

MAYOR PRESENTS LAST BUDGET



Mayor Wolmarans presented her last budget to council on Tuesday.

THE MUNICIPAL budget for Knysna for the 2016/17 cycle was tabled yesterday by Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans as part of her final State of the Town & Budget address.

During her address on Tuesday 31 May, themed "A prosperous future for Knysna," Mayor Wolmarans touched on the highlights of the past term and shared her vision for Knysna for the years ahead: "It is my sincere hope that the next council will

... With the focus on infrastructure

build on the achievements we have attained during this term in office and will strive to overcome the challenges that faced us over the last five years."

Mayor Wolmarans touched on the activities and projects of each directorate, while identifying the pertinent challenges that will be addressed during the next financial year. After concluding her review on the wellbeing and

future of Knysna, Wolmarans turned to matters of Rands and Cents.

"The budget for the next financial year continues to reflect the strategies and priorities of the town, chief among them the need to address our dire water security issues", Wolmarans said in her initial remarks.

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"The new budget for Knysna Municipality amounts to approximately R912 million comprising of R174 million in capital expenditures and R738 million for operating expenses. This constitutes a considerable increase of 16% on the adjusted budget for 2015/2016 which amounted to a total of R789 million."

The approximated funds in the capital budget have been earmarked as follows: R57 million for housing and infrastructure, R23 million for upgrades to the pumping scheme at Charlesford Dam, a R10 million NDPG grant for multi-purpose centres, R8 million for the water treatment plant, R3 million for a new cemetery and

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THE END OF A GREAT RUN



After several months of hard rehearsing, soul searching, painful stunt co-ordinating, terrorising their families with line-learning and epic door slamming, the Farce Side amateur dramatic troupe hit the stage at Sedgefield Primary School for 6 performances of 'Unnecessary Farce', from Tuesday 17th to Friday 28 May. Judging by the audiences' reaction the actors, actresses and crew did the hilarious script justice, bringing refreshing comic relief to the normally 'quiet months' in Sedgefield. (See page 3 for full story)

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

So... Do you think it wrong to send my son's girlfriend a book of operating instructions... and perhaps a letter warning her of potential hazards?

I'm torn, you see. She is such a nice girl, even with the additional metalwork, and I live in fear that one day she will well.... not marry him.

We're talking about The REE here, (*Resident Expert on Everything*), because despite the fact that he's 23, the lad still needs a little.... Er.... Houstraining, I suppose.

Now please don't judge. Mrs Ed and I did our best to instruct him in the usual day-to-day refinements that are expected of most modern day Homo sapiens once they are able to walk upright, but it seems that in the subjects of general house-keeping.... and grooming.... and *not-toenail-cutting-in-the-lounge* he may have had some sort of learning disability.

We tried. Oh my goodness we tried! From carefully coordinated sessions of Extreme Free-style Nagging (*and I must add with at least a modicum of pride that Mrs Ed represented Zimbabwe for eight Olympic games in this field*), to threats of violence, both verbal (*"If you do not put your breakfast plate in the kitchen I'll shove your face into that strange green mould growing on the bedspread"*) and written **"WARNING: THIS BEDROOM WILL BE SUBJECT TO DAILY HIGH-PRESSURE HOSING AT 2AM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT IS CLEAR OF ALL VERMIN (including the smelly one sleeping in the torn jeans and DefLeppard T-shirt)"**.

Amazing actually, indeed probably a medical phenomenon, how someone can effortlessly (*and accurately*) pick out the tune of Guns 'n Roses' *'Sweet Child of Mine'* on his electric guitar, whilst simultaneously wolfing down a triple-decker bacon sandwich, glugging on a pint of *actually-that-was-dad's* beer and absorbing every word of *Game of Thrones* Season 3, yet he cannot connect the right synapses in his nerve endings to coordinate picking up the possibly radioactive collection of manky skiddies that have been littering his bedroom floor for three months and tossing them in the laundry bin. But there you go – we can wish the best for our kids, but they can't have everything, can they? Mrs Ed says he has nice cheekbones so I guess we should be grateful.

When he first left home I was held captive by that wonderfully warm but false sense of security that adolescents instantly become domestic gods once they move into their own living quarters. That all the hours of nagging to clean up after themselves suddenly come to a spectacular head and the cocoon of unchanged sheets equally suddenly breaks asunder to produce a new, tidy, polite, clean, I-know-where-the-washing-machine-is adult who even knows how to put a toilet roll on the holder....

But alas, 'tis not so.

I still have nightmares about a certain phone call I made to a



gentleman in Cape Town. It was after *The REE* and two friends had moved out of a flat in Zonnebloem that they had shared for a couple of years whilst studying. I was given the task of extracting the deposit (which of course I had paid) from the landlord, and had phoned the man on his cell.

"Yes sir," he said to me, with a surprisingly cheerful lilt to his voice, "It's funny you should call now. I have just arrived at the block and am currently in the lift going up to inspect the flat. By all means let me take down your bank details and I will gladly return the deposit, though I may have to deduct a few Rand for cleaning. I'll just let myself in here now and grab a pen to... W H A T T H E ? AAAARRRRGGGGHHHHHHH!!!!!!!"

I'm not sure if he was just a little shocked about the state of the place, or if perhaps he was attacked and absorbed by some huge glob of rancid putrefaction crawling out the fridge, but I have not heard from him again.... nor have I ever had the deposit returned.

So now you can understand, I hope, why my heart goes out to the poor unsuspecting lass who is his girlfriend (*dare I say the potential future Mrs REE?*). More so as she is rather at a disadvantage, because she lives in Jo'burg, and he lives in Cape Town. So other than an odd weekend spent in each other's company (*during which I suspect there are piles of dirty laundry, pizza boxes, mould-bearing crockery and sandwich crusts secreted behind his locked wardrobe doors*) they haven't had a lot of time together. They Skype of course, but I gather he has a phone app which digitally superimposes a photo of a tidy bedroom behind him whenever they connect.

It's not that I'm trying to marry

him off either – he has his whole life ahead of him of course. It's just that Mrs Ed doesn't seem to want to 'move on' until such time as he has 'truly settled'. By 'moving on' I mean allowing me to install a micro-brewery in what used to be his bedroom, and by 'Truly Settled' she means totally someone else's responsibility.

So am I wrong for sending his 'other half' a little 'break it to her gently' list of things to look out for, just so that the shock isn't too much for her, when she finally discovers....? Perhaps just one or two hints, not enough to put her off the lad, but enough to prevent her getting carried off screaming in a straight jacket to that special ward they reserve for magic mushroom over-dosers and ex REE landlords when they first move in together?

I thought that if we got to chat to her privately, perhaps Mrs Ed could put in some time teaching her the secret art of *Extreme Nagging*, so that at least the girl will have some sort of defense weapon when she finds his unwashed socks are not only breeding, but have actually evolved to a state where they are communicating with each other and declaring war on the gang of pizza crusts....

I put all this to Mrs Ed, but she muttered through her beard something about how things would have been VERY different if someone had had the decency to warn HER about this sort of thing all those years ago. Furthermore, she said she doesn't believe that intense nagging has ever, and WILL ever, make a man a more hygienic, and less disgusting... and revolting (*yes, she used both words*). "But I will teach her anyway," she solemnly reflected, (hopefully proving she is not a vampire after all) "Because, for the love of the sport....

I'd be mad if I didn't!"

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FIRE ON THE N2

A few 'drive through' motorists were lucky enough to get an impromptu viewing of Sedgfield's suburbs early yesterday afternoon, when police diverted traffic off the N2 at the Scarab intersection and through the village. This was due to a large fire burning on the northern side of the highway, with the billowing smoke bringing visibility down to almost zero.

The local fire brigade were quick to bring the flames under control and it wasn't long before the N2 was cleared for traffic again.

"We were very fortunate that no accidents occurred," suggested one local witness, "I really think the municipality needs to make sure those large open areas are cleared more regularly."



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R5 million for upgrades to Grey Street. R400 000 has been allocated to each ward for their respective projects."

"The cost of increased service delivery to our ever-growing population is clearly becoming an increasing burden on our limited revenue budget," continued Mayor Wolmarans.

"The topography of the town means that the basic services we are constitutionally obliged to provide are always costlier than other municipalities. The knock-on effects of Eskom tariffs and our water scarcity are also substantial."

Turning to the state of the town's roads, Mayor Wolmarans said: "We are demonstrating a clear commitment to improve and maintain our roads infrastructure by approximately doubling the expenditure on repairs and maintenance of our roads, to R25 million in the next financial year."

To fund the budget, the municipality depends on revenue income obtained from rates and taxes, various provincial and national government grants, and the equitable share from National Treasury which has increased after the relevant formula was adjusted to reflect the latest census figures.

Of main concern to the residents of Knysna are the changes in tariffs, rates and rebates which are as follows:

- The electricity revenue tariff will increase by 7,6% as

approved by the National Energy Regulator.

- The first two consumption tiers for the water tariff will increase by 7% with tariffs in subsequent tiers rising more as consumption increases. The free water allocation to indigent residents will remain at 6 kilolitres per month, while for non-indigent residents the allocation will be lowered to 3 kilo-litres.

- The sewerage tariff and refuse tariff will increase by 7,5% and 8% respectively. The refuse tariff will most likely be adjusted upwards when the transport and operating cost of the new Eden landfill site near Mossel Bay becomes operational.

- Other minor tariffs will also increase by 8,9%, unless specifically shown to be different in the tariff book.

- In terms of domestic assessment rates, the increase in the rate of the rand will be 7% for domestic and non-domestic properties.

- The assessment rate rebate for domestic owners will be reduced to 10%, with the Green Rate reduced to 5% and the Rural Rebate scrapped in its totality. The additional portion of

domestic property value which is excluded will remain at R100 000.

"Knysna is predominantly domestic in its tax base and the downturn in the national economy means development has virtually ceased, which has necessitated council to fast track economic development," explained Mayor Wolmarans.

"Thus there are three options which we must avidly pursue: firstly, aggressively grow our status as a preferred national and international tourist hub taking advantage of the exchange rate, secondly to actively seek investment in eco-friendly manufacturing to create more jobs and, lastly, create more jobs by attracting more service-based companies to the area."

Mayor Wolmarans highlighted the fact that Knysna has obtained three consecutive "clean" audits by the Auditor General and concluded her address with notes of thanks and special mentions to those people who contributed to making her five years in office a success.

The final budget documents will be available in the next 10 days on www.knysna.gov.za or copies can be obtained from the Municipal Offices in Clyde Street.

ISLAND ROAD NAMES TO STAY THE SAME

The controversial renaming of the roads on Sedgfield's Island suburb is not going to happen, and the old names will remain. This after the Knysna Municipality's Street Naming Committee received numerous objections to the proposal. The original application to have the names changed was made back in 2012 by the standing Ratepayers committee, but only came up for consideration in January this year. Many local residents were happy with the idea of new road names, but many were against it - calling it a huge waste of tax payers' money.

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THE FARCE SIDE BRINGS THE LAUGHS!



Words by Melanie Baumeister, picture by Emma Rorke

Here we are again after the run of our annual comedy, this year's 'Unnecessary Farce' by Paul Slade.

With Richard Payn (Winner of the Guineas Award 2016 - as in the best Scottish Piper in the country) setting the tone as the audiences arrived for a night at the theatre - Sedgefield style.

