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MERRY

CHRISTMAS!



Father Christmas seldom gets the chance to grab a bite to eat on his lengthy, present-delivering journeys, so he was all the more delighted to be offered a hearty meal by Slow Town Mobile meals when he stopped to renew his reindeer license at the town hall. We hope he doesn't overdo it - it will ruin the chimney-fitting diet Mrs Christmas has had him on for the last few weeks.

The EDGE Team would like to wish everyone everywhere a splendidly wonderful Christmas. May it be filled with family, fun, friendship and fine festivities. And of course a wonderful, wish-filled, wildly exciting New Year.

In light of the tragedy which has already occurred (see page 2) please be safe and sensible where there is any chance of danger.

The EDGE offices will be closed until 5 January, with our first 2017 edition due out on 11 January.

FULL MOON SPRING TIDE WARNING

NSRI urge extreme caution around the coastline between the 13th December and 19th December.
 The monthly Full Moon Spring Tide peaks with the Full Moon on Wednesday 14th of December and the effects of this Spring Tide on the coastline will continue to affect the coastline until the end of the coming weekend.
 Spring Tide happens twice every month, at Full Moon and at New Moon, and lasts for a few days over each full moon and each new moon, peaking on the day of the full moon and the new moon.
 The twice monthly Spring Tides bring higher than normal high tides and lower than normal low tides and stronger than normal rip currents.
 The Wednesday, December the 14th "Full Moon Spring Tide" will affect the coastline causing stronger than normal rip-currents, higher than normal high tides and lower than normal low tides.
 Until Monday 19th December anglers, bathers, beach strollers, boaters, paddlers and hikers are advised to exercise extreme caution around the coastline during this Full Moon Spring Tide and to be aware of the abnormal sea conditions, stronger than normal rip currents, higher than normal high tides, lower than normal low tides, the Spring Tide phenomenon and its natural affect on the coastline.
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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Dooooooooo't doooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

The eerie voice whistles through the air like a whisp of winter wind, chilling my spine despite the heat of the summer's evening.

"Dooooooooo't doooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

Who or what on Earth could it be? I am alone in the house, sitting up in bed doing some.... Er.... Last minute on line Christmas shopping.... At least I thought I was alone.

Mrs Ed has gone to her Bricklayers Guild Christmas lunch, and I'm sure she will be out way past 10pm (once she and her building buddies get onto their tequila-shot-fuelled repertoire of 'And then the client said...' anecdotes there's no stopping them).

Fear Factor (my daughter) is out with some unfortunate mortal who has unwittingly agreed to the near-death experience of giving her a driving lesson, and my son The REE (Resident Expert on Everything) is still in Cape Town, no doubt poring over various weather sites in order to calculate the route back to Sedgefield that will have the least wind resistance and thus minimise petrol consumption.

"Dooooooooo't doooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

It is unnerving to say the least. Strangely familiar... almost....

And then a terrible realisation hits me, instantly crushing the breath out of my lungs like the unexpected whoompf of an overweight toddler Perhaps it is a ghost of Christmas Past! Or more specifically, *The Ghost of ABUGGAB 3*.

Somehow I have been expecting it. It was bound to happen. In the dark and cobwebbed recesses of my mind I have known that this would eventually be my destiny, to die a haunted man.

Are you feeling my fear? Are you sharing my terror? No? Perhaps I should explain.



Firstly, for those of you who don't know, an ABUGGAB is an *Aging But Unswervingly Generous Great Aunt from Britain*. I was blessed enough to have three many years ago.... Then No. 1 passed away Followed a year or so later by No. 2 Then, (sigh) No.3.

This left me both ABUGGAB-less and devastated. Worse yet, ABUGGAB No.3 passed on BTYN (Before Thank You Note).

Am I still not making sense? Ok, let me explain further (but please do concentrate). As I'm sure anyone who is blessed enough to have had an ABUGGAB will tell you, it is sheer joy to receive a Christmas card from such a relative. Indeed the mere hint of one in the post brings on impromptu bouts of celebratory line dancing, the slaughtering of a fatted calf and the reverberation of songs of good cheer throughout the household - nay - the neighbourhood.

Why? Because it is usual for an ABUGGAB card to contain the gift of money! Usually crisp notes of the Sterling variety. Money desperately needed around Christmas time by our family of four.

This probably sounds rather mercenary, but please remember that back in the day when my ABUGGABs were alive I was still living in Zimbabwe, where the exchange rate for a British Pound was three plump chickens, a hearty herd of beers, a service for the Fiat 850 Coupe and a small (but lucrative) government contract. Add to this

the fact that these monetary gifts were usually notes in ten or twenty pound denominations, and you will understand our excitement.

Naturally, as soon as we had concluded our week of celebration, we would hastily send the ABUGGABs a hearty, 'Thank you so very much for the gift' note, along with a picture of the children, because this was The Right Thing To Do (though I must admit once I hired a friend's children for the photoshoot - they were far more presentable than ours who had been just too grimy, The REE - at four - had failed in his attempts to cut his own hair, and Fear Factor had crashed her plastic pedal-car into a tree, giving herself a black eye in the process).

But one year Mrs Ed foolishly forgot to send the all-important thank you note, and somehow it slipped my mind too. We only remembered that we had forgotten when we heard the terrible news - ABUGGAB No.3 had passed away.

And now, after all these years, she's come back to take her revenge!

"But surely she wouldn't haunt you just because you forgot to send a thank you note?" you remark.

Well, thank you so much for your concern, and on reflection I do believe you are right.

An ABUGGABs isn't the sort of person who would haunt a great nephew - that's just not in their generous nature. But she might return to LOOK AFTER one. Especially around Christmas bonus time....

You see Mrs Ed and I are not what you would call CAREFUL when we have a monetary windfall. In fact, if the truth be told, whenever we have ANY extra money, we somehow manage to spend it all immediately.

Usually at least three times.

Sometimes even more.

"Oh?" we sigh in unison, staring at the bank balance as it angrily flashes a rather selfish minus on the ATM screen.

"Oh...." Mrs Ed repeats.

"Dear..." I add, wise as a sage.

"Well at least I've ordered the paint for the house, and I bought

that six man tent online, and paid the lay-by deposit on that exercise thingy I've always wanted" sighs Mrs Ed

"Oh.... That's nice...." I reply, my brain starting to fuzzi up "By the way, the courier will be delivering the new hammock tomorrow.... and I seem to remember that's COD. ... And I've booked the car in next week to have the swingy--bang-clunk noise fixed." I add technically.

"Uhuh, I hope it will stop that silly red light that's been flashing on the dashboard all year," she counters, "But remember we'll need the car for the family camping trip to Cape Town next week - remember? Your sister already gave you their half of the petrol money and camp site fee at the restaurant - when we were having that family dinner... You know, The Big Ouzo Night? Which reminds me, you still have to go back and pay for the replacement table... And weren't we going to hold some funds back for your daughter's Unisa fees?"

"Dooooooooo't doooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

Hearing the voice again snaps me out of my reverie. Is it my ABUGGAB? Surely not. I mean she wouldn't have had any experience in online buying, so how would she know that I have just added another twelve items into my shopping basket, including a motorbike helmet (Yes I know I already have six, but you can't put a limit on safety - especially when I'm hoping to get a motorbike next year), a popcorn maker (half price!), a set of two dozen solar powered garden lights, a home brew craft beer kit (hence the need for the garden lights leading to the shed) and a special watch that will compute Mrs Ed's calorie burn vs her calorie intake (I think I'm over-feeding her).

"Dooooooooo't doooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

Hang on. That's sounding way too familiar....

"Dooooooooo't doooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin youuuuuu idioooooot"

A loud burp vibrates the door, and I detect that unmistakably pungent fragrance of second hand tequila.

"Stooooooppooooo nooooow..." A giggle, followed by a deep belly laugh, "Whiiiiile youuuuuu

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TRAGEDY AT FISH EAGLE GREEN

What started off as a Christmas celebration for a Sunday school ended up as a heart-wrenching tragedy on Sunday 11 December, when well known and much loved community member Neville Stuurman (41) drowned in the Swartvlei Lagoon.



Drowning victim Neville Stuurman

He and his wife Bettliana were picnicking with other families on Fish Eagle Green on the water's edge, when Neville went for a swim with the kids. A while later members of the group realised that he had not returned and, when their increasing frantic search turned up nothing, emergency services were called in.

The family's worst fears were realised when NSRI and Police divers located Neville's lifeless body and brought it to shore.

His parents, Sedgefield postman Tim Grootboom and wife Sophie, had not been at the picnic and thus received the terrible news by phone call at home.

Neville was born in Swartvlei and lived in Sedgefield his whole life. He worked for T&B log homes for a number of years.

The funeral will take place at 09h00 at the Agape Ministry Church in Smutsville.

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caaaaan" An almighty rolling on the floor guffaw, then a series of thuds and wallops and crunches as a rather heavy body crashes down the stairs with a voice trailing off...

"Youuuuuu'd be maaaaaaad iiiiiifffff youuuuuu diiiiiidnnnnn't!"

Have a very, very, merry Christmas everyone - from the Entire T'Ed family.

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The Movers and Shakers at Scarab Village wish all our visitors, loyal customers and friends a happy and safe holiday season. May the coming year be one of peace, happiness and a few ordinary miracles.

Don't forget that Scarab Village is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday 8.00am to 1.30pm

The Saturday craft market has an interesting musical line up for the rest of December and January. So even if you are all shopped out and fed up, come and grab a coffee and listen to our talented musicians.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Reader,

I offer a very warm welcome to all those visiting Greater Knysna, and further extend an invitation to these visitors and all our residents to enjoy our area known for its vast natural beauty and friendly people.

This welcome includes the Knysna Municipality and its seven communities that make up Greater Knysna. As you and our communities already know, Greater Knysna is possibly the most beautiful and diverse region of the Garden Route and we are eager to share the many reasons why we live in this area with you.

It is my wish that you enjoy and rediscover our region which is renowned for its appealing natural resources, including our estuary, mountains, farm land, forests, valleys, lakes and beaches.

For our first-time visitors, allow me to explain that our Municipal area stretches from the beautiful Swartvlei on the West of Sedgefield right up to Brackenhill in the East. The magnificent Outeniqua Mountains in the North and the Indian Ocean in the South form our boundaries.

Kick back and let your hair down while you play in our 'garden'. Take a dip in our estuary and catch a wave on our many beaches, two of which (Brenton-on-Sea and Buffels Bay) have Blue Flag status.

Let the canopy of our indigenous forests keep you cool while you discover their beauty. Breathe in the clean, fresh air, and I guarantee you that it is fresh, as Greater Knysna recently received the Air Quality Management award.

We are proud of our three Blue Flag recognised marine vessels that will take you out onto the estuary or through the magnificent Heads to watch the marine life frolic in their own home.

Let's not forget how spoilt for choice Greater Knysna is when it comes to culinary delights. I am hoping to bump into you during the festive season at one of our many world-renowned eateries open throughout the holiday season.

Whatever it is that you choose to do this holiday, have fun and enjoy every moment. To our visitors I ask that you treat Greater Knysna as your home away from home while you recharge your batteries for the year ahead.

I thank all our residents for their continued involvement in making Greater Knysna the place where nature and people prosper.

Have a blessed festive season and a magnificent 2017

With warm festive regards,

Eleanore Bouw-Spies

ADHERE TO BLUE FLAG RULES

Greater Knysna's Buffels Bay and Brenton-on-Sea beaches are amongst the 58 South African coastal sites proudly flying Blue Flags this season.

These beaches received their Blue Flag status because they met an international standard of excellence in the areas of safety, amenities, cleanliness, environmental information and environmental management.

Now the Knysna Municipality is asking beach goers respect the conditions of this international accolade which will remain in place until 31 January 2017.

Dogs may not be walked on these beaches between 09:00 and 17:00. Note that the pet-friendly zone on Brenton-on-Sea is 300 metres West of the second lifesaving flag, and in Buffels Bay, East of the last beach residence. Normal access routes (before 09:00 and after 17:00) may be used to both these areas. Dogs must remain on leashes at all times.



"Please clean up after dogs and dispose of poop bags in the provided bins," requested Knysna Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Ellman.

According to the World Tourism Organization, the international Blue Flag, operational since 1987, is the most well-known eco-label of its kind and the Municipality requests all holiday makers and locals to adhere to the rules regarding the public use of these beaches.

"We thank all holiday makers and locals in advance for your cooperation. We support and encourage the responsible use of public beaches and amenities; however, it cannot be at the expense of people's safety, privacy and property. I appeal to every individual to consider the greater good of Greater Knysna and its people so that our visitors and locals will have a great time, and will want to return to our beautiful beaches and amenities," concluded Ellman.

GREATER KNYSNA HOLIDAY SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE

The Knysna Municipality has taken several measures to ensure the safety of its residents and holiday makers during the upcoming summer holiday season.

These include the imposing of stricter and increased law enforcement, especially with regards alcohol abuse and disruptive behaviour on public amenities and beaches.

The municipality has further appointed additional temporary point duty and law enforcement officials and increased the total number of fire fighters on standby. Moreover, lifesavers are currently undergoing training through the recently launched Greater Knysna Lifesaving Club to ensure the safety of locals and holidaymakers in and around our water. Greater Knysna by-Laws prohibit drinking in public.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that Greater Knysna is one of the best holiday destinations in the country and the municipality wants locals and visitors to enjoy the beautiful town in a safe manner.

"The municipality will be enforcing our by-laws strictly. Our Law Enforcement will be working closely with the South African Police Service (SAPS), Provincial Traffic, the Community Police Forum (CPF) and private security to ensure an all-inclusive approach regarding all aspects of public safety. We want everyone to have a splendid time in our beautiful town but they must do so in a safe way and be responsible at all times."

Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated in Greater Knysna, especially on beaches and public amenities.

"I want everyone to enjoy our beaches and public amenities but do so sensibly and responsibly. I urge you to remember that your behaviour as an individual affects others around you. Be mindful that alcohol and swimming do not mix. **I plead with everyone not to drive or swim under the influence of alcohol.**"

In order to decrease traffic congestion and to deal with parking issues, no busses will be allowed in areas of limited space. No tents or overnighting will be permitted on public land. Loud music will not be permitted from private sound systems in public spaces, nor waterside revellers spilling onto private properties or homes.

"I want to thank all locals and holidaymakers in advance for your cooperation regarding the use of our beaches and public amenities. Let's be responsible, safe and most importantly enjoy the fun in the sun. I wish you a safe holiday season as you spend time with your friends, family and loved ones," concluded the Mayor.



DATES TO REMEMBER

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting	26 January
Finance Governance and Economic Development	4 February
Planning and Integrated Human Settlements Committee	8 February
Community Services Committee	14 February
Technical Services Committee	15 February

COMMEMORATIVE DAYS & EVENTS

Knysna municipal street market and festival lights switch-on, 16 December, 18h00 to 20h00 Main Street	16 December
Sedgefield Beach Festival	23 December
Knysna Diverse Cultural Green Chef Event	24 December
Splash Knysna Lagoon Mile	27 December
Knysna Splash Canoe Racing	28 December
Knysna Splash Quack Attack	28 December
End of the year celebration - Back to school fundraising	31 December
Day of Reconciliation	16 December
Christmas Day	25 December
Day of Goodwill	26 December
New Year's Day	1 January

CLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES



23 December 2016 to 2 January 2017

Please note that the offices of the Knysna Municipality will close at 12h00 on Friday 23 December 2016 and reopen at 07h30 on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

The Customer Pay Centre, Main Street, Knysna, will be open on 28, 29 and 30 December 2016 between 08h00 to 12h00.

All essential and emergency services will be delivered.

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



DUMPING IS ILLEGAL

Please report illegal dumping to Whatsapp 081 556 9374

WATER IS PRECIOUS

Adhere to Greater Knysna water restrictions:

Water your garden at dusk between 18:00 and 19:00 on designated days.

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NEW ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER A FAMILIAR FACE

During the Knysna Council meeting of 6 December, it was agreed that Johnny Douglas will act as Knysna Acting Municipal Manager from 3 January, 2017.

This appointment was done in accordance with municipal legislation.



Douglas will be the third Acting Municipal Manager appointed since Municipal Manager Grant Easton was suspended at a special council meeting held on August 30, pending disciplinary proceedings against him.

At that time Carl Mattheus was appointed as interim Municipal Manager until such time as Provincial Local Government MEC, Anton Bredell found a suitable candidate. Mattheus resigned from this position on 10 October and was replaced the following day by Bevan Ellman, the director of Corporate Services. Ellman resigned last month to take on a position in the private sector.

Douglas was suggested as the Acting MM candidate by Bredell's office, and his position

was confirmed at the council meeting.

Douglas will be remembered by many for his time as Knysna's Municipal Manager in the five year period from 2006 to 2011. Under his management Knysna was rated as one of the top Municipalities in the Western Cape.

According to the 2010 Municipal Productive Index (MPI), Knysna Municipality, under Douglas' watchful eye, was rated as the third top municipality in the Western Cape. His administration further received several Blue and Green drop water accreditations.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that she is looking forward to Douglas taking over the reins in January. "Although Mr. Douglas and I did not always see eye-to-eye while I was in office, there is absolutely no doubt that he runs a tight ship. We will be welcoming him into our fold and hope to see several improvements while he is at the helm."

THE RIVERMOUTH AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE

According to Jonathan Britton, ranger in the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park, records show that since 1990 Swartvlei has been open over December 70% of the time.

"So there is an 'expectation' that the mouth should always be open over December, but in fact there is 30% of the time when it is closed," he said.

According to a paper published in 1979 by scientists Howards Williams & Allanson, 'Estuaries have many natural states - open and closed, and with high and low levels of inflow of both fresh and marine waters. During Spring high tides, the upper estuary is filled to a high water level which causes strong outflow during spring low water.'

Both the Swartvlei and Touw River systems have estuaries and estuarine lakes. Estuaries are globally understood to be 'enclosed coastal bodies of brackish water (resulting from a mixture of freshwater and seawater) with one or more rivers or streams flowing into them, with a connection to the open sea.

Why open and close the mouth of the estuary?

The presence and height of a sandbar determines open/closed phases of the mouth of the estuary. During open phases on high tides, water moves from the sea to the estuary ensuring a combination of both fresh and sea water. This is important for fish species dependent on the opening of the estuary mouth in order to facilitate recruitment of larvae and post-larvae into the system from the sea.

Closed phases are natural and can be highly productive for a variety of estuarine biota, including plants, zooplankton, macrobenthos and fish.

This allows a whole range of juvenile forms of estuarine-dependent and estuarine-associated marine species to be recruited inside their sheltered and productive reaches, where they complete their growth to maturity.

Swartvlei is classified as a temporary open/closed estuary. During the open and closed phase there are unique ecological processes that collectively work together to maintain the delicate foodweb. The river mouth will generally close naturally during the low rainfall season as there is a reduction of the inflow of freshwater. This process of closing will also be supported by the deposition of sediment from tidal inflow.

Artificial breaching is often associated with a limited head/pressure of water behind the sand berm at the mouth. Without enough pressure there will be limited scouring of sediment from the estuary not creating a deep enough channel. Repeated low level breaching will almost certainly lead to gradual shallowing of the estuary from sediment accumulation. Artificial breaching when there is not enough simultaneous river inflow, often results in the introduction of large volumes of salt water that will alter the estuarine ecological composition by favouring species tolerant of high salinity, significantly altering the dynamics of food webs

The closed phase is a time of 'rest and recovery' when some interesting and important ecological processes come into play

When an estuary closes benthic microalgal populations begin to recover and build up. This forms an important base of the food web providing nutrition for invertebrates that are consumed by fish and birds. The stable conditions of the closed phase also provide suitable conditions for the growth of submerged macrophytic plants.

Water levels in the lakes are managed cooperatively by SANParks and, in the case of extreme weather conditions, Eden District Municipality and the Knysna Municipality, as low-lying residential properties adjacent to the estuary are vulnerable to flooding.

When is the mouth opened?

The method used for this is 'periodic artificial breaching' of the estuary mouth. The set standards for breaching are when water levels in the estuary reach two metres above mean sea level (amsl) for Swartvlei and between 2,1 and 2,4 metres for the Touw River.

Breaching is done by SANParks, the custodians of the system. Changes in water exchanges could influence the physical and chemical properties of water.

Britton said in conclusion "We have monitoring systems and partnerships in place that will trigger appropriate management actions should some of the Public Health and/or Ecological thresholds be exceeded."

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Caring for our Sedgefield Community

LOOKING AFTER OUR OLDER RESIDENTS.....

Sedgefield's Pick n Pay cares about all local residents - and this includes the lovely ladies and gentlemen who are perhaps a little older than the rest of us. That's why we leapt at the chance to throw a Christmas Lunch party for Sedgemoor Park Home for the Aged.

This celebration took place on Friday 9 December and was a great start for the December season. There was much excitement as all the Sedgemoor residents and their guests sat down to the delightful meal in the busy home's dining hall, and judging by the smiling faces - they certainly enjoyed every bite!



... AND OUR UP AND COMING ENTREPRENEURS

Smutsville School Youth Workshop was held on 8 & 9 December, and Pick n Pay were glad to be a part of such an important project.

During this event youngsters got to try their hands at various clever recycled crafts and listen to a number of talks covering important topics for the youth of today.

The day was facilitated by Municipal representative Steve Langlands, Councillor Levael Davis and a German couple Bettina and Werner - as well as Cleone Vanston - the Youth Shop Organiser and Brenda from Lifeline.



Absorbing all this information was hungry work, but thanks to Pick n Pay all thirty boys and girls attending got lunch to keep them going!

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7am - 9pm

7am - 9pm

7am - 9pm

7am - 2pm

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(Sun)

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New Year's Day

Pick n Pay Liquor

9am - 8pm

9am - 8pm

9am - 3pm

9am - 2pm

9am - 2pm

Wishing Everyone a Wonderful Festive Season

Thanks to all our regular customers and visitors for your loyal support throughout 2016.

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ARSONISTS KEEP FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY

The Knysna Fire Department has responded to ±50 separate fires since Thursday, the 1st of December.



Knysna's fire teams have had to respond to close on 50 fires due to arson.

“We have responded to 14 separate fires; however this does not include the ones where we have no official incident log but were attended to by us as 'hit and run' operations'. Should one add those and incidents where the helicopter had to throw a quick bucket or two of water onto fires, the tally is then closer to 50 separate fires,” said Knysna Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Ellman.

According to Ellman all the fires were deliberately started. “While our Fire Chief [Clinton Manuel] had the Spotter Plane and two helicopters flying the pilots could see youngsters starting fires and then running off. Many residents also reported seeing children starting these fires,” he said.

The rate with which these young arsonists were lighting the fires necessitated that the Fire Chief call on Eden District and Bitou Municipalities, Working on Fire (WOF), MTO Forestry, two helicopters and a fixed wing bomber plane and all off-duty firefighters to assist.

On Monday, December 5, the department responded to two fires in Hornlee and Concordia areas. Ellman said: “All the fires were, and still are, confined to the Hornlee and Northern areas.”

In an effort to stop the arsonists the SAPS and Municipal Law Enforcement officers were called to display visibility in the areas. Private Security companies and neighbourhood watches were also asked to be on the lookout for those deliberately starting the fires.

Unfortunately no one has yet been caught. “These young arsonists run off as soon as the fires are lit. A member of the

public commented that it is the very same youngsters who return to assist the firefighters who are busy putting out their lit fires,” said an exasperated Ellman.

On Friday, December 2 the helicopters were grounded when the pilots informed the Fire Chief that the children would run under the water buckets when the water was released. “This is extremely dangerous! There are many loose items lying in the veld and the downdraft created by these helicopters is of such a force that it can easily propel these items with a force capable of decapitating someone,” explained Ellman.

He added that the helicopters accelerate after dropping the water which creates an even stronger down draft – and this is when the children would run under the dropping water. “It also became clear that the children light the fires to see the helicopters dumping water and to run under this shower of water. Our Fire Chief stopped the operation because of a safety risk for the pilots of these aircraft.”

Ellman urges all parents to inform their youngsters of the dangers of running under these low flying helicopters. “Serious injury or death is a consequence of this madness. Even if a small twig is propelled into an eye then the eye will be lost. Firefighters wear protective clothing when

working around these aircraft. They understand the dangers associated and always take evasive action when they come in to drop water – and they never work directly under them!”

These young arsonists must be warned of the dangers of fire by their parents. “Fires have been lit very close to houses and we are fortunate that these were stopped before they quickly spread and engulfed a house. This danger was purely diverted because of the expertise of our fire crews. The smoke being generated by these fires is harmful to the young, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma. Prolonged exposure to the smoke and soot will also lead to respiratory complications later on in life.”

In closing Ellman reiterated that parents must educate their children. Not only about the danger of fires, but also about the vast amounts of drinkable water that is being wasted to fight these deliberately set fires.

“Then there is also the problem of the fire department being unable to attend to other accidental fires, or motor vehicles accidents. Lots of property and lives can be lost by this action of lighting fires for the fun of it. Be aware that we have a municipal by-law under which perpetrators can be arrested and prosecuted for deliberately setting fires.”



Knysna Municipality

PUBLIC NOTICE



**CLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES:
23 DECEMBER 2016 TO 2 JANUARY 2017**

Please note that the offices of the Knysna Municipality will close at 12h00 on Friday 23 December 2016 and reopen at 07h30 on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

The Customer Pay Centre, Main Street, Knysna, will be open on 28, 29 and 30 December 2016 between 08h00 to 12h00.

All essential and emergency services will be delivered.

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

**SLUITING VAN MUNISIPALE KANTORE:
23 DESEMBER 2016 TOT 2 JANUARIE 2017**

Neem asseblief kennis dat die kantore van die Knysna Munisipaliteit gesluit sal wees vanaf 12h00 op Vrydag 23 Desember 2016 en heropen om 07h30 op Dinsdag 3 Januarie 2017.

Die Kliënte-Betaalsentrum in Hoofstraat, Knysna, sal op 28, 29 en 30 Desember 2016 tussen 08h00 en 12h00 oop wees.

Alle noodsaaklike- en nooddienste sal steeds gelewer word.

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

**UKUVALWA KWE-OFFISI ZIKAMASPALA:
23 DISEMBA 2016 UKUYA KUTSHO NGOMHLA WE 2 JANYUWARI 2017**

Qaphela okokuba ii-ofisi zikaMaspala wase Knysna ziyakuvalwa ngentsimbi yeshumi elinesibini (12h00) emini ngoLwesihlanu ngomhla wamashumi amabini anesithathu (23) kuDisemba 2016, ziphinde ziyokuvulwa ngecala emva kwentsimbi yesixhenxe (07h30) ngoLwesibini ngomhla wesithathu (3) kuJanyuwari 2017.

Icandelo laseCustomer Pay Centre lona liyakuvulwa ukususela ngentsimbi yesibhozo (08h00) ukuya kutsho ngentsimbi yeshumi elinesibini (12h00) ngezintsuku zilandelayo, umhla ka 28, 29 no 30 Disemba 2016.


Zonke inkozo ezibalukileyo nezingxamisekileyo ziyakuphunyezwa.

Xa ufuna ukubuza okanye uncedo olukhawulezileyo ungaqhagamshelana ne **Knysna Fire Department** kulenombolo **044 302 8911**.

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PUBLIEKE KENNISGEWING

UITNODIGING OM KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER EN DEEL TE NEEM AAN DIE WETLIKE PROSES

In terme van Artikel 12(3)(b) van die Munisipale Stelsels Wet 32 van 2000, word hiermee kennis gegee dat die volgende verordeninge tans voor die Knysna Munisipale Raad dien vir hersiening en moontlike goedkeuring:

1. **Verordening insake die Ordereëls vir Interne Reëlings;**
2. **Verordening insake die Beheer van strande binne of aangrensend aan die jurisdiksie van Knysna Munisipaliteit, en**
3. **Konsep verordening insake Informele Handel.**

Afskrifte van die voorgestelde verordeninge is beskikbaar gedurende normale kantoorure by die volgende munisipale kantore:

- Clydestraat, Knysna;
- Ou Kerkstraat gebou, Knysna, en
- Flamingolaan, Sedgfield.

Dit is ook beskikbaar op die munisipale webtuiste by www.knysna.gov.za

Enige kommentaar of beswaar ten opsigte van die voorgestelde veranderinge moet skriftelik gerig word aan die Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder, Mnr Bevan Ellman op of voor 12h00 op Vrydag 06 Januarie 2017. Insette kan per pos gestuur word aan Posbus 21, Knysna, 6570 of afgelewer word by die munisipale kantore in Clydestraat of ge-epos word na knysna@knysna.gov.za.

Navrae kan gerig word aan die Bestuurder Regsdienste, Me Melony Paulsen by mpaulsen@knysna.gov.za of skakel 044 302 6492.

BEVAN ELLMAN
WAARNEMENDE MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER

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Where to walk dogs in a National Park

There is a code of conduct guiding where and when to walk dogs in a National Park. Guidelines favour both nature and dogs. Walking dogs in Wilderness is permissible in the following areas:

- East of the Parking at the NSRI up the staircase before the Wilderness Hotel.
- Kleinkrantz parking area, west to 6th Avenue and east up to the first rocks at Gericke's Point
- East of the parking at Myoli Beach and Cola Beach (except from 1st December-31st January, between 09:00am – 17:00pm)
- Along the Vlei where there is reasonable access and no signage prohibiting dogs.

Dog handlers are requested to adhere to all the rules and regulations of the beach area including conditions for leashing.

Why dogs are not allowed in other areas of the Park

- This is primarily to protect dogs from wild animals as dogs may become prey to predators or get attacked by other wild animals such as baboons, especially in the forestry areas.
- Dogs in the Park may harass or kill plants and animals protected by the Park. They may also disturb birds during breeding seasons.
- Dogs also tend to enjoy digging up plants some of which may be significant indigenous plants necessary for the survival of the ecosystem.
- They also spread diseases. Domestic dogs and cats may carry certain pathogens that pose a serious disease risk to wild canids, felids, viverids and mustelids' (SANParks guideline: http://www.sanparks.org/groups/disabilities/guide_dogs.php)

SANParks has a guideline for visually impaired people with guide dogs and or assistance dogs visiting any National Park. The entry and exit of the guide dog into / out of most National Parks will be covered by a permit issued by SANParks or Veterinary Wildlife Unit.

Dogs threaten birds like the African Oystercatcher

- Adults and chicks become separated and nests and youngsters become vulnerable to trampling and predation by gulls, dogs and man.
- Their nest is often a shallow scrape in the sand on exposed beaches and vulnerable to roving and excitable dogs.
- Incubation of eggs is about 29 days and youngsters take about 45 days to become independent. Breeding success rate is 20-40%.
- Black Oystercatchers are threatened by disturbance and coastal development; the total population is less than 6500 individuals.
- They normally breed between September and April.
- The breeding pairs along this beach are monitored on a regular basis and have been for nearly two decades.

IN WITH A FLYING CHANCE

Cola Sands residents Christine and Francois Maritz have generously donated a wonderful prize in order to raise money for NSRI and the local Lifesaving Club: A high-flying flip in their Robinson R44 Raven II helicopter for three people, taking off from Sedgefield, flying along the coast to Knysna Heads and then back.



This once in a lifetime prize will be raffled off over the busy season. The tickets are only R10 each and may be bought at the Sedgefield Tourism office, Sothebys and on the beach on the day of the Sedgefield Beach Festival.

There is no limit to how many tickets can be purchased by any particular person. There will be another raffle and the prizes for this is a two night stay for two in a studio unit at Pine Lake Marina and a two night stay at "Beach you to it" a

self catering home on the Island. The raffle tickets for this will be R10 each or R15 for two tickets and also on sale at Tourism, Sotheby's and at the Festival. The beneficiaries for this will be the local NSRI.

A DESPERATE PLEA FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT

When the Sedgefield Municipality telephone number changed from 044 343 1640 to 044 302 6500 eighteen months ago, the not so lucky winner of the old number was Elzabe Nel.

She says it isn't so pleasant inheriting such a well known Telkom line.

"Morning, noon and night I am inundated with calls," she says. "Fire Department, Library, Honey Sucker." To cap it all, when Elzabe tries to explain to the callers that the number no longer belongs to the municipality, some of them don't respond very graciously.

"If this is not the correct number why did YOU not change it?" they demand.

It seems she certainly has tried to rectify the situation. "I have a voice message on my telephone giving the correct Knysna Municipality number. I have e-mailed them (Telkom) every month now for 18 months, I phone them every second month - with NO RESULTS. I have even posted on Facebook *Sedge Locals*" she insists. "Please could you just inform the Sedgefield people that the number has changed? I am really at my wits end."

Well people - please consider yourself informed. The number for The Sedgefield Offices of Knysna Municipality is 044 302 6500

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DIARY DATELINE

14th Dec 2016 - 1st Jan 2017

Wednesday 14

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
5:30pm Sedgefield Striders- 5km time trials meet @ Bowling Club
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

Thursday 15

6am 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
7:30pm Sedge Lions Club meet at clubhouse. Debbie 083 306 9998.

Friday 16

8.00am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
4 - 8:30pm Friday Supper & Craft Market. Follow the scarecrows from the N2 up Welbedacht Lane, Knysna @ Montessori School.

Saturday 17

Sedgefield Striders morning runs call 072 516 4701.
7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market
8am - 1pm Scarab Craft Market

Sunday 18

6am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome

Monday 19

6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall
7pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in Catholic Church Hall. 044 3433141

Tuesday 20

6am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
2:30pm Bowls coaching

Wednesday 21

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

Thursday 22

6am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
7:30am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
2:30pm Bowls coaching
5:15pm Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
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Friday 23

8am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
4 - 8:30pm Friday Supper & Craft Market Follow the scarecrows from the N2 up Welbedacht Lane, Knysna @ Montessori School.

