maybe, all individuals affected by any plan implementation of the green should also have been canvassed. Possibly the whole residents of Sedgefield should have been canvassed for ideas in some forum or other - the rate payers association for example.

A plan so detailed it could have been implemented without further discussion was presented as if it would be of benefit to the immediate residents around the green. Far from it, I would suggest, with a toilet block, and all that would bring, backing onto their properties. What were they thinking?

Apart from the total disregard or inclusion of the general public in devising this development,

another difficulty I, and many others have, are the dimensions of the design. The auditorium and toilet block alone would destroy the present tone of this existing valuable amenity and along with the designs of a 12 meter octopus, a 5 meter whale and a 3 meter dolphin all restricting the present available space for the young men of Sedgefield to practice their football and rugby; the older residents to practice their golf chipping; the Christmas visitors to try out their children's new presents, the new cricket bat, the new kite, the new bike, the new drone. The list is endless without mentioning the local dogs being exercised from early morning every day and into dark.

Had anyone amongst the army of people already involved with this project had the nous to make serious soundings of those to be affected, this plan could never have got off the ground. I fear the unwillingness to provide any democratic involvement was a deliberate ploy to avoid proper public consultation and facilitate the process with minimal discussion. We are told by Louise Hart that this ground has no designation. It is a travesty that one of the very few publicly owned open spaces left in Sedgefield could be so devalued when it has proved to be of huge value to a wide variety of the Sedgefield population and that includes our bird, insect and mammal populations who thrive because of the existence of the semi wild, yet looked after, open space subjected to uncontrollable flooding.

Its use should be held up as a shining example of what it means for our wide community to tolerate each other in a single place, yes at different times maybe, but together as a community. The green needs protecting and not destroying by concrete development of any kind. It is just too valuable as it stands. Louise Hart, if you wish to make your indelible contribution to the village surely it is time to start a movement to designate the village green as an 'Open Space' protected from development and preserved, much as exists, for the use of present and future residents from wherever they arrive and who recognise the uniqueness of our Sedgefield environment as worth preserving. Residents of Sedgefield please recognise you have, in the village green, a valuable amenity worth every effort in defending.

DE Watson

Dear Ed,

After reading the article and having a good look at the proposal put forward. I think the project is rather AWESOME and will add to the town. Because the mosaics that can be found around town are beautiful.

I know that when the slow festival is on it would be nice to have a green that is managed (level) and looked after and to create a garden on the lines of what has been implemented at botanical gardens is perfect for where we live.

I do understand the concern of the residents around and the public toilets should be managed properly I think worked on a system just like the Woodmill lane facilities where there are staff keeping them clean and we as users must pay 1.00 to use them.

Tommy to the rescue again!

by Melanie Baumeister

About three years ago young Shaun Butler of Knysna was in an accident that paralysed him from the waist down. Needing something to strengthen his arms and get the blood circulation going in his legs he approached Sedgefield's own tricycle engineer', Tommy Roberts who he had heard about through Cycleworx.

Tommy has a reputation for creating cycle solutions for people with disabilities. Within only three weeks, Tommy had a working solution to Shaun's problem.

Taking apart an old spinning bike, carefully machining an extra set of pedals for the handlebars which would create the workout that Shaun would need for his upper body, he then linked the 'handlebars' to original pedals which in turn would manipulate Shaun's legs. A huge amount of work went in to the project, 'but I really enjoyed the challenge' said Tommy, 'and to see the look on Shaun's face when he saw the finished product was priceless'. The amount of used refurbished bike parts that

BIBLE TRUTH FOR THIS DAY

It is not God's 10 Commandment Law that is "nailed to the cross" (Col 2:14), but the "handwriting of requirements that was against us." Moses wrote his law in his 'Book of the law', and it was the ceremonial law with all its feasts and rites "that was against us", that was "nailed to the cross". (Mat 5:17-20)

081 270 7212



Tommy with Shaun on his latest creation.

Audrey Dorothy Collins

A tribute from the family.

"Audrey Dorothy Collins was born in Watford, England on 10/04/1931, maiden name, Jenkins.

A soul mate and wife to Bill Collins, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, and a true friend has passed away peacefully during her sleep on Sunday, 14 February 2016. Her passing away was not expected and she had not been unwell. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends. It has been absolutely great that her grandchildren got to know her and she loved it when they came to visit. Dad is going to miss his best friend. Mom was always a member of a church and has been our backbone to faith.

Big family gatherings were always good, especially at Christmas time and Mom made a great trifle pudding.



Mom, we know you will find your place in heaven and you will be waving good-bye until we meet you there, where you will again welcome us there with a big hug like you always did. We pray to the Lord and say thank you for Mom's time with us, we pray that you keep her close and comforted. The memorial service was held on 23 February 2016."

That will also make sure that cleaning products and toilet paper are brought to ensure they are clean and not a mess or eyesore. As for public functions that must be approved through the correct channels and not just allowed for people to use at their own discretion. I think it will add to another dimension if the garden is achieved to the right standards it could be used for children's birthday parties etc. I wouldn't make it free there should be a donation made for the use of the venue another way to generate funds and ensure that it is kept the beautiful iconic venue they are hoping to achieve. Obviously they must just suggest a donation of R200.00 or more.

Trust me parents will pay. But once again this all needs to happen with the correct approvals. There must be strict over seeing to ensure that the problems the people from around fear will not happen.

There are a lot of young people that have children and would love to have something like this to bring their kids to. Why does everything have to be such a fight. Why not embrace and ask how they can come on board and support the initiative to ensure that the facilities are not abused, and what they can do to beautify the town.

Best regards,
Sarah Jane Gibbs

Relief as water bodies in the GRNP test negative

Relief as water bodies in the GRNP test negative for vibrio vulnificus (bacteria) Wilderness.

Test results conducted by the Eden District Municipality in all water bodies in Wilderness and surrounds last week came back negative for Vibrio vulnificus in water bodies in the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park (GRNP). SANParks scientists who are based in the Garden Route monitor water temperatures, salinity and other factors could

confirm water temperatures for the Touws River averaged 23 degrees and salt levels were around 31.

Temperatures for Swartvlei were at 26 degrees and about 11 for salt levels. Readings were taken in January and February 2016.

Scientists are convinced, the recent death of a man from Vibrio vulnificus in the Kaaimans River, which a few kilometres from the GRNP, was the rarest case ever. Pathologists who were called after the Kaaimans situation

diagnosed the bacteria as 'Vibrio vulnificus'. Scientists say it is triggered by extreme water temperature (it is active in water temperature between 21 and 31 degrees) and certain salinity levels.

It occurs in brackish water, 'in an interchange zone between freshwater and seawater.' Brackish water is salt water and fresh water mixed together. It is saltier than fresh water, but not as salty as seawater. Salinity levels are the saltiness or dissolved salt content of a body of water.

According to a statement released by the Eden District Municipality, 'the transmission of the bacteria is from eating raw or undercooked shellfish, particularly oysters harvested

from warm waters. Infections may occur when open soft tissue wounds are exposed to warm estuaries.'

An alert was issued by the District Municipality to persons with underlying medical conditions, any chronic condition especially liver disease and diabetes to not swim with open wounds in brackish water as they may be at increased risk of serious infection.

Infections are seasonal and 85% occur in the summer months. Transient environmental factors such as warm water and moderate salinity can increase the number of Vibrio vulnificus in shellfish.'

Some evident signs of infection include severe pain, diarrhoea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

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- Position would suit mature student/and or couple with experience.

Position available from Mid- March 2016. Interested parties to respond in writing to 0865181128. We reserve the right not to make an appointment. Applications close 8th March 2016.