Six nights of laughter rocked the school hall venue as the seven players stomped, sneaked, fell around and got shoved into the boards. The Farce Side theatre group has been at it for three years now and with four shows under their belt the talent is really obvious. This year's newcomers, Cornel Delafield, Elaine Hannah, Tamsyn Godfrey and Mike Young were buoyed (as we all were) by the laughter and applause from the audiences each night. *That is after all, what we do it for!*

The generous response from our audiences on all platforms has

been overwhelming and extremely positive; "To the amazingly talented cast of 2016. I went in expecting to giggle or maybe even chuckle. What I didn't expect was to laugh from my belly again and again. Thank you so much for warming up winter, putting a smile on our faces and blowing us away with your startling talent." Pam Booth

"... we want to say Thank You so much for your (The Farce Side's) wonderful production. Congratulations to you and your whole team. We so enjoyed it and all the laughter it brought. Fabulous! You did Sedgefield proud." Jackie and Peter Weaver

"I was super impressed with the tremendously entertaining and well-executed play, Unnecessary Farce!!! You did great!!" Saskia Vershoor

As with any production by The Farce Side there is a lot of gratitude to our very local

supporters! Herewith the list. Without these people, companies and businesses, none of the magic would be possible: The families and friends of each and every cast and crew member of this production.

Scarab Village who provided rehearsal space for the first two months. Lemon & Lime - the best box office in town.

Build It, Forest Lodge Nursery, Debbie and Deon Snyders, Twinx Costumes, Pick 'n Pay and Sergeant Sonja Stander.

Lastly, the announcement that everyone has been waiting for, the raffle winner of the fan memorabilia from the set of 'Unnecessary Farce' - the set of Three Flying Ducks from the Claymore Pots Studio goes to Cheryl Ferreira!

Congratulations Cheryl! Enjoy the revival of these classic pieces of décor.

SASSA GRANT FRAUD: R800 MIL LOST

According to a release from the offices of Lorraine Botha MPP, Western Cape Spokesperson on Community Development, The South African Social Services Agency (SASSA) has lost an estimated R800 million to corrupt practices in the entity and of that amount, a mere R1.5 million has been recovered.

On 31 May SASSA briefed the Standing Committee on Community Development in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP). It was revealed that between April 2015

and March 2016, a total of 18 807 disputes had been logged with SASSA.

In April 2016 alone, a total of 1 846 disputes were logged with SASSA in the Western Cape. It is clear that beneficiaries cannot rely on the Dispute Resolution Mechanisms (DRM), which are meant to resolve cases of beneficiary exploitation.

It was revealed that beneficiaries received falsified SASSA forms that were used by insurance brokers to fraudulently take out

insurance on behalf of beneficiaries. It also emerged from the briefing that third parties are obtaining confidential details of beneficiaries from FICA and not necessarily from SASSA.

It was revealed that the Cash Payment Services (CPS), responsible for disbursing social grants is a subsidiary of Net1, a company that also owns Easy Pay. It is concerning to note that beneficiaries are tricked into opening Easy Pay accounts thus ensuring that CPS pays the monies directly into these accounts that are subsequently fraudulently debited. It also emerged that CPS will continue to profit from these questionable deductions as they are contracted to SASSA until March 2017. SASSA will not renew CPS's contract as a result of this, but will take over operations themselves from April 1 2017.

It is clear that the DRM that was put in place by SASSA in 2012 to deal with the fraudulent deductions made on beneficiary accounts, has failed.

SASSA informed the committee of new regulations that will be initiated in an effort to deal with the rampant fraudulent deductions.

These include:

- 24 hour, 7 days a week, toll free number, including calls from cell phones - 0800 60 10 11
- No funeral insurance deductions from children and temporary grants allowed
- Beneficiaries to submit written consent for deductions
- On site Commissioner of Oaths to process affidavits
- Retraining of SASSA staff on implementation of DRM

The responsibility rests on SASSA to ensure that the mechanisms that it has in place are reliable and do not put grant beneficiaries at risk.

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Looking at the smartly dressed smiling kids in the photo below, there's no doubt that Little Teddies is a happy place to be, and that Gladys is as passionate about the school as she was when she first opened the doors 26 years ago.

And everyone knows that a full tummy is a big part of every kid's happiness, so the staff members are very grateful for the regular donations from Sedgefield Pick n Pay towards school lunches.



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RHYTHMS RIDING SCHOOL - SARDA

Rhythm's Riding School (RRS) in Sedgfield recently held a pony camp. Ten girls slept over at the riding school and learnt more about horses, including picking up horse-poo! The weekend ended in a little gymkhana and cartoon-theme fancy dress attended by their families. The horses and riders were transformed into Batman, Mickey Mouse, Robin Hood and Minions and had great fun. All behaved beautifully, even with red painted hooves and feather boas in their tails.

RRS is also a small branch of the South African Riding for the Disabled Association (SARDA) and accept a wide range of disabled and emotionally challenged children. The therapeutic value of riding is so noticeable and affirmed by our associated medical professionals. Take a child out of a wheel chair and put her on a

horse, the sense of freedom is tangible; and the physical and emotional benefits are obvious.

SARDA is working with the Knysna Sedgfield Hospice and has been teaching a group of Hospice children from Knysna for the last three years. The disabled riding is free of charge and is funded by donations (designated SARDA) made to the Hospice. We are hoping to take on an additional group of six children from the Sedgfield community. As a result we are looking for more volunteer helpers (horse leaders and side-walkers). Helpers need to be fit enough to walk and run next to a horse, and to come regularly for an hour once a week during school terms. The helpers receive special training and do not need to be horsey but have a love for children.

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NSRI URGE CAUTION ALONG GARDEN ROUTE COASTLINE DUE TO A HIGH NUMBER OF WHITE SHARK SIGHTINGS



NSRI are urging public caution along the coastline, particularly along the Southern Cape coastline (The Garden Route), between Natures Valley and Mossel Bay and in particular around the Plettenberg Bay in shore area due to a high number of white shark sightings.

The increase in shark inshore presence at this time of the year is part of the normal aggregation of these animals. Sharks are aggregating in this area at this time, as they have done in previous years, to take advantage of naturally occurring prey such as seals and fish close in shore.

In particular, a large number of shark sightings have been recorded close in shore along the Plettenberg Bay coastline.

Most of these shark sightings are in the vicinity of Robberg and this natural phenomenon with the high number of sightings reported daily offers a rare opportunity for sightseers to view shark activity close in shore.

On Wednesday, 25th May, hikers along an elevated stretch of a hiking trail above Wreck Beach, Robberg Nature Reserve, looking down on the shore line, noticed 3 surfers being harassed by a shark. The surfers managed to reach the

beach without incident but this has again highlighted the necessity to urge public caution along this stretch of coastline.

NSRI are well prepared to deal with any incidents and Plettenberg Bay NSRI now carry emergency medical shark kits on all rescue boats and on the NSRI rescue vehicle. NSRI Plettenberg Bay medics are also carrying these emergency medical shark kits in their private vehicles in an effort to ensure the quickest response to any incident.

For safety the public is advised:

- Do not swim, surf or surf-ski when birds, dolphins or seals are feeding nearby
- Do not swim, surf or surf-ski where fishing or spear fishing is taking place
- Do not swim in deep water beyond the breakers
- Do not swim if you are bleeding
- Do not swim near river mouths
- Do not swim, surf or surf-ski at night
- Do not swim, surf or surf-ski if there has been a whale stranding nearby
- Obey beach officials and lifeguards if told to leave the water
- If a shark has recently been sighted in an area, consider using another beach for the day
- First-time visitors to beach areas should ask the local law enforcement official, lifeguards or locals about the area
- For those people kayaking or surf-skiing far out to the sea:



White Shark close in-shore at Plettenberg Bay (photo taken during April)


please consider paddling in groups and staying close together (in a diamond formation)

- Consider using a personal shark shield when you go surfing or kayaking
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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

ORDONNANSIE OP GRONDGEBRUIKBEPLANNING, 1985 (ORDONNANSIE 15 VAN 1985)

AANSOEK NOMMER: 1290, 204970000, Flamingostraat, SEDGFIELD

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15 in terme van die Grondgebruikbeplanning Ordonnansie (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) dat die onderstaande aansoek deur die Munisipale Bestuurder ontvang is en ter insae lê, gedurende kantoore by: Munisipale Stadsbeplanning Kantore, Ou Hoofgebou, Kerkstraat 3, Knysna (Tel: 044 302 6319) asook die Sedgfield Dorp Biblioteek, Sedgfield. Enige besware met volledige redes daarvoor, moet skriftelik by die Munisipale Bestuurder, Posbus 21, Knysna, 6570, ingedien word op voor **Vrydag, 1 Julie 2016**, met vermelding van bogenoemde Ordonnansie en beswaarmaker se erfnummer en pos/e-pos adres. Neem asseblief kennis dat die aansoek ook op ons webwerf www.knysna.gov.za beskikbaar is.

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Aansoeker

JAN VROLIJK STADSBEPLANNER


Aard van Aansoek

Hersonering

1. n Hersonering van 'n gedeelte van Erf 4970, Sedgfield vanaf "Enkelwoonsone" na "Sakesone" in terme van Artikel 17 van die Grondgebruikbeplanning Ordonnansie, 1985 (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) vir die ontwikkeling van 'n sakegebou;

Leërverwysing: 204970000

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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

LAND USE PLANNING ORDINANCE, 1985 (ORDINANCE 15 OF 1985)

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1290, 204970000, Flamingo Street, SEDGFIELD

Notice is hereby given in terms of Sections 15 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985) that the under mentioned application has been received by the Municipal Manager and is open for inspection during office hours at: Municipal Town Planning Offices, Old Main Building, 3 Church Street, Knysna (Tel: 044 302 6319) as well as the Sedgfield Town Library, Sedgfield. Any objections, with full reasons thereof, should be lodged in writing with the Municipal Manager, PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570 on or before **Friday, 1 July 2016**, quoting the above Ordinance and objector's erf number and postal/e-mail address. Kindly note that the application is also available on our website www.knysna.gov.za.

Notice is further given in terms of Section 21(4) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, (Act 32 of 2000) that people who cannot write may approach the Municipal Town Planning Office at 3 Church Street, Knysna during normal office hours, where the Secretary will refer you to the responsible official who will assist you in putting your comments or objections in writing.

Applicant

JAN VROLIJK TOWN PLANNER

Nature of application

Rezoning

1. Rezoning of a portion of Erf 4970, Sedgfield from "Single Residential Zone" to "Business Zone" in terms of Section 17 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. 15 of 1985) for the development of a business on the premises.

File reference: 204970000

GRANT EASTON
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

SHACK FIRES

by Mike Young

Last month, three shack fires in Smutsville left the families who lived in them destitute. Fortunately no-one was badly hurt. In April last year, Lee-Hano Oktober died when his family's house burnt down.



A recent shack fire. Picture by Janet Ebersohn

The Municipality acknowledge that something has to be done to reduce the risk of such tragedies and I understand that they are working on using smoke detectors to raise the alarm when a building catches fire.

Last year, I wrote about a device which could very well be another part of the solution. It's called LUMKANI and it is described as a networked fire alarm, which is designed to be fitted in the vicinity of cooking facilities in a home. As you can see from the adjacent picture, it's a small blue box. Inside is a battery driven



component which is designed to sense any rapid rise in temperature in its vicinity and trigger an alarm which is a continuous high-pitched beep. At the same time, a radio signal is generated which triggers short beeps from similar devices within a radius of about 60 metres. A central monitoring unit is also available which receives the signal. This monitor can be programmed to pass the alarm to a chosen destination such as a telephone at the local fire brigade. LUMKANI is deliberately designed to detect rapid temperature rise, not smoke, because so many cooking processes generate smoke which would trigger false alarms.