Saturday 24

7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market @ Swartvlei
8am - 1pm Scarab Craft Market
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market

Sunday 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 26

DAY OF GOODWILL

Tuesday 27

6am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome
2:30pm Bowls coaching.

Wednesday 29

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

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

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Geagte Redakteur

Hiermee wens ek my opreg dank en waarderende uitspraak aan Cindy van ABSA Bank asook aan almal waat daartoe bygedra het om my van 'n loopraam te voorsien. Dit het as 'n groot seën gekom en vergemaklik dit geweldig vir my wanneer ek 'n ver afstand moet stap.

Ek is tans reeds 'n geruime tyd op 'n waglys vir knieervangings, aangesien ek nie oor 'n mediese fonds beskik nie.

Nogmaals baie dankie. Dit is wonderlik om te sien hoe groothartig Sedgefield se gemeenskap is. Groete,
Lana Theron

Dear Sir

With all our complaints of inefficiency etc., it is so good to give praise to a group of people who never let us down.

The Refuse Removal Team are to be commended. In the 21 years we have lived in Sedgefield they have never failed to arrive on the right day and to do their job cheerfully in all weather.

It doesn't matter what day it is either; be it a Public Holiday – even Christmas Day or New Years Day – they will be there. Even when the rest of the country is on strike!

They really deserve a Christmas bonus, don't you agree?
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To Editor,

YOU DID NOT BREAK ME

A letter to the man who tried to destroy me, tried to take away my strength by using his own. You thought that because you were bigger and stronger than me, that you could use that

against me, like a true bully you did just that.

You took advantage of a girl who was sad, when she just needed someone to see that sadness and pain and protect her from the demons of the night; yet you saw it as an opportunity to rob her of her dignity and self-worth, you were the demon in the shadows, that I needed protection from.

You made me hate myself, and drew me further away from the world and made me close my heart off to ever letting anyone in, you made it harder to trust anyone.

You hurt me, in more ways than I have ever been hurt, you treated me like I was some small insignificant being that deserved no respect, and you might as well have spat on my face when you were done.

Hiding this secret from the people who were important to me, because I was ashamed, I felt like it was my fault. That somehow I had done this to myself, and I hated myself for ever having been there that night, for not being observant enough to realize that my drink was spiked. I did not want the people that I loved most in the world to hate me too.

But by hiding it I was giving you power, you were winning because I was no longer the strong woman I had always been. You had made me weak, you made me scared to believe in people and I lived in fear. Speaking out gave me my strength back

The hardest part was when I had to see you in town, having you act like you had never met me before, like I was a stranger. Well guess what, you have met me, and now I am your demon. You cannot wash away what you did

with a smile. You might be able to fool the world around you but I know that you truly are a wolf in sheep's clothing. I may have been victimized, but I tell you now I am no victim. I am a warrior and I will prevail, with every tear I shed writing this, with every thought of self blame that I have to push away, you will become a memory of a time in life when I had find my inner strength.

For months I hid behind a fake smile and wall that nobody could penetrate, I hid from the truth thinking that if I hid for long enough, my demons would never find me and that I could eventually come out again. But those demons are your own, and until you face them you will forever be only a shell of the woman you really are. Come out of hiding and let us all stand together and face our demons, tell someone, anyone, Start somewhere, until you talk about it, it will eat you alive. Some people may fall out of your life, and other will embrace you tighter, knowing that you just need a love and support

To end a letter to the man who thinks he destroyed me. You have not, you have made me into the strong woman I am, the woman who knows she can make it through any of life's challenges.

You are no longer in the shadows, you are no longer a demon that plagues my nightmares and makes me cry. You are nothing more than a bad memory; you are your own demon now.

I forgive you for what you did. Whatever the reason was, you have to deal with it now. I no longer want this to be a burden in my life. I will live my life in

BIBLE TRUTH FOR THIS DAY

"Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. With His stripes we are healed." 2Cor 5:21, Is 53:5. The cross is a symbol of the immutability of God's Law.

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Congratulations to Diola Avery who turned 21 on 3rd December 2016



happiness, with a man who loves me in spite of what happened to me, because it made me the strong independent woman I am. You did not break me. Ladies, if any of you feel like you have nowhere to turn, you have so many people who love you. You are beautiful and worthy of such love, do not ever think you are not worthy, or that you don't deserve to be loved. What happened is not your fault and if anything we deserve to be loved more, because we will appreciate it so much. The hurt souls in the world have more compassion and we will love harder. **Speak out, be brave and have courage.**

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HIGH FIVE LOREN

Fred Whatley of Sedgefield, invites you to join him and his family in congratulating his granddaughter, Loren Agostini, 24, in obtaining her Masters Degree in Civil Engineering (Geotechnique) Cum Laude at Stellenbosch University on 7 December 2016.

Loren started her schooling with Ouma Saarljie and Oupa Andries at Jack & Jill Playschool in Sedgefield and subsequently went on to Juff Ria, Juff Lana, Juff 'Oh Dear' and Juff Burger at Sedgefield Primary. She then completed her school career in Brackenfell Cape Town and went on to become a Matie in 2010 at Stellenbosch University, studying Civil Engineering. In her final Honour's year in 2014 she was awarded the top prize in Geotechnique at U.S.

Oupa Fred thanks her mother (his daughter) Lenor, her father Carlo and her brother, Lorenzo (who will commence his studies next year at



the College of Technology, Bellville Campus) for their ever present love and support.

So proud and so grateful! Dr. Loren Agostini is waiting in the wings. Vlieg hoog, my Kindjie! Die Heelal is oneindig groot en vol liefde en lig.

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SAPS WELCOMES 12 YEAR SENTENCE

The Knysna police station management welcomes the 12-years-imprisonment sentence for Zukizani Jackson (24) at the Regional courts in Knysna on Monday, 05 December 2016 on charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

His conviction relates to an incident that was reported at Voortrekker Street, Knysna on 30 March 2016 at about 06:45. He and his accomplice, armed with knives, approached two ladies, that were on their way to work. They threatened the victims and robbed them of their belongings. The suspects took cellular phones, jewellery and cash

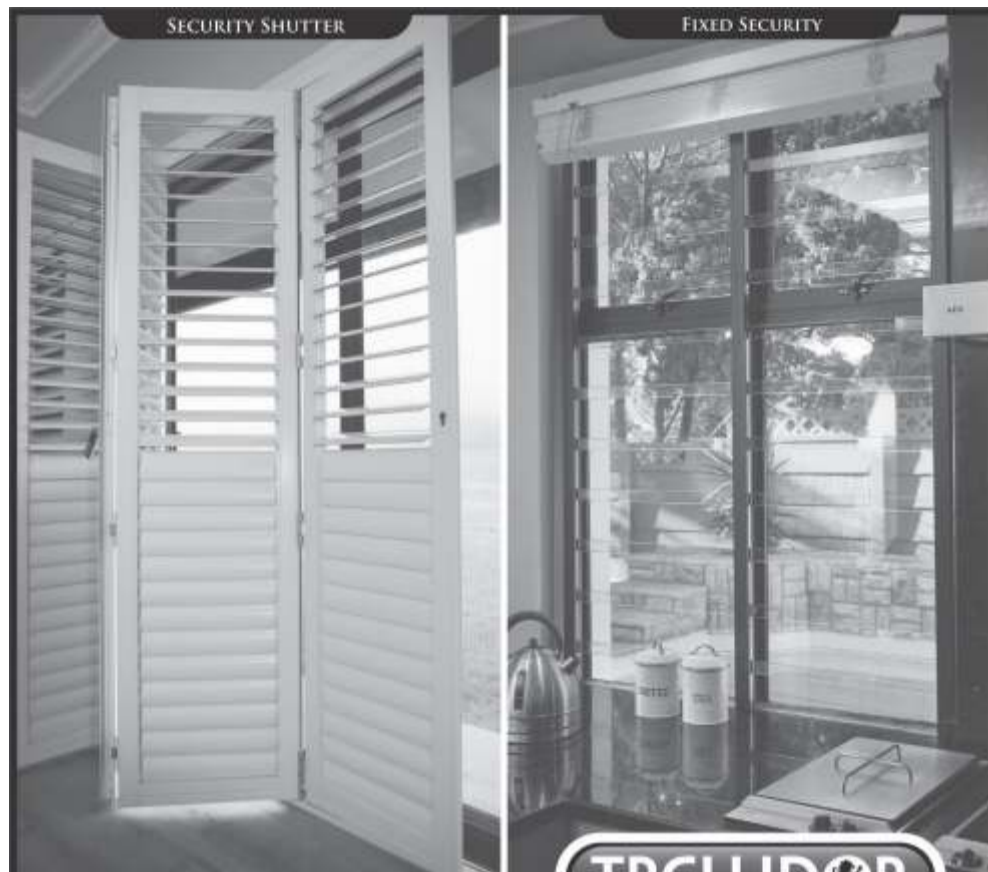
before they fled from the scene.

Prompt response from the Tsitsikamma K9 and a local security officer led to the arrest of both suspects in the vicinity minutes later. Both suspects were later positively linked through CCTV (close circuit television) footage in the Upper town area.

The case against the two accused were separated earlier this year and his accomplice, Loyise Kolwapi (23), was sentenced to 8-years-imprisonment.

Lieutenant Colonel Siddique Khan, Acting Station

Commander, commended the arresting officer, security official and the investigator for a job well done. He also emphasized the importance in the use of technology, such as CCTV footage during investigations. The acting station commander also said: I want to thank the Upper Town neighbourhood watch that installed the cameras in their neighbourhood and providing the video footage as evidence in this case. This type of co-operation between the police, community and security companies is of the utmost importance to increase the safety levels in Knysna.



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On Saturday, 03 December 2016 around 7am at the Mosaic Market as stall holders were setting up, Jan Schiebe reported that his distinctive "Wurst Express" sign was removed.

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To my amazement, this lady, would actually made a U-turn a little further on and drive past me. It was too late for me to focus on the vehicle as I was only made aware by a fellow trader that it was exactly this vehicle as it was passing me. The female driver looked in my

direction, I raised my hands and she sped off.

It was a white Tazz or similar with a CX registration. There were various other boards setup along the road, but obviously mine was most appealing.'

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Stoned Oxygen 'High on Life' clothing brand is the brain child of local, Cassidy Bo Morrison. The brand focusses on providing comfy hoodies, funky t-shirts, caps and skater/surf apparel.

"It's been a dream of mine to have my own clothing label since high school. After a lot of procrastination, the support of my family, partner and friends and God's grace it has finally become a reality. It's still in the beginning stages but my plan is to eventually manufacture as well as print my own unique range of hoodies and t-shirts but for now it is getting the brand known.

The brand 'Stoned Oxygen' represents adventure and being stoked and content with life. Finding happiness and being appreciative of it, hence the 'High on Life' slogan.

The original Stoned Oxygen logo with the contrast of the city scape and nature is still my favourite it was designed by a childhood friend Stefan Haggard. All the current designs are done by the very helpful Mr Robert Taylor of Wilderness.

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GEARING UP FOR GREEN

Cruelty of climate change

The attached picture is the cover of a recent issue of an electrical engineering magazine that I get each month from the UK Professional Body to which I belong. Frankly, I was appalled by what I read. A quote from one article: "The terrible irony of climate change is that it affects most those who have done least to cause it - the very poor. Nowhere is this injustice more apparent than in Africa." This article goes on to note that the tropics and other hot regions of the world will be worst affected.

The magazine editorial notes that August 2016 was the warmest month since credible records began in 1880. I hope that this is pointed out to that very high profile personality who has claimed that climate change is a story invented by the Chinese.

Another article lists twelve ways in which global warming will change everyday life: Here are three of them. (1) You will be more likely to be bitten by a shark on holiday. (2) Chocolate

By Mike Young



CRUELTY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

will become an unaffordable luxury. (3) Spiders will grow bigger.

Of course, the articles do have glimmers of hope. Solar and wind generated electricity figure prominently and they seem likely to be joined by power from tidal currents. However, a caution: all of these power sources have an impact on the climate when they are manufactured - often in China where dirty coal is the major source of power. So it can take years to get to the point at which there is a net saving in the impact on the climate.

Another area where there are experiments is sewage treatment. Piped systems are not energy efficient and there are alternatives. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has poured millions of dollars into projects in Africa to reinvent the

toilet, mostly using composting systems. This works well in rural areas, where waste can be removed and hopefully put to good use. In urban areas it's a different matter. Durban installed 90 000 compost toilets, but people didn't want to empty them, so the Municipality had to!

I could offer lots of other examples, but for me, there are a couple of learning points. First, and most important is that we all have to learn to behave in ways that will lessen our impact on this planet that we live on. We also have to make a determined effort to teach the younger generations how important this behaviour is. Use examples such as the recently reported group of teenagers who thought it acceptable to leave their rubbish on the beach. I'm writing this article from New Zealand where the positive result of such teaching is quite obvious. The second action is for us all to insist that our politicians lead, both by personal example, and by making sure that our people know that the consequences of not using less stuff are going to be catastrophic.



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WATER IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY, TREAT IT WITH RESPECT

It is a well-documented fact that South Africa's natural resource, water is scarce and under severe pressure. Greater Knysna is no exception.



Although Knysna's storage dam, Akkerkloof is currently 70 per cent full, the Knysna Municipality is asking residents to adhere strictly to the water restrictions and treat water as the scarce commodity that it is.

"An appropriate proverb, 'The frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives' comes to mind when we witness wasteful water practices in our area," said Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Ellman.

Knysna's water usage for the week 14 - 21 November was extremely high. The daily target of 8Ml/day was not met as residents used 13.90Ml/day. Sedgefields target daily water consumption is 1.9Ml/day and its residents used 2.06Ml/day during the same period.

If residents and visitors do not curb their water usage there is a strong possibility that the Knysna Municipality will implement stricter punitive measures to ensure water saving. "We will have no other choice than to institute water 'shedding' and rationing to reduce consumption," warned Ellman.

Water consumption is charged according to a sliding scale; the more water used, the more expensive it becomes.

The Knysna and Gouna Rivers are Knysna's main source of water and Sedgefield's the Karatara river. While Greater Knysna has several storage facilities - such as the Akkerkloof Dam, Glebe Dam, 27 reservoirs and five elevated tanks - as well as two desalination plants to assist in drier times, water should always be considered a valuable resource.

The Akkerkloof dam is purely an off-channel storage dam, meaning that its water supply must be pumped from the rivers. "Water gets pumped into Akkerkloof dam from the rivers as well as the Glebe dam. We are now in our summer months meaning less rain. In the past week Knysna received a mere 3mm of rain and Sedgefield a measly 1mm. Less rain means our rivers flow slower and have less water to pump into our dams. We are beseeching our residents and holiday makers to use water sparingly to ensure that our dam and reservoir levels

Treat Greater Knysna's water with the respect it deserves.

do not drop drastically," pleaded Ellman.

The Municipality asks all to stick to water restrictions and not waste water. "Far too often we see illegal car washes pop up with no regard to water usage. Boat owners are also seen spraying their boats off with municipal water. We have instructed our Law Enforcement officers to clamp down on water wastage. No mercy will be shown and those wasting water will be fined heavily," said Ellman.

Municipal water restrictions have been in place across the Knysna Municipal area since November 2011: Residents with even street numbers may water their gardens in summer from 6pm-7pm on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Residents with odd street numbers may water their gardens from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Water-saving tips are available on the Knysna Municipality website www.knysna.gov.za

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KNYSNA LIFESAVER CLUB LAUNCHED

The Greater Knysna launched its own Lifesaver Club on Wednesday, 23 November at Leisure Isle.

The Knysna executive mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies, mayoral committee member:community services Councillor Cathy Weidman, Greater Knysna lifesavers chairperson Lucky Somana, Club Coach. Mike Wood and municipal staff attended the launch that marked the start of the festive season for many.

Bouw-Spies said, "This lifesaving club will help a great deal in improving capacity within our area. I believe that the perfect approach to safety in our waters is local people with local knowledge of the conditions along our coast and in our estuary."

Ten lifesavers are currently undergoing training, eight from Smutsville and two from Knysna. The training includes

swimming (400m), Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, lifesaving signals, various rescue techniques in the swimming pool, at Buffel's Bay and Knysna Primary. The rescue techniques include vomit drill recovery position, drag and carry, torpedo rescue and management of spinal injury. Part of the water and beach awareness training was to identify how the currents run at the different beaches.

"I want to reassure people that all training offered is accredited by Lifesaving South Africa. Our club coach Mike, is a certified examiner and instructor. The club also went through the process of being accredited as per Western Cape Province Lifesaving Association," Bouw-Spies explained.

Wood, spoke on the importance of the lifesaver programme in the community. "Although there are 10 trainees undergoing training



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Lifesaver trainees led by Club coach Mike Wood demonstrate some of the rescue techniques during the Lifesaver Club launch at Leisure Isle on Wednesday, 23 November.

to get ready for the festive season, the club is looking at increasing these numbers in the future. The idea is to train our very own people instead of hiring people from other towns and cities. The lifesaver programme is a great initiative for uplifting our community and youth, our youngsters will also receive certificates. This is an opportunity to build something special for our community that will build capacity and provide a service that will promote

excellence on our beaches."

The Greater Knysna Lifesaving Club committee consists of President, Greg Vogt; Chairman, Lucky Somana; Nipper Officer, Maxwell Somana; Club captain, Denovan Appels; Treasurer, Kate Wood; Secretary, Nelanche Gelant; Club Coach, Mike Wood and the Equipment Officer Portfolio is currently vacant (Mike Wood acting).

Bouw-Spies urged visitors and locals to adhere to all water

safety rules. "I plead with all the holiday makers and our residents to adhere to water safety rules at all times to assist in keeping themselves and their families safe over this season. Let's be responsible, safe and most importantly enjoy the fun in the sun. I wish you a safe holiday season as you spend time with your loved ones."

For more information regarding the club contact Kate Wood: 044 343 1870 or 082738 6312.



Local Artist's Exhibition on the Island

Several local Sedgefield artists will be exhibiting their latest paintings for three days only, during the December holidays.

Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the art of these talented artists who work in a variety of mediums, styles and subject matter, and relax away from the Christmas rush with a cup of tea under the trees.

The exhibition will run from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th December at 33 Andries Pretorius Street (corner Paul Kruger Street) on the Island in Sedgefield.

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Studio 42 Theatre School had their year end celebrations and ended off on a high note with a traditional awards ceremony.

Front: Andy Koopman, Trystenn 'Creature' Titchener, Joy Hartnick, Maclaund Luwe, Raeden Venter

With categories for Best Actor and Best Actress the awards also had some more interesting categories to suit the 'interesting' participants of this little troupe of thespians.

Middle: Jua Swanepoel, Anke Tereblanche, Georgia Voges, Jade Derché

Back: Sim Grootboom, Lené Malan, Amani Lamprecht, Carly Howard, Henco Viljoen, DJ Hoffman.

KNYSNA Municipality

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- Take a short shower instead of a bath.
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- Use grey water (run-off from the washing machine, sink, shower etc.) in the garden if possible.
- Don't brush your teeth, wash the dishes or shave with the tap running.
- Wash your car with a bucket and not the hose.
- Don't top-up the swimming pool for the time-being
- Other measures may also be considered, like installing catchment tanks to store rain water, drilling a borehole or digging a well.
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How to Avoid Over-Indulgence this Christmas

Christmas is the season for making merry, and with all that tempting food and drink being handed around, it's hard to avoid a little festive indulgence. From mince pies and chocolates, to mulled wine and champagne, everyone has their favourite seasonal treat – and as long as you enjoy these specialities in moderation, there's no harm done. However, there is a tipping point where indulgence turns into overindulgence – and that's when Christmas merrymaking can begin to have harmful effects on your health.

To help you enjoy the Christmas festivities without regretting your choices come January, we've put together a list of our top tips for avoiding excess when it comes to eating and drinking this Christmas.

Don't starve yourself to save calories

While it may seem tempting to starve yourself throughout the day so you can justify eating more at a party later on, this strategy is likely to backfire. You'll end up feeling so hungry and weak by the time you get to the event that you'll end up consuming even more than you'd originally planned – most likely in the form of sugary and high-fat snacks. Instead, start each day with a high-fibre, protein-rich breakfast to help you stay full and satisfied throughout the day, and eat a small, balanced snack before heading out to a social event so you won't arrive starving and ready to eat

everything in sight. Take advantage of any healthier snack options on offer – such as veggies and low-fat dip – and fill up on those, or even consider bringing your own if it's a potluck or house party where guests are welcome to contribute.

Practise portion control

There's nothing wrong with sampling all your favourite festive treats, but try to stick to small portions so you can enjoy the taste without adding too many calories to your usual diet. Don't snack mindlessly – put a small amount on your plate, and stick to a single helping. Some people find it helps to use a smaller plate – this tricks your mind into thinking you have a larger portion than you do.

Be selective

Rather than eating every sugary treat that crosses your path, draw up a short list of your very favourite Christmas foods and give yourself permission to indulge in just those. Don't blow your calorie budget by munching your way through endless bowls of crisps and cheap sweets simply because they're there – save yourself instead for that mouth-watering homemade dessert, or your very favourite Christmas biscuits. Aim for quality over quantity, too – it's usually far more enjoyable to savour one really high-quality, decadent chocolate treat, than to eat an entire bag of chocolates.

Also avoid buying unhealthy foods to have in the house "just in case" – you'll find it that much harder to resist temptation, and are more likely to end up eating them yourself to prevent them

going to waste. Fill up your fridge and cupboards with healthy ingredients so you'll be inclined to eat these instead.

Stay hydrated

Your brain can sometimes misinterpret feelings of dehydration as hunger, so try to stay well hydrated throughout the festive season. You probably need more water than you think at this time of year, alcohol and the stress of racing around getting your shopping done can all contribute to dehydration. Aim for around two litres of non-caffeinated, non-alcoholic fluid a day, and be sure to top up before meals, as the extra liquid can help you feel full and encourage you to eat less.

Control your alcohol intake

Increased socialising around the Christmas period usually translates into increased alcohol intake. While it's pleasant to share a few festive drinks with family and friends, remember that not only is alcohol itself highly calorific, but the more you drink, the less inhibited you'll feel about helping yourself to that second plateful from the buffet. To help slow down your drink consumption, alternate alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, or opt for a spritzer or shandy instead of straight wine or beer. Not only will this help reduce your calorie intake, but it will also help you stay hydrated, and hopefully reduce the chances of a hangover the next day.

Slow down and find a non-food focus

If you're going to indulge in your favourite treats, slow down, take your time and really savour the experience. By eating more

mindfully, you're more likely to pay attention to what you're consuming and stop when you've had enough. Also take the time to enjoy the non-food aspects of the season. If you're at a party, focus on catching up with friends, dancing or playing a game with the kids rather than lurking around the food table. Food is a wonderful part of the festivities, but there are many other ways to have fun and celebrate without disrupting your healthy lifestyle.

Remember that it's not all or nothing

Most importantly, remember that it's not a case of all or nothing at Christmas when it comes to your diet. Many people feel tempted to throw caution to the wind, eat everything they want and worry about the results when it comes time to make their New Year's resolutions. However, you're likely to feel better about yourself (and dread January less) if you take a few reasonable precautions to minimise the effects of festive indulgence. On the flip side, there's no need to deprive yourself – it is perfectly possible to indulge in some naughty festive treats without losing all control over your eating and drinking. After all, healthy living is all about balance and moderation – and Christmas is about celebration!

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN KNYSNA

This Friday, December 16 will officially herald the advent of the Festive Season when Knysna Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies switches on the Festive Lights. This will take place at around 19:30 in Knysna's Main Road during a free open-air event called The Festival of Lights.

"So many of our residents remember with fondness the switching on of the lights when we still had the Giant Fir Tree alive and well outside of the library. So we have decided to bring back this excitement and Friday will see our Main Street

filled with the glory of Christmas and its associated festivities."

Those attending The Festival of Lights will also get to see a range of entertainment, including live performances and appearances by some of the leading Greater Knysna talent from 18:00 to 20:00.

Father Christmas will be on-hand to hand out sweets to the children. A 'Selfie Booth' will give visitors the opportunity to capture the moment, either with Father Christmas or with their loved ones.

A children's entertainment area

will be set up in Templeman Square where youngsters can be kept busy with the jumping castle, face paint, sand art, glitter tattoos and much more.

"I am sure that I am not the only one looking forward to the festivities. In this Christmas season it is my hope that we can all put our differences aside and join hands in celebrating not only the season, but the wealth of beauty that surrounds us. See you in the Main Street on Friday, December 16," said the Mayor.

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Sedgefield Art Society Exhibition



by Antony Ford

Local artist Antony Ford painting the Swartberg Mountains, near Calitzdorp.


Sedgefield encourages residents to develop their talents both latent and active; there are many enthusiastic artists to be found here. Banners and signs will be displayed indicating where art is being exhibited around Sedgefield.

The Sedgefield Art Society is holding their annual December Art Exhibition in the Community Centre/Town Hall from 19 to 23 December. Information on activities will be available at the venue regarding competitions for children, free demonstrations and instruction,

also a raffle of art.


Paintings will be displayed for sale under the trees next to the market minstrels on 10 December and 24 December. Local residents and visitors from near and far are welcome to participate in the art activities.

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This is a major step that will go a long way towards boosting the Knysna Motor Show as a premium event and build on the successes achieved over the past four years. In recent times, the Garden Route has emerged as one of South Africa's most important centres for classic and vintage cars with some fantastic car collections.

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Sedgefield Christmas Light House

by Melanie Baumeister

The Light House in Sedgefield at 37 Swallow Drive has become a tradition that locals love and tourists appreciate.

Eddy and Shurlea have been decorating their home for the last decade and have added lights each year. More recently the environmentally wise solar lights. In total there are more than 20 000 little bulbs shining brightly. Shurlea's ultimate goal is to have The Lighthouse visible from space!

Adults and children alike delight

in the 'magic' that is created every year and now there is even a post box to send letters to Father Christmas. For the Lloyd's the light in Christmas is an opportunity to give and any donations made go to missions and outreach projects. Of course, there are sweets for the children that come to visit too. In this Season of giving, here is a family that certainly does put the Christ back in Christmas.

Another roadside attraction not to be missed is the Father Christmas House'. On the N2 on the way to Wilderness, with a convenient speed restriction, any

one interested to know how many Father Christmas's are clambering into Gerda and Jaco Van der Westhuizen's home are encouraged to count them!

In precarious suspensions and gymnastic display the effigies of Old Saint Nicholas are a sight to behold and offer great excitement for passengers - drivers keep your eyes on the road!

Travel safely everybody and enjoy the visual celebrations that are on offer this time of the year when we celebrate family and friends all over the world.



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A compulsory site briefing meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 18 January 2017 at 10h00** at the Technical Services Boardroom (1st Floor), Old Main Rd Building, 5 Church Street, Knysna.

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

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The afternoon also included a performance by the children that take part in Monkeynastix and the kids got a chance to show off their skills they learned through the year. Finally all the children received their certificates and there was a graduation ceremony for the Beetle Class, 16 children are moving over to Grade-R at the "Big School".

We are extremely proud of all the children who have grown so much during the year. Thank you to all the teachers and staff that worked so hard on this production.

On Friday 2 December Father Christmas visited the children at Busy-Bugz for a fun Christmas party.



There was great excitement when he arrived escorted by the fire brigade. After all the children received their presents, Father Christmas used the sweetie flingshot to fling sweeties in the air for all the kiddies to collect. A big thank you to "Father Christmas" who on one of the warmest days of the year dressed up in a santa suit to bring joy to the little ones.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and all the best wishes for 2017. Busy-Bugz will be closed from 15 December 2016 and reopens on 11 January 2017. Enrollment forms can be collected from the school when they re-open or can be downloaded from their website www.busybugz.co.za.



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EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Gawie & Louisa Bester 072 773 3065

The Village Web ref: 13373463
2 Beds | 2 Baths | 2 Garages **R1 600 000**

Beautiful home in gated village with built-in braai, fireplace and solar geyser. Extra large double garage with lots of space. Views of the Outeniqua Mountains and Sedgfield.



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Exclusive Mandate

Mario Ferreira 082 490 2752

The Village Web ref: 13361934
4 Beds | 4.5 Baths | 4 Garages **R5 950 000**

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EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Vonn Veldtmann 060 967 1288

The Village Web ref: 13387209
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Magnificently located. Very old house on 2701m² stand. Perfect for development or a large family who would like to build their dream home. Beautiful lagoon and mountain views.



EXCLUSIVE MANDATE X3

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The Village Web ref: 13355675/8/74
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EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Vonn Veldtmann 060 967 1288

Groenvallei Web ref: 13420643
Vacant Stand of 600m² **R255 000**

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EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Mario Ferreira 082 490 2752

Lake Pleasant Living Web ref: 13407503
2 Beds | 2 Baths | 1 Carport **R2 500 000**

This spacious open plan suite is elegantly finished from the bedrooms to the entertainment area and has splendid views over the lake from the lounge, both bedrooms and patios.



EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Gawie & Louisa Bester 072 773 3065

The Village Web ref: 13399202
3 Beds | 2 Baths | 2 Garages **R1 550 000**

This sunny timber home has open and spacious living areas. The potential income generating flat offers a kitchen, lounge, bedroom and bathroom.



EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Mario Ferreira 082 490 2752

Lake Pleasant Living Web ref: 13377969
2 Beds | 3 Baths | 1 Carport **R1 800 000**

Enjoy a carefree lifestyle, splendid views serene gardens and natural surrounds with fine accommodation



EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Gawie & Louisa Bester 072 773 3065

The Village Web ref: 13422586
3 Beds | 2 Baths | 1 Garage **R1 400 000**

This spacious home is a must to view. Located in a safe and quiet area in the Village, it's conveniently close to the school, town and lagoon.



EXCLUSIVE MANDATE

Diedré Lagesen 082 342 3696

Wilderness Web ref: 13403692
Vacant Land **R1 075 000**

With the Indian Ocean across the road and the beautiful Outeniqua mountains as your view you have the opportunity to build what you want. Peace and tranquillity with abundant bird life and small game



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Diedré Lagesen 082 342 3696

Wilderness Web ref: 13348142
5 Beds | 4 Baths **R2 799 000**

This property offers a relaxed country style living with so much to offer. Grow your own veggies and have a stunning natural environment with rolling hills and small wildlife as your view



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Diedré Lagesen 082 342 3696

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GROENVALLEI R1,450,000



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THE VILLAGE R1,150,000



JOINT MANDATE
3 BEDROOM, 3 BATHROOMS, 2 GARAGES
EXTENSION 4 R2,035,000



SOLE MANDATE
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THE VILLAGE R1,600,000

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COLA BEACH STAND, OCEAN VIEWS	R 650,000
MYOLI BEACH FRONT	R1,700,000
THE ISLAND, CLOSE TO LAGOON	R 850,000
GROENVALLEI, VARIOUS STANDS	from R 350,000
ZEEGESICHT, OCEAN VIEWS	R 860,000
THE VILLAGE	R 490,000

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Central / R 2.8 million 1SH1292264
Commercial | erf 2129m² | Large double storey premises ideally positioned off the N2. Multiple offices, conference facilities, ample parking, many other facilities. Suitable for retail/ distribution.
Tania 062 974 8899



SOLE MANDATE
Groenvallei / R 315,000 1SH1271281
Vacant Stand 670m²
Lovely valley views from this stand tucked away in a secure close. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and ambience of our 'Slow Town'.
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SOLE MANDATE
Kingfisher Creek / R 3.25 million 1SH1081248
Bedrooms 7 | Bathrooms 6 | Garages 5 | Spacious and versatile, on three levels. A family home of 5 bedrooms and granny flat with 2 bedrooms. Ample parking, 3 phase electricity and so much more.
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SOLE MANDATE
Myoli Beach / 1778m² / R 2.1 million 1SH1288318
Closer to the beach you will not get. Build your dream home right next to the sea.
OR Zeegesicht / 744m² / R383,000 1SH1294569
Stand in a quiet suburb, possible sea views from a double storey.
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DUAL MANDATE
Meedingsride / R 1.315 million 1SH1296370
Bedrooms 3 | Bathrooms 2 | Garages 1 | Ideal retirement home. Well planned, spacious and on one level. Covered patio, built in braai, alarm and security, fully walled.
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Cola Beach / R 1.1 million 1SH1291109
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Cynthia Theron 078 131 7725 cynthia.theron@seeff.com Mairi Stainton 082 852 4567 mairi.stainton@seeff.com



SOLE MANDATE
MEEDINGSRIDE R 2 050 000
Dual Purpose WEB 410422
Bedrooms 4 Bathrooms 4 Garages 2
This face brick, north facing home is perched on the slopes of Sedgfield. Three en suite bedrooms with their own kitchenette and lounge, plus one en suite upstairs.
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COLA BEACH R 6 600 000
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JOINT MANDATE

Set in the sought after suburb of Cola Beach, this 3 bed property is the ideal lock-up-and-go! Located in a security complex which overlooks the bird sanctuary & the sea. Enjoy the peace & tranquility that is Sedgefield and let the ever changing sea views set the mood. **Asking price: R 1 980 000**

Ref: 1822463



JOINT MANDATE

This 2 bed, 2 bath hillside home has panoramic views of the dunes & ocean! Open plan living areas, a modern kitchen & reception areas that flow out to a covered deck. Includes a double auto garage & private study. Simply designed, yet sophisticated & stylish! **Asking price: R 2 990 000**

Ref: 1880794



REDUCED!