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All for a Good Cause

Sedgefield's Slow Festival is all about Family, Fun and of course raising funds for local charities. Every event at the festival has a charity focus.

In past years the Slow Festival Committee has asked event organisers to donate proceeds from their events and these donations have been collected and distributed to local charities chosen by the committee.

The format has slightly changed this year in that the individual organisers of each event will still be asked to donate a portion of their proceeds to charity but will now have the choice as to which charity they would like to support and they will be responsible for handing the funds over. So, it is still ALL about charity, just the way it is distributed has changed.

Over and above the monies raised by event organisers, each year charities are encouraged to take a stand on the Village Green during the Slow Festival and in the past Hospice, Slow Town Meals, The Living Cornerstone, NG Kerk, Sedgefield Lions and Masithandane have run very successful stalls and thus added even more much needed funds to their charities coffers.

Special stall rates are offered to charities and thus any other charities that would like to do the same can contact Tertie Rothman, who heads up the Slow Festival Village Green team, on 082 046 0463. Watch out for the many many ways in which you will be able to support your favourite charities at this year's Slow Festival and let's make sure it is the best year yet for them all!

Thank You
from
FIRST AID CREW

Many thanks to The Melodrama for your kind donation towards our running costs and to Sedgefield Tourism for always coming to our assistance.

Marti and Team

Family Fun at Busy-Bugz Fun Day

At Busy-Bugz Early Childhood Development Centre we strive to continuously improve our children's learning surrounding by providing a safe and fun-filled environment for our community's children to learn and grow.

In 2014 after 3 years of fundraising efforts, the exterior of the school received a major revamp which included the recladding of the exterior, a new roof and the gutters were replaced. 2015 saw some much needed maintenance to the playground equipment. Our goal this year is to raise enough funds to renovate the interior of each of

the four class rooms. New ceiling boards, internal dry walling, cornices, skirting and paintwork is needed. A total amount of about R200 000 rand is needed to give these classrooms a facelift.

Busy-Bugz doesn't receive any funding from the government and to keep school fees affordable for the average Sedgefield family, the school relies heavily on fundraising events and donations to do these repairs and maintenance.

The first planned fundraiser for 2016 is a Family Fun Day on the Sedgefield Primary Sports Field. Bring your kids for a day of entertainment. Join the action

and take part in some fun boeresports. Have a snack from the Busy-Bugz food stall. Bring a table and a gazebo and set up a flea market stall to sell your goods. For the cooks there will be a potjiekos competition. Even your furry friends are welcome as there will be a special dog show with lots of prizes sponsored by Hills.

For more information see the display advert below or contact Adri on 044 343 2942 or email adri@busybugz.co.za or Nerina on 072 638 9778, or via email bcknbelcher@gmail.com

Bring your whole family, join in the fun and be part of this team effort.

Village People

by Ginny Viner

Sparks may not seem the wisest things to have flying around petrol pumps, unless of course it's Ian Sparks proprietor of Shell garages in Sedgefield and Knysna. Ian and his gorgeous wife Dianne live on the Island with their young family. Ian knows most of his local customers by name and always has a friendly smile and word for them. So let's take a quick look at the busy man behind that friendly smile.



1) Where were you born, and where did you grow up?

I was born at the George provincial hospital; I have lived my whole life in Sedgefield. I attended school at York High.

2) How do you relax?

I love to spend time at home with my family. My wife and I have 2 young boys (4 & 5) and we enjoy walks around The Island, cycling, swimming and braaiing with our boys. Another of our favourite things to do is to take our boat out - fishing, skiing and playing on the beach and of course spending time with friends.

3) Who is the person living or dead that you admire the most?

My father, Wesley Sparks. He and my mom bought the Shell Garage in 1975 and ran the business successfully for over 30 years until I took over. He was my best friend and the person I always looked up to

Ian Sparks

old miniature dachshund.

9) Do you like to dance? And if so what's your style?

Yes I like to dance, but I wouldn't exactly call it a "style".

10) What constitutes a 'real treat' for you?

Sleeping! With two busy boys sleeping is at the top of my list. Also going away on holiday with my family.

11) In your working life, what line or professions have you been, or still are, mainly involved with?

I worked in I.T. for three years before taking over the running the Shell Garage in Sedgefield 15 years ago. I have also been running Shell in Knysna for a year.

12) Does music play an important role in your life, if so what are your preferences?

I'm not that musically inclined, but my wife loves music so I get to listen to a lot of Katy Perry and Taylor Swift.)

13) If I were a cartoon character I think I would be... Wolverine...because... he never has to shave!

14) Are you competitive? Do you play any sports? Are you a fan of a particular team?

When I was younger, I used to play tennis and golf and yes, I was competitive. Nowadays, I'm more of a leisure sports fan although I do like to cycle, ski and walk. The Springboks are my team.

15) Please complete this sentence; I think Sedgefield...is a one of a kind! It truly is the hidden gem of the Garden Route. My family and I are so incredibly lucky to be a part of this friendly and supportive community.

the most.

4) What is the most interesting place you have ever visited? And what made it interesting for you?

America, we went to Disney World when I was 16. It is truly an experience I will never forget, and I can't wait to take my boys one day. The size of the country is astounding and I really enjoyed my first genuine Burger King.

5) If you knew this was to be your last meal, what would you order?

Montecello rump steak, chips and a cheese sauce.

6) Do you have a 'Bucket List' and if so what's on the 'top'?

Travel (visit my sister in Australia)

7) Please complete this sentence - Not many people know that... my oldest son Hayden has autism. I am a huge autism advocate and my wife and I work tirelessly every day to better his quality of life and better the world he lives in.

8) Are you an animal lover? Do you have pets, if so please tell us about them.

Yes, we have two dogs. Our big boy Tyson is a great dane x boerboel, he is eight years old. Our little one Coco is a one year

BUSY-BUGZ

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Valentine's Fundraiser

The Laerskool Sedgefield Primary Valentines dance was a great success with nearly 100 people pitching for a night of fun, food, prizes and dance. A photo booth, manned by local photographer Desmond Scholtz, captured the mood precisely. Proceeds went towards the Gr 7 fundraising project.



Local veterinarians Drs Johannes and Jean-Marie Eksteen



Front from left: Ricky Portway, Adriaan Adam, Zelda Delport
Back from left: Brad Portway, Isabel Adam and Christo Delport

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GEARING UP FOR GREEN

OUR COMMUNITY - A GREEN ASSET

If you let it, FaceBook can have quite an impact on the way you think about life. I follow the closed group called Sedgefield Locals with great interest, because it can be a very useful place to share information and find out about what's going on in our community.

I see it not as a competitor with our local newspapers, but rather as a tool to fill gaps. It's the nature of Sedgefield, which is a beautiful place to live, that we attract all sorts of people with an extraordinary range of skills, which they are persuaded to share. Sedgefield Locals has about 1700 members, so I suppose I shouldn't be surprised how quickly obscure questions get answered!

Reflecting on all this persuaded me to have a look for the word community in my treasured Oxford English Dictionary. There were pages and pages of definitions, stretching back many centuries. The oldest was "a body of individuals having common or equal rights, as distinguished from the privileged classes". This first appeared in 1380 and I'd like to believe that it's a good description of 21st century Sedgefield.