The impression I gained from exchange of emails with the Municipality is that smoke detectors are seen as the solution. At the time that I wrote about LUMKANI last year, I had a concern that smoke detection was not the only need. I have recently seen a report issued by the Red Cross in America. In 2015 they invited a team of more than 20 partners including,

among others, universities, government agencies, civil society organisations. Working in two informal settlements, one in Cape Town, the other in Nairobi, they reached the conclusion that new technology could enhance traditional methods of detection. LUMKANI was one of the possibilities that drew very favourable comment. What I have seen is a preliminary copy of the Red Cross report. It talks about an initiative called Fire Sensors for Safer Urban Communities, which it believes can offer humanitarian and economic breakthroughs, with a leading edge safety service that creates true shared value for all. I hope we will be able to persuade the Municipality to read the report with an open mind.

Please remember to...

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- sleep with candles still burning
- Teach children about the dangers of fire
- Watch out for discarded cigarette butts
- Be aware of the dangers of illegal and faulty electricity connections, which also cause fires
- Keep a bucket handy to fill with water so that you can extinguish flames easily
- Keep a bucket of sand to put out paraffin fires
- Build dwellings a good distance (at least 3 m) apart to prevent fires from spreading. Make sure this space is kept open
- Keep roads and access to dwellings clear at all times
- Do not block roads with possessions when there is a fire
- Do not prevent or disrupt the work of fire crews fighting fires

Using paraffin safely

- Always handle paraffin with

extreme care, as it is poisonous and can burn your skin even if unlit. Paraffin is often sold in containers contaminated with chemicals such as petrol, or mixed with methylated spirits. This can cause it to flare dangerously or even explode

- Paraffin can cause severe burns, and paraffin stoves that are knocked over or explode are a major cause of injuries and fires in informal settlements. Paraffin also emits harmful fumes when ignited
- Never leave a paraffin appliance unattended. It only takes a second for a gust of wind, pet or child to knock over a light or stove
- Make sure paraffin appliances are on a flat, firm surface
- Do not put a cloth under a paraffin appliance. A child or pet could pull the trailing end and the

cloth will then burn, fuelling the fire

- Always have a bucket of sand nearby when using a paraffin appliance. Water will not extinguish a paraffin fire and can make matters worse by spreading the flames. Paraffin fires can only be extinguished using sand or a fire extinguisher

Using electricity safely

- Do not overload your electrical circuits – in other words, don't keep more than four plugs on one extension (with your heater, your kettle, your stove...)
- Switch off all electrical appliances at the wall at night or when leaving your home
- When you are cooking (on any sort of stove, gas, electric or paraffin), do not leave the pot on the stove unless you are watching it.

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DISTANCE LEARNING EFFECTIVE STRATEGY NEEDED TO COMBAT UNIQUE CHALLENGES

In today's competitive job market, many people consider distance learning as an obvious way to upskill without having to leave their employment and lose their pay cheque in the process. Additionally, it is viewed as an option that provides more flexibility and control over time and pace than full-time study.

But while these perceptions are relatively accurate, going the distance study route should only be tackled in partnership with an effective strategy, since there are many challenges associated with this mode of study, an expert warns.

"Distance study provides the ideal opportunity in certain circumstances; however students should know what they are letting

themselves in for and how to handle any issues that might arise, if they do not want to join the ranks of those who threw in the towel after discovering it is not the walk in the park some perceive it to be," says Dr Felicity Coughlan, Director of The Independent Institute of Education, SA's largest and most accredited private higher education institution.

"Regrettably, many people who register for a full qualification in the distance mode do not succeed, chiefly because these students do not have access to the critical success factors enjoyed by contact students," she says, adding that to be successful, both institutions and students must remove the 'distance'-elements from distance study by leveraging

all the tools available.

Coughlan says the most important thing distance students have to do to ensure success, is to structure their time and be clear about the workload they are taking on.

"In most cases, students underestimate the work they have to get through, and as a consequence they don't make adequate provision to accommodate these demands in their normal routine.

"Higher education institutions should therefore provide detailed information about the time required, as well as proposals on how to pace the learning to achieve best outcomes. Students should make extensive use of electronic diaries and alerts and ensure that

they set up reminders for the various milestones on the way to deadlines."

Successful distance students should also ensure that they are connected to other students doing the same work, says Coughlan.

"Many institutions have learning management systems with virtual classrooms enabling students to collaborate. Students who take that further, by collaborating beyond the required activities, also do not feel as isolated, while receiving the support that contact students take for granted."

Coughlan says a third indicator for successful distance study is when the student is not just a number, but has an identity.

"These students fully engage with the available support systems, including tutors and lecturers, and make sure that they

are known for being active and involved. As a result, they get the attention of those who are available to support them. Interestingly, distance educators often experience the same frustration over the lack of feedback that their students feel, so they instinctively gravitate towards engaged students."

And finally, when the going gets tough, successful distance students don't just give up and disappear.

"You have to ask for help as soon as things start to go wrong. Because at any reputable distance institution, help should be available to support you through the challenging times to get you back on the road again," Coughlan says.

She says institutions can greatly improve their distance learning success rates if they:

- Have early warning systems such as monitoring online activity, and reach out to students as soon as a student seems to have gone quiet;
- Make full use of the functionality of learning management systems and include activities that elicit responses and collaboration;
- Recognise that access to bandwidth is not a given, and thus have mechanisms other than the learning management system to enable students to engage;
- Have used appropriate learning theory in setting up the coursework in recognition of the challenges of independent learning by adults;
- Give feedback efficiently and at a level of detail that enables students to implement required remedial action, and
- Allocate sufficient resources to student support.

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY



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

SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT: Public Works DIRECTORATE: TECHNICAL SERVICES

TASK GRADE 13
R276 144 to R358 392 (Basic salary)
R410 563 to R516 858 (Total cost to Council Remuneration)

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

- Planning, coordinating and supervising the execution of construction and maintenance activities of storm water, roads, buildings and related ad hoc activities, quality management control of work done by contractors
- Responsible for effective resource allocation, including staff, equipment and plant
- Managing the performance and the KPAs of subordinates
- Responsible for the effective and efficient administration of the section including code of conduct, section meetings and staff matters
- Responsible for effective and efficient financial management of the section including budget preparation, budget monitoring, cashflows and expenditure planning
- Responsible for occupational health and safety
- Responsible for submission of data for the monthly report, trend analysis and corrective measures
- Responsible for creating and monitoring of Standard Operating Procedures and Processes of the Department
- Responsible for reporting on investigations and customer queries
- Responsible for report writing, internal and external correspondence

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

Grade 12
Post school qualification in Civil engineering (Construction and building environment)
Valid code C driver's licence, with PDP
Own reliable vehicle
Computer literacy
Effective communication skills in at least two of the three Western Cape official languages

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE NEEDED:

More than 10 years' proven experience in the building environment preferably in the construction sector at the appropriate level

Applicable Municipal benefits will apply.

You will need to use your own private vehicle for official duties. This travelling will be financially reimbursed through participation in the Essential Car User Scheme.

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

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

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

Completed applications should be forwarded to the Human Resources Department, PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570 or Fax Number: 044- 302 6333 or email: knysna@knysna.gov.za

CLOSING DATE: 3 JUNE 2016

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G SEASTON

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The Municipality reserves the right not to make an appointment.

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY



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

SUPERINTENDENT: Roads & Storm water DIRECTORATE: TECHNICAL SERVICES

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

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

- Drawing up maintenance programmes for the different teams
- Supervising the execution of construction and maintenance activities of storm water and roads and related ad hoc activities
- Supervision of work done by contractors
- Responsible for effective resource allocation, including staff, equipment and plant
- Managing the performance and the KPAs of subordinates
- Responsible for the effective and efficient administration of the section including code of conduct, section meetings and staff matters
- Responsible for occupational health and safety
- Responsible for submission of data for the monthly report
- Responsible to ensure compliance to Standard operating procedures
- Responsible for maintaining discipline in the Section

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

Grade 12
Post school qualification in Civil engineering (Construction and building environment) will be an advantage
Valid code C1 driver's licence, with PDP
Own reliable vehicle
Computer literacy
Effective communication skills in at least two of the three Western Cape official languages

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE NEEDED:

More than 5 years' proven experience in the building environment preferably in the construction sector at the appropriate level.

Applicable Municipal benefits will apply.

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Knysna Oyster Festival Shuckle Back with a Bang!

Savour the good life!

Its that time of the year again when the countrys most-loved holiday festival returns to the Garden Route. The annual Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival, which this year runs from 1-10 July, will again have a jam-packed programme with activities designed to keep absolutely everyone entertained, relaxed and exceptionally well-fed!



One of the biggest Festival highlights is the Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster festival Comedy Shuckle set to take place at the Festival Pavilion on Thursday, 7 July.

This hugely popular evening of fun, food and laughter will be hosted by two of South Africas favourite comedians, Schalk Bezuidenhout and Kagiso Mokgadi both of whom are well

known for having their audiences in stitches.

As always oysters will take centre stage prepared in every way possible. This is one night you can be assured a feast of this delicious delicacy. Look out for the Pick n Pay Oyster stand at the Festival Pavilion and enjoy! But make sure you dont miss out and book your tickets early!

The Momentum Health Kiddies Area, a fully supervised, secure and fun area for children will be open from 17:30 23:00 and will have loads of age-appropriate activities for kids run by qualified child-minders. Parents can check their children in while taking their time to enjoy the Festival.



KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

T 17/2016 APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDING PROJECTS

Knysna Municipality invites tenders for the appointment of a panel of Professional service providers for a range of Professional services for the period of 1 July 2016 to June 2019.

The physical address for collection of tender documents is: **Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna.** Documents may be collected during working hours Thursday 26 May 2016.

A receipt for a non-refundable deposit of **R218.00** payable by cheque made out in favour of Knysna Municipality is required on collection of the tender documents. E-mailed documents are free of charge.

Registration with CESA/Relevant body for respective industry is mandatory, Please include copy of membership Certificate.

Bidders that score less than 70% for the functionality criteria will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive tender and will not be considered.

Queries relating to these documents may be addressed to: Mrs C Bezuidenhout, Tel 044-302 6349, e-mail cybezuidenhout@knysna.gov.za

A compulsory pre-tender clarification meeting with representatives of the Knysna Municipality will take place on **Tuesday 07th June 2016 @ 10H00**, Technical Services Boardroom located at No. 3 Church Street.

The closing time for submission of bids is **12h00 on Wednesday, 29 June 2016**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **bid box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the latter time and latest date. Telephonic, facsimile, email and/or late bids will not be accepted. Bids must be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date of the bid.

No person/s will be allowed to join the clarification meeting or to submit a bid if such a person/s is more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

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

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

Bids will be evaluated according to the **90/10** points system. The bids are subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011 and Council Preferential Procurement Strategy adopted in terms of Section 2 of the Act.

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

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

G Easton
Municipal Manager
Clyde Street
KNYSNA
6570

The Best 10 Days of Your Winter - The Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival - Fun for the Whole Family

The 2016 Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival takes place from 1 to 10 July 2016 and promises fun and exciting activities for the whole family. Besides the delicious oysters and many other seafood delights on offer, there's a diverse programme of more than 100 events, with something for every age and interest.



To whet your appetite, here's a look at just some of what's lined up:

Sporting events for adults

- On Saturday, 2 and Sunday, 3 July Momentum Weekend Argus Knysna Cycle Tour presented by Rotary
- On Thursday, 7 July Momentum Health OatWell DualX powered by Peptopro Sporting events for children
- Sunday, 3 July Spur Rotary Knysna Children's Cycle Tour - for children aged two to 9
- Saturday, 2 July The Casper Kids Adventure Run and from 1 - 10 July Dare 2 Dash Challenge for kids - for children aged six to eight.

Other kiddies' events

- The Pick n Pay Young Oyster Festival presented by Humpty Dumpty Windmeul Eggs enjoy fun cooking lessons, arts and crafts, for two to 10 year olds
- The Momentum Health Kiddies Area is a fully supervised, secure and fun area for children aged two to 12 with great age-appropriate activities. Parents can leave their children under supervision with full peace of mind.
- The annual Kids' Pavement Art event is ideal for creative

kiddies, includes lots of entertainment and prizes.