SOLE MANDATE

ON SHOW: 17, 18, 21, 22 & 30 DEC AND 7 & 8 JAN
This distinctive property in a magnificent setting boasts a gourmet kitchen & 3 double volume receptions to large covered decks with breathtaking views. 3 Beds (all en-suite with own decks), a study & self-contained 1 bed flatlet. Auto gates to auto double garage. **Asking price: R 4 500 000**

Ref: 1932377



SOLE MANDATE

Simply a great buy! This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom lock-up-and-go with open plan living areas is located in a secure complex in Meedingside. With low levies at only R350 per month, this property is ideal as a future holiday home or to rent out. **Asking price: R 1 050 000**

Ref: 1969069



JOINT MANDATE

All on one level, this light filled cozy home is the ideal place for settling down or starting up and is located in the suburb of Groenvallei. With 3 spacious bedrooms & 2 bathrooms. An absolute honey of a starter with enclosed garden, single garage & carport. **Asking price: R 1 315 000**

Ref: 1759453



REDUCED!

SOLE MANDATE

ON SHOW: SAT 17 DEC 11AM - 1PM
Bristling with potential & possibilities, this lovely affordable family home in a quiet neighbourhood has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, decks, a double garage and more. Distant lake & mountain views. Low maintenance and easy flow for secure comfort and style. **Asking price: R 1 550 000**

Ref: 1928423



REDUCED!

SOLE MANDATE

Live by the coast in the beautiful town of Sedgefield even if you have a limited budget. This elevated stand in The Village is in a secure complex, surrounded by trees and nature with views of the hills and the village. The complex is close to town and has its own water supply. **Asking price: R 210 000**

Ref: 1395918



REDUCED!

JOINT MANDATE

Take one prime piece of vacant land, mix together an elevated gently sloping stand, throw together a spectacular view of the sea, some breathtaking glimpses of Gericke's point, lagoon views and tranquil surroundings and you have the perfect Recipe for Happiness! **Asking price: R 690 000**

Ref: 1847774



SOLE MANDATE

ON SHOW: SAT 17 DEC 11AM - 1PM
This modern 2 bed, 1 bath duplex in a complex comprises an open plan lounge & dining room leading out to a patio & garden. The modern kitchen has plenty of cupboards. Includes a single auto garage & an auto gate to the complex with intercom access. **Asking price: R 770 000**

Ref: 1710781



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GOOD BUY

This house offers dual living & space for consulting rooms (consent use already in place for veterinary rooms) but could be used as professional rooms/office. 3 Rooms, a reception & bathroom in front & 1 bed, 1 bath & open plan section in back. 2 Entrances - one on the N2. **Asking price: R 1 295 000**

Ref: 1068339



GOOD BUY

Mountains, sunsets and sea views make this farm worth dreaming about! Situated just north of Swartvlei Lake, this lovely, north facing farm comprises 9,345 hectares and boasts distant sea views and enough space to carry out a variety of activities. **Asking price: R 1 750 000**

Ref: 1936323



SOLE MANDATE

This level, cleared plot with a north facing aspect is fenced on three sides and has lovely views of the forested hillside. Water and electricity are available and the levies for this popular complex are very low at a mere R 350 per month, which goes down to R 300 if you build. **Asking price: R 195 000**

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For further info and pics sms ref number to 38573 (Std sms rates apply). Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

World Aids Day Event held at Smutsville Sports Field

On the 3rd December 2016 World AIDS day activities were held on the Smutsville Sports Field.

The event was initiated by Smutsville Advisory Forum and facilitated by Building Healthy Communities (BHC). Eden FM had

a live broadcast, highlighting men's, women and children's health. It was a multisector event including activities sponsored by government departments and Knysna Municipality. The Health department provided face painting for the kids and did testings for sugar, high blood and HIV.

In attendance were: Ward 1 Clr Levael Davis (who did the keynote address on behalf of Mayor Bouw-Spies), Dr Earl du Plooy - Manager of Knysna Hospital, Knysna Municipality - who provided the music and jumping castle for the kids, Department of Social Development, Knysna Alcohol and Drug Centre (KDAC), Life Line and community members from Smutsville and Sedgefield. Sean Whiting, BHC Project Manager.



The various activities kept the children happy and entertained - all in all very successful day.



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Did you know: that Hospice is a non-profit making organisation and there is no charge to our patients?

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Knysna Municipality invites interested contractors for the maintenance of municipal facilities and delivery of municipal services to various wards for a period of one year with an option to extend for a further two years.

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 from 15 December 2016.

A receipt for a non-refundable deposit of **R 237.00** payable by cheque made out in favour of Knysna Municipality is required on collection of the tender document. E-mailed tender documents can be obtained from the following address: mmato@knysna.gov.za at no cost.

Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Ms N. Salmons, Tel 044 302 6238, e-mail: nsalmons@knysna.gov.za or Mr. I van Wyk, Tel: 044 302 6237, e-mail: ivanwyk@knysna.gov.za or Mr. R Witbooi, Tel: 044 302 6507, e-mail: rwitbooi@knysna.gov.za

COMPULSORY SITE BRIEFING MEETINGS ARE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS:

Ward 1 Venue: Council Chambers, Sedgefield Date: 11 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 2 Venue: Karatara Hall, Karatara Date: 11 January 2017 Time: 12:00
Ward 3 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 4 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 5 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 6 Venue: Hornlee Community Hall, Hornlee Date: 13 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 7 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 8 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 9 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 10 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 11 Venue: Hornlee Community Hall, Hornlee Date: 13 January 2017 Time: 10:00	

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The intention of the tender is to appoint one tenderer per ward. Tenderers must indicate the ward they are tendering on.

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UPPING THE ARTBEAT IN SEDGEFIELD MOSAIC TOWN



L to R Back Mlungisi Nguma (Mosaic Artist), Belinda Hobson (Sedgefield Tourism), Petricia Pieterse (Masithandane Art and Craft Co-ordinator), Anton Jordaan (Jordaan, Van Wyk Attorneys Inc.)
L to R Front Andre Knoetze (Scarab Village), Jacky Weaver (Masithandane Programmes Manager)

Scarab Village and Masithandane are very happy to announce a new joint initiative – the establishment early in 2017 of the Sedgefield Community Mosaic Interactive Park (SCIP)

The location for the art tourism project, alongside the N2, is well known to locals and tourists. The designated area provided by Scarab Village, is well suited to its multi-faceted focus - Visual Art, Mosaics and the Environment. Masithandane will implement and manage SCIP a project which was made possible by a grant from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC). The intention of the NLC is to make a difference to the lives of all South Africans and contribute to South Africa's development. The project will have a positive effect on the town's skills base, income and provides job creation opportunities. Components of SCIP will include the construction and mosaic'ing of 3-D Artworks incorporating both functional and aesthetic art in the form of three large Sea creatures – an Octopus, Whale and Dolphin, musical



One Octopus tentacle in progress with Mosaic'ists and volunteers

instruments made from recycled and upcycled materials, Street Art created by youth and children and art pieces created by local artists. It will provide opportunities for locals and visitors to embrace interactive experiential learning in a fun and enjoyable way allowing nature to be the teacher as well as opportunities for emerging artists to showcase their art whether it is painting, ceramics, drama or music.

Sedge Players Grand Plans

by Melanie Baumeister

2017 is going to be the year to be living and working in Sedgefield, especially if you are a person who loves to entertain or be entertained!

Keep an eye on The Edge and social media. Watch out for calls to auditions - for those of you that are in to musicals and enjoy the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice then look no further than the happy sounds of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' with its very own Sedge Players spin on it, we're looking forward to presenting it tied up in all its glory by November 2017. The auditions will be held in Smutsville Community Hall and in the NG Kerk on 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26 of January.

Before all that gets to fruition, first - we will be taking a crack at



the beautiful work of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' - al fresco, on the platform at The Station in April next year. At the same time that we're auditioning for singers and dancers for 'Josef' we'll also be casting for 'Midsummer's'.

The structure of the auditions will be a streamlined process, if you are a singer, dancer or actor the idea is to give each one of you

the opportunity to show off your talent to the best of your ability. Therefore, we'll be doing a 'closed' audition' with no audience present. Please feel free to participate in groups if you're 'too shy' but rest assured that you will be seen and encouraged in the art that you are most comfortable.

No matter what your talent, you will have an opportunity to appear 'on the boards' - if you make the cut. Watch The Edge and social media for details.

TSHISA Talent Competition

by Melanie Baumeister

On Tuesday 6 December, Tshisa Talent was in the Smutsville Community Hall taking stock of the local talent that was on display, with a well attended audition consisting of 15 acts, singers, dancers, drama groups and rappers.

Putting the best on display, anyone was invited to attend. From 18h00 the 'Tshisa Wagon' trawled the streets with their loud hailers calling the gifted performers of Smutsville to a free audition and a shot at having their dreams of fame and fortune come true.

Tshisa Talent is a government run initiative to encourage the growth of Arts and Culture here on the Garden Route.



Team Focus - in mid-action! Photo by Emma Rorke

Very professionally run by Stuart Palmer of The Lunchbox Theatre in Plettenberg Bay it is a great showcase and fertile ground for people to rise above their circumstances.

Well done to each of the participants and all of the best to those that went through to the Semi-finals on 9 December. We look forward to seeing you go from strength to strength.

Vehicle Renewal Notices Not Posted

Western Cape Motorists are advised that renewal notices for their motor vehicle licenses will not be sent via the South African Postal Services while the National Department of Transport (NDOT) is in the process of transferring the electronic National Traffic Information System (eNaTIS) to the Road Traffic Management Corporation.



can to assist motorists during this period.

Affected motorists can visit the Knysna/Sedgefield registering authority with their South African identity document and proof of physical address.

Affected motorists can contact the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works at the Provincial Service Centre to find out the amount they owe through one of the following service channels.

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The Living Cornerstone

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has made a difference to the lives of the residents at The Living Cornerstone this past year. If it was not for your generosity we would not be where we are to day.

We appreciated and will always be most grateful for all the help we have received in the form of donations, sponsorship, bequests, help with fundraising, fresh produce, goods, furniture, clothing, repairs and maintenance, collections at the markets, hand made slippers, warm woollies for winter, coming to sing for the folk or just visiting & talking, showing them love, caring and the list goes on.

And most of all thank you to the sponsor of this page may you be blessed.

Although the The Living Cornerstone vision started in February 2008 it was only in April 2013 that we opened our first house as a day care centre. It was soon evident that there was a great need for 24 hour care.

TLC has come a long way since then - within 1 year 3 houses were opened accommodating a total of 21 residents. It was not long before our waiting list grew to over 20 and at this stage it is still growing. Everyday we receive calls for help. It's clear that there is a growing need for Alzheimer's care for people who can't afford private care, and a 4th and 5th house is desperately needed. However, currently, our only drawback is lack of finances.

Over the 3 years TLC has come across a number of underprivileged / lower income groups of people at various stages of Alzheimer's. These folk were living on their own and not coping too well. There was no stimulation. They were lonely and insecure. Because of the financial constraints of the families involved, the cost of getting a caregiver in to look after their loved one was beyond their means. Therefore they were often left on their own during the day. Some of these folk wandered off and got lost. Some were confined to a locked up house or even worse a locked room. Some even showed signs of sexual & physical abuse. We have come across many sad cases in our little village alone and there are many more out there that we do not know about.

A strict daily routine for the residents is in place. TLC residents are encouraged to participate in all activities.

These include walks or being taken in wheelchairs twice a day outside of the fenced property with the help of the caregivers. This is to enable the residents to integrate with the community. Other activities include doing household chores (within their capability and safety limits) like washing dishes - in some cases to be washed again by the kitchen staff. Games, crafts and art also form part of the activities.

It takes a very special person to care for an Alzheimer's resident it is not easy. The carers are accused of being responsible for just about everything that they themselves have hidden away. The staff get kicked, smacked, spat at, insulted and food thrown at them. For this very reason we have in-house training Hannellet Cloete from the Alzheimer's support Group in George comes through once a month to help carers with problems that they may have encountered. All TLC staff right from the laundry ladies, kitchen staff, carers and management have just finished an intensive training course given by the Alzheimer's Association Southern Cape. This is also to help them cope with conditions beyond the norm for them and to keep focused on the person and not the result of the disease.

A message to the staff from the Tannie. (Gilda) Congratulations on doing so well in the training and achieving such a high marks. Your diplomas are on the way. I appreciate each and every one of you and wish to thank you for your commitment, dedication and support through good and hard times this past year. I know that at times things have not been easy and yet you persevered. Thank you.

On staff matters - Welcome to the team to our new staff members caregiver Chamigh & Chantell and our Professional Nurse Helene van Niekerk. I look forward to the many years that we will be working together.

To be able to run our homes effectively, The Living Cornerstone being a NPO and PBO relies on prayer, faith, fundraising events, donations and sponsorship. One of our successful fundraisers that took place in July was a resounding success. Even the singles had a ball. Watch out for our next one in July 2017. We are also planning a recycled material fashion show put on by the staff of TLC. (The staff don't know it yet and I hope they are reading this) The last fashion show they did was very original, creative, fantastic and fun. To my staff prepare yourselves for the next one. A big walk is planned for next year with the help of the

community and the Sedgefield Lions I am sure this will be a great success.

While I'm on the topic of fundraising TLC at this moment is in desperate need of wheelchairs, hospital beds and waterproof draw sheets.

If you do not already contribute to TLC and would like to get involved especially with fundraising or to sponsor a resident in need or give a donation please contact Gilda or Petra for more details.

Please remember that THE LIVING CORNERSTONE is a registered NPO 169-778 and PBO 930038731. In terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act 1962 all donations and sponsorships are tax deductible. A tax donation certificate will be issued on request.

From one Alzheimer's caregiver/family member to another.

Alzheimer's dementia is not a laughing matter but we as caregivers have to laugh. Why should we laugh? Because if we don't laugh we will cry.

It is a known fact that Laughter is the one emotion that we can fake and our brain does not know the difference. Laughter is an exercise, it stimulates the muscles in your whole body and it's good for the soul. As the saying goes "We don't stop laughing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop laughing"

Here at The Living Cornerstone Alzheimer's Residence we learn to laugh again. We laugh together with a family member, we lend a shoulder to cry on. We are there to help. We are one body.

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

Support Group
The Living Cornerstone is not only a caring facility for Alzheimer's sufferers, we support the family member by help them walk through the storm.

In January 2017 we will be starting a support group. The purpose of our group is to provide Alzheimer's caregivers and family members with an



opportunity to develop a support system of people who understand. Having a place to exchange ideas and experiences strengthen coping skills, ultimately allowing the caregiver to take better care of themselves and the person with the Alzheimer's condition. We encourage participants to maintain personal, physical and emotional health by enabling them to speak out their frustrations and concerns.



Piglets Pen pre school visit

Support groups mean different things to different people. Some may come to gain a better understanding of the condition, or because they have specific caring challenges. Or just wish to be with people who are in the same boat.



We are all on the same voyage but at different stages of our journey. Some folk are doing well riding the waves as caregivers, some are just going with the flow, while others are right in the midst of the storm and feel as if they are sinking. But as a support group we are there to help one another to overcome by throwing out the life line.



An example of one of the many life lines that have been thrown out is The Living Cornerstone Day Care. It is a place where the family member can leave their loved one for a few hours with peace in their hearts knowing that their loved one is well cared for while they are having a break.



Anyone wanting to attend the Sedgefield Alzheimer's Support Group or want more information please contact Gilda Scammell 084 544 1203



Don't fall prey to Festive Season scams

It's the time of year when things are winding down, people are relaxing in anticipation of the festive break and scammers are getting busy.

Alet Griesel, chief risk officer at DirectAxis, says the financial services company typically receives more reports about scams and fraud attempts towards the end of the year.

It's not clear whether this is because criminals believe people let their guard down ahead of the summer holidays, they have more money in their bank accounts because they've been paid year-end bonuses or are just more in need of money ahead of Christmas.

Whatever the reason, or combination of factors, she says, while you should always be vigilant about sharing your personal information, it's wise to be extra cautious as the festive season approaches.

Here are five tips for avoiding common scams.

1. Never click on a link in an e-mail or SMS

One of the ways scammers try to obtain your personal information is to send an e-mail or an SMS which seems to come from a bank or financial services company or even SARS alerting you to a payment, refund or asking you to confirm your details.

When you click on the link it takes you to a site that looks genuine, but is actually a fraudulent site. As soon as you enter your account details and pin number, the fraudsters can access your account. No responsible financial institution should ever send you a link to a bank account log-on page in an e-mail or SMS.

2. Never pay an upfront fee to secure a loan

Another way criminals try to get

their hands on your money is by pretending to be a legitimate financial services company. The way this scam typically works is you receive an e-mail informing you that you've qualified for a low-interest loan. It says that to secure the loan you need to pay an upfront fee for administrative, legal or other costs. The offer is often for a limited time, to try and pressurise you into making the payment. Of course, if you pay, the thieves take your money and you never receive the loan.

"Just because an e-mail has a company logo, registration number and address on it, doesn't mean it's genuine," says Alet. "If you're made an offer with an unbelievably low interest rate, don't believe it."

3. Guard your personal details

Not all scammers are out to get your money. Some just want to get enough of your personal information, such as ID number, address and date of birth to open a fraudulent store or loan account. These scams work because the request for information usually seems reasonable, such as a financial institution, retailer or online shop asking you to confirm some information.

Criminals are also increasingly targeting loyalty programmes, such as those that airlines, banks and many retailers offer. It is thought they're doing this because people don't see rewards points as real money and are consequently less security conscious.

4. If it sounds too good to be true, it's a con

The best-known scams are used over-and-over again, because they still catch plenty of people, no matter how often they are warned.

The most common of these is the lottery scam where you're told you've won a lottery and have to

provide information such as your banking details to claim the prize. You might also be asked to pay a fee for administration costs.

Variations include the inheritance scam, which works along the same lines or the hard-luck story, where a wealthy businessman or politician claims to need your help to transfer a large sum of money.

The scammers assume that greed will overcome reason and that the anticipation of being rich will make people push aside any doubts about whether the request is authentic.

5. Don't be tempted by unfamiliar websites

Criminals know that with Christmas coming people will be looking for presents at great prices, so can set up fraudulent websites to try and con people out of their money. Although this scam is more common overseas than in South Africa, you can be sure it will increasingly start happening here too.

If you are shopping online, applying for a loan or doing any other transaction which involves providing your personal or banking details, stick with known brands. Always type the brand name into your browser rather than follow a link in an e-mail.

Alet's final tip is that if you do think someone's tried to scam you, report it, even if you have no intention of responding. Most reputable financial institutions and retailers have fraud departments and will act to shut down websites and bank accounts used to try and defraud their customers.

Finally bear in mind that although these are the most typical scams, criminals are constantly trying to find new ways to separate you from your hard-earned cash. You need to be constantly vigilant and if you're not confident an offer or request is genuine, always check first.

KNYSNA WATERFRONT QUAYS HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS



The Waterfront Knysna Quays held its annual Christmas Parties for children from communities in and around Knysna on 6 and 7 December 2016.

Working together with the Knysna Education Trust this year, 100 children, between the ages of 5 and 6, were invited for an early Christmas treat. They came from the following crèches in Sedgfield and Knysna: Jolly Kids, Wielie Walie Creche, Little Rascals Day Care, Gummy Bears, Raynbow Kids, Jaydine's, iLingalom-Africa Creche, Little Hearts, Noluthando

Creche, Siyafunda Educare Centre, Judah Square Educare, Siphuncedo and Isiseko Educare Centre.

The children and some teachers were treated to a ride on The Featherbed Co's 'Three Legs' ferry where the skipper entertained the children telling them about the Knysna lagoon. Father Christmas surprised the children by meeting the ferry half way in a small boat and joined the cruise back to The Quays. Back at The Waterfront Father Christmas handed out a gift to each child.

According to Annette Louw

from The Waterfront it was the 11th annual Christmas Children's event and the 4th year that it was held in collaboration with The Featherbed Company.

A special word of thanks is extended to The Featherbed Company for their assistance in making this outing possible and a special experience for the children, as well as taking care of their safety.

"We also want to thank Elle Redman from Elle Photography for helping us once again in capturing the event on camera."

FEDHASA raises industry concerns over Draft Liquor Admendment Bill 2016

South Africa is already mired in the complexity of having more than 40 national and provincial liquor-related policies and regulations, as well as countless municipal by-laws, and the proposed Draft Liquor Amendment Bill of 2016 is all set to complicate the liquor regulatory environment even more.

This is the view of the Federated Hospitality Association of South Africa (FEDHASA) CEO, Tshifhiwa Tshivhengwa. There is currently a confusing and fragmented proliferation of legislation which raises significant challenges and difficulties in effectively regulating the liquor trade in South Africa, he says. Instead of addressing this, the proposed Amendment Bill instead fosters even more issues.

FEDHASA represents the interests of over 10 000 direct and associate members in the South African hospitality industry including hotels, B&Bs, guest houses, game lodges, restaurants, pubs, taverns, shebeens, conference centres and casinos. In its submission to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), FEDHASA has called on the Director-General to persuade provincial governments to adopt a standardised, pragmatic approach to all aspects of liquor licencing and liquor trading in South Africa.

What would make sense, Tshifhiwa points out, is that the DTI works towards a single national liquor act, a single

provincial liquor act and a single bylaw that provides for the trading days and hours of on- and off-consumption liquor licenced establishments which can be enforced by all local municipalities.

However, it is not just the possibility of a promulgation of yet another piece of liquor-related regulation that concerns FEDHASA. Unfortunately, the draft legislation has also not been subjected to economic impact assessment, says Tshifhiwa. If this law comes into effect, several of the proposed amendments will have detrimental impacts on all the many stable, good businesses that are making an important contribution to our economy. Some of the amendments will be all but impossible to regulate, thus placing an extraordinary burden on the administrators responsible for controlling the liquor trade in South Africa.

Amongst the controversial proposals is the prohibition of selling alcohol to citizens or visitors between the ages of 18 and 21. FEDHASA points out that in regard to South Africans this age range could simply be unconstitutional. If a citizen between the ages of 18 and 21 is eligible to join the defence force, vote, drive a motor vehicle, get married and enter into a legal contract, they should undoubtedly be permitted to consume alcohol in a responsible manner, Tshifhiwa points out. Apart from encroaching on personal freedom, the raising of the age limit for legal drinking

would have a damaging impact on hospitality businesses particularly in university and holiday towns.

Another problematic clause is this one regarding the proximity of a liquor-licenced establishment:

The manufacturing, distribution or retail sale of liquor in either rural or urban community is prohibited on any location that is less than five hundred (500) metres away from schools, place of worship, recreational facilities, rehabilitation or treatment centres, residential areas, public institutions and other like amenities.

This is an astonishing proposal and yet another example of how this draft bill seems not to have been thought through properly at all. Tshifhiwa says, Most of the countrys B&Bs and guesthouses, local neighbourhood restaurants, many hotels across the way from say a park or a beach promenade and lots of pubs down the road from post offices would all be unable to secure a liquor licence. It would literally mean that the only establishments that could sell liquor in South Africa would be far out in the wilderness somewhere. It is clearly not a practical or beneficial idea.

Part of the problem, Tshifhiwa points out, is that the proposed Act has not been subject to an economic impact assessment process. This is something we would welcome, he says, There would then be absolute clarity for all parties on how this legislation would affect the countrys vital hospitality sector.

'Tis the Season of Giving'

by Melanie Baumeister

Thursday 8 December was a heartwarming day for some kids and adults when Belinda Hobson and Henwill Nortje of Sedgfield's Tourism Office embarked on a 'gift of giving' tour of Smutsville/Sizamile. With Mayor Eleanor Bouw-Spies and Councillor Levael Davis accompanying them and Pauline Jafta of Masithandane showing the way they handed out gift boxes of presents to 24 children who had been specifically identified to benefit from an extra special 'something' this Christmas.

"Each gift pack was put together with a special child in mind, all wrapped up and donated by local community members and businesses," says Belinda, "The looks on the children's faces was such a reward, as they lit up with gratitude to receive brand new toys and practical day to day items that many children take for granted."

"A huge thank you from Tourism to the heroes and dream makers who made this initiative work!" she adds.



Grapevine Competition Winner

Congratulations to Nico Pelser who was the winner of the fridge in the exciting 'Grab The Electrifying Taste Smirnoff' competition recently held at Blue Bottle Grapevine Liquors.

A delighted Nico receiving this sought after prize from Yvette Bezuidenhout.





WHAT HAVE THE LOCAL LIONS BEEN UP TO?

Some highlights of 2016 . . .



Friday 18 December saw the NG Church hall packed with our Sedgefield Seniors for their annual tea. This is always a fun happening, for the seniors and the Lions! Lots of nice home-made goodies to eat, take home gifts and great entertainment by the local band, Driftwood. Thanks to Lion Bev Fowler for the entertainment and to Lions Jaco and Gerda of Guest Soopies for the lovely gifts which each senior got to take away with them.



Seen here is Lion President Eric Watson and community worker Annie Brinkhuis with one of the fire victims.



Kyla Kruger using the revolutionary Spot Vision to detect early sight problems.

** Our Past President, Zwaai Kruger was elected District Governor. A great achievement – Zwaai is certainly on the up in the world of Lions International.

** A great Heritage Day and Beer Festival

** Lions were proud to be part of the successful Slow Festival

** We assisted at the Jaguar Simola Hill Climb.

** We hosted a Cansa Shavathon and assisted at the Cansa Walk

** Mother's Day saw cupcakes being delivered to TLC and Easter Eggs delivered to TLC and all our Seniors

** Soccer balls donated.

** We took part in the 67 Minutes for Mandela

** Free blood pressure and Sugar Diabetes testing at the Mosaic Market, thank you Cliff Elion.

** Help and donations were given to fire victims in Smutsville.

** The testing of eyes at Smutsville Primary School. Thank you to John Cave and Dawid Malan for assistance with this.

** Santa Shoebox joy

All in all, Sedgefield Lions had a busy and successful year. Lion President Eric Watson would like to thank all the members for their hard work and dedication in our field of service. Of course BIG LIONS THANKS must go to our community – without your support we cannot do what we do!



PLEASE DIARISE!!

Sedgefield's Own Talent Competition – 20 and 21 December.

This is an idea of Bev Fowler who remembers the talent and beauty competitions on the beaches years ago. The prizes will be for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in various age categories and there will be a live DJ playing the music.

For more information please contact Bev Fowler on 073 271 8144.

Lions Carols by Candlelight – save the date! 23 December at the Lion's Clubhouse. Beautiful Carols and a Nativity play by Felicity and Ken Ironside. Light refreshments will be on sale. Candles available for a donation.

Sedgefield's Abominable Snowman?

When this picture first appeared on the Sedgefield locals Facebook page, it caused quite a stir, and a myriad of suggestions as to what it was all about.

From the 'Bogey Man' to Xhosa initiation, to the Ghost of Christmas Past, to a clever plan to avoid burglar beam detection - the imagination (and sometimes alarm!) of locals went wild.

As it turned out, after messaging Carrol Harrison who had posted the picture, there was a simple - albeit not quite so exciting - explanation.

The figure was, in fact, Joseph Manda, the man who works for Carrol and husband George.

After the dreadful heat and fires, George was worried about the very dry bush behind their



property so wanted it cleared - but then it started to drizzle.. "So we gave Joseph, our gardener, a rain cape, and got him to cut a fire break behind our fence," says Carrol.



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Left: Seen doing free blood pressure testing is Lion Sister Val Patrick who this year celebrates 30 Years in the service of Lions!

The pure joy of Santa's Shoebox!

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11. Crafts & Home Industry

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20. Health & Beauty

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Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a fulfilling 2017.

Thank you all.
Alison Watson - Secretary, Sedge Lions

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PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

In terms of section 12(3) (b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 notice is hereby given that the Knysna Municipal Council is reviewing and considering adoption of the following by-laws:

- Rules of Order for Internal Arrangements By-law;**
- By-law for the Control of the Seashore and the Sea situated within or adjoining the area of jurisdiction of Knysna Municipality, and**
- Draft Informal Trading By-law.**

These by-laws are open for inspection during normal office hours at the following municipal offices:

- Clyde Street, Knysna;
- Old Church Street Building, Knysna,
- Flamingo Street, Sedgefield

They are also available on the municipal website at www.knysna.gov.za

Any comments or objections in respect of the proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Bevan Ellman on or before 12h00 on Friday 06 January 2017. Submissions may be posted to P.O. Box 21, Knysna, 6570, dropped off at the municipal offices in Clyde Street or emailed to knysna@knysna.gov.za.

Enquiries can be directed to the Manager Legal Services, Ms Melony Paulsen at mpaulsen@knysna.gov.za or on telephone no 044 302 6492.

BEVAN ELLMAN
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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SLOW TOWN MOBILE MEALS

2016 is quickly coming to an end and we look back on a year full of favour and grace. We were, with the incredible help of all our loyal supporters, able to give out 14 500 meals this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous donors without whom we could not have done it.

As Christmas is a time of giving, Slow Town Mobile Meals asks that we all be aware of those in need, and instead of extravagant gifts, perhaps spoil and bless a stranger with a special meal. We trust that in 2017 we will once again be able to meet the need of those who rely on Slow Town Mobile Meals and we wish you all a very blessed Christmas!



What exactly is Slow Town Mobile Meals?

This is the question most often asked at the Wild Oats market on our can collection days. It is obviously mostly asked by our visitors, but are our locals aware of what we do? I have tried over the past 2 years to be as transparent as possible and spread the word on Mobile

Meals, our village's own charity. The first misconception is, while we do similar work to "Meals on Wheels", we have no connection and are a totally separate organization. Slow Town Mobile Meals is a purely local charity and registered as a Non Profit Organisation. We comply with all the relative requirements like a formal

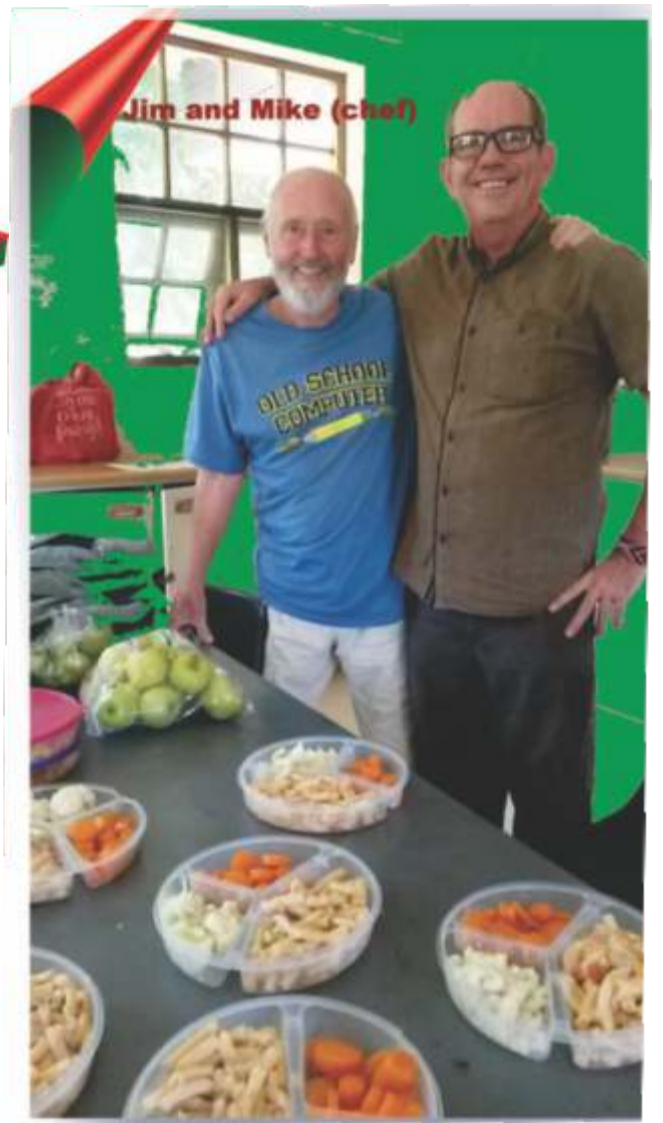
constitution, meetings, minutes and audited reports, as dictated by the legislation.

Simply put, we provide food for people less fortunate than ourselves and operate as per our credo "We provide and deliver meals to the aged, frail, disabled or needy people, regardless of race colour or creed"

So, very noble, but specifically who are "these people"? They broadly fall into various categories of need and the following will hopefully give you a better picture of what we do. In no specific order of need, we have an aging population in Sedgefield where people come to enjoy their autumn years. Often one partner passes and the surviving partner is left requiring "a meal for one". Where the partner cannot or does not wish to prepare "a meal for one", we can assist. Often there is no financial burden and a contribution of R25,00 a meal is made towards our funds. A similar situation exists where a short term arrangement is made if, say, the partner is hospitalized or rendered temporarily incapable and a daily meal or two is required.

It is important to note that we do not operate in isolation but work very closely with the two other village operations who provide associated services. Gilda Scammel, who started Mobile Meals nine years ago, provides us with 2 kitchen assistants. One assistant is sponsored by a local donor and as a quid pro quo for the other assistant, we provide meals 3 times a week for the residents of the three houses of the Living Cornerstone.

In a similar vein, we have enjoyed a very close relationship with Masithandane since the inception of Mobile Meals. Here



we provide meals to certain Smutsville residents who are some of the saddest cases of need with problems like chronic illness, dire poverty, aids orphans and frailty. The need in the village is also catered for where people have fallen on hard times for all the "wrong" reasons and when you can say "...there but for the Grace of God". The meals provided by your funding does not fix their situation but it alleviates some hardship. There are also a number of paying clients which helps with our funding.

The last "group" are our homeless and jobless men and women of the road who assemble at the rear of our kitchen. Many wait up to 2 hours for what may be their only meal of the day. I felt it necessary to provide as

complete a picture of how the current operation is run. As custodians of the monies donated to us by your generosity, we assure you that we recognize this responsibility. Should you wish to donate or commit any amount regularly to Mobile Meals, deposits may be made into our bank account – Slow Town Mobile Meals, FNB a/c 62502775549 code 210229.

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

I will be happy to answer any queries or concerns you may have regarding Slow Town Mobile Meals.