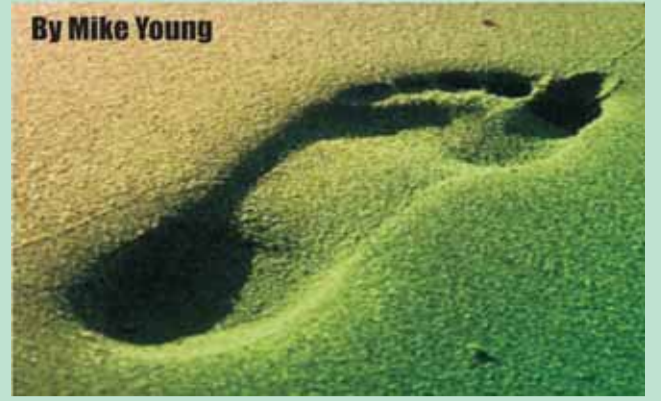
A common thread running through the dictionary definitions was that community means that the members work together and that they live in a place that is geographically well-defined.

This column gets its name from Simon Gear – the former 50/50 presenter. He wrote a book called "Going Green" and if I had to guess which words feature most often in his book one of them would be "Community". He definitely sees a

community as a green asset, with all sorts of positive vibes. When he wrote the book, FaceBook hadn't really got into our lives and I wonder what he'd say about it now. His view of the world tended to be positive and I suspect that one thing that he might comment about is the need to avoid being negative, particularly if you don't know the whole story about a particular topic.

I know it's tempting to let off steam when something irritates you, but perhaps FaceBook's Sedgefield Locals would be better served if all of us take a deep breath and try to find out all the facts. If you're upset by the way a business has treated you, talk to the owner. After that, if you are still unhappy make sure you tell both sides of the story. That way, perhaps our community will benefit from improved service.

By Mike Young



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Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified individuals for the following vacancy:

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TASK LEVEL 5
R86 424 to R112 176 (Basic Salary)
R164 454 to R197 992 (Total cost to Council Package)

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS OF POST:

- Undertake proper customer care management
- General Office Administration
- Balance daily work by completing cash statement and bank deposit book
- Process all payments into municipal financial system including cash, bank deposits and postal payments
- Assist with general enquiries

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

The ideal candidate should possess a Grade 12 certificate
Accounting Skills is a requirement
1 Year relevant experience as a Cashier
Good communication skills
Good analytical and problem solving skills
Must be able to work under pressure

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

To apply 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 Municipal website: www.knysna.gov.za.

Completed applications should be forwarded to the Human Resource Department, P O Box 21, Knysna, 6570 or Fax Number (044) 3026333 or email: knysna@knysna.gov.za.

CLOSING DATE: 8 MARCH 2016

Please note: If you receive no notification regarding this advertisement within one month of the closing date, please assume that your application was unsuccessful.

G SEASTON

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The Municipality reserves the right not to make an appointment.

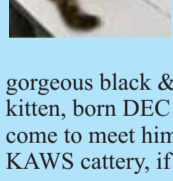
UP FOR ADOPTION

Knysna Animal Welfare Society has a cattery full of gorgeous cats and kittens, and a wonderful selection of dogs of all shapes and sizes, all ready to move into your home and into your heart. You can see the full selection on www.knysnaaws.com or visit the kennels at 1 Marlin Street, Hunters Home, Knysna to select your new furry friend. Phone 044 384 1603 for further details.



Princess (left) is a beautiful female cat with unique colouring, born JUL 2014. She is waiting patiently at the KAWS cattery for someone to come along and fall in love with her!

Sam (right) is a true treasure! He is a fun & vibrant Border Collie male, 2 years old. He is really hoping to be adopted into an active & loving home very soon!



Boots (right) is a gorgeous black & white male kitten, born DEC 2015. Please come to meet him at the KAWS cattery, if you are considering adopting a kitten.



Siphon (left) is a sweet little unique breed male dog, 1 year old. He is hoping for a second chance in a loving forever home, where he can settle down and feel secure.



Silver (left) is an adorable female tabby kitten, born DEC 2015. She is really looking forward to experiencing a loving forever home very soon!

Sandy (right) is the most gentle male unique breed puppy, just 8 months old. He will make an excellent addition to any family or the best companion to some lucky person.



A NEW AND GIFTED VOLUNTEER FAMILY!

Wilna Dekker and her four children have joined the team of Fresh Start volunteers! What a joy they brought to last week's SwopShop. Wilna sang and played her guitar and the children clapped hands, laughed and danced with delight. It was so precious to see the gay abandonment of the children as they just enjoyed having fun!! A real hit! And this is probably another reason why the numbers of children visiting the SwopShop continue to grow. Ten percent of the children last week braved visiting the clinic...what a great start to the year.



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"Our lives revolve around our most valuable asset: the occupants of the many properties - namely you! SecurSat endeavours to protect you from life's unsafe elements.

Extending our belief in a quality product and excellent service - SecurSat is now at your service in Sedgefield!"

*Managing Director of SecurSat
Mr Righard van Niekerk.*



Service with a Smile

by Mignon le Roux

A Mutual Journey

What is more wonderful than finding a friendly face on the other side of a Municipal window?

Many can testify to the fact that here in this town, Marieta duToit is that friendly face - but we will no longer be able to find it at the Municipality, as she is leaving at the end of the month to join her husband's business!

Originally from Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape, where her parents still reside, Marieta started working for the Municipality in Knysna at the bright young age of 21.

Ten years later Marieta and her husband Johan decided to move to Sedgefield. Now at the end of February, after 20 years of serving the communities of both Knysna and Sedgefield, she has decided to leave her municipal career to help her husband build their future in his Old Mutual office.

"It is for us, at the end of the day. I also want to know more about Old Mutual, and learn more about Johan's kind of work. I just want to help him because I can see he is busy." She smiled.

"I love the Municipality and I'm going to miss everyone but it's time to try something different." When asked about the move to Old Mutual she said, "I'm going to love spending more time with the family. Hopefully there's going to be lots of clients coming



in here familiar faces and new ones."

Though enthusiastic, she is also a little bit nervous, and her knowledge of the administration and enquiries department of the Municipality, and her husband's encouragement, will definitely help her in her new endeavour.

They are excited to expand their business, and with Marieta assisting him, Johan will have more time to focus on other areas of his work.

Through their business, the couple desire to give back to the community, because of the way the public supported them throughout their daughter Dominique's illness.

"I don't think I will ever say thank you enough or give back enough but, well we're trying," said Marieta.

She will be sorely missed at the Municipality, but if anyone needs her smile they will now be able to find it at Old Mutual.

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY



Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified individuals for the following vacancies:

LIBRARIANS

**1. Senior Librarian x1 & 2. Children's Librarian x 1
LIBRARIES & HERITAGE SECTION
DIRECTORATE COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. SENIOR LIBRARIAN

(Task Level T12)

R245 304 to R318 384 (Basic Salary)

R370 706 to R465 153 (Total Cost to Council Package)

JOB PURPOSE:

Implement procedures and processes and manages all aspects associated with the provision of a comprehensive public library service, by supervising day to day functions, performance managing personnel, providing professional support and direction, developing and maintaining a balanced and relevant public library collection, developing and maintaining partnerships and relationships so as to ensure that the community receives an effective and efficient service that is relevant to their needs.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

Provide a professional library service
Provide professional support functions
Develop and implement programmes
Execute administrative tasks
Supervise staff
Manage the Library

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

A 3 year Tertiary Library qualification
At least 3 to 5 years Public Library experience of which at least 3 years in a supervisory capacity
Computer proficiency in MS Word and MS Excel
Effective communication skills (oral and written) in at least two of the three Western Cape official languages
Valid Code B driver's licence

2. CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

(Task Level T11)

R207 816 to R269 640 (Basic Salary)

R322 258 to R402 158 (Total Cost to Council Package)

JOB PURPOSE

To directly assist the public in accessing the library's resources to satisfy their information needs and reference enquiries; to ensure the development and maintenance of a balanced and relevant collection; to participate in programmes aimed at developing and strengthening a reading and learning culture; to create and utilise opportunities to promote the services the library has to offer and to perform administrative tasks to ensure that the library functions effectively

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

Provide a professional library service
Provide professional support functions
Develop and implement Library outreach programmes
Supervise staff
Execute Administrative tasks

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

A 3 year Tertiary Library qualification
3 to 5 years Public Library experience with at least 3 years in charge of the children's section
Computer proficiency in MS Word and MS Excel
Effective communication skills (oral and written) in at least two of the three Western Cape official languages
Proficiency in Afrikaans will be an added advantage
Valid Code B driver's licence

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 or Indian Female or an African or Indian Male if a suitable candidate in that category can be identified.