- The Enchanted Education Forest and Explore the Knysna Estuary on a Kayak are not to be missed!
- Funfair and inflatables are always a winner and these will be in abundance at the Festival.

Fun for the whole family

- The FNB Knysna Forest Family Hikes on Monday, 4, Wednesday, 6 and Friday, 8 July are always a hit and a great way to experience the incredible Knysna Forest
- The Imperial Auto Festival of Golf at Pezula - a great day out where parents and children get to play golf together on one of the most beautiful golf courses in SA.
- Make sure you visit the SA Navy ships on Thesen Island while the Waterfront Canoe Polo will include a great canoeing clinic for kids.
- There will be a whole host of markets to explore, including a Night Market on Monday and Tuesday, a local design and food market on Thursday, and the new Main Street Market in Main Road on Saturday afternoon



DIARY DATELINE

1st - 15th June 2016

Wednesday 01

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2- 5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10.00pm Badminton Town Hall.

Thursday 02

7am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
7:30am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
12-1pm Community meal at St Francis United Church, Swallow Drive - outreach to lonely & hungry.
2:30pm Bowls coaching
5:15pm Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
6:30 for 7pm Woodturner's Guild. For further details call Dave Stephenson 072 119 4397
7:30pm Lions Club of Sedgefield meets at the clubhouse. Debbie 083 306 9998.

Friday 03

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 04

7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market @ Swartvlei
8.00am - 2.00pm Mosaic Market
8.00am - 1.00pm Scarab Craft 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 05

7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outide 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 06

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

Tuesday 07

7am 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 08

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2 - 5.00pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)

Thursday 09

7am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
7:30am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
12-1pm Community meal at St Francis United Church, Swallow Drive - outreach to lonely & hungry.
2:30pm Bowls coaching
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Friday 10

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 11

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

Sunday 12

7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outide departs Cycle Worx. All welcome

Monday 13

2:30pm Art Society meets at Roman Catholic Church. 044 343 23876:30-10.00pm Badminton Town Hall
7.00pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in the Catholic Church Hall. Ph 044 3433141

Tuesday 14

7am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome
2:30pm Bowls coaching

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BIBLE TRUTH FOR THIS DAY

"Gog and Magog" (Rev 20:8) refers to the battle just after the millennium, when the new city of Jerusalem descends to earth. Then all the unrighteous dead are resurrected and, together with Satan, are destroyed by fire. This is the 2nd and final death. Jesus then creates a new heaven and earth (Rev chap 20, 21).

081 270 7212

Letter to the editor:

I am sure I am not alone in voicing my compliments to the cast and whole crew involved in "Unnecessary Farce", which provided the residents of Sedgefield with such side-splitting entertainment in the last few weeks. Thank you to all involved in the production - I don't think anyone who came to see it went away disappointed, and to those who didn't make it, you lost out on a great evening.

Don't miss any Farce Side productions in the future, because they are going from strength to strength. They are dedicated, slick, enthusiastic and well rehearsed. Eight doors to be co-ordinated seemed to present no problems, and a kilt slipping off didn't throw them either.

We thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the light relief from routine.

Proud to be associated with the talent in this town.

Clive and Sandy Louw

Dear Editor, Sanitation and health in Smutsville

Allow me to ask your help in finding out what exactly the authorities are doing in terms of sanitation especially around Slangerpark area.

There are about eleven public toilets in and around this area but out of these only two are working. If you wake up around six in the morning to visit these toilets you will be surprised to see a queue waiting to help themselves in turns.

This in my view is unacceptable and a total violation of basic human rights. It's been over three months since these toilets were attended to and the two are as you can imagine are completely filthy.

Please please dear Editor help as much as you can.

Concerned dweller!!!

Knysna Acting Municipal Manager Bevan Ellman responds:

In May 2015 the municipality appointed a consultant to investigate the state of the existing Green Toilets at Smutsville, Sedgefield. The investigation included not just a visual assessments of the existing toilet units, but also included discussions and confirmations with the Municipality's Technical staff and community members.

Knysna Municipality commenced with general repair work to connection and piping of water from the existing water lines to the toilets. Damaged or spoiled toilet parts were also replaced. The repairs amounted to R747 169.46 so far.

Unfortunately some of the damage to the toilets are due to vandalism from community members. The municipality has however additionally made arrangements for a honey sucker to empty the tanks regularly so as

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

to avoid future sewer blockages. We urge everyone to take care of all public facilities by keeping them clean and safeguarding them against vandalism. The funds utilised to repair the damages could be used on other projects that could have been of benefit to the community as a whole.

n Brief geheg aan die Burgermeester na 'The Edge'

Geagte Burgemeester, Ons as gemeenskap van Smutsville voel nie so gelukkig met die krag wat u hulle in die gaatjie in sit nie. Ons eis huise soos ons verstaan kan u hulle nie daar huise bou nie omdat daar 'n tiep was, maar na al die jare bly mense daar op die tiep, hoe lyk



My uitsig van die plakke huises.

die plakkers hutte met krag dis afskuiwelik en geen mooi gesig nie, want party van die hutte is skeef en nog 'n ding in die oë van die gemeenskap die gumptas dakke wat nog 'n steek in die oog is.

Na al die jare wat die mense daar bly het hulle nog niks oor gekom nie. Ons sien in die koerante hoe word vir Knysna huise uitgedeel. Hoe seer is dit nie vir ons nie, want ons is ook deel van Knysna Munisipaliteit. So ons betaal ook "Rates & Taxes" maar die sê vir ons, ons ry nog altyd in die agterste "trok van die "Gravy Trein". Wat ons as gemeenskap, verlang is huise vir die gaatjie se mense. As u-hulle nie hoe diep moet die fondasie gegrawe word "6 by 6" en die vraag is hoe diep was die gate vir die pale gegrawe is daar dan enige verskil. Na die gesukkel moet hulle maar tevrede wees. O dis mos naby stem tyd nou is krag goed vir hulle. Dit lyk vir ons vir die volgende 20 jaar gaan daar nog geen huise gebou word nie. Ons as gemeenskap van Smutsville verlang beter verblyf vir die Gaaitjie en almal wat in plakker huise bly. Is dit baie gevra doen tog moeite asb.

Dankie, Die Gemeenskap, Smutsville

Knysna Burgemeester Georlene Wolmarans antwoord;
Baie dankie vir die skrywe. Wees asseblief verseker dat ons beslis u belange op die hart dra. Ons

streef om 'n inklusiewe samelewing te skep, daarom konsulteer ons gereeld met ons gemeenskappe deur GOP vergaderings en soos met die pas afgelope begrotingsessies. Die dienste wat ons lewer word dus grootendeels deur die gemeenskap bepaal, vandaar die elektrifisering van die area. Behuising is 'n nasionale mandaat maar daar word van die plaaslike munisipaliteit verwag om die proses uit te rol. Alhoewel ons redelik suksesvol is met die uitrol van behuising word ons beperk deur befondsing. Besigheidsplanne vir verdere ontwikkeling in Sedgefield lê tans voor die Provinsiale regering.

Thank You

From the Grade 3's of Sedgefield Primary Smutsville

Tea for two
The grade 3's of Sedgefield Primary
Would like to thank you.
For what you did,
To make our camp a treat!!!!

The grade 3's of Sedgefield Primary, wants to thank the Lions Club For their kind donation Who made our camp our salvation.
We could not have gone without your input Of travelling fees and accommodation.

We are so grateful, the camp would not have been possible without everyones' kindness.

Yours in Christ

Lorraine Elizabeth Alfreds - Gr. 3 Teacher and HOD.

The Grade 3's relaxing at the beach near the camp site



The Grade 3 students with the Lions Club sponsored transport, Marietjie and Henry Terblanche, the principal Mr Dogh, Deputy Ms Els and Ms Alfreds

and immediately south of the verge fence line creeping back over the south verge (of the gravel track extension to Fraser street) north of the fence line and starting in line with the collapsed paving areas. This seems to also be due to dune mole rat burrows connecting back to the collapsed paving areas. This now means that all the stormwater is flowing underground through the collapsed paving areas into the new donga and hence into the retention dam short cutting the concrete channel. For your reference Fraser street runs west to east.

Our main sewer line leading to the pumping station must run somewhere in this area, you presumably have the As Built records, so could now be in danger of being exposed.

First of all you need to immediately erect some form of warning and barriers as it is now highly unsafe for vehicles and pedestrians. Thereafter you need to carry out some urgent preventative maintenance before there is a major sewerage and erosion problem. The whole area is an absolute disgrace, a great embarrassment to us, and a public danger with no attempt at temporary warning or fencing.

Your ANC predecessors did a very good job carrying out repairs to the sloping outlet end of the concrete channel which are

now disintegrating and useless due to the aforementioned original erosion which you did nothing about.

I am bitterly disappointed with 1. your complete lack of maintenance of our retention dam and associated facilities. The original developer Peter Inglis, of contractor Haw and Inglis, whom I knew and worked with, would be absolutely mortified.

2. the ongoing complete lack of control of the shacks on the dune and their rubbish while we, who are the ones who finance you, are subjected to all manner of controls.

so much so that I see no point in voting in the upcoming local elections. And I am not the only one.

Yours faithfully
Murray K Douglas
Chairman Groenvallei Homeowners Association.

Municipal Manager, Grant Easton responds:

We are still awaiting the completion of the engineer's report, in the meanwhile the site has been made safe. We appreciate the inputs made by the writer. However, any remedial recommendations contained in the technical report will be subject to budgetary provisions.

EXPEDITION AFRICA LEAVES A LEGACY

From now on, everyone visiting Sedgefield's Mosaic Market will get to see the wonderful creation left behind after the Expedition Africa event.

The mosaic map of Africa adorned with flags from participating countries is not only a creative artwork that is pleasing on the eye, but also a visual sign of the legacy the internationally acclaimed adventure race's organisers, participants and spectators, left behind for school kids in our community, through the Masithandane Bursary Fund.

In the end all 53 teams took part in creating the new landmark as well as some supporters. There were 34 contributors/donors and after taking into account the costs the amount raised to date is R18886, with R3000 still promised bringing the total to R21886.

The Expedition Africa map was unveiled on Saturday 21 May to many 'Oooh's and 'Aaaah's from those gathered at the busy market. The athletes, more than a little exhausted - especially those who had only finished the

event the day before, took turns to hobble up and have their pictures taken standing on the mosaic.

Petricia Pieterse, Masithandane's mosaic fundi, introduce her team who had worked tirelessly to get the job done in time. She thanked all those involved in the funding for giving the mosaicers a work opportunity. "A wonderful event with a wonderful outcome for the Masithandane Bursary Fund," said Masithandane Director Jacky Weaver.



Picture by Bruce Whene

A real need in Sedgefield is to assist families with transport costs to send their children to school, as well as school fees, uniforms and toiletries for teens. There is no public transport system or High School in the area.

Each team was invited to make a donation towards the purchase of

a tile that would form part of the mosaic piece. The tiles were all custom-designed by Patricia Pieterse and pre-cut and packaged in advance by the Masithandane Mosaic Team crafters as part of the *Sedgefield Community Mosaic Art Tourism Project*, which has its home at Masithandane.

Each Expedition Africa team was paired with a child and a crafter as well as a volunteer from the local community to mosaic their piece. These Mosaic'd tiles as well as plaques acknowledging the sponsors and donors were then incorporated into the mosaic landmark creation.