Jim Mitchell, Chairman
083 379 3737 or 044 343 1221



Brand New E-Centre for Knysna



Brand new E-Centre for Knysna Municipality officially launched the Cape Access E-Centre in the Hornlee library on Wednesday, 7 November.

This E-Centre was established in partnership with the Western Cape Government and championed by the Knysna Municipal Youth Desk. Knysna executive mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies, Mayoral Committee Member: Community Services - Councillor Cathy Weideman, Ward 11's Councillor Donovan Pofadder, Ward 6's Councillor Elrick van Aswegen, Knysna Secondary, Concordia High and Knysna High school learners, representatives from Cape Access and municipal officials attended the launch that marked the very first E-centres for Greater Knysna.

This e-Centre aims to bridge the digital divide by providing computer and internet facilities to benefit less-privileged communities. Bouw-Spies said, "Today is a

Cape Access Regional Manager Kelvin Groenveldt; Knysna Executive Mayor Eleanore Bouw-Spies; Secretary Community Services, Shahida Sigula; Cape Access Regional Coordinator, Joyce Kimari with Knysna Secondary, Concordia High and Knysna High school learners at the Cape Access E-centre launch on Wednesday, December 7.

very special day for me and all our residents, as an educator, I know first-hand how our children struggle in the poorer areas with getting quick access to knowledge. I have witnessed how our communities struggle when they need to get their CVs written professionally. We all know that digital access is extremely costly in our country, and the digital divide between wealthy and poor communities has far-reaching consequences when it comes to education."

The Cape Access E-Centre is equipped with 23 computers that have internet access and is open weekdays from 08h30 to 17h00. Visitors can look forward to computer sessions free of charge for approximately 45 minutes per person per day. Through internet access provided at the E-Centre they will have free access to emails, online newspapers, government services, view job

opportunities and general research. Bouw-Spies explained how this well-equipped E-Centre will be of great benefit: "For children in low-income school districts, inadequate access to technology can put huge stumbling blocks in their way when it comes to them learning the tech skills that are crucial to success in today's economy. Many teachers in our low income schools complain about their students' inadequate access to technology being a major challenge.

Today we are thankful that we have taken the first step in assisting our residents by giving them access to this Cape Access E-Centre. This centre makes information and communication technology (ICT) more accessible to our poorer communities."The



BURNS SUPPER AT BOWLING CLUB IN AID OF SLOW TOWN MOBILE MEALS

It seems the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley – the secret is out, we are having a Burns Supper at the Bowls Club on Friday, 03 February 2017 in aid of Mobile Meals. Unfortunately there is a limit to the number of seats available.

Regrettably, due to this limitation, we have had to prioritise the guests into the following groups. First will be the group who were actually born in Scotland, secondly will be the people who have parents, grandparents or relations born in Scotland. The third group will be people who know people in the following groups and the last group, will be the people who would like to know people in the previous 3 groups. When booking tickets please indicate your group !!!

Just kidding, like most things in life there are exceptions and anybody who supports Mobile Meals will be most welcome. This is our first fundraising event of 2017 and if you do not fit into any of the categories, we can make a plan.

mayor pleaded with the users to take care of the equipment. "Thanks to this E-centre school projects, job applications, internet banking, SARS e-filing and CV creation are now made a great deal easier. But please let's always remember to take care of facilities and infra-structure that we already have. Users must keep this facility clean at all time, not damage any equipment and guard it against



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CHERISHING CHILDREN

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In 2016.....

The children enjoyed, kickboxing, line-dancing, visits to private gardens, restaurants, playgrounds, some are attending horse riding lessons, drama and art coaching. They were also involved in helping with community clean-ups.



In 2017

Plans for 'Cherish 2' for children ready to progress to a different level. Cherish 2 will focus on the teaching of practical life skills and developing resilience in the youngsters who are maturing and will aim to prepare these children for life in high school and beyond

WISH LIST

- FOLDING LARGE TRESTLE TABLE
- SCHOOL CLOTHING/SHOES or donations towards school clothing.
- ART MATERIALS – especially Artists Pastels/ Chalks and coloured card/paper
- WHITE PAPER (new or used one side)
- STATIONERY - glue, scissors, glitter pens
- PUZZLES AND GAMES suitable from 6 years
- FACE CLOTHS AND LIQUID SOAP
- VOLUNTEERS WHO LOVE CHILDREN - bi-lingualism would be beneficial but is not compulsory

CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

who are either the 80 over 60's members of the Forget-me-nots Service Centre, the 32 recipients of Home-based care and other Wellness Centre services or those who participated in Special Events

In 2016.....

Activities included Bingo, Exercises and Fun in the Sun, a Quiz, the making of memory booklets with photographs, the NSRI speaking about Water Safety, Health Checks, a visit by the MG Club, Rotary Health Days and a very special Puppet Show by Umnyama about abuse in the elderly.

The Forget-me-nots also enjoyed outings to the:

- annual anniversary celebration at St Francis United Church
- the Carpe Musicam Concert at the NGK and
- Christmas Tea at Sedgefield Arms during which they were entertained by the Driftwood Band.

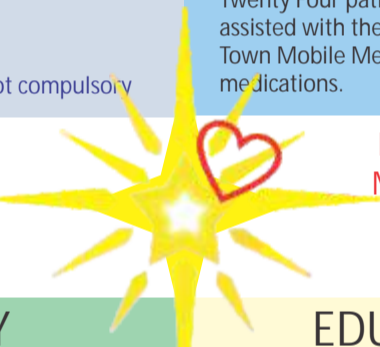


Eight patients living in Sedgefield Village have been assisted during 2016 with:

- home-based care,
- transport home from hospital and
- the packing and administration of medicine.

Twenty Four patients in Smutsville/Sizamile are assisted with the collection and delivery of Slow Town Mobile Meals and their chronic medications.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE FRIENDS IN SEDGEFIELD AND FROM AFAR WHO HAVE BLESSED MASITHANDANE WITH THEIR SKILLS, TIME, GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH AND KIND



MASITHANDANE'S WISH FOR YOU IS THAT HIS LOVE MAY BLESS YOU AT CHRISTMAS TIME AND THAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE HOPE, JOY AND PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY

There is a huge need for those who lack food security and are immune-challenged and who need to be provided with daily meals, weekly fresh produce parcels or monthly food parcels

In 2016 we provided.....

- 60 weekly Fresh Produce parcels for adults and children.
- 46 monthly food parcels for those who fulfil prescribed criteria for assistance.
- 70 Cooked meals Monday to Friday for those referred by the Sedgefield Clinic
- 450 meals 3 times a week for children
- 83 Forget-Me-Not's meals and/ or the ingredients for a meal 3 times a week
- Light refreshments for 120 children once a week in after-school activities at Masithandane which include the 'Learn Through Groups' like:
 - Learn through Dance: This group comprised 30 learners and was facilitated by volunteer, Val Roulston, of Val Roulston School of Dance. They excelled at the George Performing Arts Eisteddfod, earning Triple Plus Gold [99%] for their African Jive and were invited to perform again at the Awards evening on Thursday 25 August 2016!
 - Learn through Surf: There are 27 children in 3 groups.
 - Learn through Soccer: There 20 boys in this group. The team won the Soccer against Crime Tournament organized by Martie Rooi as a fund-raising event for her First Aid Station.
 - Learn through Teen Talk: There are 10 members who meet weekly
 - Learn through Knitting meets weekly and is facilitated by volunteer, Lucille Berner.
 - Learn through Numeracy and Literacy: There 3 groups of 10 children
 - Learn through Beading: There are 20 children who produce some beautiful bead work.

WISH LIST

- ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS FOR THE LITERACY & NUMERACY GROUPS – this is an urgent need
- PURCHASE OF MEAL VOUCHERS FROM DEO GRATIA AND SEDGEFIELD PHARMACY which can be given to people begging for food in the village who can then come to Masithandane for a meal at midday.

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

In 2016

Blessed with a number of private commissions, the mosaic crafters excelled with their interpretation of our local fauna and flora.



Expedition Africa raised funding for the Children's Bursary Fund

WISH LIST

- PEBBLES - flat in shape, any colour and not bigger than 100mm for a Pebble Party in February. We invite all aspiring "plackers", both big and small, to join in the fun. Please start collecting.
- MOSAIC SHIPWRECK – funder needed to add a new mosaic timber creation to a Mosaic landmark
- SCHOOL AND SKILLS TRAINING BURSARIES - from R1000 to R4000 per learner

NEWS FLASH FOR 2017: In January Masithandane will offer another Home-based Care Skills Programme

- 7 days extensive theoretical training
 - 320 hours practical workplace training
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 - Health & Welfare SETA accredited
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'SUPER ALLERGIES' COULD HIT SA THIS SUMMER

Last year was the hottest year on earth since record-taking began, but 2016 is expected to blow this record out of the water, which according to experts could trigger so-called 'super allergies'.

Mariska van Aswegen, spokesperson for Pharma Dynamics – a leading provider of antihistamine medication – says the weather and atmospheric temperature make a huge difference to the levels of pollen and other irritants such as dust and diesel particulates in the air.

"The downside of a long, hot summer is that these irritants stay suspended in the air for longer, entering the mouth or nose and landing on the delicate mucosal layer of the upper airways. Once these particles land on the membranes that line the airways, the allergen diffuses into it, setting off an allergic reaction. Not only could symptoms worsen, but hot and dry conditions could result in an extended pollen season. The hayfever season typically starts with trees pollinating from August until October. However, grass pollen then takes over with its greatest peak from November to March.

"According to SA's foremost authorities on aerobiology, climate change will significantly increase the amount of pollen in the air with average world temperatures forecast to rise 3°C to 4°C by as early as 2060. Warmer temperatures allow trees to pollinate earlier and longer than usual. Spring in many

countries already begins much earlier than a few decades ago, which means that pollen-producing plants, such as flowers, trees, grasses and weeds have a much longer pollen-producing season than in the past. Should the predicted combination of prolonged periods of warm, dry weather with intervals of some wet weather occur, we'll experience high grass pollen counts for some time," she remarks.

Not only is this depressing news for the estimated 30% of South Africans that suffer from hayfever, but the extended hot and dry conditions could also trigger nasal allergies in those who haven't previously suffered from hayfever.

To make matters worse, people who live in towns and cities where there are higher levels of traffic pollution are at greater risk. Van Aswegen points out that the tiny particulates released by diesel fuel irritate the lining of the nasal passages and lungs making them more sensitive. "When an allergen such as pollen is also present, the airways are already primed to react, which could lead to a more severe allergic response.

"Pollution may even make other airborne allergens more potent as some pollen-producing plants exposed to high levels of nitrogen oxide may spawn modified pollen that is more potent and can elicit a more severe allergic episode, also referred to as super allergies."

To ensure that super allergies don't get in the way of your summer holiday plans, van Aswegen gives the following advice:

- Get pollen-wise: check the pollen forecast in your area or holiday spot (online or in the local newspaper) to plan your outdoor activities and avoid being outside when the pollen count is highest, which is usually early in the morning and evening. Also find out which pollen you're allergic to via a skin-prick test or blood test to detect specific IgE (immunoglobulin E) antibodies. Remember to keep doors and windows closed during peak pollen times.

- When the outdoors beckon: apply balm or petroleum jelly around the rim of your nose which can act as a pollen-trap. Alternatively, block pollen and other irritants by wearing a mask or bandanna over your nose and mouth. If the pollen count is very high, opt for less intense exercises. The faster you breathe, the more allergens and irritants you inhale.

- Travelling by plane: make sure your epinephrine injection (used to treat a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis) is within date and always carry a spare. Pack these in your hand luggage along with a supply of antihistamines. If you are prone to anaphylaxis, obtain a written letter from your doctor explaining why the medicine you carry is essential, to ensure you don't get delayed at customs. If you're traveling alone, let the pilot or air hostess know of your condition. Do the same if you're traveling with friends and make sure they know how to administer the emergency medication. Also have the names of those who should be contacted in an emergency handy. Using a saline nasal spray every hour could also help keep your nasal membranes moist.

- Planning a road trip: turn your car's air conditioner on 10 minutes before you get in the car, preferably with the windows

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

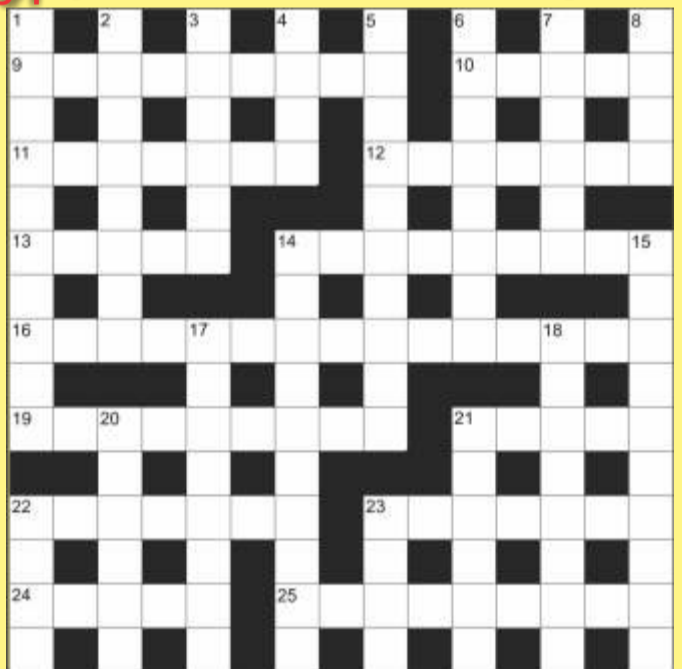
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2. Each 9x9 sub-puzzle must be solved according to the rules of Sudoku.

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TED's Cryptic Brain Cruncher

Across.
9. Saying that's crazy and cheeky, in an overdone sort of way. (9)
10. She hasn't got slacks with the top undone. (5)
11. To infinity and beyond... (7)
12. A dip no South Easterner would make with animal fat. (7)
13. Did mother get a degree in reptology? (5)
14. Deviate onto a small matter regarding the soccer team. (4,5)
16. Given to the lost actors of the Wild West? (5,10)
19. Telephone salespeople certainly aren't! (6,3)
21. It seems the 'Selfie', cropped on either side, now begins looking like something from *Lord of the Rings*. (5)
22. The one who made everything in an acre at Oranje. (7)
23. Coco sir? It was a little wind-swept by a dust storm. (7)
24. Live, and perhaps walking ecstatically! (2,3)
25. Not the sort of dark horse you want for your stable. (9)



Down.
1. A bunch of leaves from which one would take notes. (5,5)
2. Confused? Ma, I aced a test in education! (8)
3. When she was good she went above the top mark. (6)
4. They see that the point is affirmative. (4)
5. Old eccentric, a drawer led to the popularity of

limericks. (6,4)
6. Young Alfred the pianist skipped a note – but still ended up as one reaching high levels. (8)
7. At some stage you might find them, or in Acts. (6)
8. Sounds like I'll be a little out at sea. (4)
14. Hardtack to consume, perhaps after strenuous exercise. (5,5)
15. Dynamic heroines we attribute to the wartime president. (10)
17. Can they select or sign something inside to see who is in charge? (8)
18. The capacity in which the Institute of Cultural Inquiry initially left the offal outside. (8)
20. The direction Harvey Oswald took gave him a bit of room to move. (6)
21. Apologies for a mix up in letter delivery. (6)
22. A reception that might look hip but isn't very welcoming. (4)
23. The long tale about having a gas up there. (4)

Last issue's solution: ACROSS: 1 Resist 4. Despot 9. Pull the other one 10. Fitter 11. Backlash 12. Berliner 14. Leg wax 15. Quaver 18. Old flame 21. Left back 22. Second 24. What's the big idea 25. Absurd 26. Hey you
DOWN: 1. Routine 2. Spilt 3. Saharan 5. Ethical 6. Paralegal 7. Tunisia 8. Goober 13. Levitates 16. Urethra 17. Roadster 18. Orkney 19. Despise 20. Manteau 23. Chivy

Sedge's Gentlemen's Club

The 24th November heralded the first leg of the Gentlemen's Golf Closed Club Championship of 2016. Thirty-five of Sedgefield's finest athletes were greeted by a day that was cold, windy, rainy and hot. In that order.

Winners on the day were : A Division – Kevin Quinn with a net 52, followed by Paul Spencer on 53 and Buks Triegaardt third on 56 after a countout.

The B Division which caters for your exciting young talent was won by Vaughan Smith with 39 points followed by John L-B (who recently won

the Barefoot Bowls Competition with the aid of some fat fellows) on 38 and Sedgefield's jive champ, Mike Goodwin on 36.

The second leg of the competition took place on 1 December, with 39 players out to enjoy the stunning weather. Theo Pelser eventually took the A Division honours with a fantastic net score of 52 for which he did not even apologise, in fact, acting as if this was a daily occurrence.

In second place was Kevin Quinn on 57 and in third place was Pieter Schnetler on 58. Dave Wright won the B Division with 36 points followed by Vaughan Smith on 35 after a countout with Fred Beckley.

The winners of the first leg never got any wine because the Captain said that was the tradition. The 2nd leg winners

did get wine. No comment.

Our illustrious Captain then announced the overall winners for the 2016 Championship. The A Division winners were, first, Theo Pelser with a net 111, followed by Buks Triegaardt on 115 and in third place was Paul Spencer on 116.

Vaughan Smith took the B Division honours with a total of 74 points. It was heartrending to hear him explain that he thought that his victory was largely due to his handicap of 14. He was followed by Dave Wright after a countout with John L-B both on 66.

However, the Club Champion for 2016 with the best gross score of the competition was Buks Triegaardt. Mooi so Boetie!

HANNA AND KILSHANE GALBALLY JUMP TO SUCCESS

Seventeen year old local Hanna Butler, has been riding her Irish Sport Horse, Kilshane Galbally for 5 years on the competitive circuit, working closely with her coach, Danielle Pieters.

This year she started competing late in the year due to a fall but has still stormed up through the junior section of the South African Show Jumping (SASJ) rankings in her 1.10m grade to end the year ranked number one in the Western Cape and number six nationally.

Next year Hanna looks forward to moving into the 1.20m classes and continuing her show jumping career on a national level.



Ladies Golf Christmas Competition

A bevy of gorgeous ladies, bedecked in their Christmas finery, gathered at Sedge Links on the 9th December to play 'Crazy Golf' as their Christmas competition.

The weather, as has become the norm on Fridays, challenged the eager players with sun, wind and finally rain. However, with indomitable spirit, the ladies withstood everything that nature flung at them and enjoyed a fun morning's golf; despite leaving the course in a far wetter and more bedraggled state than when they started!

Team Meg Isherwood, Kandy Grieve, Marina v.d. Westhuizen and Charlene Blacker emerged the triumphant winners on a score of 88, proving that they could do maths, as well as play golf! Elize MacKenzie Blom won the prize for 'most birdies' for the quarter.

The prize for best dressed was a tough choice with the winner



Sedgefield's fabulous Golfing Girls in their finery!

being our very own 'Father Christmas' Moraig Macleod; with Joy Herbst claiming 2nd prize with her glamorous t-shirt.

A most enjoyable luncheon was had at Tea for Two after the game. Our thanks go to Ronel

and her staff for providing this lunch. Thanks too to Jane Simon and Kandy of Sotheby's for providing the wine and Ruth of Nibbles for kindly sponsoring some of the prizes.

BOWLS TIDBITS

TORTOISE APPEAL

Please be aware that tortoises are starting to make their presence known in and around the Club and in the roads. Please take extra care when entering or leaving the Club and check under your cars!!

CLUB OPEN SINGLES

The semi-finals were played yesterday and it is hoped that the final will be played tomorrow (Thursday) – please check with Jennie and Dave and please come and show your support. There have been some interesting results as this tournament has progressed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Cloud Nine will be playing for this occasion and the charge is R75 per head. Bring your own food and there will of course be a cash bar.

The talk by Ian McEwan on his experiences in Botswana drew a large audience and was a most interesting and informative talk enjoyed by all. A sum of R1,400 was donated to Cornerstone which

was very much appreciated. Many thanks to Ian!!

A special word of thanks to Ros MacMillan who came out of her sickbed to hang the blackout curtains in the clubhouse and to Mike Hammond for the organisation!!

COACHING

Rose Potgieter is taking a break from coaching and this will recommence on 12th January 2017.

CLUB NEWS

A warm welcome to Ron Pryke and Doug Watson (our Swallows) who have arrived to enjoy some South African sunshine. Always good to have you with us.

Good to hear that Dawid's wife is making a good recovery!

Our good wishes to James who suffered a nasty spider bite which put him in hospital for a few days. Trust you are fully recovered, James!!

Our warmest wishes to Ina Moulton who is joining the prestigious group of Octogenarians later this month!! Many happy returns, Ina, and enjoy your time with your family.

The Festive Season is upon us and Sedgefield is buzzing with visitors already. Good wishes to you all for a Blessed Christmas and we trust that 2017 will be a good year. To those travelling, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return.

Good bowling everyone
OFF THE MAT

I move a lot slower than your vehicle, please slow down and give me right of way.



Christmas Smiles for Young Patients

A specialist surgical team from the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital (RCWMCH) in Cape Town flew into George recently to perform critical facial reconstructive surgeries as part of the George Hospital Mini Smile week, sponsored by GDS Technologies.

This is the third consecutive George Hospital Mini Smile Week, which took place from 28 to 30 November 2016. Over the past two years this initiative has assisted more than 19 children from the Central Karoo and Eden District between the ages of six months and 16 years.

This year, 17 children from George, Knysna and Oudtshoorn aged between 1 and 17 years under went a total of 20 reconstructive surgeries for cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial anomalies, giving these children the chance to live their lives with less pain and discomfort and, it is anticipated, greater joy.

Smile Foundation's Moira Gerszt notes that historically, all these children would have had to travel to the RCWMCH in Cape Town for treatment. However, through valuable partnerships formed between Smile Foundation and the country's academic and regional hospitals,

this is no longer the case.

“Without the commitment of this outreach programme, such progress could not have been made. The collaboration of these hospitals together with Smile to offer these types of surgical interventions so close to local communities has proved very positive.

We thank the George Hospital CEO, Michael Vonk, and his administration staff for trusting this partnership, and we look forward to extending this support to the local patient base even further in the years to come. Without our donor Neeren Ramharakh from GDS Technologies, this collaboration would not have materialised, and we thank him for his passion and ongoing commitment to this project,” says Gerszt.

This drives home the significance of the George Hospital Mini Smile Week in being able to bring these surgeries direct to the local community,” explains the RCWMCH's Dr Saleigh Adams, who adds there is such demand for these surgeries, that two



theatres are now needed at the George Hospital.

GDS Technologies says its sponsorship of the Mini Smile Week forms part of its broader strategy to nurture a sense of fulfilment within the company.

“Without the passion and commitment to help others, specifically those who are most vulnerable in our communities – our children – we feel a sense of lack, of incompleteness. Being part of this special life journey with Smile Foundation provides that fulfilment and completeness we aim to achieve. GDS Technologies is proud to be associated with Smile Foundation and thankful to play a role in providing the life-changing gift that is these vital reconstructive surgeries,” says Neeren Ramharakh, CEO of GDS Technologies.

“The Smile week has become a highlight on the George Hospital calendar. It's result of a partnership between several organisations, all working together towards a common goal. However, it's the partnership that has built up between the people, even more than the partnership between the organisations that makes the Smile Week such a tremendous success. It's always a privilege to see the team in action and to witness their passion, professionalism and team work in caring for these young patients,” says Michael Vonk, Chief Executive Officer of the George Hospital.

FRESH START Swop Shop

“Helping people to help themselves” is the aim of FreshStart Sedgefield. At the heart of this small charity is the Recycle SwopShop in Smutsville. On a Wednesday afternoon during school terms, you'll find a line of children curving out of the school's parking area, up the sidewalk and past the Church of the Resurrection. It is a strange sight this line with bulging bags of glass, plastic, paper, cardboard and tin, abuzz with excited chatter, slowly crawling forward.

recycle

Once they get to the front of the line, the bags are weighed and recyclables “swapped” for mula points. The points are recorded on their card and they get a “personal shopper” to help them find a treasure; be it a toy, stationery, toiletries or clothing. Points can also be saved towards buying expensive items like a brand new soccer ball or Barbie, or a pre-loved bicycle. Thysie Coetzee saved every point he earned from February until November to buy his very own bike. He helped himself and made his own dream come true!!



I think the SwopShop is like a healing garden of the soul for the soft hearts of the children. These children face many challenges at home – sometimes abuse, the parents have marital problems, many challenges. For the time that they are at the SwopShop, they can get new strength to face these challenges and for the hour or so that they stay at the Shop, they can forget about their problems.

play

You know, us parents, we don't have time to read stories with our children. We come home late and we are tired. But they come to SwopShop and there is story time, they play with toys and do crafts. That is why I say it is like a healing garden to the soul. *(Volunteer, Lindiwe Ngyenge)*



Being a volunteer is one of the most heart-warming and at the same time heart-breaking things I've ever done. Normally I play 'personal shopper' to our industrious village-cleaning shoppers and more often than not, I learn about love from them. There was this boy who ran for the clothes when it was his turn to shop. He found a pair of very nice pants and a shirt for himself, something for his sister and then he saw the big teddy bear. When we calculated that he did not have enough points to afford the clothes and the bear, he put his clothes back so he could get the bear - a present for his mom - and his sister's present.

shop

I had to discreetly wipe away my tears, hoping his mom and sister would appreciate their presents, unaware of his sacrifice. Angels walk among us, some in the form of naughty little boys in dusty, torn clothes. *(Marianne Joubert)*



The SwopShop is sustained through the gracious, generous giving of the community: volunteers giving of their time, people donating children's toys and clothes, or buying stationery and toiletries for the shop. This year, cupcakes, boerie rolls, fruit and healthy ice lollies were part of the treats passed on to the “recycle shoppers”. Some people came to visit and see what we're doing, The Edge published our stories and photos, “friends of FreshStart” came to read stories or play games with the kids. Many hands worked together to weave a beautiful tapestry of joy, hope and love into the lives of hundreds of Smutsville children.

THANK YOU to our wonderful donors and supporters; you literally keep the SwopShop stocked and the wheels rolling!!
Want to know more? Go to the website, www.freshstart.org.za send an email to schalklida@gmail.com or phone Schalk van As on 082 413 8363.

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Sondag 18 Desember om 10:00
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The Birth of Jesus

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

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

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

Perhaps this noble quality is one of the reasons God chose him to

be the Messiah's earthly father.

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

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

Out in the fields, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks of

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

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

After Jesus' birth, Herod was king of Judea. At this time wise men (Magi) from the east saw a

Village People

by Ginny Viner

This week's Village Person, is really more of a Global Person, who is at home everywhere. He is celebrating a birthday this month, and everyone is invited to share the celebration. He is a person of great love, peace, patience and empathy, so let's take some time to sit and chat to Jesus of Nazareth

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

I was born in Bethlehem in Judea, but after spending my very early years in Egypt , I grew up in the town Nazareth

How do you relax ?

I try to spend some time every day quietly, alone, praying and meditating. Sometimes I walk by or on the water.

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

Carpentry, I am creative by nature, and my earthly father taught me his trade from when I was a boy. He was a very good carpenter and had his own furniture making business. For a time in Judea I was a miracle – worker, preacher and healer. Lately I've been more involved with social work, counselling, caring for sick people and providing food and shelter for those in need, but I'm still very creative, you would be amazed at how creative I can be when it comes to caring and provision.

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

A fish braai on the beach, with my friends.

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

World Peace, sorry let me amend that Universal Peace (there's quite a lot of stuff you folk aren't aware of yet).

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

Earth, it's so beautiful, isn't it? So intricate and diverse, so interesting - I love the world so much, I plan to go back one day.

If I were a cartoon character I think I would be Oh dear that's a hard question, Snoopy maybe, because he has such a good heart , and I love dogsand cats, and donkeys and sheep and spiders and moles, tortoises, snakes, giraffes and gorillas, I must stop now or I'll use up the whole page, but you get the idea I'm sure.

What do you read ?

I read people, they are so fascinating, I love to delve into a new person and read what's on their life pages, everyone I pick up is unique, isn't it just amazing? Everyone has a story, and every story contains drama, tragedy, romance and more than a few challenges. I love happy endings best , if it were entirely up to me every life story would have a joyful ending.

Jesus the Christ



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

I so enjoy hearing the Herald Angels sing, let me tell you , there is nothing quite like the Heavenly Host for making joyful music, but I also enjoy hearing people singing for joy, wherever they may be, in church buildings , on the beach, in their garden, in the shower, Joyful singing lifts the soul to heaven!

Christmas, your birthday, is being celebrated later this month, in a few words can you tell us what you think about Santa Claus and the fact that Christmas seems to be more centered on him than on you?

It really doesn't bother me, why should it? I'll be around long after Santa has been pensioned off by public opinion. Anyway, he's good fun isn't he ? and he gets all those little children behaving `nice ' not being so naughty for a while , which gives their dear parents a break. The other thing about Santa is that he promotes `giving' and generosity, and that can only be good. Santa and I love each other, we're good friends- always have been way back from when he was Saint Nicholas.

And Christmas trees and decorations and all that glittery stuff ?

It's my birthday, let's celebrate !

Do you mind me asking how old you are this birthday ?

I don't mind you asking at all , but it's a difficult question to answer because I've always been, I was, I am and I always will be, sorry, I know it's not easy for you to understand, but I am what I am.

What constitutes a `real treat' for you ?

Being welcomed by some-one new and unexpected, that's the best!

Will you be doing that on your birthday ?

I sincerely hope so

Please complete this sentence; I think Sedgfield is ... a place where I feel very much `at home'.

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3rd Joy Amm / Ida Hopp 55.1%	3rd Leslie Farnaby / Johan Steyl 56.8%

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

SEDGFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

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2nd Leslie Farnaby / Pam Day 59.26%	2nd Meg Isherwood / Johan Steyl 57%
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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

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GENEROUS GENTLEMEN GOLFERS

 On Tuesday 13 December Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf Club handed a delighted Gilda Scammell of The Living Cornerstone home for those suffering from Alzheimer's a whopping Christmas gift of R3400.
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VINTAGE AIR RALLY NEARLY HERE

The Vintage Air Rally flies into South Africa on Monday morning from Gaberone where there was an impressive display of vintage cars to meet them as was the case a few days earlier in Bulawayo.

During the course of this week the Rally will fly from Baragwanath to Gariep Dam where they will overnight on Wednesday and then to Plettenberg Bay where they will sleep on Thursday night. On Friday, 16 December the Rally will land at the scenic George Airport from 06h45 and is expected to depart from approximately 08h30 on their last leg to Stellenbosch. The South Cape Old Car Club will have over 20 vehicles on display at the AIFA Academy to welcome the Vintage Aircraft.

A dozen biplanes taking part in the Vintage Air Rally (VAR) are bound for a Cape Town Grand Finale on the 16th of December, having just done a world first fly-over the Victoria Falls.

The aircraft dating from the 1920s and 1930s took off on November 12 from the Greek island of Crete on their 13 000 kilometre (8 000-mile) journey to Cape Town.

The Vintage Air Rally has in just under a month been following in the footsteps of the pioneering flights of the 1920s which connect some of the most beautiful and evocative points in Africa.

It is the largest group of vintage biplanes to attempt the journey across Africa, with teams from a dozen countries including Britain, Canada, France,

Germany, South Africa and the United States.

They've flown low along the Nile from Cairo to Khartoum, past the highlands of Ethiopia, the plains of Kenya and the home of African aviation in Nairobi.

Their journey has taken them past Kilimanjaro into the Serengeti and on to the spice island of Zanzibar.

And now after crossing Zambia to Victoria Falls, and being met by the Matabeleland Vintage & Classic Car Club in Bulawayo, they're set to end their journey in Cape Town.

One of the pilots Mark Oostingh, posted to the ZS-DNP VintageAirRally Crete2Cape Facebook page saying, "The flight over Vic Falls was not cleared for low level flying



initially but yesterday (Thursday) we were cleared for less than 500 ft over them. It was an iconic flight.

The Vintage Air Rally Facebook page reflects some excellent photographic footage of the last weeks travels, including the flight over Victoria Falls and the

visits to Bulawayo and Gaberone.

Any aviation and old car enthusiasts who wish to attend, please contact Rose Lewis on rose@george.org.za No entry will be authorised without prior accreditation.

PICK N PAY TRAILER WINNER



L-R: Seen above handing over the trailer are Richard Godfrey, Pick n Pay Manager, proud winner of the CADBURY Trailer John Moore, Cadbury's representative Mazur and Nadia.