To apply 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 Municipal website: www.knysna.gov.za.

Completed applications should be forwarded to the Human Resource Department, P O Box 21, Knysna, 6570 or Fax Number (044) 3026333 or email: knysna@knysna.gov.za.

CLOSING DATE: 7 MARCH 2016

Please note: If you receive no notification regarding this advertisement within one month of the closing date, please assume that your application was unsuccessful.

G SEASTON

The Municipality reserves the right not to make an appointment.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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NB. Classified adverts for the next issue need to be in by Monday 7th March 2016. Faxed or emailed classies will not be placed without proof of payment

2. Accommodation Wanted

Seeking quiet garden cottage or bachelor flat. 084 714 4773

3 Bed apartment furnished & double garages, laundry & DSTV. Call on 0027 082 465 8530

Wanted +2 ha plot between George/Sedge. Cash buyer (young family) 072 612 9168

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

Need to earn extra income? Let me rent out your house/flatlet for holiday lets or long term rental. Contact Melinda on 072 380 4595 for excellent service.

4. Announcements

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting @ St Anthony's Church Hall, Cnr Flamingo & Sysie - Fridays @ 7:30pm Info 083 928 5126 / 083 458 4444

A lot of Avocado & Bay Leaf plants for sale. Call 071 450 6792

Amazing SLOW ROASTED COFFEE, international foods, arts, crafts, fashion all available @ Mosaic Market. Open Every Saturday 8am - 2pm

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

Grateful thanks to the very kind gentlemen in the grey car, who came to the rescue of a very sick semi conscious old lady who collapsed in the Main Street last week. This kind gentleman loaded me into his car and rushed me to Dr. Stander for medical attention. I never got a chance to get his name or car registration. Thank you & God bless.

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. Joy on 083-5556804 or drop in box at Dr Standers.

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

We BUY unwanted goods & costume jewellery - Ann's Collectibles 071 450 6792

6. Building & Related Services

Architectural Draughting Services. Phone Tracy 082 695 3119 / 044 343 1421

CXTIPPERS & DIGGERS - Quality products & service at your doorstep. Tel 044 382 1645

Craftsman Homes - Quality building in Brick & Timber 044 343 1601 / 082 812 1820

DRAUGHTING house plans, fences & pools. Bill 083 654 8879

Painting, Tiling & Plastering. References available. Ernest 073 883 1840.

Richard J Construction - Quality New building, Paving, Roofing, Painting. References available. 071 247 6461

Timberframe & Masonry Alterations, Additions, New buildings & Swimming pools; Structural Carpentry; Staircases; Balustrades; Decks & Pergolas; Custom furniture. Full joinery workshop 20 years experience in timber & masonry construction in Knysna. Refs & portfolio available Terry: 081 381 4402

Tools, Tiling, Paint, Varnish, Electrical, Plumbing, Hardware. Sedge H/Ware 343 1960.

7. Businesses

PASTEL SALES, setup and training. Call C A Mather Accounting. 044 343 2202 or 083 779 7934

9. Clothing

SOOZI'S Baby & Kidz (Birth to ±8 years old) Hand crafted and other popular labels. Also, Swimsuits, Ragdolls, Wooden Toys & much more! Spar Centre Ph (044) 3431813 / 082 771 0694

10. Computers

Computer Help & Support - Martin - 082 576 5038

11. Crafts & Home Industry

A passion for fashion, arts, crafts fabulous food, SLOW ROASTED COFFEE @ Mosaic Village, Sedgefield 8am - 2pm every Saturday.

12. Education & Tuition

Die Plaasskooltjie just outside Sedge. Children 4 months to 6 years. Enjoy farm atmosphere with animals and big outdoor area. Lifts available to and from. 083 556 5103.

Piglets Pen Pre-School. Please call 076 737 3490

13. Electrical

Electrical Hardware @ Sedgefield H/Ware

Faulty Microwave? Phone Hands on Electrical for free quote. Call 083 297 1929

HEUNIS Plumbing & Electrical. All Maintenance & Construction Qualified in both trades COC Certificates. Call 082 972 3911

Is your stove working properly & safe? If not call Hands on Electrical - 083 297 1929

14. Employment Offered

Organisation in Sedgefield requires the services of a live in Caretaker/Handyman. Single accommodation a possibility from early April 2016. No pets. Please fax application, including 2 page CV with recent references to 086 514 6989 by noon 4 March 2016.

Vacancies: Pine Lake Marina - 1 x Cook, 1 x Barman/lady. Hospitality hours. CV's to: leon.vermeulen@pinelake marina.co.za

Tortoise Car Hire
082 874 6245
044 343 2991
Based in Sedgefield
Deliver between Mosselbay and Plett

15. Employment Wanted

Domestic 4 days Lincy Refs. Please call 078 213 9423.

Carer Rachel Pieterse - 073 669 8300

Domestic
Amanda - 084 070 6146
Blossom - 073 633 0547
Christian - 073 274 3551
Felicia - 078 913 9632
Gertrude - 073 569 0959
Happiness - 063 184 2517
Hester - 078 759 2111
Lincy - 078 494 3118 Refs
Loveness - 073 814 3133 Refs
Mary - 074 951 4851
Mary - 083 877 7602
Mimi - 078 575 6153 Refs
Nkoli - 073 579 2882 Refs
Ntombizanelle - 078 7567928
Prinsence - 081 079 5862 Refs
Prisca - 083 977 4833
Queen - 073 814 3133
Ruth - 063 155 9404
Sylvia - 083 509 2303 Shop

Driver Eric - 073 085 1291 Code 10 PDP

Gardening
Alex - 083 774 0992 Refs
Gever - 078 571 7911 Painting
Kennedy - 073 367 5160 Painting
Mestard - 073 832 6235 Welding
Moses - 071 746 9422 Driver
Stanly - 071 815 0207 Painting
Thomas - 063 068 8446

17. Food & Wine

A large variety of food from all around the globe, Asian, British, German, Italian - plus a great selection of home industry, arts & crafts. Fun for the whole family @ Mosaic Village. Open every Sat 8 - 2pm.

18. For Sale

A lot of Avocado & Bay Leaf plants for sale. Call 071 450 6792

Bosch Washing Machine in working condition. R450. Call 082 465 8530

8 Seater round dining Table. Blackwood & Yellowwood. R9750 neg. John 082 903 5570

Galvanized sliding gate, 4m x 1,8m high. Including wheels and brackets. R3800 neg. Tel. 081 315 8256

Items for sale • OVAL 6 Seater Burnese Teak table, with 6 CHAIRS and 3 inserts making it a 12 to 14 seater. Estimated at ±100yrs old. R15000 • Beautiful TV Cabinet & display unit. R2800 • 2 Seater BENTWOOD couch, a real collectors piece R3150 • 2 Seater Wetherleys Couch in good condition R1499 • Fridgemaster double door fridge (Width 110cm wide x 1.7m high, depth 68cm) in excellent working condition. R3499. All can be viewed at our home, please contact Rob or Belinda on 084-8346970 083-5330966 or 044-3432362

Melodrama 2015 / Melomania DVD's available for sale at Lemon & Lime. R120.