The Knysna Municipality, which lies strategically within the southern region of the Western Cape, in the middle of the Garden Route and stretches from Sedgefield in the west to Knouetzie in the east, requires a suitably qualified and experienced person to lead the Administration of the HR department of the Municipality as Manager: Human Resources. The successful applicant will be committed to achieve Knysna's mission statement, viz:

"To provide affordable quality services, alleviate poverty, and facilitate social and economic development of the Greater Knysna municipal area through integrated development planning, cooperative governance, skills development and the sustainable use of resources"

Knysna strives towards rendering a high quality service to all its residents and is fully committed to a policy of Employment Equity.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER: HUMAN RESOURCES (Basic Negotiable between R358 392 and R465 264 per annum, Total Cost R516 858 – R654 977)

Requirements: Relevant Qualification in HR Management; Labour Relations Strategic Leadership; Transformational Leadership; Report writing skills, Code B driver's licence, Supervisory skills, Good interpersonal and communication skills, Be able to work independently, Computer literate, Fluency in 2 of the 3 regional languages (Afr/Eng/Xhosa), Good negotiating skills, Research/Networking skills, Strategic Leadership skills, Good HR Legislative interpreting skills, Management and Change Management Skills, Planning & Organising, Conflict Management Skills. Candidates must also confirm competence in the required Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act: Minimum Competency Levels as per Government Gazette No. 29967. Applications will be reviewed in line with Council's Employment Equity Plan and Targets.

Experience: 5 year's relevant Human Resource Management experience. Preference will be given to candidates with Local Government Human Resources Management experience.

Job Purpose: Provide strategic direction, management, control and leadership of Human Resources for the Greater Knysna Municipality with a staff component of 690 employees and manage and co-ordinate all human resource functions and staff.

Duties: Develop and monitor Human Resource Strategy; Human Resources Budget Planning; Human Resource Planning; Develop and monitor Implementation of Employment Equity Plan; Develop and Monitor Human Resource Policies and Procedures; Develop and Monitor Skills Development Plan; Develop and Monitor Implementation of Performance Management System; Establish and Maintain healthy working relations with unions; Implementing and Monitoring Human Resources Systems; Manage and Co-ordinate Human Resource Management Functions and Staff; Develop and Ensure implementation of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) strategies; Develop and Monitor implementation of Diversity Programme.

Please note:

- 1 It would be expected of candidates to be subjected to thorough evaluations and that previous and current employers and references will be contacted. Verification will be done on his/her qualifications, criminal and credit record. The candidate will be required to disclose all financial interests.
- 2 All applications must be submitted with a detailed CV, **certified copies of qualifications and ID document** and the names of three references from current and previous employers and a **fully completed official application form**, as available from the municipal website or the Human Resources Department, to be couriered to **ODS Consultants CC, C/o PostNet, 8 High Street, Rosen Park, Bellville 7530 for placement in Suite 227, Private Bag X7, Tyger Valley, 7536.** Administrative enquiries may be directed to Annalene Barnard at tel no: 022 772 1307.
- 3 **ONLY** hard-copy applications will be considered. **No** electronic or faxed applications will be accepted.

Closing Date: 6 June 2016

Please note that: *No late applications will be considered *If you have not heard from us within 30 days of the closing date, please accept that your application has been unsuccessful *Canvassing with Councillors or any other decision-maker is not permitted and proof thereof will result in disqualification *Fraudulent qualifications or documentation, will immediately disqualify any applicant. *The Council reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Grant Easton,
Municipal Manager



ENTERTAIN THE KIDS DURING THE BEST 10 DAYS OF YOUR WINTER

Many schools close for the mid-year break on 22 June this year and only reopen nearly a month later on 18 July. With so many vacationing young ones in need of entertainment we believe we have the answer - the Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival (July 1 - 10) offers the solution for the perfect winter break for the entire family.

This year the Festival is jam-packed with events, bound to keep the family busy for the Best 10 Days of Your Winter. The programme offers to entertain the children while their parents participate in the numerous available events such as the Momentum Weekend Argus Knysna Cycle Tour presented by Rotary, or the Momentum Health OatWell DualX powered by Peptopro. Children between the ages of two and nine can participate in the Spur Rotary Knysna Children's Cycle Tours. Those aged six to twelve years can compete in the new Casper Kids Adventure Run in partnership with Simola or the DualX Quarter and DualX Brats races while their parents test their night running skills in The Simola Phantom Night Forest Run at the magnificent Simola Hotel Country Club & Spa.

A family visit to Knysna will not be complete without discovering the wonders of its natural forests. Join in the Festival's FNB Knysna Forest Family Hikes and experience the best of Knysna's natural beauty.

Children can further keep busy outdoors with the new DaretoDash Kids obstacle course, SWD Development runs and the Parent & Child Golf Day which forms part of the Imperial Auto Festival of Golf at Pezula.

The SA Navy's vessels will once again visit the Festival. Watching their entry through the often treacherous Knysna Heads and a visit on-board while they are docked at the SANParks jetty on

Thesen Island is an education for all. Older children can also attend a polo clinic, just around the corner from the jetty, presented by the Waterfront Canoe Polo Tournament team.

The Festival Pavilion at the Knysna High School sport fields will provide a fun-fest for the young with a funfair and inflatable activity equipment. Alongside the Momentum Health Kiddies Area (where children are supervised while parents take a well-deserved break) the Pick n Pay Young Oyster Festival presented by Humpty Dumpty Windmeul Eggs programme will take place.

This programme promises to entertain children aged two to ten with cooking lessons, arts and crafts.

A new addition to this year's line-up is Seafood Wednesday (6 July) - bound to spoil Festival participants with an array of seafood. A Seafood Route will lead to participating restaurants where they can savour 34 Degrees South's delicious East Coast sole or the pan-fried Cape yellowtail with Salsa Verde and new potatoes from The Bell.

The SASSI Fish Seafood Braai, Oyster Shucking and Eating Competitions, as well as Pick n Pay Flavours of Knysna served with Tabasco will turn the Festival Pavilion into a hive of activity from 17:00 later the same day.

Tickets to the Festival's variety of events are available at Webtickets:

www.webtickets.co.za

For further information on what to expect at this year's jam-packed Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival, visit the website www.pnpoysterfestival.co.za or Twitter: @OysterFestival or on Facebook: Facebook/KnysnaOysterFestival for daily updates.



This year's Pick n Pay Knysna Oyster Festival is jam-packed with activities for the entire family
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

MASITHANDANE

THE AMAZING Car RACE

THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016

Join us in exploring Sedgefield and our surrounding areas in a whole new way!

This second event will start from Sedgefield Arms, and take in the amazing local scenery before returning to Sedgefield to end at La Piazza.

The event is based on FUN with everyone being a winner. Teams of a maximum of 5 people per vehicle will receive a route schedule in which they must find the answers along the route. You may need eyes at the back AND the sides of your head, and a car full of fun spirited occupants.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!!

* COST: R150 PER VEHICLE * TIME OF EVENT: 08:00 SHARP
Check-in from 07:00 on 16 June at Sedgefield Arms to collect event packs. Finish will be at La Piazza. Prize-giving at 17:30.

ENTRY FORMS AT SEDGEFIELD TOURISM OFFICE OR BY EMAIL
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Tertia Rothman - 082 046 0463
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Biodiversity Sustaining People

By halting biodiversity loss, we are investing in people, their lives and their well-being.

'We do not see humans as a threat at all to biodiversity but as adding more capacity to reverse the loss of biodiversity. Learn as much as you can, visit the Park, find ways to assist to protect nature at all costs and make this open access Park a livable landscape for all its citizens, people, plants and animals alike.'

As the world celebrates International Biodiversity Day, the Garden Route National Park takes stock of just how much is protected within the conservation estate including Wilderness, Knysna and Tsitsikamma.

The Knysna estuary is number 1 in terms of overall conservation significance, to the West of the National Park, there is a Ramsar site (wetland of significance) in Wilderness and a Marine Protected Area in Tsitsikamma. There are archaeological sites of interest (in the Duiwe River Catchment) and along the Knysna Western Heads.

Over 60,500 hectares of the Southern Cape indigenous forests including the famous Knysna forest that stretch all the way to Tsitsikamma are protected as part of the GRNP. Scientists have recorded over 465 plant species in the forests.

Over 22 species of amphibians, 24 reptile species, 84 species of water birds, 305 species of birds and 290 mammal species have been recorded in the Park. SAN Parks' monitoring techniques used currently to find out more about the Knysna elephant population are non-intrusive to the elephants and involve gathering data on elephant signs, for example dung circumference measurements, notes on feeding signs and dung sample taking for elephant hormone studies. The hormone studies are aimed at determining the reproductive potential of individuals in the group as well as assessing the level of stress hormones released when the elephants move through certain areas. Findings have thus far indicated the presence of 1 elephant. Scientists studies continue.

According to the IUCN (2001) categories that were used to evaluate the threat status of the South African mammals (Friedmann & Daly 2004), the GRNP protects populations of twenty-eight red data book species. In the Threatened categories, 7.1% of the Park's mammals are listed as Endangered (EN) and 14% as Vulnerable (VU).

According to the United Nations Biological Convention 'ecosystem components that exert major influences on water include forests, grasslands, wetlands and soils; working together these can deliver water security benefits at local, regional and global scales.'

Invasive alien species are the GRNP's major threat to biodiversity. Scientist Johan Baard (2012a) has recorded 214 invader plant species for the GRNP, of which 39 are associated with forest. Visit the site and spot and report invaders:

<https://www.ispotnature.org/projects/spot-madeira-vine-garden-route>

A SEDGE STORY OF HOPE



by Annie Ogilvie

One night there was a knock on the door of the home of Dudley and Reinet Barnes. Their new gardener stood at the door appealing for help. His wife was about to deliver a baby at their shack home in a squatter camp called "Die Gatjie". The prospective mother's bed was hard, the only lighting a flickering candle. This was no place for a safe delivery. So Mum to be, Merildene, was rushed to the Knysna Hospital. There without delay she produced her little boy

It was this incident that made Reinet aware of the reality of the poverty amongst the squatter families. Facilities such as water, lighting and toilets were scarce. Children were undernourished and many hungry. Shelley Godsell of the e'Pap Children's Feeding Project offered to supply e'Pap. Armed with e'Pap, Merildene and Reinet, like the 'Pied Piper' would walk through the lanes, ringing a bell. The children would follow. Then, with the help of some of their parents, e'Pap would be prepared and served to the children.

Not long after, "Sophia" generously offered her little house as a feeding base. As the number of children increased, a "lean-to", sponsored by Gail and Dudley Powers, was built onto Sophia's house. By this stage 22 volunteers had joined ensuring that daily feeding was never interrupted. The bell ringing continued!! And then Brian and Bidy Hart donated a very large Wendy House. The municipality allocated a near-by site, threw a concrete slab and organised the transport of the Wendy house. This little place of feeding was named "Ikhaya Intliso" (Place of the Heart).

A visiting Danish group donated tables and chairs and so the wheels continued to turn until one day a wonderful German lady, Doris Etzel, asked Reinet WHY she and her helpers were doing this and WHAT their forward thinking was? A meeting was arranged where Jacky Weaver, from Masithandane, Reinet and Doris came together and discussed the establishment of a full morning crèche. Doris left the meeting after writing a cheque for R30,000.00 and a promise that she and her German friends would fully support the setting up and the running of, not a creche, but a full blown Nursery School!!

It seemed too good to be true, but indeed it was true, and under the auspices of Masithandane this was put into action. Sweetness Vuthela was appointed as the teacher and 8 years later and now, together with Salina Mortlock, she still nurtures and teaches the children with love and care and they still have their daily meal of e'Pap. Today the little Wendyhouse school has moved to a beautiful new Pre School, constructed by Masithandane called Ikhaya Lemfundo (Place of Learning).