TIDE TABLE Next Full Moon:
24 January 2017

14 December - 03 January 2017 ● Full Moon ● New Moon

Date	Low tides	High tides	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed 14	09:39 Sunrise 05:11	22:09 Sunset 19:36	03:38 Moonrise 20:02	15:55 Moonset 05:39
Thur 15	10:23 Sunrise 05:11	22:50 Sunset 19:36	04:22 Moonrise 21:02	16:40 Moonset 06:40
Fri 16	11:08 Sunrise 05:11	23:29 Sunset 19:37	05:05 Moonrise 21:54	17:23 Moonset 07:43
Sat 17	11:52 Sunrise 05:12	23:29 Sunset 19:37	05:48 Moonrise 22:40	18:06 Moonset 08:47
Sun 18	00:08 Sunrise 05:12	12:37 Sunset 19:38	06:32 Moonrise 23:21	18:49 Moonset 09:50
Mon 19	00:47 Sunrise 05:13	13:27 Sunset 19:39	07:19 Moonrise 23:58	19:36 Moonset 10:49
Tue 20	01:29 Sunrise 05:13	14:26 Sunset 19:39	08:11 Moonrise -	20:30 Moonset 11:47
Wed 21	02:19 Sunrise 05:14	15:50 Sunset 19:40	09:19 Moonrise 00:31	21:44 Moonset 12:43
Thu 22	03:33 Sunrise 05:14	17:30 Sunset 19:40	10:42 Moonrise 01:04	23:19 Moonset 13:38
Fri 23	05:17 Sunrise 05:15	18:37 Sunset 19:41	11:54 Moonrise 01:36	24:00 Moonset 14:31
Sat 24	06:30 Sunrise 05:15	19:24 Sunset 19:41	00:35 Moonrise 02:08	12:50 Moonset 15:24
Sun 25	07:18 Sunrise 05:16	19:59 Sunset 19:41	01:28 Moonrise 02:42	13:33 Moonset 16:17
Mon 26	07:57 Sunrise 05:16	20:32 Sunset 19:42	02:09 Moonrise 03:19	14:10 Moonset 17:11
Tue 27	08:31 Sunrise 05:17	21:03 Sunset 19:42	02:44 Moonrise 03:58	14:43 Moonset 18:03
Wed 28	09:05 Sunrise 05:18	21:33 Sunset 19:42	03:15 Moonrise 04:42	15:16 Moonset 18:54
Wed 29	09:37 Sunrise 05:18	22:03 Sunset 19:43	03:46 Moonrise 05:30	15:48 Moonset 19:44
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Fri 31	10:44 Sunrise 05:20	23:04 Sunset 19:43	04:49 Moonrise 07:15	16:53 Moonset 21:14
Sat 01	11:19 Sunrise 05:21	23:38 Sunset 19:43	05:22 Moonrise 08:12	17:29 Moonset 21:55
Sun 02	11:59 Sunrise 05:21	23:38 Sunset 19:43	05:59 Moonrise 09:11	18:07 Moonset 22:33
Mon 03	00:14 Sunrise 05:22	12:43 Sunset 19:44	06:41 Moonrise 10:10	18:50 Moonset 23:10

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The annual Citta Slow Fun Run and Beach Festival, December 23rd, will once again be hosted by the Sedgefield branch of Knysna & Partners and Sotheby's Sedgefield. "And for our fourth year we are glad to welcome Misfits Studio to the organisation committee," says Belinda Hobson, Knysna & Partners' Sedgefield manager.

She says Misfit Studio will be co-ordinating this year's 5km Citta Slow Fun Run which will be held along two of the five beaches Sedgefield has to offer.

"We ask for a R5 entry fee for children and R10 for adults. As with all the activities planned in the programme, all entry proceeds will go to The National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) of South Africa."

The Fun Run will be followed by an amateur sand-sculpting competition, the theme for which will be announced closer to the time on the festival's Face book Page- *The Sedgefield "Citta Slow" Beach Festival*. Entry is R80 for up to six people in a team and will be available at Sedgefield Tourism Office, Cycleworx and Sotheby's Sedgefield.

"This competition is great fun and an interactive way for families to get creative and connect," said Belinda.

The Sotheby's team will once again organise the Beach Treasure Hunt that will no doubt delight the little ones as much as it has in previous years.

"The treasure hunt has always

proved to be a very spirited affair in past," concluded Hobson.

Sponsors of the sand castle building, treasure hunt and egg toss include Lew Geffen Sothebys International Realty, Pine Lake Marina, Van Tonder Incorporated, Ooba, Zinka sunscreen, Aquaman, Eden Adventures, Pick n Pay, Lemon & Lime, Sedge Links Golf Club, Lizzy's Hair & Beauty and Hospitality & Home.

As in previous years, this year's festival offers fabulous prizes received from the many generous sponsors - some long-standing, some new. Anyone wishing to sponsor or contribute to this Charity Event should please send Belinda an email to belinda@visitknysna.co.za.

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MERRY

CHRISTMAS!



Father Christmas seldom gets the chance to grab a bite to eat on his lengthy, present-delivering journeys, so he was all the more delighted to be offered a hearty meal by Slow Town Mobile meals when he stopped to renew his reindeer license at the town hall. We hope he doesn't overdo it - it will ruin the chimney-fitting diet Mrs Christmas has had him on for the last few weeks.

The EDGE Team would like to wish everyone everywhere a splendidly wonderful Christmas. May it be filled with family, fun, friendship and fine festivities. And of course a wonderful, wish-filled, wildly exciting New Year.

In light of the tragedy which has already occurred (see page 2) please be safe and sensible where there is any chance of danger.

The EDGE offices will be closed until 5 January, with our first 2017 edition due out on 11 January.

FULL MOON SPRING TIDE WARNING

NSRI urge extreme caution around the coastline between the 13th December and 19th December.
 The monthly Full Moon Spring Tide peaks with the Full Moon on Wednesday 14th of December and the effects of this Spring Tide on the coastline will continue to affect the coastline until the end of the coming weekend.
 Spring Tide happens twice every month, at Full Moon and at New Moon, and lasts for a few days over each full moon and each new moon, peaking on the day of the full moon and the new moon.
 The twice monthly Spring Tides bring higher than normal high tides and lower than normal low tides and stronger than normal rip currents.
 The Wednesday, December the 14th "Full Moon Spring Tide" will affect the coastline causing stronger than normal rip-currents, higher than normal high tides and lower than normal low tides.
 Until Monday 19th December anglers, bathers, beach strollers, boaters, paddlers and hikers are advised to exercise extreme caution around the coastline during this Full Moon Spring Tide and to be aware of the abnormal sea conditions, stronger than normal rip currents, higher than normal high tides, lower than normal low tides, the Spring Tide phenomenon and its natural affect on the coastline.
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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Dooooooooooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

The eerie voice whistles through the air like a whisp of winter wind, chilling my spine despite the heat of the summer's evening.

"Dooooooooooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

Who or what on Earth could it be? I am alone in the house, sitting up in bed doing some.... Er.... Last minute on line Christmas shopping.... At least I thought I was alone.

Mrs Ed has gone to her Bricklayers Guild Christmas lunch, and I'm sure she will be out way past 10pm (once she and her building buddies get onto their tequila-shot-fuelled repertoire of 'And then the client said...' anecdotes there's no stopping them).

Fear Factor (my daughter) is out with some unfortunate mortal who has unwittingly agreed to the near-death experience of giving her a driving lesson, and my son The REE (Resident Expert on Everything) is still in Cape Town, no doubt poring over various weather sites in order to calculate the route back to Sedgefield that will have the least wind resistance and thus minimise petrol consumption.

"Dooooooooooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

It is unnerving to say the least. Strangely familiar... almost....

And then a terrible realisation hits me, instantly crushing the breath out of my lungs like the unexpected whoompf of an overweight toddler Perhaps it is a ghost of Christmas Past! Or more specifically, *The Ghost of ABUGGAB 3*.

Somehow I have been expecting it. It was bound to happen. In the dark and cobwebbed recesses of my mind I have known that this would eventually be my destiny, to die a haunted man.

Are you feeling my fear? Are you sharing my terror? No? Perhaps I should explain.



Firstly, for those of you who don't know, an ABUGGAB is an *Aging But Unswervingly Generous Great Aunt from Britain*. I was blessed enough to have three many years ago.... Then No. 1 passed away Followed a year or so later by No. 2 Then, (sigh) No.3.

This left me both ABUGGAB-less and devastated. Worse yet, ABUGGAB No.3 passed on BTYN (Before Thank You Note).

Am I still not making sense? Ok, let me explain further (but please do concentrate). As I'm sure anyone who is blessed enough to have had an ABUGGAB will tell you, it is sheer joy to receive a Christmas card from such a relative. Indeed the mere hint of one in the post brings on impromptu bouts of celebratory line dancing, the slaughtering of a fatted calf and the reverberation of songs of good cheer throughout the household - nay - the neighbourhood.

Why? Because it is usual for an ABUGGAB card to contain the gift of money! Usually crisp notes of the Sterling variety. Money desperately needed around Christmas time by our family of four.

This probably sounds rather mercenary, but please remember that back in the day when my ABUGGABs were alive I was still living in Zimbabwe, where the exchange rate for a British Pound was three plump chickens, a hearty herd of beers, a service for the Fiat 850 Coupe and a small (but lucrative) government contract. Add to this

the fact that these monetary gifts were usually notes in ten or twenty pound denominations, and you will understand our excitement.

Naturally, as soon as we had concluded our week of celebration, we would hastily send the ABUGGABs a hearty, 'Thank you so very much for the gift' note, along with a picture of the children, because this was The Right Thing To Do (though I must admit once I hired a friend's children for the photoshoot - they were far more presentable than ours who had been just too grimy, The REE - at four - had failed in his attempts to cut his own hair, and Fear Factor had crashed her plastic pedal-car into a tree, giving herself a black eye in the process).

But one year Mrs Ed foolishly forgot to send the all-important thank you note, and somehow it slipped my mind too. We only remembered that we had forgotten when we heard the terrible news - ABUGGAB No.3 had passed away.

And now, after all these years, she's come back to take her revenge!

"But surely she wouldn't haunt you just because you forgot to send a thank you note?" you remark.

Well, thank you so much for your concern, and on reflection I do believe you are right.

An ABUGGABs isn't the sort of person who would haunt a great nephew - that's just not in their generous nature. But she might return to LOOK AFTER one. Especially around Christmas bonus time....

You see Mrs Ed and I are not what you would call CAREFUL when we have a monetary windfall. In fact, if the truth be told, whenever we have ANY extra money, we somehow manage to spend it all immediately.

Usually at least three times.

Sometimes even more.

"Oh?" we sigh in unison, staring at the bank balance as it angrily flashes a rather selfish minus on the ATM screen.

"Oh...." Mrs Ed repeats.

"Dear..." I add, wise as a sage.

"Well at least I've ordered the paint for the house, and I bought

that six man tent online, and paid the lay-by deposit on that exercise thingy I've always wanted" sighs Mrs Ed

"Oh.... That's nice...." I reply, my brain starting to fuzzi up "By the way, the courier will be delivering the new hammock tomorrow.... and I seem to remember that's COD. ... And I've booked the car in next week to have the swingy--bang-clunk noise fixed." I add technically.

"Uhuh, I hope it will stop that silly red light that's been flashing on the dashboard all year," she counters, "But remember we'll need the car for the family camping trip to Cape Town next week - remember? Your sister already gave you their half of the petrol money and camp site fee at the restaurant - when we were having that family dinner... You know, The Big Ouzo Night? Which reminds me, you still have to go back and pay for the replacement table... And weren't we going to hold some funds back for your daughter's Unisa fees?"

"Dooooooooooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

Hearing the voice again snaps me out of my reverie. Is it my ABUGGAB? Surely not. I mean she wouldn't have had any experience in online buying, so how would she know that I have just added another twelve items into my shopping basket, including a motorbike helmet (Yes I know I already have six, but you can't put a limit on safety - especially when I'm hoping to get a motorbike next year), a popcorn maker (half price!), a set of two dozen solar powered garden lights, a home brew craft beer kit (hence the need for the garden lights leading to the shed) and a special watch that will compute Mrs Ed's calorie burn vs her calorie intake (I think I'm over-feeding her).

"Dooooooooooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin...."

Hang on. That's sounding way too familiar....

"Dooooooooooooo iiiiii agaaaaaaiiiiiiiiiin youuuuuu idioooooot"

A loud burp vibrates the door, and I detect that unmistakably pungent fragrance of second hand tequila.

"Stooooooppooooo noooooow..." A giggle, followed by a deep belly laugh, "Whiiiiile youuuuuu

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TRAGEDY AT FISH EAGLE GREEN

What started off as a Christmas celebration for a Sunday school ended up as a heart-wrenching tragedy on Sunday 11 December, when well known and much loved community member Neville Stuurman (41) drowned in the Swartvlei Lagoon.



Drowning victim Neville Stuurman

He and his wife Bettliana were picnicking with other families on Fish Eagle Green on the water's edge, when Neville went for a swim with the kids. A while later members of the group realised that he had not returned and, when their increasing frantic search turned up nothing, emergency services were called in.

The family's worst fears were realised when NSRI and Police divers located Neville's lifeless body and brought it to shore.

His parents, Sedgefield postman Tim Grootboom and wife Sophie, had not been at the picnic and thus received the terrible news by phone call at home.

Neville was born in Swartvlei and lived in Sedgefield his whole life. He worked for T&B log homes for a number of years.

The funeral will take place at 09h00 at the Agape Ministry Church in Smutsville.

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caaaaan" An almighty rolling on the floor guffaw, then a series of thuds and wallops and crunches as a rather heavy body crashes down the stairs with a voice trailing off...

"Youuuuuu'd be maaaaaaad iiiiiifffff youuuuuu diiiiiidnnnnn't!"

Have a very, very, merry Christmas everyone - from the Entire T'Ed family.

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SCARAB NEWS

The Movers and Shakers at Scarab Village wish all our visitors, loyal customers and friends a happy and safe holiday season. May the coming year be one of peace, happiness and a few ordinary miracles.

Don't forget that Scarab Village is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday 8.00am to 1.30pm

The Saturday craft market has an interesting musical line up for the rest of December and January. So even if you are all shopped out and fed up, come and grab a coffee and listen to our talented musicians.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Reader,

I offer a very warm welcome to all those visiting Greater Knysna, and further extend an invitation to these visitors and all our residents to enjoy our area known for its vast natural beauty and friendly people.

This welcome includes the Knysna Municipality and its seven communities that make up Greater Knysna. As you and our communities already know, Greater Knysna is possibly the most beautiful and diverse region of the Garden Route and we are eager to share the many reasons why we live in this area with you.

It is my wish that you enjoy and rediscover our region which is renowned for its appealing natural resources, including our estuary, mountains, farm land, forests, valleys, lakes and beaches.

For our first-time visitors, allow me to explain that our Municipal area stretches from the beautiful Swartvlei on the West of Sedgefield right up to Brackenhill in the East. The magnificent Outeniqua Mountains in the North and the Indian Ocean in the South form our boundaries.

Kick back and let your hair down while you play in our 'garden'. Take a dip in our estuary and catch a wave on our many beaches, two of which (Brenton-on-Sea and Buffels Bay) have Blue Flag status.

Let the canopy of our indigenous forests keep you cool while you discover their beauty. Breathe in the clean, fresh air, and I guarantee you that it is fresh, as Greater Knysna recently received the Air Quality Management award.

We are proud of our three Blue Flag recognised marine vessels that will take you out onto the estuary or through the magnificent Heads to watch the marine life frolic in their own home.

Let's not forget how spoilt for choice Greater Knysna is when it comes to culinary delights. I am hoping to bump into you during the festive season at one of our many world-renowned eateries open throughout the holiday season.

Whatever it is that you choose to do this holiday, have fun and enjoy every moment. To our visitors I ask that you treat Greater Knysna as your home away from home while you recharge your batteries for the year ahead.

I thank all our residents for their continued involvement in making Greater Knysna the place where nature and people prosper.

Have a blessed festive season and a magnificent 2017

With warm festive regards,

Eleanore Bouw-Spies

ADHERE TO BLUE FLAG RULES

Greater Knysna's Buffels Bay and Brenton-on-Sea beaches are amongst the 58 South African coastal sites proudly flying Blue Flags this season.

These beaches received their Blue Flag status because they met an international standard of excellence in the areas of safety, amenities, cleanliness, environmental information and environmental management.

Now the Knysna Municipality is asking beach goers respect the conditions of this international accolade which will remain in place until 31 January 2017.

Dogs may not be walked on these beaches between 09:00 and 17:00. Note that the pet-friendly zone on Brenton-on-Sea is 300 metres West of the second lifesaving flag, and in Buffels Bay, East of the last beach residence. Normal access routes (before 09:00 and after 17:00) may be used to both these areas. Dogs must remain on leashes at all times.



"Please clean up after dogs and dispose of poop bags in the provided bins," requested Knysna Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Ellman.

According to the World Tourism Organization, the international Blue Flag, operational since 1987, is the most well-known eco-label of its kind and the Municipality requests all holiday makers and locals to adhere to the rules regarding the public use of these beaches.

"We thank all holiday makers and locals in advance for your cooperation. We support and encourage the responsible use of public beaches and amenities; however, it cannot be at the expense of people's safety, privacy and property. I appeal to every individual to consider the greater good of Greater Knysna and its people so that our visitors and locals will have a great time, and will want to return to our beautiful beaches and amenities," concluded Ellman.



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DUMPING IS ILLEGAL

Please report illegal dumping to Whatsapp 081 556 9374

WATER IS PRECIOUS

Adhere to Greater Knysna water restrictions:

Water your garden at dusk between 18:00 and 19:00 on designated days.



Houses with even numbers: Mon, Wed & Fri
Houses with odd numbers: Tue, Thu & Sat

Report all water abuse to Whatsapp 083 665 3824

GREATER KNYNSA HOLIDAY SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE

The Knysna Municipality has taken several measures to ensure the safety of its residents and holiday makers during the upcoming summer holiday season.

These include the imposing of stricter and increased law enforcement, especially with regards alcohol abuse and disruptive behaviour on public amenities and beaches.

The municipality has further appointed additional temporary point duty and law enforcement officials and increased the total number of fire fighters on standby. Moreover, lifesavers are currently undergoing training through the recently launched Greater Knysna Lifesaving Club to ensure the safety of locals and holidaymakers in and around our water. Greater Knysna by-Laws prohibit drinking in public.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that Greater Knysna is one of the best holiday destinations in the country and the municipality wants locals and visitors to enjoy the beautiful town in a safe manner.

"The municipality will be enforcing our by-laws strictly. Our Law Enforcement will be working closely with the South African Police Service (SAPS), Provincial Traffic, the Community Police Forum (CPF) and private security to ensure an all-inclusive approach regarding all aspects of public safety. We want everyone to have a splendid time in our beautiful town but they must do so in a safe way and be responsible at all times."

Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated in Greater Knysna, especially on beaches and public amenities.

"I want everyone to enjoy our beaches and public amenities but do so sensibly and responsibly. I urge you to remember that your behaviour as an individual affects others around you. Be mindful that alcohol and swimming do not mix. **I plead with everyone not to drive or swim under the influence of alcohol.**"



image courtesy of www.alcoholrehabguide.org

In order to decrease traffic congestion and to deal with parking issues, no busses will be allowed in areas of limited space. No tents or overnighting will be permitted on public land. Loud music will not be permitted from private sound systems in public spaces, nor waterside revellers spilling onto private properties or homes.

"I want to thank all locals and holidaymakers in advance for your cooperation regarding the use of our beaches and public amenities. Let's be responsible, safe and most importantly enjoy the fun in the sun. I wish you a safe holiday season as you spend time with your friends, family and loved ones," concluded the Mayor.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SA Police Services: 10111 or 044 302 6600

NSRI: 044 384 0211

Provincial Traffic: 044 382 5525

Knysna Provincial Hospital: 044 302 8400

Knysna Private Hospital: 044 384 1083

Provincial Ambulance: 044 382 5613

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

26 January

Council Meeting

4 February

Finance Governance and Economic Development

8 February

Planning and Integrated Human Settlements Committee

14 February

Community Services Committee

15 February

Technical Services Committee

COMMEMORATIVE DAYS & EVENTS

16 December

Knysna municipal street market and festival lights switch-on, 16 December, 18h00 to 20h00 Main Street

23 December

Sedgefield Beach Festival

24 December

Knysna Diverse Cultural Green Chef Event

27 December

Splash Knysna Lagoon Mile

28 December

Knysna Splash Canoe Racing

28 December

Knysna Splash Quack Attack

31 December

End of the year celebration - Back to school fundraising

16 December

Day of Reconciliation

25 December

Christmas Day

26 December

Day of Goodwill

1 January

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NEW ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER A FAMILIAR FACE

During the Knysna Council meeting of 6 December, it was agreed that Johnny Douglas will act as Knysna Acting Municipal Manager from 3 January, 2017.

This appointment was done in accordance with municipal legislation.



Douglas will be the third Acting Municipal Manager appointed since Municipal Manager Grant Easton was suspended at a special council meeting held on August 30, pending disciplinary proceedings against him.

At that time Carl Mattheus was appointed as interim Municipal Manager until such time as Provincial Local Government MEC, Anton Bredell found a suitable candidate. Mattheus resigned from this position on 10 October and was replaced the following day by Bevan Ellman, the director of Corporate Services. Ellman resigned last month to take on a position in the private sector.

Douglas was suggested as the Acting MM candidate by Bredell's office, and his position

was confirmed at the council meeting.

Douglas will be remembered by many for his time as Knysna's Municipal Manager in the five year period from 2006 to 2011. Under his management Knysna was rated as one of the top Municipalities in the Western Cape.

According to the 2010 Municipal Productive Index (MPI), Knysna Municipality, under Douglas' watchful eye, was rated as the third top municipality in the Western Cape. His administration further received several Blue and Green drop water accreditations.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that she is looking forward to Douglas taking over the reins in January. "Although Mr. Douglas and I did not always see eye-to-eye while I was in office, there is absolutely no doubt that he runs a tight ship. We will be welcoming him into our fold and hope to see several improvements while he is at the helm."

THE RIVERMOUTH AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE

According to Jonathan Britton, ranger in the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park, records show that since 1990 Swartvlei has been open over December 70% of the time.

"So there is an 'expectation' that the mouth should always be open over December, but in fact there is 30% of the time when it is closed," he said.

According to a paper published in 1979 by scientists Howards Williams & Allanson, 'Estuaries have many natural states - open and closed, and with high and low levels of inflow of both fresh and marine waters. During Spring high tides, the upper estuary is filled to a high water level which causes strong outflow during spring low water.'

Both the Swartvlei and Touw River systems have estuaries and estuarine lakes. Estuaries are globally understood to be 'enclosed coastal bodies of brackish water (resulting from a mixture of freshwater and seawater) with one or more rivers or streams flowing into them, with a connection to the open sea.

Why open and close the mouth of the estuary?

The presence and height of a sandbar determines open/closed phases of the mouth of the estuary. During open phases on high tides, water moves from the sea to the estuary ensuring a combination of both fresh and sea water. This is important for fish species dependent on the opening of the estuary mouth in order to facilitate recruitment of larvae and post-larvae into the system from the sea.

Closed phases are natural and can be highly productive for a variety of estuarine biota, including plants, zooplankton, macrobenthos and fish.

This allows a whole range of juvenile forms of estuarine-dependent and estuarine-associated marine species to be recruited inside their sheltered and productive reaches, where they complete their growth to maturity.

Swartvlei is classified as a temporary open/closed estuary. During the open and closed phase there are unique ecological processes that collectively work together to maintain the delicate foodweb. The river mouth will generally close naturally during the low rainfall season as there is a reduction of the inflow of freshwater. This process of closing will also be supported by the deposition of sediment from tidal inflow.

Artificial breaching is often associated with a limited head/pressure of water behind the sand berm at the mouth. Without enough pressure there will be limited scouring of sediment from the estuary not creating a deep enough channel. Repeated low level breaching will almost certainly lead to gradual shallowing of the estuary from sediment accumulation. Artificial breaching when there is not enough simultaneous river inflow, often results in the introduction of large volumes of salt water that will alter the estuarine ecological composition by favouring species tolerant of high salinity, significantly altering the dynamics of food webs

The closed phase is a time of 'rest and recovery' when some interesting and important ecological processes come into play

When an estuary closes benthic microalgal populations begin to recover and build up. This forms an important base of the food web providing nutrition for invertebrates that are consumed by fish and birds. The stable conditions of the closed phase also provide suitable conditions for the growth of submerged macrophytic plants.

Water levels in the lakes are managed cooperatively by SANParks and, in the case of extreme weather conditions, Eden District Municipality and the Knysna Municipality, as low-lying residential properties adjacent to the estuary are vulnerable to flooding.

When is the mouth opened?

The method used for this is 'periodic artificial breaching' of the estuary mouth. The set standards for breaching are when water levels in the estuary reach two metres above mean sea level (amsl) for Swartvlei and between 2,1 and 2,4 metres for the Touw River.

Breaching is done by SANParks, the custodians of the system. Changes in water exchanges could influence the physical and chemical properties of water.

Britton said in conclusion "We have monitoring systems and partnerships in place that will trigger appropriate management actions should some of the Public Health and/or Ecological thresholds be exceeded."

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LOOKING AFTER OUR OLDER RESIDENTS.....

Sedgefield's Pick n Pay cares about all local residents - and this includes the lovely ladies and gentlemen who are perhaps a little older than the rest of us. That's why we leapt at the chance to throw a Christmas Lunch party for Sedgemoor Park Home for the Aged.

This celebration took place on Friday 9 December and was a great start for the December season. There was much excitement as all the Sedgemoor residents and their guests sat down to the delightful meal in the busy home's dining hall, and judging by the smiling faces - they certainly enjoyed every bite!



... AND OUR UP AND COMING ENTREPRENEURS

Smutsville School Youth Workshop was held on 8 & 9 December, and Pick n Pay were glad to be a part of such an important project.

During this event youngsters got to try their hands at various clever recycled crafts and listen to a number of talks covering important topics for the youth of today.

The day was facilitated by Municipal representative Steve Langlands, Councillor Levael Davis and a German couple Bettina and Werner - as well as Cleone Vanston - the Youth Shop Organiser and Brenda from Lifeline.



Absorbing all this information was hungry work, but thanks to Pick n Pay all thirty boys and girls attending got lunch to keep them going!

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ARSONISTS KEEP FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY

The Knysna Fire Department has responded to ±50 separate fires since Thursday, the 1st of December.



Knysna's fire teams have had to respond to close on 50 fires due to arson.

"We have responded to 14 separate fires; however this does not include the ones where we have no official incident log but were attended to by us as 'hit and run' operations". Should one add those and incidents where the helicopter had to throw a quick bucket or two of water onto fires, the tally is then closer to 50 separate fires," said Knysna Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Ellman.

According to Ellman all the fires were deliberately started. "While our Fire Chief [Clinton Manuel] had the Spotter Plane and two helicopters flying the pilots could see youngsters starting fires and then running off. Many residents also reported seeing children starting these fires," he said.

The rate with which these young arsonists were lighting the fires necessitated that the Fire Chief call on Eden District and Bitou Municipalities, Working on Fire (WOF), MTO Forestry, two helicopters and a fixed wing bomber plane and all off-duty firefighters to assist.

On Monday, December 5, the department responded to two fires in Hornlee and Concordia areas. Ellman said: "All the fires were, and still are, confined to the Hornlee and Northern areas."

In an effort to stop the arsonists the SAPS and Municipal Law Enforcement officers were called to display visibility in the areas. Private Security companies and neighbourhood watches were also asked to be on the lookout for those deliberately starting the fires.

Unfortunately no one has yet been caught. "These young arsonists run off as soon as the fires are lit. A member of the

public commented that it is the very same youngsters who return to assist the firefighters who are busy putting out their lit fires," said an exasperated Ellman.

On Friday, December 2 the helicopters were grounded when the pilots informed the Fire Chief that the children would run under the water buckets when the water was released. "This is extremely dangerous! There are many loose items lying in the veld and the downdraft created by these helicopters is of such a force that it can easily propel these items with a force capable of decapitating someone," explained Ellman.

He added that the helicopters accelerate after dropping the water which creates an even stronger down draft – and this is when the children would run under the dropping water. "It also became clear that the children light the fires to see the helicopters dumping water and to run under this shower of water. Our Fire Chief stopped the operation because of a safety risk for the pilots of these aircraft."

Ellman urges all parents to inform their youngsters of the dangers of running under these low flying helicopters. "Serious injury or death is a consequence of this madness. Even if a small twig is propelled into an eye then the eye will be lost. Firefighters wear protective clothing when

working around these aircraft. They understand the dangers associated and always take evasive action when they come in to drop water – and they never work directly under them!"

These young arsonists must be warned of the dangers of fire by their parents. "Fires have been lit very close to houses and we are fortunate that these were stopped before they quickly spread and engulfed a house. This danger was purely diverted because of the expertise of our fire crews. The smoke being generated by these fires is harmful to the young, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma. Prolonged exposure to the smoke and soot will also lead to respiratory complications later on in life."

In closing Ellman reiterated that parents must educate their children. Not only about the danger of fires, but also about the vast amounts of drinkable water that is being wasted to fight these deliberately set fires.

"Then there is also the problem of the fire department being unable to attend to other accidental fires, or motor vehicles accidents. Lots of property and lives can be lost by this action of lighting fires for the fun of it. Be aware that we have a municipal by-law under which perpetrators can be arrested and prosecuted for deliberately setting fires."



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**SLUITING VAN MUNISIPALE KANTORE:
23 DESEMBER 2016 TOT 2 JANUARIE 2017**

Neem asseblief kennis dat die kantore van die Knysna Munisipaliteit gesluit sal wees vanaf 12h00 op Vrydag 23 Desember 2016 en heropen om 07h30 op Dinsdag 3 Januarie 2017.

Die Kliënte-Betaalsentrum in Hoofstraat, Knysna, sal op 28, 29 en 30 Desember 2016 tussen 08h00 en 12h00 oop wees.

Alle noodsaaklike- en nooddienste sal steeds gelewer word.

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

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3. **Konsep verordening insake Informele Handel.**

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- Ou Kerkstraat gebou, Knysna, en
- Flamingolaan, Sedgfield.

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Enige kommentaar of beswaar ten opsigte van die voorgestelde veranderinge moet skriftelik gerig word aan die Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder, Mnr Bevan Ellman op of voor 12h00 op Vrydag 06 Januarie 2017. Insette kan per pos gestuur word aan Posbus 21, Knysna, 6570 of afgelewer word by die munisipale kantore in Clydestraat of ge-epos word na knysna@knysna.gov.za.

Navrae kan gerig word aan die Bestuurder Regsdienste, Me Melony Paulsen by mpaulsen@knysna.gov.za of skakel 044 302 6492.

BEVAN ELLMAN
WAARNEMENDE MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER

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Where to walk dogs in a National Park

There is a code of conduct guiding where and when to walk dogs in a National Park. Guidelines favour both nature and dogs. Walking dogs in Wilderness is permissible in the following areas:

- This is primarily to protect dogs from wild animals as dogs may become prey to predators or get attacked by other wild animals such as baboons, especially in the forestry areas.
- Dogs in the Park may harass or kill plants and animals protected by the Park. They may also disturb birds during breeding seasons.
- Dogs also tend to enjoy digging up plants some of which may be significant indigenous plants necessary for the survival of the ecosystem.
- They also spread diseases. 'Domestic dogs and cats may carry certain pathogens that pose a serious disease risk to wild canids, felids, viverids and mustelids' (SANParks guideline: http://www.sanparks.org/groups/disabilities/guide_dogs.php)

Dog handlers are requested to adhere to all the rules and regulations of the beach area including conditions for leashing.

Why dogs are not allowed in other areas of the Park

SANParks has a guideline for visually impaired people with guide dogs and or assistance dogs visiting any National Park. 'The entry and exit of the guide dog into / out of most National Parks will be covered by a permit issued by SANParks or Veterinary Wildlife Unit.'

Dogs threaten birds like the African Oystercatcher

- Adults and chicks become separated and nests and youngsters become vulnerable to trampling and predation by gulls, dogs and man.
- Their nest is often a shallow scrape in the sand on exposed beaches and vulnerable to roving and excitable dogs.
- Incubation of eggs is about 29 days and youngsters take about 45 days to become independent. Breeding success rate is 20-40%.
- Black Oystercatchers are threatened by disturbance and coastal development; the total population is less than 6500 individuals.
- They normally breed between September and April.
- The breeding pairs along this beach are monitored on a regular basis and have been for nearly two decades.

IN WITH A FLYING CHANCE

Cola Sands residents Christine and Francois Maritz have generously donated a wonderful prize in order to raise money for NSRI and the local Lifesaving Club: A high-flying flip in their Robinson R44 Raven II helicopter for three people, taking off from Sedgefield, flying along the coast to Knysna Heads and then back.



This once in a lifetime prize will be raffled off over the busy season. The tickets are only R10 each and may be bought at the Sedgefield Tourism office, Sothebys and on the beach on the day of the Sedgefield Beach Festival.

There is no limit to how many tickets can be purchased by any particular person. There will be another raffle and the prizes for this is a two night stay for two in a studio unit at Pine Lake Marina and a two night stay at "Beach you to it" a

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A DESPERATE PLEA FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT

When the Sedgefield Municipality telephone number changed from 044 343 1640 to 044 302 6500 eighteen months ago, the not so lucky winner of the old number was Elzabe Nel.

She says it isn't so pleasant inheriting such a well known Telkom line. "Morning, noon and night I am inundated with calls," she says. "Fire Department, Library, Honey Sucker." To cap it all, when Elzabe tries to explain to the callers that the number no longer belongs to the municipality, some of them don't respond very graciously. "If this is not the correct number why did YOU not change it?" they demand.

It seems she certainly has tried to rectify the situation. "I have a voice message on my telephone giving the correct Knysna Municipality number. I have e-mailed them (Telkom) every month now for 18 months, I phone them every second month - with NO RESULTS. I have even posted on Facebook *Sedge Locals*" she insists. "Please could you just inform the Sedgefield people that the number has changed? I am really at my wits end."

Well people - please consider yourself informed. **The number for The Sedgefield Offices of Knysna Municipality is 044 302 6500**

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DIARY DATELINE

14th Dec 2016 - 1st Jan 2017

Wednesday 14

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
5:30pm Sedgefield Striders- 5km time trials meet @ Bowling Club
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

Thursday 15

6am 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
7:30pm Sedge Lions Club meet at clubhouse. Debbie 083 306 9998.

Friday 16

8.00am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
4 - 8:30pm Friday Supper & Craft Market. Follow the scarecrows from the N2 up Welbedacht Lane, Knysna @ Montessori School.

Saturday 17

Sedgefield Striders morning runs call 072 516 4701.
7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market
8am - 1pm Scarab Craft Market

Sunday 18

6am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome

Monday 19

6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall
7pm Duplicate Contract Bridge in Catholic Church Hall. 044 3433141

Tuesday 20

6am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
2:30pm Bowls coaching

Wednesday 21

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

Thursday 22

6am Eden Cycling Road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome.
7:30am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
2:30pm Bowls coaching
5:15pm Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
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Friday 23

8am Ladies Golf @ The Links Course
4 - 8:30pm Friday Supper & Craft Market Follow the scarecrows from the N2 up Welbedacht Lane, Knysna @ Montessori School.