Off Road Motorcycle Helmets. Fox R500, HJC R250, MAX R400, VRI R350. Full face VRI. Helmet used twice. R650. Plain chipboard various sizes. 082 396 4004

19. Home & Garden

AQUAMAN Pool care Service & Maintenance. Free Advice. Call 044 343 3237 / 083 631 0154

GARDEN CLEAN-UPS, Pruning and Garden refuse removal in Knysna & Sedgefield. Hennie Barnard 082 876 0693.

GREEN GARDENS Full Garden Service. Pruning. Garden Refuse Removal. Garden Upgrade? Now is the time. Luke 072 022 5977

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CATHERINE ANNE MATHER
BCompt Hons CA(SA) (ACIS)
tel: 044 343 2202 cell: 083 779 7934 fax: 086 750 4629
email: cathy@camather.co.za
address: 20 Plum Tree Trading Post, 52 Main Road, Sedgefield

IRRIGATION, Mini Boreholes. Brass check valves & stainless steel membranes.. Basic installation from R2300. Install all types of garden irrigation, maint & repairs. Free quotes. Gerhard 044 343 3081 / 083 656 5094

LAWN AND AUTO - Sedgefield Spares and sales. Repairs to L/Mowers, Trimmers, C/Saws, Pumps, Generators, Con/Mixers, Grinder, Drills. Also: welding, light engineering. Quality workman- ship guaranteed. Card facilities now avail. Phone 044 343 2406.

LIVING LANDSCAPES Creative & innovative garden designs to suit your needs. 15 years experience. Personal service. Patricia 076 324 8960 / Luke 072 022 5977

20. Health & Beauty

Adult Incontinence Nappies available at Sooz's Baby & Kidz PicknPay Centre 044 343 1813 / 082 771 0694

Aloe Ferox Products whole range in stock @ factory prices. The Aloe Lady: 044 343 2214 @ Wild Oats Market on Saturdays.

Annie Baby and Skincare products at Sooz's Baby & Kidz Shop, PicknPay Centre. Mariana 044 343 1813 / 082 771 0694.

Any problems with epilepsy or other disabilities? Enige probleme met epilepsie? Phone EPILEPSY SA on 044 382 2155 or visit Off Rio Road, Knysna We can help!

Avroy Shlain Cosmetics. Call Verity on 081 270 8008 or email verityj@telkomsa.net

The Greenmere Studio Gym ... offers a variety of exercise classes, including Ageless Grace, Tai Chi and "Dance!" All classes are personally supervised by owner/manager, Briony Lidstone, who has more than 22 years experience in the fitness industry. Briony is a qualified eta instructor and a certified Ageless Grace educator. 044 343 2327 / 084 487 7140

Sedgefield Pharmacy, Woodpecker Mall. Tel 044 343 1628, Fax 3431110. Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am-1pm, Sun & Pub Holidays 9am-12.

Silver Scissors Unisex Hairstylists 21 Tiptol Street, Sedge. Tel: (044) 343 2112

Total Foot Care by app and home visits. Sr Gillian 071 877 2638 / 072 672 4162

Quantum Touch De-Stress Massage. R140 for 30 mins. Jenn Green 076 366 5223

22. Home Improvements

All DIY hardware and tools available @ Sedgefield Hardware. Tel 044 343 1960.

BUILDERS... Contact CX Tippers & Diggers for all your planthire & aggregate requirements. Quality products & service at your doorstep. Tel 044 382 1645

Cobble Paving, Sedgefield. For all types of paving, best prices, best paving, free quotes. Don't delay - Pave Today! Call Norman or Antoinette: Tel: (044) 343 2404 / 083 305 0346

DAN THE HANDYMAN, ALL House & Office Repairs, Personally & Expertly Undertaken. No Job too small. Call 084 400 5437

Day beds, day benches, refectory tables, coffee tables, book cases - beautifully made to your specifications. Shepherd's Tree Carpentry. Please call Terry on 081 381 4402

Home Renovations, Repairs & Maintenance by P&R of Wilderness. 30 years exp. Free quotes & assessments. All work guaranteed. Call Richard 076 616 3695 Peter 072 724 1246

JIMMY CATER Quality painting and decorating. Free quotes. 082 773 9782

HEUNIS Painting & Decorating 082 972 3911 manie.heunis@gmail.com

Shepherd's Tree Carpentry - Beautiful woodwork made to your specs or pictures. Call Terry on 081 381 4402

TREE FELLING, PRUNING & Garden Refuse Removals in Sedge & Knysna. Hennie 082 876 0693

27. Pets & Livestock

All pet food or other donations for Animal Welfare to be dropped off at Simply Pets or Knysna Vet Clinic. 044 384 1603

CATTERY Karen's Indoor, for TLC while you are away. Tel. 044-8831199 / 0835977749.

Going away? Sue will lovingly care for your small dogs. Tel 044 343 1611 or 082 902 0613

Knysna Animal Welfare office 044 384 1603 or emergency call 073 461 9825.(24hrs)

PDSA - People's Dispensary for Sick Animals 11:30am-1pm on Mondays near Police Station. Norma 044343 1371

SEdge PETS - stockists of Jock Dog Food. Forest Lodge Complex. Gill on 071 111 5605

28. Plumbing

Heunis Plumbing & Electrical. All Maintenance & Construction Qualified in both trades COC Certificates. Call 082 972 3911

Klaus Schulz Plumbing. PIRB Registered. Does all work personally. 044 343 2114 / 073 345 6110

Smith Plumbing & Home Maintenance for personal service. Call Peet 084 889 2578

29. Property

FOR SALE. Sedgefield Aviemore Security Village. Vacant Erf. Contact Owner 076 619 3659.

30. Restaurants & Pubs

Bistro on the Lake at Lake Pleasant Living Open daily for a la Carte Lunches and Dinners Call 044 349 2460 for a Reservation.

Wool & Things
For all your wool, beads, haberdashery & embroidery requirements
6 Kingfisher Bldg Main Rd Sedge. 044 343 1028

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Fax CV to: 086 750 1110



Another Highlight Added to Zani's Cut and Curl

After only 5 months in operation, Zani's Cut and Curl has become so busy that another pair of talented hands have been required to meet the growing demands of her popular business!

Zani is proud to introduce the latest addition to Zani's, El'Chane Bekker. With 6 years of experience behind her talented scissors, El'Chane Bekker has come to proffer her creative fingers to Zani's vision.

A recent import to Sedgefield – following in her parents' footsteps – El'Chane gained experience in Parys, the Freestate and Pretoria. El'Chane brings new energy and creativity to Zani's with her flair for inventive styles and diverse colours, catering for gents, ladies and children.

Come and let her fingers transform your hair into a masterpiece!

Zani continues to offer flexible hours to accommodate hair emergencies and work around her client's busy schedules.