In April this year the school was officially 'blessed' and Doris Etzel, faithful to her promise to see a full blown crèche, was there to see for herself, her dream come true. From small beginnings, love and care, a desire to work with the children of our community, and a passion to bring about change - many people have contributed to this story. e'Pap continues to be supplied on a daily basis and the children are happy, well nourished and on an educational journey!

We give thanks for a beautiful story of hope and healing in our little 'Slow Town' of Sedgefield!

Masked Ball for TLC

The Masked Ball is a 'Black Tie' event! Dust off your cocktail dresses and tuxedos. Reminisce about the last time you 'tripped the lights fantastic' in your dress or suit and join us on a nostalgic journey.

This Masked Ball is unique,

with music by 'Die Donkiekar Boere Orkes', as well as a three course menu to sweeten the deal.

There will be an auction, silent auction, raffles - all sorts of opportunities to open your wallets for a good cause - The Living Cornerstone Alzheimers

(TLC) homes.

TLC makes a difference in the lives of the people in our care and, with the continued help of the community, we will be able to carry on reaching out to these dear folk who live in another world and time.

The masked ball theme is 'Welcome to My World' - come and join us for a great night out. For more information please contact Gilda on 084 544 1203

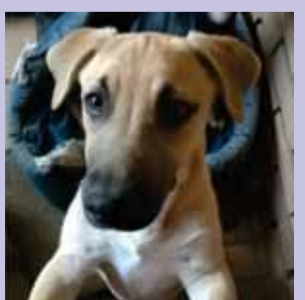
UP FOR ADOPTION

Knysna Animal Welfare Society (KAWS) 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.



Asher (above) is a charming unique breed male, born January 2014. He is full of personality and has so much love to give.

Laine, (below) is a beautiful unique breed girl, born January 2016. She's been raised in a foster home and she is described as gentle but very alert.



Bingo (right) is a handsome black and white boy, born January 2015. He's waiting patiently to charm you with his magnificent eyes.



Miko (left) is an energetic unique breed boy, born MAY 2015. He enjoys his walks and playtime with his mates, but he'd love to meet you.

Tipsy (below) is a fluffy silver tabby girl, born September 2013. She's graceful and elegant but loves a good cuddle.



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THE LUNAR CHICKS TACKLE EXPEDITION AFRICA

Such was the extreme distance and nature of the Expedition Africa, we asked one of our regular writers Nikki Smit, who competed in the event, to give us a blow by blow account of her experience.

Expedition racing is full of challenges. The biggest probably being getting four team members, who all get on, have the mental and physical capability to take on and finish the route, healthy and uninjured to the start line. Being an all girl team, this is sometimes a little more challenging than putting a normal mixed gender team together. Girls are often tongue in cheek referred to as part of the compulsory equipment list, which we use as our catch phrase... not just compulsory equipment.

Our team for 2016 was an entirely new one as my normal team mates were not able to come and play due to injury, work and family commitments. I'm either a really good saleswoman, or just good at convincing... but maybe sometimes innocence is bliss and not really knowing what you are letting yourself in for, makes it easier to say yes! Either way, the team was made up of a fabulous group of girls; Theresa Styles from Cape Town, Jessica Trollip from Port Elizabeth and Margaret Mitchell from East London. Only Theresa had done a long expedition race before, so the other two were in for a bit of a shock!

The pre-race planning in the 2 days leading up to the start of the race are vital and essentially this is where the race really starts. If you get your planning and packing wrong, its race over.

The Friday night briefing and course book handout made this planning easier. We received two resupply bins in which all our food and clothing had to be

packed based on where and how often we would see them. Challenging especially as you had to ensure that things like cycling kit and running shoes were in the right bin.

We also partook in the community project on the Saturday which involved making a mosaic with a local child as part of the Masithandane Project.

Sunday morning the weather gods were most definitely smiling on us. We started with a flag parade through the Knysna Quays and then into our boats for a mass start outside the Angling club. The first leg was a paddle orienteering through the Thesen Island waterways. Then up to the heads, a little jaunt into the Heads and then on to Featherbed. The next leg was a trail run/trek up along the hiking trail in the reserve, over the top and then along the coast towards Brenton. Then a long trek along the beach to Buffalo Bay. The weather was perfect. But the real challenge was about to start, a 10km sea paddle from Buffalo Bay to the Goukamma River mouth. The sea can be deceiving and our sea entry at Buffalo Bay was gorgeous. Small surf, crystal clear water... lulling many teams into a false sense of security. But what they didn't know, was that around the point, conditions were very, very different. 'Snotklap' is one of those wonderful Afrikaans sayings that just can't be translated. It's incredibly descriptive of what we were given. I spend a fair amount of time paddling an unyielding boat on the sea. I wasn't hasty and took my time on the back line to study the surf. It

wasn't pretty and didn't give one much of a gap. Eventually I gave the order to go. Paddle like your life depends on it and don't look back. Theresa and I caught a beautiful little wave and my heart sang! Yay, we would be home free...but one should never count ones chickens before they hatch. About half way to the beach, our wave, died. I looked back and my heart sank. A monster had reared up behind us and that was the end. We got super washed tumbled cycled and eventually crawled onto the beach bedraggled. Luckily no serious bodily damage, but Margaret's paddle was very clearly in two pieces. Some quick repair work with some Rigid strapping and we were off upriver to Blackwaters lodge. Bicycles awaited us and off we headed up the hill towards Ruigtevlei. Living in the area I was prepared for the sandy road to come. We deflated our tyres slightly and managed pretty well on the long sandy section. After the long the beautiful climb up Hoogekraal we arrived at Beervlei hut just as the sun had set. Here we acquired a few extra team members as we headed out on the 58km (64km according to my calculations) trek along the Outeniqua Hiking trail. At around midnight we stopped at Windmeulnek Hut for about two hours of shuteye. We arrived at Platbos just after sunrise and eventually at Millwood just before lunchtime. It was a very unforgiving and hard on the legs trek and we eventually arrived at Gouna just after sunset, tired, hungry and in need of some downtime. After a successful two hour snooze we left on the bikes. The ride would

take us past Rondebosse hut, past Buffelsnek Forest Station, through the forest along Petrus se brand and eventually to Harkerville. Unfortunately we did not get much further than Buffelsnek. Just before joining up to the main road near Diepwalle, Jess had a high speed crash and that is where her race ended. After a few initial scary minutes, she came around and it was time to assess the damage. Luckily no spinal or neck damage, but a severely broken arm and serious concussion would ensure no more racing for quite some time!

We were transported to the next major transition point by the organiser and Jess was taken to hospital. This meant that we missed out on the spectacular Cairnbrogie trails and Robberg hike.

Once all our kit arrived at Keurbooms, we headed out in the boats (with our media lady Janine filling the 4th spot) for a long and hard paddle up the Keurbooms river up to the pumphouse. The top section involved quite a bit of portaging up the rapids. Hard work on any day, but even more so after 3 days of racing! We arrived at the take out with the last of the sun rapidly disappearing behind the mountains. This was going to be an incredibly tough trek up to the road at the top as the path that was once there, was very overgrown and not visible, if it even existed anymore! In my haste to get going with the remaining daylight, I forgot our life jackets which we needed to take with for the Canyoning later on. Realising on our way up, we headed back to get them, but the truck had already left. I was devastated. But there wasn't much time to feel sorry for ourselves, we had a mammoth task up ahead of us. We joined up with Hanno and the Merrell Mentored Team and tackled the climb together. After 3hrs of intense bundu bashing which had us at times crawling on our hands and knees through bush so thick you couldn't see more than 2m, in the dark, we eventually covered the 1km to the road at the top. The pace picked up and the going was easy once in the plantations. The weather was lovely and warm and at around 10pm we decided to make use of the soft ground in the plantation and the warm wind to have a snooze. Two hours later we were on the go again, meeting up with Team Penny Pinchers who we trekked with for a while. We arrived at the top of the Canyon around 04:20. Due to not having



very wide. The kloof at the bottom was icy cold and the rocks like bars of soap. We were not able to continue down the kloof without our lifejackets so trekked back up to the top and then along the road and back down to the kloof to collect the checkpoint there and then onto the coast at Forest Hall. I was reminded again what a beautiful part of the world we live in hiking along the beach towards the Keurbooms mouth was spectacular. A very chilly swim across the Keurbooms took us back to the Caravan park, a hot shower, some food and a three hours sleep.

Here we swapped our media lady for Jenny. We headed off on the paddle up the Bitou river. The mist moved in and it started to rain. It was very hard to see the channels in the dark, but after not too many wrong turns we eventually found the right channel and made good time although I had a serious case of the nods at that stage, not having slept very well in the transition. We hopped on to the bikes and after the long climb to the top of the plateaus, found a small gap in the bush next to the road, probably only big enough for 2 people, but we managed to squeeze four of us in there for a 30min power nap. Once back on the bikes, when I was about to take a sip from my water bottle, I discovered a baby scorpion on the top. Suddenly my body started to itch as I wondered what little insects and goggas had climbed into my clothing whilst we slept in the bush!

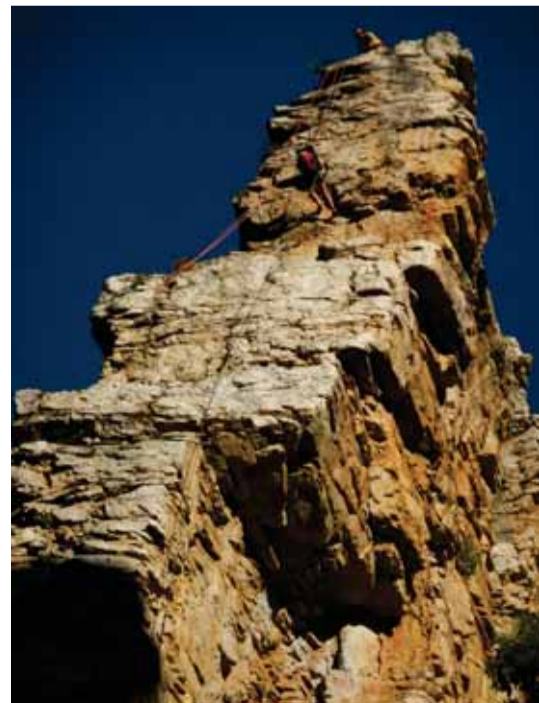
Nothing of the 118km was going to be easy. Not only were we heading inland from the coast, but the first section was undulating and then eventually joining up with the Karoo to Coast route until De Vlugt. Andy's G-spot never looked so inviting as now. I don't think they knew what hit them as team after team descended on them, cold and ravenous. But we couldn't hang out there all day and soon we were back on the road. Despite tired legs and minds, it was still a beautiful ride but the good weather was definitely gone and the temperature continued to drop with little showers every now and again. Once the sun started to set, the temperature plummeted, hitting a low of around -2 just as we arrived at Louvain. We had decided to have a longer sleep here, and headed off after some food for a fabulous five hour nap. Luckily the temperature had warmed a bit when we woke at 1am and after some coffee and food we headed off on the Old Voortrekker path over the mountain.

Sadly we did this at night as the view from the top is breathtaking. We arrived at Beervlei hut around 9am and then hopped on to our bikes for a short cycle to Karatara Bridge. We were now just one paddle away from the finish. Spirits were very high. We had a fabulous paddle across Swartvlei in wind still balmy conditions. We played the fool paddling doughnuts and finally crossed the finish line where we were

welcomed by a huge crowd of supporters! Man we felt like rockstars!

The finish was bittersweet for us, as due to losing a team member we were ranked unofficial. This aside, I am super proud of what my team accomplished, even more so being made up of relatively novice members and being the ONLY all girls team. It was an awesome event, superbly organised, and hosted in the most beautiful part of the word, which I am privileged enough to call home.