Saturday 24

7:30am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market @ Swartvlei
8am - 1pm Scarab Craft Market
8am - 2pm Mosaic Market

Sunday 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 26

DAY OF GOODWILL

Tuesday 27

6am Eden Cycling road bikes & MTB's depart Cycle Worx. All welcome
2:30pm Bowls coaching.

Wednesday 29

8:45am Guided meditation @ The Well, Plumtree Centre
2-5pm Sedgefield Tennis Club (Social)
6:30-10pm Badminton Town Hall.

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

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Geagte Redakteur

Hiermee wens ek my opreg dank en waarderende uitspraak aan Cindy van ABSA Bank asook aan almal waat daartoe bygedra het om my van 'n loopraam te voorsien. Dit het as 'n groot seën gekom en vergemaklik dit geweldig vir my wanneer ek 'n ver afstand moet stap.

Ek is tans reeds 'n geruime tyd op 'n waglys vir knieervangings, aangesien ek nie oor 'n mediese fonds beskik nie.

Nogmaals baie dankie. Dit is wonderlik om te sien hoe groothartig Sedgefield se gemeenskap is. Groete,
Lana Theron

Dear Sir

With all our complaints of inefficiency etc., it is so good to give praise to a group of people who never let us down.

The Refuse Removal Team are to be commended. In the 21 years we have lived in Sedgefield they have never failed to arrive on the right day and to do their job cheerfully in all weather.

It doesn't matter what day it is either; be it a Public Holiday – even Christmas Day or New Years Day – they will be there. Even when the rest of the country is on strike!

They really deserve a Christmas bonus, don't you agree?
WBURNS

To Editor,

YOU DID NOT BREAK ME

A letter to the man who tried to destroy me, tried to take away my strength by using his own. You thought that because you were bigger and stronger than me, that you could use that

against me, like a true bully you did just that.

You took advantage of a girl who was sad, when she just needed someone to see that sadness and pain and protect her from the demons of the night; yet you saw it as an opportunity to rob her of her dignity and self-worth, you were the demon in the shadows, that I needed protection from.

You made me hate myself, and drew me further away from the world and made me close my heart off to ever letting anyone in, you made it harder to trust anyone.

You hurt me, in more ways than I have ever been hurt, you treated me like I was some small insignificant being that deserved no respect, and you might as well have spat on my face when you were done.

Hiding this secret from the people who were important to me, because I was ashamed, I felt like it was my fault. That somehow I had done this to myself, and I hated myself for ever having been there that night, for not being observant enough to realize that my drink was spiked. I did not want the people that I loved most in the world to hate me too.

But by hiding it I was giving you power, you were winning because I was no longer the strong woman I had always been. You had made me weak, you made me scared to believe in people and I lived in fear. Speaking out gave me my strength back

The hardest part was when I had to see you in town, having you act like you had never met me before, like I was a stranger. Well guess what, you have met me, and now I am your demon. You cannot wash away what you did

with a smile. You might be able to fool the world around you but I know that you truly are a wolf in sheep's clothing. I may have been victimized, but I tell you now I am no victim. I am a warrior and I will prevail, with every tear I shed writing this, with every thought of self blame that I have to push away, you will become a memory of a time in life when I had find my inner strength.

For months I hid behind a fake smile and wall that nobody could penetrate, I hid from the truth thinking that if I hid for long enough, my demons would never find me and that I could eventually come out again. But those demons are your own, and until you face them you will forever be only a shell of the woman you really are. Come out of hiding and let us all stand together and face our demons, tell someone, anyone, Start somewhere, until you talk about it, it will eat you alive. Some people may fall out of your life, and other will embrace you tighter, knowing that you just need a love and support

To end a letter to the man who thinks he destroyed me. You have not, you have made me into the strong woman I am, the woman who knows she can make it through any of life's challenges.

You are no longer in the shadows, you are no longer a demon that plagues my nightmares and makes me cry. You are nothing more than a bad memory; you are your own demon now.

I forgive you for what you did. Whatever the reason was, you have to deal with it now. I no longer want this to be a burden in my life. I will live my life in

BIBLE TRUTH FOR THIS DAY

"Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. With His stripes we are healed." 2Cor 5:21, Is 53:5. The cross is a symbol of the immutability of God's Law.

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Congratulations to Diola Avery who turned 21 on 3rd December 2016



happiness, with a man who loves me in spite of what happened to me, because it made me the strong independent woman I am. You did not break me.

Ladies, if any of you feel like you have nowhere to turn, you have so many people who love you. You are beautiful and worthy of such love, do not ever think you are not worthy, or that you don't deserve to be loved. What happened is not your fault and if anything we deserve to be loved more, because we will appreciate it so much. The hurt souls in the world have more compassion and we will love harder.

Speak out, be brave and have courage.

HIGH FIVE LOREN

Fred Whatley of Sedgefield, invites you to join him and his family in congratulating his granddaughter, Loren Agostini, 24, in obtaining her Masters Degree in Civil Engineering (Geotechnique) Cum Laude at Stellenbosch University on 7 December 2016.

Loren started her schooling with Ouma Saarljie and Oupa Andries at Jack & Jill Playschool in Sedgefield and subsequently went on to Juff Ria, Juff Lana, Juff 'Oh Dear' and Juff Burger at Sedgefield Primary. She then completed her school career in Brackenfell Cape Town and went on to become a Matie in 2010 at Stellenbosch University, studying Civil Engineering. In her final Honour's year in 2014 she was awarded the top prize in Geotechnique at U.S.

Oupa Fred thanks her mother (his daughter) Lenor, her father Carlo and her brother, Lorenzo (who will commence his studies next year at



the College of Technology, Bellville Campus) for their ever present love and support.

So proud and so grateful! Dr. Loren Agostini is waiting in the wings. Vlieg hoog, my Kindjie! Die Heelal is oneindig groot en vol liefde en lig.

SAPS WELCOMES 12 YEAR SENTENCE

The Knysna police station management welcomes the 12-years-imprisonment sentence for Zukizani Jackson (24) at the Regional courts in Knysna on Monday, 05 December 2016 on charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

His conviction relates to an incident that was reported at Voortrekker Street, Knysna on 30 March 2016 at about 06:45. He and his accomplice, armed with knives, approached two ladies, that were on their way to work. They threatened the victims and robbed them of their belongings. The suspects took cellular phones, jewellery and cash

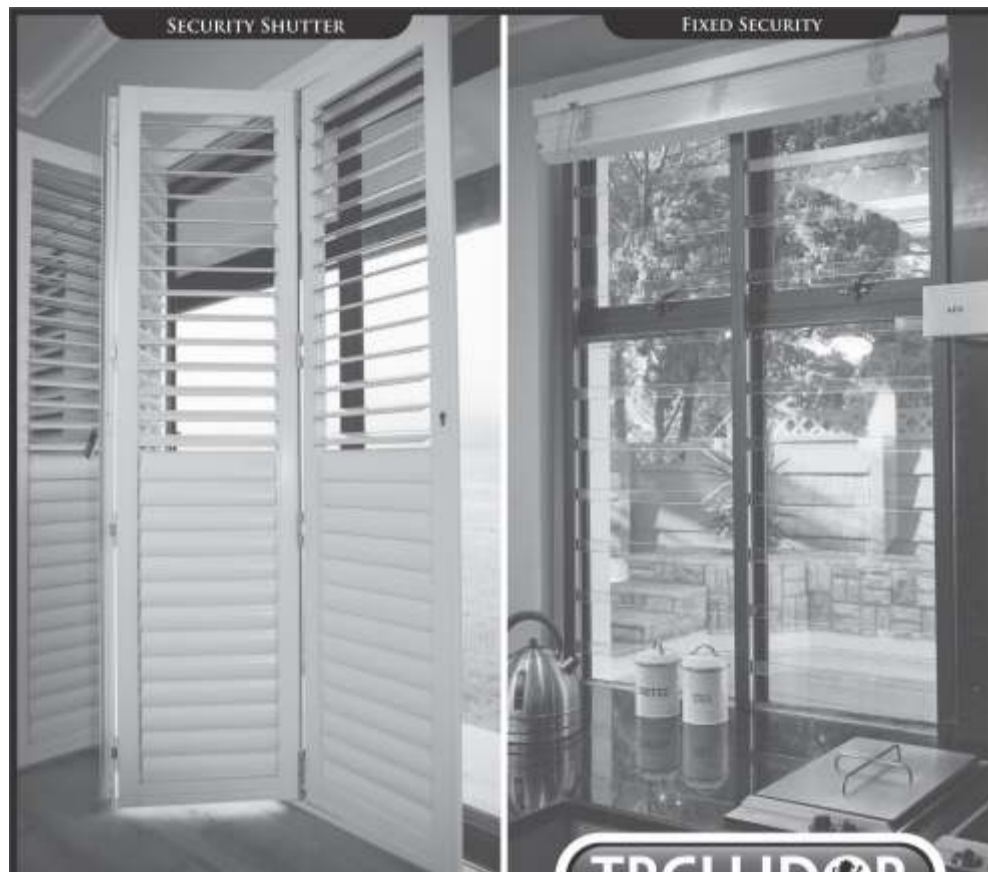
before they fled from the scene.

Prompt response from the Tsitsikamma K9 and a local security officer led to the arrest of both suspects in the vicinity minutes later. Both suspects were later positively linked through CCTV (close circuit television) footage in the Upper town area.

The case against the two accused were separated earlier this year and his accomplice, Loyise Kolwapi (23), was sentenced to 8-years-imprisonment.

Lieutenant Colonel Siddique Khan, Acting Station

Commander, commended the arresting officer, security official and the investigator for a job well done. He also emphasized the importance in the use of technology, such as CCTV footage during investigations. The acting station commander also said: I want to thank the Upper Town neighbourhood watch that installed the cameras in their neighbourhood and providing the video footage as evidence in this case. This type of co-operation between the police, community and security companies is of the utmost importance to increase the safety levels in Knysna.



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A SIGN OF THE TIMES

On Saturday, 03 December 2016 around 7am at the Mosaic Market as stall holders were setting up, Jan Schiebe reported that his distinctive "Wurst Express" sign was removed.

'Whilst I was setting up my stall in preparation for the days market, a fellow trader made me aware that someone had just loaded my signage with a small German flag attached to it into her car. She had apparently stopped in the road right next to the sign, held up traffic, loaded the sign and driven off.



To my amazement, this lady, would actually made a U-turn a little further on and drive past me. It was too late for me to focus on the vehicle as I was only made aware by a fellow trader that it was exactly this vehicle as it was passing me. The female driver looked in my

direction, I raised my hands and she sped off.

It was a white Tazz or similar with a CX registration. There were various other boards setup along the road, but obviously mine was most appealing.'

HIGH ON LIFE

Advertorial

Stoned Oxygen 'High on Life' clothing brand is the brain child of local, Cassidy Bo Morrison. The brand focusses on providing comfy hoodies, funky t-shirts, caps and skater/surf apparel.

'It's been a dream of mine to have my own clothing label since high school. After a lot of procrastination, the support of my family, partner and friends and God's grace it has finally become a reality. It's still in the beginning stages but my plan is to eventually manufacture as well as print my own unique range of hoodies and t-shirts but for now it is getting the brand known.

The brand 'Stoned Oxygen' represents adventure and being stoked and content with life. Finding happiness and being appreciative of it, hence the 'High on Life' slogan.

The original Stoned Oxygen logo with the contrast of the city scape and nature is still my favourite it was designed by a childhood friend Stefan Haggard. All the current designs are done by the very helpful Mr Robert Taylor of Wilderness.

All items are manufactured in South Africa and screen printed with eco-friendly ink right here in the Garden Route. Stoned Oxygen can be locally sourced from Scarab Market on Saturdays, Myoli Beach Shop or via Facebook or Instagram.




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GEARING UP FOR GREEN

Cruelty of climate change

The attached picture is the cover of a recent issue of an electrical engineering magazine that I get each month from the UK Professional Body to which I belong. Frankly, I was appalled by what I read. A quote from one article: "The terrible irony of climate change is that it affects most those who have done least to cause it - the very poor. Nowhere is this injustice more apparent than in Africa." This article goes on to note that the tropics and other hot regions of the world will be worst affected.

The magazine editorial notes that August 2016 was the warmest month since credible records began in 1880. I hope that this is pointed out to that very high profile personality who has claimed that climate change is a story invented by the Chinese.

Another article lists twelve ways in which global warming will change everyday life: Here are three of them. (1) You will be more likely to be bitten by a shark on holiday. (2) Chocolate

By Mike Young



CRUELTY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

will become an unaffordable luxury. (3) Spiders will grow bigger.

Of course, the articles do have glimmers of hope. Solar and wind generated electricity figure prominently and they seem likely to be joined by power from tidal currents. However, a caution: all of these power sources have an impact on the climate when they are manufactured - often in China where dirty coal is the major source of power. So it can take years to get to the point at which there is a net saving in the impact on the climate.

Another area where there are experiments is sewage treatment. Piped systems are not energy efficient and there are alternatives. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has poured millions of dollars into projects in Africa to reinvent the

toilet, mostly using composting systems. This works well in rural areas, where waste can be removed and hopefully put to good use. In urban areas it's a different matter. Durban installed 90 000 compost toilets, but people didn't want to empty them, so the Municipality had to!

I could offer lots of other examples, but for me, there are a couple of learning points. First, and most important is that we all have to learn to behave in ways that will lessen our impact on this planet that we live on. We also have to make a determined effort to teach the younger generations how important this behaviour is. Use examples such as the recently reported group of teenagers who thought it acceptable to leave their rubbish on the beach. I'm writing this article from New Zealand where the positive result of such teaching is quite obvious. The second action is for us all to insist that our politicians lead, both by personal example, and by making sure that our people know that the consequences of not using less stuff are going to be catastrophic.



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WATER IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY, TREAT IT WITH RESPECT

It is a well-documented fact that South Africa's natural resource, water is scarce and under severe pressure. Greater Knysna is no exception.



Although Knysna's storage dam, Akkerkloof is currently 70 per cent full, the Knysna Municipality is asking residents to adhere strictly to the water restrictions and treat water as the scarce commodity that it is.

"An appropriate proverb, 'The frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives' comes to mind when we witness wasteful water practices in our area," said Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Ellman.

Knysna's water usage for the week 14 - 21 November was extremely high. The daily target of 8Ml/day was not met as residents used 13.90Ml/day. Sedgefields target daily water consumption is 1.9Ml/day and its residents used 2.06Ml/day during the same period.

If residents and visitors do not curb their water usage there is a strong possibility that the Knysna Municipality will implement stricter punitive measures to ensure water saving. "We will have no other choice than to institute water 'shedding' and rationing to reduce consumption," warned Ellman.

Water consumption is charged according to a sliding scale; the more water used, the more expensive it becomes.

The Knysna and Gouna Rivers are Knysna's main source of water and Sedgefield's the Karatara river. While Greater Knysna has several storage facilities - such as the Akkerkloof Dam, Glebe Dam, 27 reservoirs and five elevated tanks - as well as two desalination plants to assist in drier times, water should always be considered a valuable resource.

The Akkerkloof dam is purely an off-channel storage dam, meaning that its water supply must be pumped from the rivers. "Water gets pumped into Akkerkloof dam from the rivers as well as the Glebe dam. We are now in our summer months meaning less rain. In the past week Knysna received a mere 3mm of rain and Sedgefield a measly 1mm. Less rain means our rivers flow slower and have less water to pump into our dams. We are beseeching our residents and holiday makers to use water sparingly to ensure that our dam and reservoir levels

Treat Greater Knysna's water with the respect it deserves.

do not drop drastically," pleaded Ellman.

The Municipality asks all to stick to water restrictions and not waste water. "Far too often we see illegal car washes pop up with no regard to water usage. Boat owners are also seen spraying their boats off with municipal water. We have instructed our Law Enforcement officers to clamp down on water wastage. No mercy will be shown and those wasting water will be fined heavily," said Ellman.

Municipal water restrictions have been in place across the Knysna Municipal area since November 2011: Residents with even street numbers may water their gardens in summer from 6pm-7pm on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Residents with odd street numbers may water their gardens from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Water-saving tips are available on the Knysna Municipality website www.knysna.gov.za

ANIMALS UP FOR ADOPTION



Knysna Animal Welfare Society has a cattery full of gorgeous cats and kittens, and a wonderful selection of dogs of all shapes and sizes, all ready to move into your home and into your heart.

You can see the full selection on www.knysna.kaws.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.



Sammy (right) is a gentle, beautiful soul! She is a unique breed female puppy, born AUG 2016. She is really hoping that you come to see her and fall in love with her!

Daisy (right below) is an adorable female unique breed dog, born SEPT 2015. She would make an excellent addition to a family or make an awesome companion for some lucky person.

Simba (above) is an adorable male kitten, born SEPT 2016. He will be the perfect companion and will bring so much joy to your life.



Toffee (above) is a beautiful female tabby cat, born AUG 2015. She promises unconditional love, cuddles and devotion.



Hazel (above) is a super gorgeous little unique breed female puppy, born OCT 2016. She is an Angel and will add so much joy to your life!

Shade (right) is a gorgeous female black cat, born 2012. She is really hoping to find a loving home very soon!



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KNYSNA LIFESAVER CLUB LAUNCHED

The Greater Knysna launched its own Lifesaver Club on Wednesday, 23 November at Leisure Isle.

The Knysna executive mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies, mayoral committee member:community services Councillor Cathy Weidman, Greater Knysna lifesavers chairperson Lucky Somana, Club Coach. Mike Wood and municipal staff attended the launch that marked the start of the festive season for many.

Bouw-Spies said, "This lifesaving club will help a great deal in improving capacity within our area. I believe that the perfect approach to safety in our waters is local people with local knowledge of the conditions along our coast and in our estuary."

Ten lifesavers are currently undergoing training, eight from Smutsville and two from Knysna. The training includes

swimming (400m), Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, lifesaving signals, various rescue techniques in the swimming pool, at Buffel's Bay and Knysna Primary. The rescue techniques include vomit drill recovery position, drag and carry, torpedo rescue and management of spinal injury. Part of the water and beach awareness training was to identify how the currents run at the different beaches.

"I want to reassure people that all training offered is accredited by Lifesaving South Africa. Our club coach Mike, is a certified examiner and instructor. The club also went through the process of being accredited as per Western Cape Province Lifesaving Association," Bouw-Spies explained.

Wood, spoke on the importance of the lifesaver programme in the community. "Although there are 10 trainees undergoing training



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Lifesaver trainees led by Club coach Mike Wood demonstrate some of the rescue techniques during the Lifesaver Club launch at Leisure Isle on Wednesday, 23 November.

to get ready for the festive season, the club is looking at increasing these numbers in the future. The idea is to train our very own people instead of hiring people from other towns and cities. The lifesaver programme is a great initiative for uplifting our community and youth, our youngsters will also receive certificates. This is an opportunity to build something special for our community that will build capacity and provide a service that will promote

excellence on our beaches."

The Greater Knysna Lifesaving Club committee consists of President, Greg Vogt; Chairman, Lucky Somana; Nipper Officer, Maxwell Somana; Club captain, Denovan Appels; Treasurer, Kate Wood; Secretary, Nelanche Gelant; Club Coach, Mike Wood and the Equipment Officer Portfolio is currently vacant (Mike Wood acting).

Bouw-Spies urged visitors and locals to adhere to all water

safety rules. "I plead with all the holiday makers and our residents to adhere to water safety rules at all times to assist in keeping themselves and their families safe over this season. Let's be responsible, safe and most importantly enjoy the fun in the sun. I wish you a safe holiday season as you spend time with your loved ones."

For more information regarding the club contact Kate Wood: 044 343 1870 or 082738 6312.



Local Artist's Exhibition on the Island

Several local Sedgefield artists will be exhibiting their latest paintings for three days only, during the December holidays.

Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the art of these talented artists who work in a variety of mediums, styles and subject matter, and relax away from the Christmas rush with a cup of tea under the trees.

The exhibition will run from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th December at 33 Andries Pretorius Street (corner Paul Kruger Street) on the Island in Sedgefield.

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Studio 42 Theatre School had their year end celebrations and ended off on a high note with a traditional awards ceremony.

Front: Andy Koopman, Trystenn 'Creature' Titchener, Joy Hartnick, Maclaund Luwe, Raeden Venter

With categories for Best Actor and Best Actress the awards also had some more interesting categories to suit the 'interesting' participants of this little troupe of thespians.

Middle: Jua Swanepoel, Anke Tereblanche, Georgia Voges, Jade Derché

Back: Sim Grootboom, Lené Malan, Amani Lamprecht, Carly Howard, Henco Viljoen, DJ Hoffman.



- Take a short shower instead of a bath.
- Only flush the toilet when absolutely necessary (preferably using a dual-flush system).
- Set your appliances to economy mode - washing machines and dishwashers.
- Water your garden only at dusk (18:00 to 19:00) on designated days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for houses with even numbers, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for houses with odd numbers).
- Use grey water (run-off from the washing machine, sink, shower etc.) in the garden if possible.
- Don't brush your teeth, wash the dishes or shave with the tap running.
- Wash your car with a bucket and not the hose.
- Don't top-up the swimming pool for the time-being
- Other measures may also be considered, like installing catchment tanks to store rain water, drilling a borehole or digging a well.
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Joy of Giving initiative of Pam Golding Properties (Hilna and Shirley seen below and Tania above)



How to Avoid Over-Indulgence this Christmas

Christmas is the season for making merry, and with all that tempting food and drink being handed around, it's hard to avoid a little festive indulgence. From mince pies and chocolates, to mulled wine and champagne, everyone has their favourite seasonal treat – and as long as you enjoy these specialities in moderation, there's no harm done. However, there is a tipping point where indulgence turns into overindulgence – and that's when Christmas merrymaking can begin to have harmful effects on your health.

To help you enjoy the Christmas festivities without regretting your choices come January, we've put together a list of our top tips for avoiding excess when it comes to eating and drinking this Christmas.

Don't starve yourself to save calories

While it may seem tempting to starve yourself throughout the day so you can justify eating more at a party later on, this strategy is likely to backfire. You'll end up feeling so hungry and weak by the time you get to the event that you'll end up consuming even more than you'd originally planned – most likely in the form of sugary and high-fat snacks. Instead, start each day with a high-fibre, protein-rich breakfast to help you stay full and satisfied throughout the day, and eat a small, balanced snack before heading out to a social event so you won't arrive starving and ready to eat

everything in sight. Take advantage of any healthier snack options on offer – such as veggies and low-fat dip – and fill up on those, or even consider bringing your own if it's a potluck or house party where guests are welcome to contribute.

Practise portion control

There's nothing wrong with sampling all your favourite festive treats, but try to stick to small portions so you can enjoy the taste without adding too many calories to your usual diet. Don't snack mindlessly – put a small amount on your plate, and stick to a single helping. Some people find it helps to use a smaller plate – this tricks your mind into thinking you have a larger portion than you do.

Be selective

Rather than eating every sugary treat that crosses your path, draw up a short list of your very favourite Christmas foods and give yourself permission to indulge in just those. Don't blow your calorie budget by munching your way through endless bowls of crisps and cheap sweets simply because they're there – save yourself instead for that mouth-watering homemade dessert, or your very favourite Christmas biscuits. Aim for quality over quantity, too – it's usually far more enjoyable to savour one really high-quality, decadent chocolate treat, than to eat an entire bag of chocolates.

Also avoid buying unhealthy foods to have in the house "just in case" – you'll find it that much harder to resist temptation, and are more likely to end up eating them yourself to prevent them

going to waste. Fill up your fridge and cupboards with healthy ingredients so you'll be inclined to eat these instead.

Stay hydrated

Your brain can sometimes misinterpret feelings of dehydration as hunger, so try to stay well hydrated throughout the festive season. You probably need more water than you think at this time of year, alcohol and the stress of racing around getting your shopping done can all contribute to dehydration. Aim for around two litres of non-caffeinated, non-alcoholic fluid a day, and be sure to top up before meals, as the extra liquid can help you feel full and encourage you to eat less.

Control your alcohol intake

Increased socialising around the Christmas period usually translates into increased alcohol intake. While it's pleasant to share a few festive drinks with family and friends, remember that not only is alcohol itself highly calorific, but the more you drink, the less inhibited you'll feel about helping yourself to that second plateful from the buffet. To help slow down your drink consumption, alternate alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, or opt for a spritzer or shandy instead of straight wine or beer. Not only will this help reduce your calorie intake, but it will also help you stay hydrated, and hopefully reduce the chances of a hangover the next day.

Slow down and find a non-food focus

If you're going to indulge in your favourite treats, slow down, take your time and really savour the experience. By eating more

mindfully, you're more likely to pay attention to what you're consuming and stop when you've had enough. Also take the time to enjoy the non-food aspects of the season. If you're at a party, focus on catching up with friends, dancing or playing a game with the kids rather than lurking around the food table. Food is a wonderful part of the festivities, but there are many other ways to have fun and celebrate without disrupting your healthy lifestyle.

Remember that it's not all or nothing

Most importantly, remember that it's not a case of all or nothing at Christmas when it comes to your diet. Many people feel tempted to throw caution to the wind, eat everything they want and worry about the results when it comes time to make their New Year's resolutions. However, you're likely to feel better about yourself (and dread January less) if you take a few reasonable precautions to minimise the effects of festive indulgence. On the flip side, there's no need to deprive yourself – it is perfectly possible to indulge in some naughty festive treats without losing all control over your eating and drinking. After all, healthy living is all about balance and moderation – and Christmas is about celebration!

Source – magazine.vitality.co.uk

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN KNYSNA

This Friday, December 16 will officially herald the advent of the Festive Season when Knysna Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies switches on the Festive Lights. This will take place at around 19:30 in Knysna's Main Road during a free open-air event called The Festival of Lights.

"So many of our residents remember with fondness the switching on of the lights when we still had the Giant Fir Tree alive and well outside of the library. So we have decided to bring back this excitement and Friday will see our Main Street

filled with the glory of Christmas and its associated festivities."

Those attending The Festival of Lights will also get to see a range of entertainment, including live performances and appearances by some of the leading Greater Knysna talent from 18:00 to 20:00.

Father Christmas will be on-hand to hand out sweets to the children. A 'Selfie Booth' will give visitors the opportunity to capture the moment, either with Father Christmas or with their loved ones.

A children's entertainment area

will be set up in Templeman Square where youngsters can be kept busy with the jumping castle, face paint, sand art, glitter tattoos and much more.

"I am sure that I am not the only one looking forward to the festivities. In this Christmas season it is my hope that we can all put our differences aside and join hands in celebrating not only the season, but the wealth of beauty that surrounds us. See you in the Main Street on Friday, December 16," said the Mayor.

The Main Street will be closed to traffic for The Festival of Lights



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Sedgefield Art Society Exhibition



by Antony Ford

Local artist Antony Ford painting the Swartberg Mountains, near Calitzdorp.


Sedgefield encourages residents to develop their talents both latent and active; there are many enthusiastic artists to be found here. Banners and signs will be displayed indicating where art is being exhibited around Sedgefield.

The Sedgefield Art Society is holding their annual December Art Exhibition in the Community Centre/Town Hall from 19 to 23 December. Information on activities will be available at the venue regarding competitions for children, free demonstrations and instruction,

also a raffle of art.

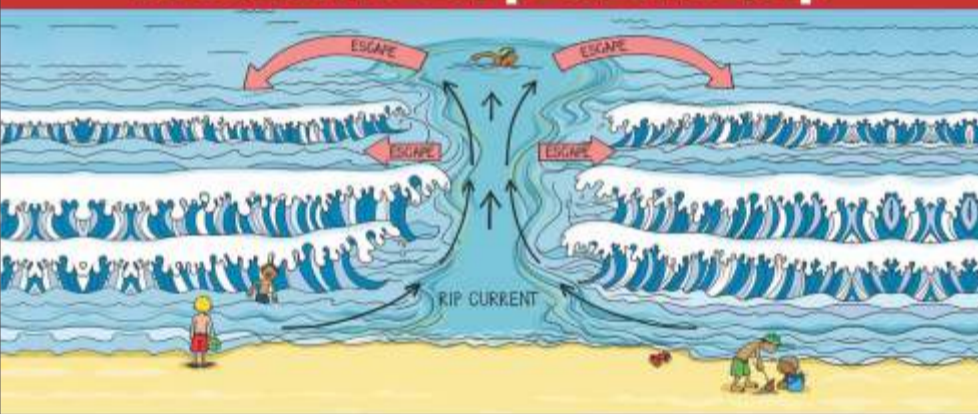
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This is a major step that will go a long way towards boosting the Knysna Motor Show as a premium event and build on the successes achieved over the past four years. In recent times, the Garden Route has emerged as one of South Africa's most important centres for classic and vintage cars with some fantastic car collections.

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Sedgefield Christmas Light House

by Melanie Baumeister

The Light House in Sedgefield at 37 Swallow Drive has become a tradition that locals love and tourists appreciate.

Eddy and Shurlea have been decorating their home for the last decade and have added lights each year. More recently the environmentally wise solar lights. In total there are more than 20 000 little bulbs shining brightly. Shurlea's ultimate goal is to have The Lighthouse visible from space!

Adults and children alike delight

in the 'magic' that is created every year and now there is even a post box to send letters to Father Christmas. For the Lloyd's the light in Christmas is an opportunity to give and any donations made go to missions and outreach projects. Of course, there are sweets for the children that come to visit too. In this Season of giving, here is a family that certainly does put the Christ back in Christmas.

Another roadside attraction not to be missed is the Father Christmas House'. On the N2 on the way to Wilderness, with a convenient speed restriction, any

one interested to know how many Father Christmas's are clambering into Gerda and Jaco Van der Westhuizen's home are encouraged to count them!

In precarious suspensions and gymnastic display the effigies of Old Saint Nicholas are a sight to behold and offer great excitement for passengers - drivers keep your eyes on the road!

Travel safely everybody and enjoy the visual celebrations that are on offer this time of the year when we celebrate family and friends all over the world.



The lights are on every evening from 8pm - 10pm from 1 December to 1 January and then it's 11 months before we see them again.

KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER BID NO. T 24 OF 2016/17: UPGRADING OF KNYSNA BULK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: PHASE 1

Knysna Municipality invites tenders for the upgrading of Knysna Bulk Water Supply Scheme: Phase 1

The physical address for collection of bid documents is the offices of the Consulting Engineers, Aurecon, Bloemhof Building, 65 York Street, George. Documents may be collected during working hours from 15 December 2016.

A receipt for a non-refundable deposit of **R 404.00** payable by cheque made out in favour of Knysna Municipality is required on collection of the tender document

Queries relating to the issue of these documents may be addressed to Piet Erasmus, Tel No. 044-874 2165, email: george@aurecongroup.co.za

A compulsory site briefing meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 18 January 2017 at 10h00** at the Technical Services Boardroom (1st Floor), Old Main Rd Building, 5 Church Street, Knysna.

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

The closing time for submission of bids is 12h00 on **Wednesday, 01 February 2017**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **bid box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the latter time and latest date. Telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will not be accepted. Bids must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date of the bid. Knysna Municipality reserves its right to extend the validity period, should you not be willing to hold your bid valid in all respects for further period as requested, it will lapse on expiry of the current validity period.

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.

The evaluation of this bid will be subjected to functionality scoring. Tenderers must achieve a minimum qualification score of 80 points for further evaluation. The qualifying criteria and weighting is set out in the tender document.

Bids will be evaluated according to the **90/10** preference points system. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011.

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

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The afternoon also included a performance by the children that take part in Monkeynastix and the kids got a chance to show off their skills they learned through the year. Finally all the children received their certificates and there was a graduation ceremony for the Beetle Class, 16 children are moving over to Grade-R at the "Big School".

We are extremely proud of all the children who have grown so much during the year. Thank you to all the teachers and staff that worked so hard on this production.

On Friday 2 December Father Christmas visited the children at Busy-Bugz for a fun Christmas party.



There was great excitement when he arrived escorted by the fire brigade. After all the children received their presents, Father Christmas used the sweetie flingshot to fling sweeties in the air for all the kiddies to collect. A big thank you to "Father Christmas" who on one of the warmest days of the year dressed up in a santa suit to bring joy to the little ones.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and all the best wishes for 2017. Busy-Bugz will be closed from 15 December 2016 and reopens on 11 January 2017. Enrollment forms can be collected from the school when they re-open or can be downloaded from their website www.busybugz.co.za.



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For further info and pics sms ref number to 38573 (Std sms rates apply). Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

World Aids Day Event held at Smutsville Sports Field

On the 3rd December 2016 World AIDS day activities were held on the Smutsville Sports Field.

The event was initiated by Smutsville Advisory Forum and facilitated by Building Healthy Communities (BHC). Eden FM had

a live broadcast, highlighting men's, women and children's health. It was a multisector event including activities sponsored by government departments and Knysna Municipality. The Health department provided face painting for the kids and did testings for sugar, high blood and HIV.

In attendance were: Ward 1 Clr Levael Davis (who did the keynote address on behalf of Mayor Bouw-Spies), Dr Earl du Plooy - Manager of Knysna Hospital, Knysna Municipality - who provided the music and jumping castle for the kids, Department of Social Development, Knysna Alcohol and Drug Centre (KDAC), Life Line and community members from Smutsville and Sedgefield. Sean Whiting, BHC Project Manager.



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HOSPICE
Knysna - Sedgefield

Did you know: that Hospice is a non-profit making organisation and there is no charge to our patients?

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Hospice will be holding its annual **Cake, Book and Plant sale on Friday the 16th of December**. Please note there has been a change of Venue it is now going to be held outside the Hospice Shop. There are still a few Christmas decorations as well as Christmas cards for sale.