072 219 2833 | zani.roos@icloud.com
Kingfisher Building Shop 5, Main Street Sedgefield

Montecello Restaurant. Open Monday-Saturday Closed Sundays. Tel 044 343 1780

31. Security

Alarm and Gate Batteries. Tel 3431960

32. Services Offered

CINDY'S CLEANING SERVICE
Drop off maids, Supervised team cleans, Holiday homes. Competitive rates. For more info Cindy on 076 374 4945. Email: flower@websurfer.co.za

Dstv Sales and Service: Call André at PROTECHSA on 083 399 9914

DROWNING IN DEBT?
Debt solve offers safe and sure relief. No upfront or hidden costs. For professional and personal advice call 0443431993 or email us at admin@debtsolvesa.co.za



'Way of the Cross' is the Way to go this Easter

Following the unprecedented success of The Way of the Cross Pilgrimage of Easter 2015, once again this Easter (24th-26th March) as a part of the Sedgefield Slow festival Programme, residents and visitors, of all faiths and languages, young and old alike are invited to undertake the short Christian pilgrimage through our town which last year was undertaken by over 600 people.

The 2016 pilgrimage is designed to be more interactive than last year, and focuses on slightly different aspects of story. So please don't think 'Been there, done that' because you haven't yet! There are also plans for more involvement for children making the journey with their parents.

The route which will begin at the Sedgefield Christian Church, will wind its way through the village, and up the dune to Smutsville. The journey may be made on foot or by car and there will be transport available for those who would like to combine these two methods.

En-route will be seven stopping places, four in town and three in Smutsville, which will host new interactive representations some of the major Biblical events marking the journey that Jesus made to Calvary.

These exciting presentations are currently being created by seven different local congregations, working as one, to ensure that Easter 2016 will be a truly blessed one in Sedgefield. 2,000 years ago Jesus invited people like us to follow Him on the pilgrimage of faith. Even today He invites us to follow Him on the Way of the Cross.

A TEARFUL MESSAGE FROM KEN OF DOLPHIN STATIONERS

I have agonized over this deed which I have finally done, for some time now.

To enable me to plan and work towards my more mature years, I needed to make this decision to sell, but I had to be sure in my mind, that the buyer would love and nurture Dolphins, in the same way that I have done. My business has been and still is, my passion! I have loved every minute of it.

This community is simply amazing.

Your support, both as my clients and through my divorce, will always remain foremost in my mind. To all of you, from the depth of my soul, I say THANK YOU.

To Pierre & Joan, may HE bless you as I have been blessed by HIM. This awesome couple will be with me for some time during the month of March for training and hand over, so please bear with us as the April takeover is phased in. In all probability, the shop will be closed from 1 April for a few days, until the stock take has been completed.

To my most wonderful assistant, a friend and a confidant, you were sent to me by HIM, in my time of need, after my divorce. To Carol Coribel, a very special word of thanks.

Where to now will the home of Manchester United be? Nowhere else, but where I shall be!



SEWING REPAIRS: Replace zips, sewing badges onto pockets, altering garments to fit. Tel. 083 718 3960

Sharpening Service @ Sedgefield Hardware.

SHUTTLE TRAVEL & EVENTS
Airport, Local transfers. Day tours. Call 082 702 3092

Smutsville, Sizamile Youth Advisory Centre, Mon- Friday 7:30am-4:30pm. Enquiries Edna Thompson 079 749 5181

WORK FROM HOME: Admin, Typing, Recon of Expenditures for SARS. Tel 083 718 3960

33. Sports & Leisure

SEDFIELD KICK BOXING, FITNESS AND SELF DEFENSE

- The #1 Western martial art for fitness, self defence, discipline, balance, mobility, concentration, self confidence, total body development, strong family values, respect. Get rid of your work stress with our unique training system!

- Action packed classes, boredom is banned, all your other sports will benefit greatly through Kickboxing.

- Everyone is welcome, from 5 years old, no experience needed.

- Very affordable rates
- Provincial, National and International championships.

Don't postpone, start today! Ph 084 764 8579. Be trained by Nationally & Internationally accredited instructors.

34. Tea/Coffee/Take Aways

Deo Gratia Coffee & Book Lounge Coffees & Cakes *Toasties & Shakes* Books & Wifi. Come in - Relax - Enjoy. Takeaways also available. Next to Pick n Pay. 044 343 1795

36. Wanted/Swop etc

BOOKS WANTED. Bookshelf under pressure? Downscaling, moving, clearing out, packing up, decluttering? Call 044 343 1795

Stamp collector wishing to buy old South African & Common-wealth collections. Also prepared to value your collection. Peter 082 567 6947

Wanted early editions of Who's Who South Africa / Southern Africa. Please tel 044 343 1592

We BUY unwanted goods & costume jewellery - Ann's Collectibles 071 450 6792

Qualified Financial Accounting learners available (ICB NQF6) No placement fee! Call today!!

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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

BID NO. T 03/ 2016

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL CABLES FOR A MULTI - YEAR PERIOD

Tenders are invited from suitable tenderers for the supply and delivery of Electrical Cables.

Tenders in a sealed envelope clearly marked **Tender: T 03/2016 Supply and Delivery of Electrical Cables** on the outside thereof must be deposited in the tender box at the Supply Chain Management Section, Finance Building, Clyde Street, Knysna by not later than 12H00 on Wednesday 30 March 2016. Tenders will be opened in public at the time indicated.

Documents can be obtained from the Municipal offices at the SCM unit Finance Department, Queen Street Tel: (044) 302 6349. One complete set of tender documents will be supplied on receipt of a deposit of R 200.00, which will be non-refundable. Cheques must be made out to Knysna Municipality. Emailed documents are free of charge. Tenders may only be submitted on the tender documentation that is issued.

Technical enquiries can be directed to P Claasen Tel: (044) 302-6362 or pclaasen@knysna.gov.za or alternatively Chamorne Bezuidenhout Tel: (044) 302-6349 or cybezuidenhout@knysna.gov.za

Bids will be evaluated according to the 90/10 points system.

Only locally produced or locally manufactured cables with a stipulated minimum threshold of 90 for local production and content will be considered.

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 Bid Data.

Late tenders and tenders per facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE: 30 MARCH 2016

GS EASTON
Municipal Manager
Clyde Street
KNYSNA
6570

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)
Sundays 8am: Holy Communion.
Fifth Sundays of the month:
5.30 pm Evenson, 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

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 Marnica's)
Telefoon: 044-8712125

New Apostolic Church
Sedgefield Congregation
Plumbago Street, Sedgefield
Wednesday 19h30pm - 20h30pm
Sunday 9.00am to 10am
Enq: 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

BOWLS TIDBITS

TORTOSE APPEAL

Tortoises are still very much in circulation around the Club and we ask once again that everyone be careful when entering or leaving the Club. There have been several incidents around Sedgefield of these little creatures being squashed - too awful!!!

DRAWN PAIRS - LADIES AND MEN

These games are underway and are being played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, hopefully.

LADIES OPEN SINGLES

List is on the board.

TABS-IN - SATURDAY 5th MARCH - TWO BOWL TRIPS

This should be a good social afternoon of two-bowl trips which will end with a Bring and Braai and there will be prizes.

PRESIDENT'S DAY - 10th MARCH

The list is full but a great deal of assistance will be needed on that day in various areas so

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:
Eerste en laaste Sondae van die kwartaal. Almal welkom!

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

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Pastor Noel & Susan v d Merwe
044 343 1279
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Praise, Worship & Youth, 072 292 9020

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11am Divine Service in
Sedgefield Municipal Boardroom.
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Mass 8am Sundays
Cnr Sysie / Flamingo Streets
044 382 1391

St Francis United Church
Communion Service 8.00am
Family Service & Sunday School
9.30am
Communion Service 9.30am -
(4th Sunday of month)
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 Roussouw
072 341 7099

Truth Centre Church
Sedgefield Town Hall
Sunday 9.30am
General Overseers:
Dr. Levael and Ps Alicia Davis
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Wilderness Christian Fellowship
Sunday Service & Children's Church
9.30am.
Evening service (last Sunday) 6.00pm
Wilderness Hotel, (Old Karos Hotel)
George Road, Wilderness
Pastors: Chris & Trudie Smit
044 877 0307 or 084 240 5414

anyone who is not playing, please offer your assistance.