A special thanks to our sponsor: Squirt Bike Lube and Adidas Apparel.



VILLAGE PEOPLE Wayne Sternsdorf

by Ginny Viner

Our Village person this issue, is someone you really want to know. He is probably more recognisable by his bright red in fact 'fire engine red' bakkie which can often be seen around town. Station Commander Wayne Sternsdorf a resident of Brenton, took over the command of the Sedgfield Fire Department, for Knysna Municipality Fire and Rescue Service, in August 2015.

He cuts an imposing figure naturally inspiring confidence. A family man with a lovely shy smile, he is also a man who gets straight to the point, short and sweet as can be seen in his responses and maybe he doesn't like bunnies. - I'm not sure (see Q7).

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

I grew up on the East Rand in Gauteng.

How do you relax?

Spending time with the family, Drumming

What is the most interesting place you have ever been, what made it so interesting for you?

Right here, right now, It's up to us all to make life interesting.

Who inspires you in some way? (this can be any person living or dead)

My Late Father

If you knew this was to be your last meal, what would



you order?

My mother's Cottage Pie.

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

Nope, got no bucket list

If I were a cartoon character I think I would be ...

Yosemite Sam

NB. I had to look this one up as I wasn't familiar with Yosemite Sam. In case you aren't either he is an American Looney Tunes cartoon character an arch enemy of Bugs Bunny!

Are you competitive, or is it more about playing the game?

Depends on the situation, but I prefer to just play the game and enjoy it.

Do you like to dance?

When nobody is watching...

What constitutes a 'real treat' for you?

Memorable moments with my family

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

I have been the Fire and Emergency services since I left school 28 years ago.

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

Definitely, been a musician myself (Drummer) I am not restricted to one form but mainly enjoy 80's and any other good music.

What concerns you?

Corrupt Politicians

Can you cook?

Yes. My late gran always said "If you can't cook, you can't eat" a wise lesson.

Please try and describe your attitude to life in one or two words ...

Nothing is impossible

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CYCLING 1630 KM FOR SIGHT

On 30 May Barry de Kock (62) and George Fitzpatrick (69) arrived back in Sedgefield after completing an epic charitable mission called "Cycling for Sight" to raise money for Knysna Lions Cataract removal project.



Barry de Kock (left) and George Fitzpatrick (right) arrived back in Sedgefield on Monday

The plan was for them to both cycle from Beit Bridge to Sedgefield, going through Limpopo, Mpumalanga, the Freestate, along the Lesotho border to Eastern Cape, then through to the Western Cape, some 1630km for this worthy cause - but things changed along the way.

George, a Sedgefield local and long-time Knysna Lion, and Barry have been long time friends having worked together in South African Airways for many years. Once runners, they had both moved on to cycling, and when George heard that Barry's 'Bucket List' included a long ride along the dirt roads of South Africa for charity, he made the suggestion that the Lions Cataract Project would be a worthwhile cause.

"When you see what happens when someone's sight gets restored after a cataract operation, you will understand why the Lions are so keen on this project," he explained.

Accompanied by a support vehicle, they started on 6 May at Musina, a few km from Beit Bridge as they had been warned that the road from the border post was too dangerous to cycle along. Riding mountain bikes, they stuck to dirt roads as far possible. But it was only at the end of the first day's cycling that fate decided to change things. Just as they arrived at Popplin Ranch in Limpopo, where they were due to stay, George fell off his bike and hurt his knee quite badly. When they realised he wouldn't be able to carry on, it was decided that Barry should continue, with George becoming his main support driver.

A few days later Barry's bike frame cracked, but fortunately he could use George's, and after a few slight modifications the ride

could continue. Averaging about 75km per day, but sometimes doing as much as 125km, Barry said that it had really been a life changing adventure for him.

"I saw the good, bad, beautiful and ugly of South Africa," he said. "When I realised how many of our country's small towns are just dying, it was so very sad. But then going through the Karoo, where there are miles and miles of peace, solitude and freedom, well that was absolutely mind-blowing!"

He is proud to say that despite the fact that some of the hills he faced were more than a little daunting, he didn't get off and walk once. There were unfortunately two sections that he had to travel by car due to the unrest in the Thoyandou area and the danger of the coal and log trucks near Lydenburg.

When they arrived back in Sedgefield on Monday

afternoon, the exact total of monies raised was still to be calculated. Asked whether he would be planning a similar adventure next year, Barry smiled. "I think I will keep my mouth shut and my options open for now," he said.

There is a Face Book page - "Cycling for Sight, Border to Coast" which interested people may visit to see the photos and further details.

To date the Knysna Lions have sponsored 50 guide dogs, over 3000 cataract operations and 8 cornea transplants as well as providing over 3500 pairs of spectacles.

Banking details are below if anyone would like to donate towards their efforts.

Knysna Lions Sight First
Nedbank Knysna
Branch Number 187505
Account Number 1013454367
Ref: Cycling for Sight

A GOOD SAMARITAN

Jill Marais would like to thank Julian Hendricks, who works for AVBOB, for assisting her husband on Thursday morning the 12th of May, after he came off his bike on the N2 just before the traffic light in Sedgefield.

Julian was driving behind Gerard Marais when he saw the accident happen before him. He immediately stopped on the verge where Gerard was lying. An ambulance came by on the way to a patient. The paramedics checked Gerard's pulse and blood pressure and then went on their way once they had established that he wasn't having a heart attack.

As soon as Gerard had remembered his name and address Julian loaded the bike into his van and helped Gerard into the front seat. Jill, who was getting anxious by this time, was standing at her lounge window, when she saw the AVBOB van draw up outside her gate. Then Julian alighted and offloaded the bike. Jill nearly died of fright.

Gerard stumbled out of the van looking much the worse for wear. He ended up in ICU for 3 days at

the Medi-Clinic in George, where it was established that he had 6 broken ribs and concussion. He came home on Monday and on Monday afternoon, what should Jill see, but the AVBOB van draw up again. Deja vu. It was Julian who had come to see how Gerard was doing. He says he was getting worried, because he'd driven by over the weekend and there was no car or 'sign of life' at the house. He spent time chatting to Gerard and told Jill that, standing by the side of the N2, he had felt rather nervous of being accused of knocking Gerard off his bike.

The Marais's, who live in Johannesburg, but spend a lot of time at their house in Sedgefield, say that this compassion is what makes the Garden Route special. They have experienced a wonderful community spirit in Sedgefield and they're very



Good Samaritan Julian Hendricks who came to the rescue

grateful to Julian for showing such concern and helping Gerard in a time of distress.

Needless to say, this story created much amusement (nervous laughter?) amongst doctors, nurses, family and friends. Gerard broke 6 ribs and, since he can't laugh, no one makes jokes in his presence. It will be take many weeks for him to heal, but he is already talking about the next Cape Cycle Race, which he cycles annually. Jill isn't so sure.

A Readers Opinion on Cannabis

If your newspaper just publishes anything it is asked to, without giving the "other" side a chance to express their views, can that be considered fair or good journalism? I don't think so.

Your article on page 8 of your Issue 488: 'R10000 worth of Dagga Confiscated in Knysna' upset me as it was so one sided and is not at all up to date with the latest movements nationally and internationally to decriminalize this very useful plant- because prohibition to date has only ever been a massive, costly failure.

The police however, can no longer back up their tactics to hound the harmless cannabis smokers, or to spray vast tracts of the Transkei with cancer causing herbicides- this can not be condoned- not while it is legal to drink yourself into a stupor, or smoke nicotine until your lungs collapse. Yes- it is legal to do that. You wont go to jail for being a drunk or a

nicotine addict. Cannabis is a plant- grown by mother nature- needing no chemicals or alteration during the drying process. Hemp should be legal too, but it is not- for ridiculous reasons. Most of this stuff they call 'dagga' is actually seedy Hemp. Thanks to the internet- most people with more than half a brain can do their research on cannabis and discover the truth easily- and they are doing just that. That is also why the movement to re-legalize cannabis is growing exponentially.

Cannabis sativa is a plant that has been cultivated and used by the human race for 10000s of years- it is in all earliest mentions of recorded information on anything medicinal. It was banned for all the wrong reasons. To target the black people and the hippies- to keep the jails full- and allow the cotton and pine and pharmaceutical industries free reign to profit from the absence of this plant on the legal market. A thriving black

market has sprung up- and the crime lords make huge profits on cannabis. Prohibition supports the crime industry very nicely.

Please consider sharing both sides of the story about cannabis- a miracle medicinal plant that our government does not want us to have- rather than just the outdated misinformed brainwashed nonsense we usually see in the media.

Some extra points I would like to make about cannabis:

1) Anyone who has ever judged a cannabis user, while being someone who enjoys a cold beer or a glass of red merlot- is a hypocrite. Their choice of mind altering substance gives me a headache, upsets my liver, and makes me gain weight. I prefer cannabis in the privacy of my own home. Why should I go to jail for that?

2) Alcohol is the gateway drug, causes bad behaviour and car accidents and clogs up the courtrooms all week- not cannabis. Cannabis users are in court merely for being in

possession of a small amount. 20000+ people from all walks of life, marched through Cape Town's city earlier this month- and there was not one single report of any crime or damage to property. How could that be possible if dagga smokers are all criminal types?

3) Cannabis is a plant. It grows using soil, sunshine and water. Drugs are made in a lab with test tubes and synthetic materials. There is a difference- prescribed medicines are addictive and kill people every minute of every day- cannabis never killed anyone. You can't overdose on it, but you can die by swallowing a handful of paracetamol. You can buy paracetamol over the counter at any Clicks or pharmacy. You can also buy cough medicines laced with addictive opiates. Highly addictive stuff- empty bottles of "Broncleer"- lie strewn around all the homeless hideouts in Knysna. Yet cannabis is demonised?

I am not denying that people become dependant on cannabis- for whatever reason- just as a

baby becomes dependant on its favourite blanket. But that is not addiction. Addiction means that without your 'drug' your body has 'cold turkey' reactions- like we have all seen in the movies- for heroin addicts- or like alcoholics, for example, some people get very anxious if there is no wine in their house. (But then they judge the cannabis users). Addiction is a health issue- and should be treated as a health issue- by not punishing victims with jail time. This war on drugs and on this plant specifically, has never ever worked, to this day, anywhere on the planet. Portugal is leading the way- they have reduced drug use better than any other country, ever- by ending their war on drugs and treating addiction as a health issue, not a crime issue.

I am so bored of the narrative "but its the law" or "you are breaking the law, the cops are just doing their job". Well that's what people said about apartheid, and slavery and many unfair laws in the past, too. We broke those laws and we will break this one as well.

Cannabis cures cancer, epilepsy, and just about every single serious disease- because of our endocannabinoid system. We have receptors for the cannabinoids- also found in a few other plants and substances (like breastmilk) and these cannabinoids kill tumours and help us heal. More and more people are discovering the wonders of cannabis oil as a medicine- and no amount of unfair legislation will stem the tide.

Prohibition is the crime. One day everyone will accept this and photos such as in your article (cops, smug smiles, sacks of cannabis) will be an interesting record of these times- put on display in "the evils of prohibition museum" because there must be a billion photos like this on record. Why do the police love to pose with cannabis? I just don't get it!! Please could they focus on REAL crime. Burglars, rapists, paedophiles.