A big thank you is extended to the Sedgefield Community for their ongoing generosity and support during this year. The Members and Volunteers of Sedgefield Hospice take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

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Knysna Municipality invites interested contractors for the maintenance of municipal facilities and delivery of municipal services to various wards for a period of one year with an option to extend for a further two years.

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 from 15 December 2016.

A receipt for a non-refundable deposit of **R 237.00** payable by cheque made out in favour of Knysna Municipality is required on collection of the tender document. E-mailed tender documents can be obtained from the following address: mmato@knysna.gov.za at no cost.

Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Ms N. Salmons, Tel 044 302 6238, e-mail: nsalmons@knysna.gov.za or Mr. I van Wyk, Tel: 044 302 6237, e-mail: ivanwyk@knysna.gov.za or Mr. R Witbooi, Tel: 044 302 6507, e-mail: rwitbooi@knysna.gov.za

COMPULSORY SITE BRIEFING MEETINGS ARE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS:

Ward 1 Venue: Council Chambers, Sedgefield Date: 11 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 2 Venue: Karatara Hall, Karatara Date: 11 January 2017 Time: 12:00
Ward 3 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 4 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 5 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 6 Venue: Hornlee Community Hall, Hornlee Date: 13 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 7 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 8 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 9 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00	Ward 10 Venue: Council Chambers, Clyde Street Date: 12 January 2017 Time: 10:00
Ward 11 Venue: Hornlee Community Hall, Hornlee Date: 13 January 2017 Time: 10:00	

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

The closing time for submission of bids is 12h00 on **Wednesday, 08 February 2017**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **bid box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the latter time and latest date. Telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will not be accepted. Bids must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date of the bid. Knysna Municipality reserves its right to extend the validity period, should you not be willing to hold your bid valid in all respects for further period as requested, it will lapse on expiry of the current validity period.

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.

The evaluation of this bid will be subjected to functionality scoring. Tenderers must achieve a minimum qualification score of 60 out of 100 points for further evaluation. The qualifying criteria and weighting is set out in the tender document.

The intention of the tender is to appoint one tenderer per ward. Tenderers must indicate the ward they are tendering on.

Bids will be evaluated according to the **90/10** and **80/20** preference points system. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011.

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

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UPPING THE ARTBEAT IN SEDGEFIELD MOSAIC TOWN



L to R Back Mlungisi Nguma (Mosaic Artist), Belinda Hobson (Sedgefield Tourism), Petricia Pieterse (Masithandane Art and Craft Co-ordinator), Anton Jordaan (Jordaan, Van Wyk Attorneys Inc.)
L to R Front Andre Knoetze (Scarab Village), Jacky Weaver (Masithandane Programmes Manager)

Scarab Village and Masithandane are very happy to announce a new joint initiative – the establishment early in 2017 of the Sedgefield Community Mosaic Interactive Park (SCIP)

The location for the art tourism project, alongside the N2, is well known to locals and tourists. The designated area provided by Scarab Village, is well suited to its multi-faceted focus - Visual Art, Mosaics and the Environment. Masithandane will implement and manage SCIP a project which was made possible by a grant from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC). The intention of the NLC is to make a difference to the lives of all South Africans and contribute to South Africa's development. The project will have a positive effect on the town's skills base, income and provides job creation opportunities. Components of SCIP will include the construction and mosaic'ing of 3-D Artworks incorporating both functional and aesthetic art in the form of three large Sea creatures – an Octopus, Whale and Dolphin, musical



One Octopus tentacle in progress with Mosaic'ists and volunteers

instruments made from recycled and upcycled materials, Street Art created by youth and children and art pieces created by local artists. It will provide opportunities for locals and visitors to embrace interactive experiential learning in a fun and enjoyable way allowing nature to be the teacher as well as opportunities for emerging artists to showcase their art whether it is painting, ceramics, drama or music.

Sedge Players Grand Plans

by Melanie Baumeister

2017 is going to be the year to be living and working in Sedgefield, especially if you are a person who loves to entertain or be entertained!

Keep an eye on The Edge and social media. Watch out for calls to auditions - for those of you that are in to musicals and enjoy the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice then look no further than the happy sounds of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' with its very own Sedge Players spin on it, we're looking forward to presenting it tied up in all its glory by November 2017. The auditions will be held in Smutsville Community Hall and in the NG Kerk on 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26 of January.

Before all that gets to fruition, first - we will be taking a crack at



the beautiful work of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' - al fresco, on the platform at The Station in April next year. At the same time that we're auditioning for singers and dancers for 'Josef' we'll also be casting for 'Midsummer's'.

The structure of the auditions will be a streamlined process, if you are a singer, dancer or actor the idea is to give each one of you

the opportunity to show off your talent to the best of your ability. Therefore, we'll be doing a 'closed' audition' with no audience present. Please feel free to participate in groups if you're 'too shy' but rest assured that you will be seen and encouraged in the art that you are most comfortable.

No matter what your talent, you will have an opportunity to appear 'on the boards' - if you make the cut. Watch The Edge and social media for details.

TSHISA Talent Competition

by Melanie Baumeister

On Tuesday 6 December, Tshisa Talent was in the Smutsville Community Hall taking stock of the local talent that was on display, with a well attended audition consisting of 15 acts, singers, dancers, drama groups and rappers.

Putting the best on display, anyone was invited to attend. From 18h00 the 'Tshisa Wagon' trawled the streets with their loud hailers calling the gifted performers of Smutsville to a free audition and a shot at having their dreams of fame and fortune come true.

Tshisa Talent is a government run initiative to encourage the growth of Arts and Culture here on the Garden Route.



Team Focus - in mid-action! Photo by Emma Rorke

Very professionally run by Stuart Palmer of The Lunchbox Theatre in Plettenberg Bay it is a great showcase and fertile ground for people to rise above their circumstances.

Well done to each of the participants and all of the best to those that went through to the Semi-finals on 9 December. We look forward to seeing you go from strength to strength.

Vehicle Renewal Notices Not Posted

Western Cape Motorists are advised that renewal notices for their motor vehicle licenses will not be sent via the South African Postal Services while the National Department of Transport (NDOT) is in the process of transferring the electronic National Traffic Information System (eNaTIS) to the Road Traffic Management Corporation.



can to assist motorists during this period.

Affected motorists can visit the Knysna/Sedgefield registering authority with their South African identity document and proof of physical address.

Affected motorists can contact the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works at the Provincial Service Centre to find out the amount they owe through one of the following service channels.

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SMS: 31022
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eNaTIS is currently managed centrally at NDOT, including the issuing of motor vehicle license renewal notices. This transition will directly affect the thousands of motorists in the province who are required to renew their license discs by the end of December 2016, and possibly by 31 January 2017.

Motorists are urged to be proactive by checking their license disc expiry date and ensuring that they apply in time to avoid penalties. The Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works will do all we

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The Living Cornerstone

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has made a difference to the lives of the residents at The Living Cornerstone this past year. If it was not for your generosity we would not be where we are to day.

We appreciated and will always be most grateful for all the help we have received in the form of donations, sponsorship, bequests, help with fundraising, fresh produce, goods, furniture, clothing, repairs and maintenance, collections at the markets, hand made slippers, warm woollies for winter, coming to sing for the folk or just visiting & talking, showing them love, caring and the list goes on.

And most of all thank you to the sponsor of this page may you be blessed.

Although the The Living Cornerstone vision started in February 2008 it was only in April 2013 that we opened our first house as a day care centre. It was soon evident that there was a great need for 24 hour care.

TLC has come a long way since then - within 1 year 3 houses were opened accommodating a total of 21 residents. It was not long before our waiting list grew to over 20 and at this stage it is still growing. Everyday we receive calls for help. It's clear that there is a growing need for Alzheimer's care for people who can't afford private care, and a 4th and 5th house is desperately needed. However, currently, our only drawback is lack of finances.

Over the 3 years TLC has come across a number of underprivileged / lower income groups of people at various stages of Alzheimer's. These folk were living on their own and not coping too well. There was no stimulation. They were lonely and insecure. Because of the financial constraints of the families involved, the cost of getting a caregiver in to look after their loved one was beyond their means. Therefore they were often left on their own during the day. Some of these folk wandered off and got lost. Some were confined to a locked up house or even worse a locked room. Some even showed signs of sexual & physical abuse. We have come across many sad cases in our little village alone and there are many more out there that we do not know about.

A strict daily routine for the residents is in place. TLC residents are encouraged to participate in all activities.

These include walks or being taken in wheelchairs twice a day outside of the fenced property with the help of the caregivers. This is to enable the residents to integrate with the community. Other activities include doing household chores (within their capability and safety limits) like washing dishes - in some cases to be washed again by the kitchen staff. Games, crafts and art also form part of the activities.

It takes a very special person to care for an Alzheimer's resident it is not easy. The carers are accused of being responsible for just about everything that they themselves have hidden away. The staff get kicked, smacked, spat at, insulted and food thrown at them. For this very reason we have in-house training Hannellet Cloete from the Alzheimer's support Group in George comes through once a month to help carers with problems that they may have encountered. All TLC staff right from the laundry ladies, kitchen staff, carers and management have just finished an intensive training course given by the Alzheimer's Association Southern Cape. This is also to help them cope with conditions beyond the norm for them and to keep focused on the person and not the result of the disease.

A message to the staff from the Tannie. (Gilda) Congratulations on doing so well in the training and achieving such a high marks. Your diplomas are on the way. I appreciate each and every one of you and wish to thank you for your commitment, dedication and support through good and hard times this past year. I know that at times things have not been easy and yet you persevered. Thank you.

On staff matters - Welcome to the team to our new staff members caregiver Chamigh & Chantell and our Professional Nurse Helene van Niekerk. I look forward to the many years that we will be working together.

To be able to run our homes effectively, The Living Cornerstone being a NPO and PBO relies on prayer, faith, fundraising events, donations and sponsorship. One of our successful fundraisers that took place in July was a resounding success. Even the singles had a ball. Watch out for our next one in July 2017. We are also planning a recycled material fashion show put on by the staff of TLC. (The staff don't know it yet and I hope they are reading this) The last fashion show they did was very original, creative, fantastic and fun. To my staff prepare yourselves for the next one. A big walk is planned for next year with the help of the

community and the Sedgefield Lions I am sure this will be a great success.

While I'm on the topic of fundraising TLC at this moment is in desperate need of wheelchairs, hospital beds and waterproof draw sheets.

If you do not already contribute to TLC and would like to get involved especially with fundraising or to sponsor a resident in need or give a donation please contact Gilda or Petra for more details.

Please remember that THE LIVING CORNERSTONE is a registered NPO 169-778 and PBO 930038731. In terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act 1962 all donations and sponsorships are tax deductible. A tax donation certificate will be issued on request.

From one Alzheimer's caregiver/family member to another.

Alzheimer's dementia is not a laughing matter but we as caregivers have to laugh. Why should we laugh? Because if we don't laugh we will cry.

It is a known fact that Laughter is the one emotion that we can fake and our brain does not know the difference. Laughter is an exercise, it stimulates the muscles in your whole body and it's good for the soul. As the saying goes "We don't stop laughing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop laughing"

Here at The Living Cornerstone Alzheimer's Residence we learn to laugh again. We laugh together with a family member, we lend a shoulder to cry on. We are there to help. We are one body.

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

Support Group
The Living Cornerstone is not only a caring facility for Alzheimer's sufferers, we support the family member by help them walk through the storm.

In January 2017 we will be starting a support group. The purpose of our group is to provide Alzheimer's caregivers and family members with an



opportunity to develop a support system of people who understand. Having a place to exchange ideas and experiences strengthen coping skills, ultimately allowing the caregiver to take better care of themselves and the person with the Alzheimer's condition. We encourage participants to maintain personal, physical and emotional health by enabling them to speak out their frustrations and concerns.



Piglets Pen pre school visit

Support groups mean different things to different people. Some may come to gain a better understanding of the condition, or because they have specific caring challenges. Or just wish to be with people who are in the same boat.



We are all on the same voyage but at different stages of our journey. Some folk are doing well riding the waves as caregivers, some are just going with the flow, while others are right in the midst of the storm and feel as if they are sinking. But as a support group we are there to help one another to overcome by throwing out the life line.

An example of one of the many life lines that have been thrown out is The Living Cornerstone Day Care. It is a place where the family member can leave their loved one for a few hours with peace in their hearts knowing that their loved one is well cared for while they are having a break.



Anyone wanting to attend the Sedgefield Alzheimer's Support Group or want more information please contact Gilda Scammell 084 544 1203



Don't fall prey to Festive Season scams

It's the time of year when things are winding down, people are relaxing in anticipation of the festive break and scammers are getting busy.

Alet Griesel, chief risk officer at DirectAxis, says the financial services company typically receives more reports about scams and fraud attempts towards the end of the year.

It's not clear whether this is because criminals believe people let their guard down ahead of the summer holidays, they have more money in their bank accounts because they've been paid year-end bonuses or are just more in need of money ahead of Christmas.

Whatever the reason, or combination of factors, she says, while you should always be vigilant about sharing your personal information, it's wise to be extra cautious as the festive season approaches.

Here are five tips for avoiding common scams.

1. Never click on a link in an e-mail or SMS

One of the ways scammers try to obtain your personal information is to send an e-mail or an SMS which seems to come from a bank or financial services company or even SARS alerting you to a payment, refund or asking you to confirm your details.

When you click on the link it takes you to a site that looks genuine, but is actually a fraudulent site. As soon as you enter your account details and pin number, the fraudsters can access your account. No responsible financial institution should ever send you a link to a bank account log-on page in an e-mail or SMS.

2. Never pay an upfront fee to secure a loan

Another way criminals try to get

their hands on your money is by pretending to be a legitimate financial services company. The way this scam typically works is you receive an e-mail informing you that you've qualified for a low-interest loan. It says that to secure the loan you need to pay an upfront fee for administrative, legal or other costs. The offer is often for a limited time, to try and pressurise you into making the payment. Of course, if you pay, the thieves take your money and you never receive the loan.

"Just because an e-mail has a company logo, registration number and address on it, doesn't mean it's genuine," says Alet. "If you're made an offer with an unbelievably low interest rate, don't believe it."

3. Guard your personal details

Not all scammers are out to get your money. Some just want to get enough of your personal information, such as ID number, address and date of birth to open a fraudulent store or loan account. These scams work because the request for information usually seems reasonable, such as a financial institution, retailer or online shop asking you to confirm some information.

Criminals are also increasingly targeting loyalty programmes, such as those that airlines, banks and many retailers offer. It is thought they're doing this because people don't see rewards points as real money and are consequently less security conscious.

4. If it sounds too good to be true, it's a con

The best-known scams are used over-and-over again, because they still catch plenty of people, no matter how often they are warned.

The most common of these is the lottery scam where you're told you've won a lottery and have to

provide information such as your banking details to claim the prize. You might also be asked to pay a fee for administration costs.

Variations include the inheritance scam, which works along the same lines or the hard-luck story, where a wealthy businessman or politician claims to need your help to transfer a large sum of money.

The scammers assume that greed will overcome reason and that the anticipation of being rich will make people push aside any doubts about whether the request is authentic.

5. Don't be tempted by unfamiliar websites

Criminals know that with Christmas coming people will be looking for presents at great prices, so can set up fraudulent websites to try and con people out of their money. Although this scam is more common overseas than in South Africa, you can be sure it will increasingly start happening here too.

If you are shopping online, applying for a loan or doing any other transaction which involves providing your personal or banking details, stick with known brands. Always type the brand name into your browser rather than follow a link in an e-mail.

Alet's final tip is that if you do think someone's tried to scam you, report it, even if you have no intention of responding. Most reputable financial institutions and retailers have fraud departments and will act to shut down websites and bank accounts used to try and defraud their customers.

Finally bear in mind that although these are the most typical scams, criminals are constantly trying to find new ways to separate you from your hard-earned cash. You need to be constantly vigilant and if you're not confident an offer or request is genuine, always check first.

KNYSNA WATERFRONT QUAYS HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS



The Waterfront Knysna Quays held its annual Christmas Parties for children from communities in and around Knysna on 6 and 7 December 2016.

Working together with the Knysna Education Trust this year, 100 children, between the ages of 5 and 6, were invited for an early Christmas treat. They came from the following crèches in Sedgefield and Knysna: Jolly Kids, Wielie Walie Creche, Little Rascals Day Care, Gummy Bears, Raynbow Kids, Jaydine's, iLingalom-Africa Creche, Little Hearts, Noluthando

Creche, Siyafunda Educare Centre, Judah Square Educare, Siphuncedo and Isiseko Educare Centre.

The children and some teachers were treated to a ride on The Featherbed Co's 'Three Legs' ferry where the skipper entertained the children telling them about the Knysna lagoon. Father Christmas surprised the children by meeting the ferry half way in a small boat and joined the cruise back to The Quays. Back at The Waterfront Father Christmas handed out a gift to each child.

According to Annette Louw

from The Waterfront it was the 11th annual Christmas Children's event and the 4th year that it was held in collaboration with The Featherbed Company.

A special word of thanks is extended to The Featherbed Company for their assistance in making this outing possible and a special experience for the children, as well as taking care of their safety.

"We also want to thank Elle Redman from Elle Photography for helping us once again in capturing the event on camera."

FEDHASA raises industry concerns over Draft Liquor Admendment Bill 2016

South Africa is already mired in the complexity of having more than 40 national and provincial liquor-related policies and regulations, as well as countless municipal by-laws, and the proposed Draft Liquor Amendment Bill of 2016 is all set to complicate the liquor regulatory environment even more.

This is the view of the Federated Hospitality Association of South Africa (FEDHASA) CEO, Tshifhiwa Tshivhengwa. There is currently a confusing and fragmented proliferation of legislation which raises significant challenges and difficulties in effectively regulating the liquor trade in South Africa, he says. Instead of addressing this, the proposed Amendment Bill instead fosters even more issues.

FEDHASA represents the interests of over 10 000 direct and associate members in the South African hospitality industry including hotels, B&Bs, guest houses, game lodges, restaurants, pubs, taverns, shebeens, conference centres and casinos. In its submission to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), FEDHASA has called on the Director-General to persuade provincial governments to adopt a standardised, pragmatic approach to all aspects of liquor licencing and liquor trading in South Africa.

What would make sense, Tshifhiwa points out, is that the DTI works towards a single national liquor act, a single

provincial liquor act and a single bylaw that provides for the trading days and hours of on- and off-consumption liquor licenced establishments which can be enforced by all local municipalities.

However, it is not just the possibility of a promulgation of yet another piece of liquor-related regulation that concerns FEDHASA. Unfortunately, the draft legislation has also not been subjected to economic impact assessment, says Tshifhiwa. If this law comes into effect, several of the proposed amendments will have detrimental impacts on all the many stable, good businesses that are making an important contribution to our economy. Some of the amendments will be all but impossible to regulate, thus placing an extraordinary burden on the administrators responsible for controlling the liquor trade in South Africa.

Amongst the controversial proposals is the prohibition of selling alcohol to citizens or visitors between the ages of 18 and 21. FEDHASA points out that in regard to South Africans this age range could simply be unconstitutional. If a citizen between the ages of 18 and 21 is eligible to join the defence force, vote, drive a motor vehicle, get married and enter into a legal contract, they should undoubtedly be permitted to consume alcohol in a responsible manner, Tshifhiwa points out. Apart from encroaching on personal freedom, the raising of the age limit for legal drinking

would have a damaging impact on hospitality businesses particularly in university and holiday towns.

Another problematic clause is this one regarding the proximity of a liquor-licenced establishment:

The manufacturing, distribution or retail sale of liquor in either rural or urban community is prohibited on any location that is less than five hundred (500) metres away from schools, place of worship, recreational facilities, rehabilitation or treatment centres, residential areas, public institutions and other like amenities.

This is an astonishing proposal and yet another example of how this draft bill seems not to have been thought through properly at all. Tshifhiwa says, Most of the countrys B&Bs and guesthouses, local neighbourhood restaurants, many hotels across the way from say a park or a beach promenade and lots of pubs down the road from post offices would all be unable to secure a liquor licence. It would literally mean that the only establishments that could sell liquor in South Africa would be far out in the wilderness somewhere. It is clearly not a practical or beneficial idea.

Part of the problem, Tshifhiwa points out, is that the proposed Act has not been subject to an economic impact assessment process. This is something we would welcome, he says, There would then be absolute clarity for all parties on how this legislation would affect the countrys vital hospitality sector.

'Tis the Season of Giving'

by Melanie Baumeister

Thursday 8 December was a heartwarming day for some kids and adults when Belinda Hobson and Henwill Nortje of Sedgefield's Tourism Office embarked on a 'gift of giving' tour of Smutsville/Sizamile. With Mayor Eleanor Bouw-Spies and Councillor Levael Davis accompanying them and Pauline Jafta of Masithandane showing the way they handed out gift boxes of presents to 24 children who had been specifically identified to benefit from an extra special 'something' this Christmas.

"Each gift pack was put together with a special child in mind, all wrapped up and donated by local community members and businesses," says Belinda, "The looks on the children's faces was such a reward, as they lit up with gratitude to receive brand new toys and practical day to day items that many children take for granted."

"A huge thank you from Tourism to the heroes and dream makers who made this initiative work!" she adds.



Grapevine Competition Winner

Congratulations to Nico Pelser who was the winner of the fridge in the exciting 'Grab The Electrifying Taste Smirnoff' competition recently held at Blue Bottle Grapevine Liquors.

A delighted Nico receiving this sought after prize from Yvette Bezuidenhout.





WHAT HAVE THE LOCAL LIONS BEEN UP TO?

Some highlights of 2016 . . .



Friday 18 December saw the NG Church hall packed with our Sedgefield Seniors for their annual tea. This is always a fun happening, for the seniors and the Lions! Lots of nice home-made goodies to eat, take home gifts and great entertainment by the local band, Driftwood. Thanks to Lion Bev Fowler for the entertainment and to Lions Jaco and Gerda of Guest Soopies for the lovely gifts which each senior got to take away with them.



Seen here is Lion President Eric Watson and community worker Annie Brinkhuis with one of the fire victims.



Kyla Kruger using the revolutionary Spot Vision to detect early sight problems.

** Our Past President, Zwaai Kruger was elected District Governor. A great achievement – Zwaai is certainly on the up in the world of Lions International.

** A great Heritage Day and Beer Festival

** Lions were proud to be part of the successful Slow Festival

** We assisted at the Jaguar Simola Hill Climb.

** We hosted a Cansa Shavathon and assisted at the Cansa Walk

** Mother's Day saw cupcakes being delivered to TLC and Easter Eggs delivered to TLC and all our Seniors

** Soccer balls donated.

** We took part in the 67 Minutes for Mandela

** Free blood pressure and Sugar Diabetes testing at the Mosaic Market, thank you Cliff Elion.

** Help and donations were given to fire victims in Smutsville.

** The testing of eyes at Smutsville Primary School. Thank you to John Cave and Dawid Malan for assistance with this.

** Santa Shoebox joy

All in all, Sedgefield Lions had a busy and successful year. Lion President Eric Watson would like to thank all the members for their hard work and dedication in our field of service. Of course BIG LIONS THANKS must go to our community – without your support we cannot do what we do!



PLEASE DIARISE!!

Sedgefield's Own Talent Competition – 20 and 21 December.

This is an idea of Bev Fowler who remembers the talent and beauty competitions on the beaches years ago. The prizes will be for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in various age categories and there will be a live DJ playing the music.

For more information please contact Bev Fowler on 073 271 8144.

Lions Carols by Candlelight – save the date! 23 December at the Lion's Clubhouse. Beautiful Carols and a Nativity play by Felicity and Ken Ironside. Light refreshments will be on sale. Candles available for a donation.

Sedgefield's Abominable Snowman?

When this picture first appeared on the Sedgefield locals Facebook page, it caused quite a stir, and a myriad of suggestions as to what it was all about.

From the 'Bogey Man' to Xhosa initiation, to the Ghost of Christmas Past, to a clever plan to avoid burglar beam detection - the imagination (and sometimes alarm!) of locals went wild.

As it turned out, after messaging Carrol Harrison who had posted the picture, there was a simple - albeit not quite so exciting - explanation.

The figure was, in fact, Joseph Manda, the man who works for Carrol and husband George.

After the dreadful heat and fires, George was worried about the very dry bush behind their



property so wanted it cleared - but then it started to drizzle.. "So we gave Joseph, our gardener, a rain cape, and got him to cut a fire break behind our fence," says Carrol.



Our Past President, Zwaai Kruger was elected District Governor. A great achievement – Zwaai is certainly on the up in the world of Lions International.



Left: Seen doing free blood pressure testing is Lion Sister Val Patrick who this year celebrates 30 Years in the service of Lions!

The pure joy of Santa's Shoebox!

CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT
23 December 2017 6.30pm

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VENUE: LIONS CLUB HOUSE VILLAGE GREEN
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Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a fulfilling 2017.

Thank you all.
Alison Watson - Secretary, Sedge Lions

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PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

In terms of section 12(3) (b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 notice is hereby given that the Knysna Municipal Council is reviewing and considering adoption of the following by-laws:

- Rules of Order for Internal Arrangements By-law;**
- By-law for the Control of the Seashore and the Sea situated within or adjoining the area of jurisdiction of Knysna Municipality, and**
- Draft Informal Trading By-law.**

These by-laws are open for inspection during normal office hours at the following municipal offices:

- Clyde Street, Knysna;
- Old Church Street Building, Knysna,
- Flamingo Street, Sedgefield

They are also available on the municipal website at www.knysna.gov.za

Any comments or objections in respect of the proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Bevan Ellman on or before 12h00 on Friday 06 January 2017. Submissions may be posted to P.O. Box 21, Knysna, 6570, dropped off at the municipal offices in Clyde Street or emailed to knysna@knysna.gov.za.

Enquiries can be directed to the Manager Legal Services, Ms Melony Paulsen at mpaulsen@knysna.gov.za or on telephone no 044 302 6492.

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SLOW TOWN MOBILE MEALS

2016 is quickly coming to an end and we look back on a year full of favour and grace. We were, with the incredible help of all our loyal supporters, able to give out 14 500 meals this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous donors without whom we could not have done it.

As Christmas is a time of giving, Slow Town Mobile Meals asks that we all be aware of those in need, and instead of extravagant gifts, perhaps spoil and bless a stranger with a special meal. We trust that in 2017 we will once again be able to meet the need of those who rely on Slow Town Mobile Meals and we wish you all a very blessed Christmas!



What exactly is Slow Town Mobile Meals?

This is the question most often asked at the Wild Oats market on our can collection days. It is obviously mostly asked by our visitors, but are our locals aware of what we do? I have tried over the past 2 years to be as transparent as possible and spread the word on Mobile

Meals, our village's own charity. The first misconception is, while we do similar work to "Meals on Wheels", we have no connection and are a totally separate organization. Slow Town Mobile Meals is a purely local charity and registered as a Non Profit Organisation. We comply with all the relative requirements like a formal

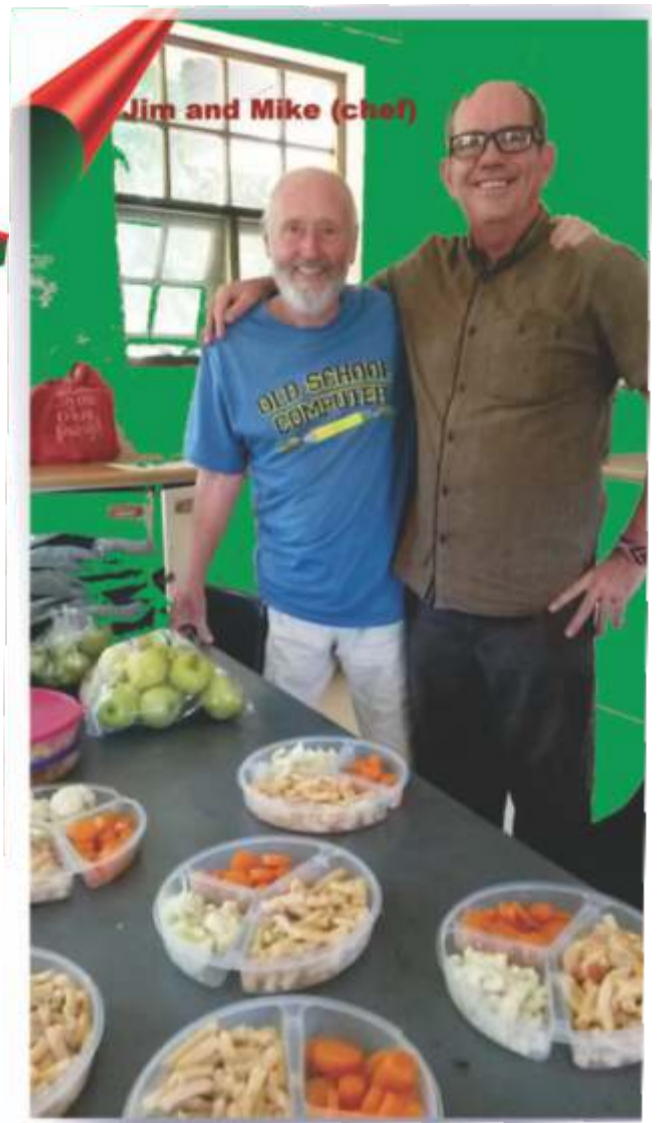
constitution, meetings, minutes and audited reports, as dictated by the legislation.

Simply put, we provide food for people less fortunate than ourselves and operate as per our credo "We provide and deliver meals to the aged, frail, disabled or needy people, regardless of race colour or creed"

So, very noble, but specifically who are "these people"? They broadly fall into various categories of need and the following will hopefully give you a better picture of what we do. In no specific order of need, we have an aging population in Sedgefield where people come to enjoy their autumn years. Often one partner passes and the surviving partner is left requiring "a meal for one". Where the partner cannot or does not wish to prepare "a meal for one", we can assist. Often there is no financial burden and a contribution of R25,00 a meal is made towards our funds. A similar situation exists where a short term arrangement is made if, say, the partner is hospitalized or rendered temporarily incapable and a daily meal or two is required.

It is important to note that we do not operate in isolation but work very closely with the two other village operations who provide associated services. Gilda Scammel, who started Mobile Meals nine years ago, provides us with 2 kitchen assistants. One assistant is sponsored by a local donor and as a quid pro quo for the other assistant, we provide meals 3 times a week for the residents of the three houses of the Living Cornerstone.

In a similar vein, we have enjoyed a very close relationship with Masithandane since the inception of Mobile Meals. Here



we provide meals to certain Smutsville residents who are some of the saddest cases of need with problems like chronic illness, dire poverty, aids orphans and frailty. The need in the village is also catered for where people have fallen on hard times for all the "wrong" reasons and when you can say "...there but for the Grace of God". The meals provided by your funding does not fix their situation but it alleviates some hardship. There are also a number of paying clients which helps with our funding.

The last "group" are our homeless and jobless men and women of the road who assemble at the rear of our kitchen. Many wait up to 2 hours for what may be their only meal of the day. I felt it necessary to provide as

complete a picture of how the current operation is run. As custodians of the monies donated to us by your generosity, we assure you that we recognize this responsibility. Should you wish to donate or commit any amount regularly to Mobile Meals, deposits may be made into our bank account – Slow Town Mobile Meals, FNB a/c 62502775549 code 210229.

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

I will be happy to answer any queries or concerns you may have regarding Slow Town Mobile Meals.

Jim Mitchell, Chairman
083 379 3737 or 044 343 1221



Brand New E-Centre for Knysna



Brand new E-Centre for Knysna Municipality officially launched the Cape Access E-Centre in the Hornlee library on Wednesday, 7 November.

This E-Centre was established in partnership with the Western Cape Government and championed by the Knysna Municipal Youth Desk. Knysna executive mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies, Mayoral Committee Member: Community Services - Councillor Cathy Weideman, Ward 11's Councillor Donovan Pofadder, Ward 6's Councillor Elrick van Aswegen, Knysna Secondary, Concordia High and Knysna High schools learners, representatives from Cape Access and municipal officials attended the launch that marked the very first E-centres for Greater Knysna.

This e-Centre aims to bridge the digital divide by providing computer and internet facilities to benefit less-privileged communities. Bouw-Spies said, "Today is a

Cape Access Regional Manager Kelvin Groenveldt; Knysna Executive Mayor Eleanore Bouw-Spies; Secretary Community Services, Shahida Sigula; Cape Access Regional Coordinator, Joyce Kimari with Knysna Secondary, Concordia High and Knysna High school learners at the Cape Access E-centre launch on Wednesday, December 7.

very special day for me and all our residents, as an educator, I know first-hand how our children struggle in the poorer areas with getting quick access to knowledge. I have witnessed how our communities struggle when they need to get their CVs written professionally. We all know that digital access is extremely costly in our country, and the digital divide between wealthy and poor communities has far-reaching consequences when it comes to education."

The Cape Access E-Centre is equipped with 23 computers that have internet access and is open weekdays from 08h30 to 17h00. Visitors can look forward to computer sessions free of charge for approximately 45 minutes per person per day. Through internet access provided at the E-Centre they will have free access to emails, online newspapers, government services, view job

opportunities and general research. Bouw-Spies explained how this well-equipped E-Centre will be of great benefit: "For children in low-income school districts, inadequate access to technology can put huge stumbling blocks in their way when it comes to them learning the tech skills that are crucial to success in today's economy. Many teachers in our low income schools complain about their students' inadequate access to technology being a major challenge.

Today we are thankful that we have taken the first step in assisting our residents by giving them access to this Cape Access E-Centre. This centre makes information and communication technology (ICT) more accessible to our poorer communities."The



BURNS SUPPER AT BOWLING CLUB IN AID OF SLOW TOWN MOBILE MEALS

It seems the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley – the secret is out, we are having a Burns Supper at the Bowls Club on Friday, 03 February 2017 in aid of Mobile Meals. Unfortunately there is a limit to the number of seats available.