COACHING

Rose Potgieter is Coaching Convenor and is available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to coach anyone wishing to join the Club. This is by appointment only and Rose can be contacted on (044)343-3273.

CLUB NEWS

Our deepest sympathy to Bill Collins on the sudden passing of his wife, Audrey. Our love and thoughts are with you, Bill, as well as your family both local and overseas.
Marge May has not been too well following a nasty fall but she is making good progress and we hope to see you back soon, Marge.
Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire - so we will never know for whom the Tells bowled!!!
Happy bowling!

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Golf News

The Sedge Links Members Golf Club had a busy week with competitions played last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 10-12.

The club's Saturday competition was cancelled due to the interclub match played between the Sedge Links Members Golf Club and Three Chameleons in George.

Wednesday competition
Wednesday saw a small field of nine players compete in an individual Stableford competition for wine sponsored

by the club. Steve Reeder walked away as victor on 36 points with Geoff Woodward snapping at his heels with 35 points.

Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf Society Thursday competition
Thirty golfers turned out for the Thursday competition. This time they played a foursomes medal game. Mike Goodman and Jan Lotter won on a count-out on 81 points. Second, also on 81 points were Peter Schnetler and Reg Eckles, and third on count-out were John McGregor and Theo Pelser on 83 points. These three two-ball teams were delighted with the wine they won.



The jovial winners of the Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf Society Thursday competition: (back from left) Jan Lotter, Mike Goodman and Peter Schnetler. Front from left: John McGregor, Theo Pelser and Reg Eckles.

Ladies Golf

Friday's Ladies competition
It was the ladies' turn on Friday, and 13 women turned up to battle it out for the title of Ladies Club Champions. Friday saw them play the first medal format 18 holes of the 36 hole competition. Sedge Links Members Club Ladies Captain Marianne du Preez finished first with an impressive 58 gross, with Marina van der

Westhuizen second on 68 gross. The gold division best net also went to Du Preez with her 55 net, with Joy Herbst on second with 59 net. Silver division best net was a tie between Janet Wood and Moraig McLeod, both with 59 net. The bronze division winner was Vonn Weltmann with an impressive 51 net followed by Almarie Mead on 57 net. The final 18 holes of the Ladies Club Championship will be played on Friday, February 19.

SEDGEFIELD BRIDGE CLUB


8th February 2016	15th February 2016
1st Paddy & Bernard Sheridan 68.45%	1st Irene Apsey / Ann Gould 60.65%
2nd Annette v Wezel / Terry Quirk 58.93%	2nd Annette v Wezel / Terry Quirk 57.87%
3rd Leslie Farnaby / Pam Day 57.14%	3rd Meg Isherwood / Johan Steyl 55.09%

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

WILDERNESS BRIDGE CLUB

10 February 2016 - 6 Table Howell	17 February 2016 - 6 Table Howell
1st Joy Amm / Bella Scoccia 62.5%	1st Bella Scoccia / Barbara van der Noord 64.1%
2nd Iain Campbell / Pam Leppan 60.9%	2nd Iain Campbell / Pam Leppan 59.4%
3rd Leslie Farnaby / Johan Steyl 57.3%	3rd Marguerite Badenhorst / Oswald Dittich 57.8%

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.



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KNYSNA PLETT CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

BRYAN WALLICK - PIANO & HANLI STAPELA - SOPRANO

Monday, March 14, 2016

Piano and voice in perfect harmony for our second concert of the year. Pianist, Bryan Wallick studied at the Juilliard School of Music in New York and also in London, but he now lives in Pretoria. Which is wonderful for us as he visits Knysna on a regular basis and brings his considerable talents for us to enjoy. Hanli will be singing some classical Italian arias and love songs as well as some more contemporary pieces from The Wizard Of Oz and from Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers movies. Hanli sings



opera, but also lieder, oratorio and other orchestral compositions. Some of this evening's composers will be Handel, Strauss and Sibelius.

Venue: Dutch Reformed Church Hall, Fichat Street, Knysna

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: At the door from 6.45pm; R120 Adults; R30 Scholars

Sedgefield Gentlemen's Club

The Gentlemen's Club would like to extend a word of congratulation to Bertus Mynhardt, the new greenkeeper, as the course is looking in great condition in spite of the dry, hot weather. NASA, instead of searching for life in outer space would have found their efforts better served should they have directed their attention to trying to find life in a certain fourball playing on this auspicious day, the Monthly Mug. A visit to Cairo's Museum to view Tutankhamen's mummy would have shown a livelier figure. They resembled Wordsworth's late wife whose movement after her burial, he described as being "rolled round in earth's diurnal course". The fourball will remain anonymous to avoid embarrassment for their wives

The good news, however, is that the winner of the A Division on

the day was Doug Stephen with an incredible net score of 51. Proof that age is no handicap in golf even if you have an awful swing. He was followed by Mike Newbury on 58 and Dolf Botha on 59. It was touching to see the tears in Doug's eyes when he received his trophy.

The B Division was more closely fought with the eventual winner being Albert Rowe (who wanted to quit golf last year) with 36 points. He was followed by four players on a countout on 35 points. They were Peter Heath, John Hawkes, Mike Goodwin and Jan Potgieter.

One could have cut the tension with a knife as the remaining players waited to hear who was to collect the "Duck" for the worst performer on the day and there was a loud cheer when the eventual winner was announced as Ali "Oh shit" Laskkorn. He managed to accumulate 18 points but no one will ever understand how. Welcome back Ali and thanks for providing some humour on the day.

TIDE TABLE

24 February - 09 March 2016

		Next Full Moon:	
		23 March 2016	
		Full Moon	New Moon
Wed 24	Low 10:56 23:04 Sunrise 06:10 Sunset 19:11	Hi 05:02 17:14 Moonrise 20:08 Moonset 07:32	
Thur 25	Low 11:23 23:30 Sunrise 06:11 Sunset 19:10	Hi 05:29 17:41 Moonrise 20:40 Moonset 08:26	
Fri 26	Low 11:50 23:57 Sunrise 06:12 Sunset 19:09	Hi 05:55 18:07 Moonrise 21:13 Moonset 09:20	
Sat 27	Low 12:19 Sunrise 06:13 Sunset 19:08	Hi 06:22 18:34 Moonrise 21:47 Moonset 10:12	
Sun 28	Low 00:25 12:49 Sunrise 06:14 Sunset 19:06	Hi 06:50 19:03 Moonrise 22:21 Moonset 11:06	
Mon 29	Low 00:56 13:25 Sunrise 06:15 Sunset 19:05	Hi 07:23 19:37 Moonrise 23:00 Moonset 11:59	
Tue 01	Low 01:34 14:11 Sunrise 06:16 Sunset 19:04	Hi 08:05 20:26 Moonrise 23:42 Moonset 12:52	
Wed 02	Low 02:29 15:22 Sunrise 06:16 Sunset 19:03	Hi 09:06 21:54 Moonrise - Moonset 13:45	
Thur 03	Low 04:09 18:10 Sunrise 06:17 Sunset 19:01	Hi 10:51 Moonrise 00:27 Moonset 14:37	
Fri 04	Low 06:33 19:24 Sunrise 06:18 Sunset 19:00	Hi 00:28 12:44 Moonrise 01:19 Moonset 15:29	
Sat 05	Low 07:33 20:08 Sunrise 06:19 Sunset 18:59	Hi 01:33 13:45 Moonrise 02:14 Moonset 16:17	
Sun 06	Low 08:18 20:45 Sunrise 06:20 Sunset 18:57	Hi 02:18 14:32 Moonrise 03:15 Moonset 17:05	
Mon 07	Low 08:59 21:21 Sunrise 06:21 Sunset 18:56	Hi 02:59 15:15 Moonrise 04: Moonset 17:50	
Tue 08	Low 09:38 21:57 Sunrise 06:21 Sunset 18:55	Hi 03:39 15:56 Moonrise 05:26 Moonset 18:32	
Wed 09	Low 10:18 22:33 Sunrise 06:22 Sunset 18:53	Hi 04:19 16:35 Moonrise 06:34 Moonset 19:15	

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Team Merrell just warming up in the Patagonian Expedition Race

The four South Africans making up Merrell Adventure Addicts have been ploughing their way across the barren, inhospitable coastline and grasslands of southern Chile like a team of oxwagons, with heads down into the fierce headwinds.