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Rev Wayne van Heerden
083 633 9777, 044 384 2109
wayne.vanheerden15@gmail.com

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Sunday Service & Children's Church
9.30am.
Evening service (last Sunday) 6.00pm
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SEDGFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

16th May 2016	23rd May 2016
1st Irene Apsley / Geoff Ditchfield 61.11%	1st Leslie Farnaby / Pam Day 65.63%
2nd Meg Isherwood / Johan Steyl 54.63%	2nd Meg Isherwood / Geoff Ditchfield 55.13%
3rd Leslie Farnaby / Pam Day 51.85%	3rd Chris & Margaret von Solms 50.00%

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

WILDERNESS BRIDGE CLUB

18 May 2016 -- 6 Table Howell	25 May 2016 -- 4 Table Howell
1st Leslie Farnaby / Johan Steyl 57.9%	1st Iain Campbell / Pam Leppan 65.5%
2nd Jean Taylor / Shannon Woodliffe 57.1%	2nd Marguerite Badenhorst / Oswald Dittrich 58.9%
3rd Bella Scoccia / Barbara van der Noort 55.6%	3rd Leslie Farnaby / Meg Isherwood 53.6%

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.

Sedge's Gentlemen's Club

19/5/16

The Ryder Cup. A cold and blustery winter's day dawned with the atmosphere dense, which usually precedes a great battle.

It heralded the advent of this annual competition between Boer and Brit, with a beautiful new winners' trophy donated by John McGregor, adding fuel to the already brittle, explosive temperaments. 32 golfers waited anxiously, and very patiently, to hear with whom they'd be paired and against whom they'd be playing.

Three formats of 9 holes each were to decide the eventual winners i.e. first a fourball playing alternate shots, then a betterball, and lastly individual stableford competitions. The Boers were 100% South African while the Brits were impregnated with a mixture of British, Rhodesian, South African, German, Australian and Pakistani sperm. After the eventual winners were announced, captain Brian Gerard, was extremely chuffed because it vindicated his

devious expertise in the manipulation of handicaps. The Boers won the braai competition.

26/05/16

A glorious day for golf was crowned by the news that the day's competition was to be a better ball stableford. This format allows even a struggling golfer (or one with a questionably high handicap) to partake of some produce of the grapevine.

Thirty golfers took to the field with the eventual winners, a pair of newcomers in Glen Mauchline and Dennis Booysen on 45 points. Welcome guys, we'll be watching you. They were followed by the two Jan's, Lotter and Potgieter on 44 with Dolf Botha and Mike Goodwin on 42 points

Ladies Golf

A very chilly morning greeted 15 ladies on the 20th May. However sunny, warmer weather soon took over, the ladies tested their skills by playing a 3 clubs and putter format. Our new member Almarie,

showed her class by garnering a very good 44 points and winning the mornings event. A count out between Elize and Helen, (recently returned from China - welcome back!) saw Helen taking 2nd place with 36 points. Despite the limited choice of clubs, several birdies were made: Marianne with 2 and Jean, Almarie, Vonn, Darleen and Emily (on the 18th, very impressive) all making 1 birdie each.

A field of 14 ladies enjoyed perfect golfing weather for the May 27th Individual Stableford format competition. In 1st place with an impressive 39 points Elize followed by Marie with 38 points. Plenty of birdies on the day. Elize 3, Marie 2 and with 1 Ronnie, Helen Marina, Almarie Liz and Barbara.



Entertainment & Leisure



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday 8th June at 5 p.m. (after bowls)
This is important and if you are for some reason not able to attend, please make sure that you get a proxy form from Kees. There are still openings for committee members - please check the board.

FUN BOWLS Thursday 16th June 09.30 for 10h00.
This is a public holiday as you all know and we will end with a bring and braai. Salads will be provided by the Club and the cost will be R15 per person to cover salads and charcoal. Please put names up on the board if you are attending - necessary for catering purposes. You may wish to bring your own crockery and cutlery but the club's crockery will be available. There will be prizes (one of which is a massage!)

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NOMINATED PAIRS

Some of these games were played yesterday - so too late for results - but the Ladies Semi-Finals will be played tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon so please support this.

COACHING

Rose Potgieter is the Coaching Convenor and she will arrange coaching for anyone wishing to join the Club. Coaching is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Rose may be contacted on (044) 343-3273 - Rose would be very happy to have some assistance from other Club coaches.

CLUB NEWS

Our warm wishes to Marge May for her BIG birthday this coming Saturday (4th June).

Julius continues to make good progress and I am sure it will not be long before he is back on the green. There are quite a few members coming and going at the moment - but to all going on holiday, we wish you safe travel and a safe return.

YOUR DON'T HAVE TO BE A DOG PERSON TO TRULY APPRECIATE THIS STORY
I pulled into the

crowded parking lot at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car window to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she should remain there. I walked to the kerb backwards, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay Stay!! The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me strange look and said, "Why don't you just put the handbrake on?"

GOOD BOWLING EVERYONE OFF THE MAT



Sedgfield Bowling Club 2016 Singles Champions - Rose Potgieter & Rick Horning

TIDE TABLE

01 June - 15 June 2016		Next Full Moon: 20 June 2016	
		● Full Moon	● New Moon
Wed 01	Low 06:55 19:13 Sunrise 07:25 Sunset 17:27	Hi 00:36 13:07 Moonrise 02:54 Moonset 14:53	
Thur 02	Low 07:48 20:04 Sunrise 07:26 Sunset 17:26	Hi 01:33 14:03 Moonrise 04:02 Moonset 15:36	
Fri 03	Low 08:36 20:51 Sunrise 07:26 Sunset 17:26	Hi 02:23 14:53 Moonrise 05:10 Moonset 16:22	
Sat 04	Low 09:20 21:35 Sunrise 07:27 Sunset 17:26	Hi 03:12 15:40 Moonrise 06:18 Moonset 17:13	
Sun 05	Low 10:03 22:19 Sunrise 07:27 Sunset 17:26	Hi 03:58 16:24 Moonrise 07:25 Moonset 18:08	
Mon 06	Low 10:45 23:03 Sunrise 07:28 Sunset 17:26	Hi 04:43 17:07 Moonrise 08:27 Moonset 19:06	
Tue 07	Low 11:25 23:46 Sunrise 07:28 Sunset 17:25	Hi 05:26 17:48 Moonrise 09:24 Moonset 20:07	
Wed 08	Low 12:03 Sunrise 07:29 Sunset 17:25	Hi 06:07 18:28 Moonrise 10:14 Moonset 21:08	
Thur 09	Low 00:28 12:41 Sunrise 07:29 Sunset 17:25	Hi 06:47 19:09 Moonrise 10:59 Moonset 22:07	
Fri 10	Low 01:12 13:20 Sunrise 07:30 Sunset 17:25	Hi 07:28 19:53 Moonrise 11:39 Moonset 23:05	
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Mon 13	Low 04:29 16:26 Sunrise 07:31 Sunset 17:25	Hi 10:34 23:23 Moonrise 13:20 Moonset 00:55	
Tue 14	Low 05:55 17:58 Sunrise 07:31 Sunset 17:25	Hi 12:02 Moonrise 13:52 Moonset 01:49	
Wed 15	Low 06:54 18:58 Sunrise 07:32 Sunset 17:25	Hi 00:28 13:05 Moonrise 14:24 Moonset 02:42	

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CONGRATS COMRADES RUNNERS

It's admiration and hearty congratulations all round to our local runners who completed the Comrades Ultra Marathon on Sunday 29 May.

The 89.17km passage from Pietermaritzberg to Durban in KwaZulu Natal heat is no mean feat and local couch supporters were exceptionally proud to watch their friends cross the finish line.

The runners and their times were as follows.

- Marlon Mortlock 8:16:10
- Brent Harris 8:57:40
- Joey Klaasen 9:58:43
- Whayan Windwai 10:27:07
- Danielle Williams 10:33:48
- Gavin Jantjies 10:39:26
- Jonathan Britton 11:55:38

Keeping most if not all of his supporters on the edge of their seats right up until the end was SANParks Manager Jonathan Britton, who crossed the line with less than five minutes to spare, with the biggest Cheshire Cat smile.

Jonathan attempted his first



Before.... and after... SANParks Area Manager vowed not to shave until he had completed the Comrades, so not only did he have to run the distance, but he had to do so sporting extra hairy weight under his chin. The ceremonial Shave Off happened the following day, making him feel a tad light-headed!



comrades last year but extreme cramps kept him from reaching the cut off point along the route in the allocated time, so he was forced to pull out. This year Jonathan's no-holds-barred training attitude and determination to finish the race

earned him the admiration of fellow runners, friends and work colleagues as well as family. "The support through-out the whole process has been amazing," he said, "It's certainly what got me through in the end."

EXPEDITION AFRICA WRAPPED UP

The EXPEDITION AFRICA race is done and dusted, with the Team Featherbed Painted Wolf maintaining their 1st place position.

Though they finished hours ahead of second placed Team Merrel Adventure Addicts, their victory went down to a panel decision after an official written complaint was lodged disputing their capture of Check Point 17.

The Painted Wolf team thought the point had been misplaced or stolen after searching for it for 15 minutes, and so took a photograph of the location as suggested by the race director; Stephan Muller at race briefing.

Expedition Africa as an event applies by the Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS) rules and regulations, and based on these rules Muller gave the team an option of either collecting the CP before the finish or suffering a 6 hour penalty to their final race time. Muller noted that the team



First across the line in Expedition Africa give Team Featherbed Painted Wolf a confirmed entry into the Adventure Racing World Championships in Australia later this year

would therefore suffer a 2 hour penalty by collecting the checkpoint as they would have to go off course to collect it.

According to the team's checkpoint passport received as they crossed the finish line, they managed to collect the

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More Black Belts for Sedge Kickboxing Club

Recently the Sedgefield Kickboxing Club did a very elite grading just outside Sedgefield. It was a 3 day grading for senior belts and a few black belts. The kick-boxers at the grading were from Plettenberg Bay, Knysna, George and Sedgefield.

More than 25 Kick-boxers attended this gruelling fitness and technique camp. For three days and two the nights the Kick-boxers were tested to the max of their ability with limited sleep and rest.

Among these were two locals, Craig Simpson and Danielle Snyders who were both awarded their black belts in Kickboxing!

This makes Danielle Snyders



From left: Craig Simpson, Deon Snyders and Danielle Snyders

(only 9 years old) one on the youngest black belt girls in South Africa. Danielle, a former SA champ at the age of only seven, is the current SWD champ in Extreme Kicking and Semi-

contact and will again be representing her province this year at the SA Kickboxing championship also known as Destiny.

outstanding checkpoint.

An official meeting took place at 20h00 on Friday evening at Pine Lake Marina, where captains of the top ten teams competing in Expedition Africa met with Muller and a jury to finalise the dispute. After three hours of rule discussions and opinions shared on what the correct decision should be, the jury released a verdict of four votes to one sharing in Muller's decision and

race directive, giving the team a penalty of two hours.

This decision would allow Team Featherbed Painted Wolf to retain their title as the 2016 edition of Expedition Africa winners.

The team will be racing at the Adventure Racing World Championships in Australia later this year.

Team Featherbed Painted Wolf's

captain Mark Collins had agreed that his team would abide by any decision the panel made, so there were huge sighs of relief when the verdict was given.

They were full of praise for the whole event, especially the organisers. Said Mark, "Heidi and Stephan Muller have brought direction and structure to adventure racing in South Africa."

EAGLE STARS PRESENTATION



Fred Hardnick, Chair of the Sedgefield Eagle Stars Rugby Club receiving the Eagle Trophy made for the club by Barrie Hardie. The idea of the Trophy is Symbolic, reflecting the past and future success of the club. Fred said it is good to know our supporters are behind us, we promise we will work hard and do our best in the coming season, all support is good support.

NETBALL SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE AT L S P



With matches every week played at home and away our little Laerskool Sedgefield Primary has been very busy. From Plettenberg Bay to George our teams have challenged and been challenged. Mixed results for all teams and they won and lost in great spirit. Photo credit Belinda Hobson: U/11 Girls giving it their all against Smutsville Primer.