Two days into the 600km Patagonian Expedition Race and they have already covered half the course distance - 34km trekking and an epic 272km on the bike - but it's likely they will need another five days or more to complete the second half as they head now into the more tricky mountainous sections with no trails at all and a variety of new terrains to deal with.

So far they have been following their plan, to move slow and steady through the first few legs while acclimatising to the extreme weather conditions. At the start of the third leg they were in third position with two teams having pulled hard ahead right since the beginning. Already four teams have retired from the race, many others have suffered eye problems - from the biting wind - and stomach bugs, but Merrell appeared strong and in good spirits at the check points.

"The trick is not to panic." Said the philosopher of the group, Hanno Smit. "There are always ups and downs. You just have to back off a bit and you come right."

The views so far have not lived up to the postcard imagery that puts Patagonia on so many people's bucket lists, but the snow-capped mountains, glaciers and fjords lie ahead of them, and how much more spectacular they will be to the athletes who have crossed the



Team Merrell in action. Photo credits Sleepmonsters.com

continent under their own power, to reach them. And then immerse themselves in the picture.

At the end of the current leg which has them navigating through peat bog wetlands and forests, they will meet their bikes once again and ride 110km, passing through Puerto Natales and then rest their legs for a brief time as they kayak just 6km across Seno Ultima Esperanza. Timing is critical here as a dark zone is enforced overnight when no one is permitted on the water. If the team arrives after 22h00 they will be forced to rest until dawn. Sleep is needed though, and a lot more on this than other races as the demanding conditions tax the bodies. The race organiser warned teams that during the following hiking leg in the mountains "Even now in the middle of summer it can snow in bad weather so be prepared. On difficult ground it might be best to sleep and not move in the night."

So when you're having a braai

this weekend, when you're fighting traffic next week, fitting in some hours of training or going to a movie, anytime at all over the next five days or so, send a warm wish in Merrell's direction. They're doing South Africa proud out there. Crampons and ice picks and bags of biltong to hand.

There is no official team tracking provided by the organisation, making many supporters disgruntled and many supporter's bosses relieved. The Merrell team though, is carrying a Spot Gen3 Tracker so you can check exactly where they are as a lonely dot on Google. Some imagination will be required to figure out where they are in relation to other teams, or even the race route. But the team Facebook page is updated as much as possible with information.

Facebook and Website: Merrell Adventure Addicts
 Race website: www.patagonianexpeditionrace.com

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Join the Not-So-Slow Tortoise Tuff

Now in its 19th year, the Tortoise Tuff kicks off under starter's orders on Saturday, March 12 from the Laerskool Sedgfield Primary School sports fields.

This much-loved race once again incorporates a 10km walk and run, a 30km walk and run, 21km Goukamma Trail and 2,5km fun run/walk. The Athletics South Western District (ASWD) 10km Race Walking Trial will be incorporated in this year's race.

"The flat 10km course has always been popular amongst the 'speedsters' of both the running and walking sectors, but the one and a half hours allocated for the event also attracted those just looking for a gentle run or stroll through the Village, around the island and back again," said Sarie Exton, race hosts, Sedgfield Striders' chairperson. She added that this official ASWD Race Walking Trial will serve to select a team for the SA Race Walking Champs later this year.

Although the rest of the Tortoise Tuff races are tough, the undulating routes reward participants with spectacular scenery throughout, leaving them with a feeling of peace while pushing their bodies to new heights.

The 30km route is run on both tar and gravel roads and has been described as possibly the most challenging 30km on the Garden Route. According to Exton this race is an ideal training run for the Two Oceans and a great target distance for those who normally stick to half marathons. "Walkers are also welcome, but should take note of the four hour cut-off time."

The 21km Goukamma Trail run is now in its sixth year and still presents a challenging course that includes sections along the beach, through the Goukamma Nature Reserve, and some challenging dune climbs. "Cape Nature's co-operation makes it possible for runners to enjoy stunning views and almost untouched trails as a reward for the hard work-out this event will provide for the ever-increasing market of adventure racers," smiled Exton.

She added that the gentle 2.5km fun run always attracts a great number of younger athletes and the not-so-fit. "The generosity of our sponsors, Wesgro (thanks to the facilitation of Knysna &



The 30km Tortoise Tuff route take participants through the some of the most breath-taking scenery on the Garden Route. Photo: Luana Laubscher

Partners), Brenton Haven, Pine Lake Marina, Knysna & Partners and CapeNature has allowed for an extra marketing push, ensuring that the event will once again attract large numbers of both SWD and those from around the country."

Knysna & Partners CEO, Greg Vogt said that he would be thrilled if this year the entries could reach the 1 000 mark. "Last year this beautiful race attracted 673 entries, this year I am sure that with our push we can break the record." He added that his aim of recognising the Greater Knysna as the Trail Town of South Africa makes this Tortoise Tuff an important event. "We have worked very hard to ensure that the marketing of the Tortoise Tuff reaches throughout South Africa. We live in paradise and it is our duty to share this piece of paradise with the rest of the world."

Because athletes will have their time electronically recorded via a RFID chip as they cross the finishing mat, this event is strictly a pre-entry event. The cut-off time for entries is strictly Monday, March 7 at 10:00.

Female runners will be delighted to know that equal prize money is on offer for both male and female winners. The winner for the 30km race will receive R500; the winning walker in the 30km distance - R200. Winners of the 10km (run and walk) and the 21km Trail Run will each receive R300.

Besides the category prizes, medals will be awarded to all finishers. "Six lucky runners will walk away with extraordinary prizes ranging from Sport shop vouchers, running shoes and luxury

weekend holidays. The winner must be present at the draw to qualify for the lucky prize," reminded Exton.

Starting times: 30km: Walk - 06:00, Run - 07:00; 21.1km Trail Run - 07:10; 10km Run/Walk - 07:15; and the 2.5km Fun Run - 08:00.

Pre-entries, already available at www.aswd.co.za, will close on Monday March 7 at 10:00. There will be no late entries.

Registration takes place at Laerskool Sedgfield Primary School sports field from 17:00 to 19:00 on Friday, March 11 and from 05:30 on race day.

Meet Mr & Mrs H O Spice!

Hospice is once again having a stand at the Sedgfield Slow Festival which is being held on the 25th to the 27th of March this year.

We would welcome any donations such as books, clothes or any other items that we can sell.

Why not come and visit us on the Village Green and meet Mr and Mrs H.O. Spice. They take part in the parade every year so if you miss them on the green then you can see them at the Sunday parade. There will be lots of fun for the whole family so come and join us.



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