Regrettably, due to this limitation, we have had to prioritise the guests into the following groups. First will be the group who were actually born in Scotland, secondly will be the people who have parents, grandparents or relations born in Scotland. The third group will be people who know people in the following groups and the last group, will be the people who would like to know people in the previous 3 groups. When booking tickets please indicate your group !!!

Just kidding, like most things in life there are exceptions and anybody who supports Mobile Meals will be most welcome. This is our first fundraising event of 2017 and if you do not fit into any of the categories, we can make a plan.

mayor pleaded with the users to take care of the equipment. "Thanks to this E-centre school projects, job applications, internet banking, SARS e-filing and CV creation are now made a great deal easier. But please let's always remember to take care of facilities and infra-structure that we already have. Users must keep this facility clean at all time, not damage any equipment and guard it against



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CHERISHING CHILDREN

who need extra emotional, spiritual and physical support after counselling and some love and laughter in their lives.

In 2016.....

The children enjoyed, kickboxing, line-dancing, visits to private gardens, restaurants, playgrounds, some are attending horse riding lessons, drama and art coaching. They were also involved in helping with community clean-ups.



In 2017

Plans for 'Cherish 2' for children ready to progress to a different level. Cherish 2 will focus on the teaching of practical life skills and developing resilience in the youngsters who are maturing and will aim to prepare these children for life in high school and beyond

WISH LIST

- FOLDING LARGE TRESTLE TABLE
- SCHOOL CLOTHING/SHOES or donations towards school clothing.
- ART MATERIALS – especially Artists Pastels/ Chalks and coloured card/paper
- WHITE PAPER (new or used one side)
- STATIONERY - glue, scissors, glitter pens
- PUZZLES AND GAMES suitable from 6 years
- FACE CLOTHS AND LIQUID SOAP
- VOLUNTEERS WHO LOVE CHILDREN - bi-lingualism would be beneficial but is not compulsory

CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

who are either the 80 over 60's members of the Forget-me-nots Service Centre, the 32 recipients of Home-based care and other Wellness Centre services or those who participated in Special Events

In 2016.....

Activities included Bingo, Exercises and Fun in the Sun, a Quiz, the making of memory booklets with photographs, the NSRI speaking about Water Safety, Health Checks, a visit by the MG Club, Rotary Health Days and a very special Puppet Show by Umnyama about abuse in the elderly.

The Forget-me-nots also enjoyed outings to the:

- annual anniversary celebration at St Francis United Church
- the Carpe Musicam Concert at the NGK and
- Christmas Tea at Sedgefield Arms during which they were entertained by the Driftwood Band.

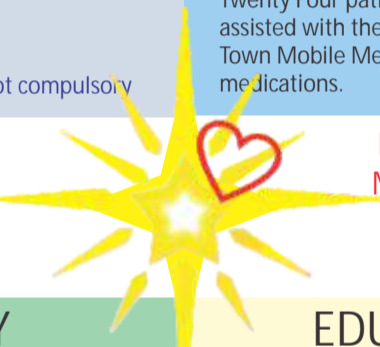


Eight patients living in Sedgefield Village have been assisted during 2016 with:

- home-based care,
- transport home from hospital and
- the packing and administration of medicine.

Twenty Four patients in Smutsville/Sizamile are assisted with the collection and delivery of Slow Town Mobile Meals and their chronic medications.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE FRIENDS IN SEDGEFIELD AND FROM AFAR WHO HAVE BLESSED MASITHANDANE WITH THEIR SKILLS, TIME, GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH AND KIND



MASITHANDANE'S WISH FOR YOU IS THAT HIS LOVE MAY BLESS YOU AT CHRISTMAS TIME AND THAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE HOPE, JOY AND PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY

There is a huge need for those who lack food security and are immune-challenged and who need to be provided with daily meals, weekly fresh produce parcels or monthly food parcels

In 2016 we provided.....

- 60 weekly Fresh Produce parcels for adults and children.
- 46 monthly food parcels for those who fulfil prescribed criteria for assistance.
- 70 Cooked meals Monday to Friday for those referred by the Sedgefield Clinic
- 450 meals 3 times a week for children
- 83 Forget-Me-Not's meals and/ or the ingredients for a meal 3 times a week
- Light refreshments for 120 children once a week in after-school activities at Masithandane which include the 'Learn Through Groups' like:
 - Learn through Dance: This group comprised 30 learners and was facilitated by volunteer, Val Roulston, of Val Roulston School of Dance. They excelled at the George Performing Arts Eisteddfod, earning Triple Plus Gold [99%] for their African Jive and were invited to perform again at the Awards evening on Thursday 25 August 2016!
 - Learn through Surf: There are 27 children in 3 groups.
 - Learn through Soccer: There 20 boys in this group. The team won the Soccer against Crime Tournament organized by Martie Rooi as a fund-raising event for her First Aid Station.
 - Learn through Teen Talk: There are 10 members who meet weekly
 - Learn through Knitting meets weekly and is facilitated by volunteer, Lucille Berner.
 - Learn through Numeracy and Literacy: There 3 groups of 10 children
 - Learn through Beading: There are 20 children who produce some beautiful bead work.

WISH LIST

- ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS FOR THE LITERACY & NUMERACY GROUPS – this is an urgent need
- PURCHASE OF MEAL VOUCHERS FROM DEO GRATIA AND SEDGEFIELD PHARMACY which can be given to people begging for food in the village who can then come to Masithandane for a meal at midday.

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

In 2016

Blessed with a number of private commissions, the mosaic crafters excelled with their interpretation of our local fauna and flora.



Expedition Africa raised funding for the Children's Bursary Fund

WISH LIST

- PEBBLES - flat in shape, any colour and not bigger than 100mm for a Pebble Party in February. We invite all aspiring "plackers", both big and small, to join in the fun. Please start collecting.
- MOSAIC SHIPWRECK – funder needed to add a new mosaic timber creation to a Mosaic landmark
- SCHOOL AND SKILLS TRAINING BURSARIES - from R1000 to R4000 per learner

NEWS FLASH FOR 2017: In January Masithandane will offer another Home-based Care Skills Programme

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'SUPER ALLERGIES' COULD HIT SA THIS SUMMER

Last year was the hottest year on earth since record-taking began, but 2016 is expected to blow this record out of the water, which according to experts could trigger so-called 'super allergies'.

Mariska van Aswegen, spokesperson for Pharma Dynamics – a leading provider of antihistamine medication – says the weather and atmospheric temperature make a huge difference to the levels of pollen and other irritants such as dust and diesel particulates in the air.

"The downside of a long, hot summer is that these irritants stay suspended in the air for longer, entering the mouth or nose and landing on the delicate mucosal layer of the upper airways. Once these particles land on the membranes that line the airways, the allergen diffuses into it, setting off an allergic reaction. Not only could symptoms worsen, but hot and dry conditions could result in an extended pollen season. The hayfever season typically starts with trees pollinating from August until October. However, grass pollen then takes over with its greatest peak from November to March.

"According to SA's foremost authorities on aerobiology, climate change will significantly increase the amount of pollen in the air with average world temperatures forecast to rise 3°C to 4°C by as early as 2060. Warmer temperatures allow trees to pollinate earlier and longer than usual. Spring in many

countries already begins much earlier than a few decades ago, which means that pollen-producing plants, such as flowers, trees, grasses and weeds have a much longer pollen-producing season than in the past. Should the predicted combination of prolonged periods of warm, dry weather with intervals of some wet weather occur, we'll experience high grass pollen counts for some time," she remarks.

Not only is this depressing news for the estimated 30% of South Africans that suffer from hayfever, but the extended hot and dry conditions could also trigger nasal allergies in those who haven't previously suffered from hayfever.

To make matters worse, people who live in towns and cities where there are higher levels of traffic pollution are at greater risk. Van Aswegen points out that the tiny particulates released by diesel fuel irritate the lining of the nasal passages and lungs making them more sensitive. "When an allergen such as pollen is also present, the airways are already primed to react, which could lead to a more severe allergic response.

"Pollution may even make other airborne allergens more potent as some pollen-producing plants exposed to high levels of nitrogen oxide may spawn modified pollen that is more potent and can elicit a more severe allergic episode, also referred to as super allergies."

To ensure that super allergies don't get in the way of your summer holiday plans, van Aswegen gives the following advice:

- Get pollen-wise: check the pollen forecast in your area or holiday spot (online or in the local newspaper) to plan your outdoor activities and avoid being outside when the pollen count is highest, which is usually early in the morning and evening. Also find out which pollen you're allergic to via a skin-prick test or blood test to detect specific IgE (immunoglobulin E) antibodies. Remember to keep doors and windows closed during peak pollen times.

- When the outdoors beckon: apply balm or petroleum jelly around the rim of your nose which can act as a pollen-trap. Alternatively, block pollen and other irritants by wearing a mask or bandanna over your nose and mouth. If the pollen count is very high, opt for less intense exercises. The faster you breathe, the more allergens and irritants you inhale.

- Travelling by plane: make sure your epinephrine injection (used to treat a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis) is within date and always carry a spare. Pack these in your hand luggage along with a supply of antihistamines. If you are prone to anaphylaxis, obtain a written letter from your doctor explaining why the medicine you carry is essential, to ensure you don't get delayed at customs. If you're traveling alone, let the pilot or air hostess know of your condition. Do the same if you're traveling with friends and make sure they know how to administer the emergency medication. Also have the names of those who should be contacted in an emergency handy. Using a saline nasal spray every hour could also help keep your nasal membranes moist.

- Planning a road trip: turn your car's air conditioner on 10 minutes before you get in the car, preferably with the windows

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open, which will help remove dust and mould from the air-conditioning (AC) system. Keep car windows closed when driving to prevent pollen and other irritants from entering the car. If you're hiring a car, ask for a model that comes with a high efficiency particulate filter as part of the AC system.

- Staying at a hotel: bring your own hypoallergenic pillow and mattress cover or ask for an allergy-proof room where no smoking or pets are allowed.

- Avoid red and swollen eyes: protect your eyes during the day by wearing sunglasses and rinsing contact lenses to get rid of dust and pollen particles. If your allergies have left you with itchy, red eyes, then take eye-drops to reduce the symptoms.

"When it comes to essential hayfever treatments, such as antihistamines, these should be taken early on in the season to be most effective. If you haven't started, start taking them now to reduce symptoms," concludes Van Aswegen.

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

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8			2					
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2. Each 9x9 sub-puzzle must be solved according to the rules of Sudoku.

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7	9		2		4	6		
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1		2	3					
	6			5	7			
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TED's Cryptic Brain Cruncher

Across.

- Saying that's crazy and cheeky, in an overdone sort of way. (9)
- She hasn't got slacks with the top undone. (5)
- To infinity and beyond... (7)
- A dip no South Easterner would make with animal fat. (7)
- Did mother get a degree in reptology? (5)
- Deviate onto a small matter regarding the soccer team. (4,5)
- Given to the lost actors of the Wild West? (5,10)
- Telephone salespeople certainly aren't! (6,3)
- It seems the 'Selfie', cropped on either side, now begins looking like something from *Lord of the Rings*. (5)
- The one who made everything in an acre at Oranje. (7)
- Coco sir? It was a little wind-swept by a dust storm. (7)
- Live, and perhaps walking ecstatically! (2,3)
- Not the sort of dark horse you want for your stable. (9)

Down.

- A bunch of leaves from which one would take notes. (5,5)
- Confused? Ma, I aced a test in education! (8)
- When she was good she went above the top mark. (6)
- They see that the point is affirmative. (4)
- Old eccentric, a drawer led to the popularity of limericks. (6,4)
- Young Alfred the pianist skipped a note – but still ended up as one reaching high levels. (8)
- At some stage you might find them, or in Acts. (6)
- Sounds like I'll be a little out at sea. (4)
- Hardtack to consume, perhaps after strenuous exercise. (5,5)
- Dynamic heroines we attribute to the wartime president. (10)
- Can they select or sign something inside to see who is in charge? (8)
- The capacity in which the Institute of Cultural Inquiry initially left the offal outside. (8)
- The direction Harvey Oswald took gave him a bit of room to move. (6)
- Apologies for a mix up in letter delivery. (6)
- A reception that might look hip but isn't very welcoming. (4)
- The long tale about having a gas up there. (4)

Last issue's solution: ACROSS: 1 Resist 4. Despot 9. Pull the other one 10. Fitter 11. Backlash 12. Berliner 14. Leg wax 15. Quaver 18. Old flame 21. Left back 22. Second 24. What's the big idea 25. Absurd 26. Hey you
DOWN: 1. Routine 2. Spilt 3. Saharan 5. Ethical 6. Paralegal 7. Tunisia 8. Goober 13. Levitates 16. Urethra 17. Roadster 18. Orkney 19. Despise 20. Manteau 23. Chivy

Sedge's Gentlemen's Club

The 24th November heralded the first leg of the Gentlemen's Golf Closed Club Championship of 2016. Thirty-five of Sedgefield's finest athletes were greeted by a day that was cold, windy, rainy and hot. In that order.

Winners on the day were : A Division – Kevin Quinn with a net 52, followed by Paul Spencer on 53 and Buks Triegaardt third on 56 after a countout.

The B Division which caters for your exciting young talent was won by Vaughan Smith with 39 points followed by John L-B (who recently won

the Barefoot Bowls Competition with the aid of some fat fellows) on 38 and Sedgefield's jive champ, Mike Goodwin on 36.

The second leg of the competition took place on 1 December, with 39 players out to enjoy the stunning weather. Theo Pelser eventually took the A Division honours with a fantastic net score of 52 for which he did not even apologise, in fact, acting as if this was a daily occurrence.

In second place was Kevin Quinn on 57 and in third place was Pieter Schnetler on 58. Dave Wright won the B Division with 36 points followed by Vaughan Smith on 35 after a countout with Fred Beckley.

The winners of the first leg never got any wine because the Captain said that was the tradition. The 2nd leg winners

did get wine. No comment.

Our illustrious Captain then announced the overall winners for the 2016 Championship. The A Division winners were, first, Theo Pelser with a net 111, followed by Buks Triegaardt on 115 and in third place was Paul Spencer on 116.

Vaughan Smith took the B Division honours with a total of 74 points. It was heartrending to hear him explain that he thought that his victory was largely due to his handicap of 14. He was followed by Dave Wright after a countout with John L-B both on 66.

However, the Club Champion for 2016 with the best gross score of the competition was Buks Triegaardt. Mooi so Boetie!

HANNA AND KILSHANE GALBALLY JUMP TO SUCCESS

Seventeen year old local Hanna Butler, has been riding her Irish Sport Horse, Kilshane Galbally for 5 years on the competitive circuit, working closely with her coach, Danielle Pieters.

This year she started competing late in the year due to a fall but has still stormed up through the junior section of the South African Show Jumping (SASJ) rankings in her 1.10m grade to end the year ranked number one in the Western Cape and number six nationally.

Next year Hanna looks forward to moving into the 1.20m classes and continuing her show jumping career on a national level.



Ladies Golf Christmas Competition

A bevy of gorgeous ladies, bedecked in their Christmas finery, gathered at Sedge Links on the 9th December to play 'Crazy Golf' as their Christmas competition.

The weather, as has become the norm on Fridays, challenged the eager players with sun, wind and finally rain. However, with indomitable spirit, the ladies withstood everything that nature flung at them and enjoyed a fun morning's golf; despite leaving the course in a far wetter and more bedraggled state than when they started!

Team Meg Isherwood, Kandy Grieve, Marina v.d. Westhuizen and Charlene Blacker emerged the triumphant winners on a score of 88, proving that they could do maths, as well as play golf! Elize MacKenzie Blom won the prize for 'most birdies' for the quarter.

The prize for best dressed was a tough choice with the winner



Sedgefield's fabulous Golfing Girls in their finery!

being our very own 'Father Christmas' Moraig Macleod; with Joy Herbst claiming 2nd prize with her glamorous t-shirt.

A most enjoyable luncheon was had at Tea for Two after the game. Our thanks go to Ronel

and her staff for providing this lunch. Thanks too to Jane Simon and Kandy of Sotheby's for providing the wine and Ruth of Nibbles for kindly sponsoring some of the prizes.

BOWLS TIDBITS

TORTOISE APPEAL

Please be aware that tortoises are starting to make their presence known in and around the Club and in the roads. Please take extra care when entering or leaving the Club and check under your cars!!

CLUB OPEN SINGLES

The semi-finals were played yesterday and it is hoped that the final will be played tomorrow (Thursday) – please check with Jennie and Dave and please come and show your support. There have been some interesting results as this tournament has progressed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Cloud Nine will be playing for this occasion and the charge is R75 per head. Bring your own food and there will of course be a cash bar.

The talk by Ian McEwan on his experiences in Botswana drew a large audience and was a most interesting and informative talk enjoyed by all. A sum of R1,400 was donated to Cornerstone which

was very much appreciated. Many thanks to Ian!!

A special word of thanks to Ros MacMillan who came out of her sickbed to hang the blackout curtains in the clubhouse and to Mike Hammond for the organisation!!

COACHING

Rose Potgieter is taking a break from coaching and this will recommence on 12th January 2017.

CLUB NEWS

A warm welcome to Ron Pryke and Doug Watson (our Swallows) who have arrived to enjoy some South African sunshine. Always good to have you with us.

Good to hear that Dawid's wife is making a good recovery!

Our good wishes to James who suffered a nasty spider bite which put him in hospital for a few days. Trust you are fully recovered, James!!

Our warmest wishes to Ina Moulton who is joining the prestigious group of Octogenarians later this month!! Many happy returns, Ina, and enjoy your time with your family.

The Festive Season is upon us and Sedgefield is buzzing with visitors already. Good wishes to you all for a Blessed Christmas and we trust that 2017 will be a good year. To those travelling, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return.

Good bowling everyone
OFF THE MAT



Christmas Smiles for Young Patients

A specialist surgical team from the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital (RCWMCH) in Cape Town flew into George recently to perform critical facial reconstructive surgeries as part of the George Hospital Mini Smile week, sponsored by GDS Technologies.

This is the third consecutive George Hospital Mini Smile Week, which took place from 28 to 30 November 2016. Over the past two years this initiative has assisted more than 19 children from the Central Karoo and Eden District between the ages of six months and 16 years.

This year, 17 children from George, Knysna and Oudtshoorn aged between 1 and 17 years under went a total of 20 reconstructive surgeries for cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial anomalies, giving these children the chance to live their lives with less pain and discomfort and, it is anticipated, greater joy.

Smile Foundation's Moira Gerszt notes that historically, all these children would have had to travel to the RCWMCH in Cape Town for treatment. However, through valuable partnerships formed between Smile Foundation and the country's academic and regional hospitals,

this is no longer the case.

“Without the commitment of this outreach programme, such progress could not have been made. The collaboration of these hospitals together with Smile to offer these types of surgical interventions so close to local communities has proved very positive.

We thank the George Hospital CEO, Michael Vonk, and his administration staff for trusting this partnership, and we look forward to extending this support to the local patient base even further in the years to come. Without our donor Neeren Ramharakh from GDS Technologies, this collaboration would not have materialised, and we thank him for his passion and ongoing commitment to this project,” says Gerszt.

“Around 17% of the patients who go to the RCWMCH for cleft lip and palate conditions come from the Garden Route area. The waiting list at the hospital for these children is between seven and nine months. These young patients would typically have to return to the hospital six times for consultations and follow-ups, costing around R5000 per child. This money would have to come out the parents' own pockets. But with many of these families working on farms in the southern Cape region, these are costs they just cannot cover. Unfortunately, children fall through the cracks because of this system; one child undergoing surgery next week is already four years old, yet should have had this surgery at three months of age.

This drives home the significance of the George Hospital Mini Smile Week in being able to bring these surgeries direct to the local community,” explains the RCWMCH's Dr Saleigh Adams, who adds there is such demand for these surgeries, that two



theatres are now needed at the George Hospital.

GDS Technologies says its sponsorship of the Mini Smile Week forms part of its broader strategy to nurture a sense of fulfilment within the company.

“Without the passion and commitment to help others, specifically those who are most vulnerable in our communities – our children – we feel a sense of lack, of incompleteness. Being part of this special life journey with Smile Foundation provides that fulfilment and completeness we aim to achieve. GDS Technologies is proud to be associated with Smile Foundation and thankful to play a role in providing the life-changing gift that is these vital reconstructive surgeries,” says Neeren Ramharakh, CEO of GDS Technologies.

“The Smile week has become a highlight on the George Hospital calendar. It's result of a partnership between several organisations, all working together towards a common goal. However, it's the partnership that has built up between the people, even more than the partnership between the organisations that makes the Smile Week such a tremendous success. It's always a privilege to see the team in action and to witness their passion, professionalism and team work in caring for these young patients,” says Michael Vonk, Chief Executive Officer of the George Hospital.

FRESH START Swop Shop

“Helping people to help themselves” is the aim of FreshStart Sedgefield. At the heart of this small charity is the Recycle SwopShop in Smutsville. On a Wednesday afternoon during school terms, you'll find a line of children curving out of the school's parking area, up the sidewalk and past the Church of the Resurrection. It is a strange sight this line with bulging bags of glass, plastic, paper, cardboard and tin, abuzz with excited chatter, slowly crawling forward.

recycle

Once they get to the front of the line, the bags are weighed and recyclables “swapped” for mula points. The points are recorded on their card and they get a “personal shopper” to help them find a treasure; be it a toy, stationery, toiletries or clothing. Points can also be saved towards buying expensive items like a brand new soccer ball or Barbie, or a pre-loved bicycle. Thysie Coetzee saved every point he earned from February until November to buy his very own bike. He helped himself and made his own dream come true!!



I think the SwopShop is like a healing garden of the soul for the soft hearts of the children. These children face many challenges at home – sometimes abuse, the parents have marital problems, many challenges. For the time that they are at the SwopShop, they can get new strength to face these challenges and for the hour or so that they stay at the Shop, they can forget about their problems.

play

You know, us parents, we don't have time to read stories with our children. We come home late and we are tired. But they come to SwopShop and there is story time, they play with toys and do crafts. That is why I say it is like a healing garden to the soul. *(Volunteer, Lindiwe Ngyenge)*



Being a volunteer is one of the most heart-warming and at the same time heart-breaking things I've ever done. Normally I play 'personal shopper' to our industrious village-cleaning shoppers and more often than not, I learn about love from them. There was this boy who ran for the clothes when it was his turn to shop. He found a pair of very nice pants and a shirt for himself, something for his sister and then he saw the big teddy bear. When we calculated that he did not have enough points to afford the clothes and the bear, he put his clothes back so he could get the bear - a present for his mom - and his sister's present.

shop

Two years ago, Jennifer and Antony Tooley invited me to come to Sedgefield (from Hamburg, Germany) and help as a volunteer with all of FreshStart's activities. Now I've been part of this amazing team of volunteers for 15 months, and I've come to know and love them all, especially the children who spend their Wednesday afternoons at the Swopshop. It's been a privilege to witness the project grow and evolve, the number of attending children soaring, as well as the heaps of recyclables. This is a perfect community project which makes everyone involved a winner, and I just wish that all our supporters and donors could come and spend some time with us on a Wednesday to see that their donations truly make a difference!

give

(Irene Wiesinger)

I had to discreetly wipe away my tears, hoping his mom and sister would appreciate their presents, unaware of his sacrifice. Angels walk among us, some in the form of naughty little boys in dusty, torn clothes. *(Marianne Joubert)*



The SwopShop is sustained through the gracious, generous giving of the community: volunteers giving of their time, people donating children's toys and clothes, or buying stationery and toiletries for the shop. This year, cupcakes, boerie rolls, fruit and healthy ice lollies were part of the treats passed on to the “recycle shoppers”. Some people came to visit and see what we're doing, The Edge published our stories and photos, “friends of FreshStart” came to read stories or play games with the kids. Many hands worked together to weave a beautiful tapestry of joy, hope and love into the lives of hundreds of Smutsville children.

THANK YOU to our wonderful donors and supporters; you literally keep the SwopShop stocked and the wheels rolling!!
Want to know more? Go to the website, www.freshstart.org.za send an email to schalklida@gmail.com or phone Schalk van As on 082 413 8363.

CHURCH SERVICES

AGS Lighuis
H/v Waterfront Dr & Tide Str
Knysna (Oorkant Fruit & Veg)
Dienste : Sondae: Erediens 9h30
Sondagskool (Snr & Jnr) 8h45
Woensdae : Selbyeenkoms 19h00
Donderdae : Bybelskool 18h30
Kontak : Kerkkantoor 044 382 6551
Sekretaresse 072 189 0215

Anglican Chapelry of St. Aidan's,
Wilderness
(JUST ABOVE THE WILDERNESS HOTEL)
Sundays

8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion Service.
Fifth Sunday of month 5.30 p.m.
Evensong, and no 8.00 a.m. Holy
Communion Service.
Christmas Day 25th December 2016:
Holy Communion Service, 7.30 a.m.
and 9 a.m.

Phone: Nic Hanekom 044 850 1925 or
Hercules Keyser 044 850 1009

Anglican Sedgfield : See St Francis

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

Church of the Resurrection
(CPSA - Anglican)
David Curry Ave, Smutsville
For service times contact
Petronella Buis 084 252 1698
Deo Gloria
Paradise Lake 09h30 Afrikaans.
KINDERKERK.
Aand dienste : 18h00 English.
Woensdagaande : 19h00 LERING
Navrae: Past Danie & Karin de Bruyn
044 343 1301 or 084 714 7023
Br Aintree 044 343 2690

Elohim gemeente
Protea gemeenskapsaal - Karatara
Sondae: 09:00, Kinderkerk tydens diens
Kerkkantoor: 082 896 6387
Pastoor: Hansie Strydom

EVANGELISCH-LUTHERISCHE
GEMEINDE SÜDKAP
SOUTHERN CAPE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CONGREGATION
Gottesdienste Dezember 2016 --
Worship Services December 2016
Rondevelehoogte

Sonntag 18. Dezember um 10:00 Uhr --
Sunday 18 December at 10:00 --
Sondag 18 Desember om 10:00
Dreisprachiger Adventsgottesdienst --
Trilingual Advent celebration --
Drietalige Adventviering
Peter Lor & Martin Detering
Tee en koffie word na die diens bedien

24. Dezember: Heilig Abend um 17: Uhr
- 24 Desember Oukersaand om 17:00
Weihnachtsgottesdienst/ Kersfeesdiens
Pastor Wolf von Kilian

31. Dezember (Alljahrsabend) um
17:00 Uhr
Abendmahlsgottesdienst in Deutsch am
Silvesterabend
Pastor Wolf von Kilian

Routeanwysungen/Directions/Rigtinga
anwysings: Peter Lor 076 649 3050

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

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

Methodist Sedgfield : See St Francis

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

New Apostolic Church
Sedgfield Congregation
Plumbago Street, Sedgfield
Wednesday 19h30pm - 20h30pm
Sunday 9.00am to 10am
Enq: Anthony Davis - 083 641 5027

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

NG Kerk Die Veie, Hoekwil
Kerkstraat.
Kerkkantoor 044 850 1610
Sondag Eredienste:
April - September: 09:30
Oktober - Maart: 09:00
Leraar: Ds. Dawie le Roux
Tel. 044 850 1640; Sel: 084 532 9958

Pinkster Protestante Kerk
Pentecostal Church
Masedonie Gemeente Smutsville
Sondae: 9 - 10vm Sondag Skool;
10 - 12nm Ere Diens
Herderspaar : Pastoor Joseph en
Sust Ooshuizen 073 668 0995

Presbyterian Sedgfield :
See St Francis

Sedgfield Christian Church
Sunday services @ 09h30
Friday evenings Unashamed Youth
Pastor Juan & Tammy Pienaar
081 749 2534
info@sedgfieldchurch.co.za

Sedgfield Seventh-day
Adventist Church
Saturday mornings:
9:15 Song Service and Bible Study,
11am Divine Service in
Sedgfield Municipal Boardroom.
Ph 081 270 7212

St Anthony's Church
Mass - Sundays 8.00am
Weds & Fridays 9:30am
Mass times over Christmas
and New Year
24 December 10.00pm
25 December 8.00am
28 December 9.30am
30 December 9.30am
1 January 8.00am
Cnr Sysie / Flamingo Streets
044 382 1391

St Francis United Church
Communion Service 8.00am
Family Service & Sunday School 9.30am
Communion Service 9.30am -
(4th Sunday of month)
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Eve. Church open
from 5pm - 7pm
for Communion and prayer.
Christmas Day
7.30am Communion Service
9.30am Family Service
Cnr Swallow Drive / Pelican Lane
044 3431702

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

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

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

Village People

by Ginny Viner

This week's Village Person, is really more of a Global Person, who is at home everywhere. He is celebrating a birthday this month, and everyone is invited to share the celebration. He is a person of great love, peace, patience and empathy, so let's take some time to sit and chat to Jesus of Nazareth

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

I was born in Bethlehem in Judea, but after spending my very early years in Egypt , I grew up in the town Nazareth

How do you relax ?

I try to spend some time every day quietly, alone, praying and meditating. Sometimes I walk by or on the water.

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

Carpentry, I am creative by nature, and my earthly father taught me his trade from when I was a boy. He was a very good carpenter and had his own furniture making business. For a time in Judea I was a miracle - worker, preacher and healer. Lately I've been more involved with social work, counselling, caring for sick people and providing food and shelter for those in need, but I'm still very creative, you would be amazed at how creative I can be when it comes to caring and provision.

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

A fish braai on the beach, with my friends.

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

World Peace, sorry let me amend that Universal Peace (there's quite a lot of stuff you folk aren't aware of yet).

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

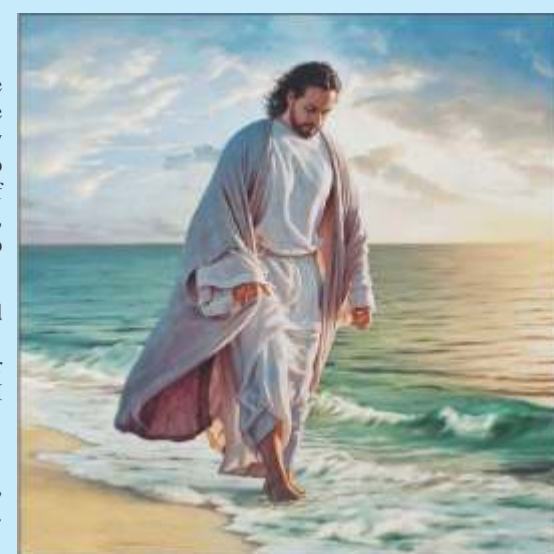
Earth, it's so beautiful, isn't it? So intricate and diverse, so interesting - I love the world so much, I plan to go back one day.

If I were a cartoon character I think I would be Oh dear that's a hard question, Snoopy maybe, because he has such a good heart , and I love dogsand cats, and donkeys and sheep and spiders and moles, tortoises, snakes, giraffes and gorillas, I must stop now or I'll use up the whole page, but you get the idea I'm sure.

What do you read ?

I read people, they are so fascinating, I love to delve into a new person and read what's on their life pages, everyone I pick up is unique, isn't it just amazing? Everyone has a story, and every story contains drama, tragedy, romance and more than a few challenges. I love happy endings best , if it were entirely up to me every life story would have a joyful ending.

Jesus the Christ



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

I so enjoy hearing the Herald Angels sing, let me tell you , there is nothing quite like the Heavenly Host for making joyful music, but I also enjoy hearing people singing for joy, wherever they may be, in church buildings , on the beach, in their garden, in the shower, Joyful singing lifts the soul to heaven!

Christmas, your birthday, is being celebrated later this month, in a few words can you tell us what you think about Santa Claus and the fact that Christmas seems to be more centered on him than on you?

It really doesn't bother me, why should it? I'll be around long after Santa has been pensioned off by public opinion. Anyway, he's good fun isn't he ? and he gets all those little children behaving `nice ' not being so naughty for a while , which gives their dear parents a break. The other thing about Santa is that he promotes `giving' and generosity, and that can only be good. Santa and I love each other, we're good friends- always have been way back from when he was Saint Nicholas.

And Christmas trees and decorations and all that glittery stuff ?

It's my birthday, let's celebrate !

Do you mind me asking how old you are this birthday ?

I don't mind you asking at all , but it's a difficult question to answer because I've always been, I was, I am and I always will be, sorry, I know it's not easy for you to understand, but I am what I am.

What constitutes a `real treat' for you ?

Being welcomed by some-one new and unexpected, that's the best!

Will you be doing that on your birthday ?

I sincerely hope so

Please complete this sentence; I think Sedgfield is ... a place where I feel very much `at home'.

The Birth of Jesus

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



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

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

Perhaps this noble quality is one of the reasons God chose him to

be the Messiah's earthly father.

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

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

Out in the fields, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks of

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

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

After Jesus' birth, Herod was king of Judea. At this time wise men (Magi) from the east saw a

star, they came in search, knowing the star signified the birth of the king of the Jews. The wise men came to the Jewish rulers in Jerusalem and asked where the Christ was to be born. The rulers explained, "In Bethlehem in Judea," referring to Micah 5:2. Herod secretly met with the Magi and asked them to report back after they had found the child. Herod told the Magi that he too wanted to go and worship the babe. But secretly Herod was plotting to kill the child.

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

WILDERNESS BRIDGE CLUB

30 November 2016 ---5 Table Howell 1st Leslie Farnaby / Johan Steyl 61.6%	7 December 2016 -- 6 Table Howell 1st Bella Scoccia / Barbara van der Noort 67.7%
2nd Iain Campbell / John Kidson 60.7%	2nd Tuula Penttila / Matti Penttila 61.5%
3rd Joy Amm / Ida Hopp 55.1%	3rd Leslie Farnaby / Johan Steyl 56.8%

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

SEDGFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

28th November 2016 1st Meg Isherwood / Johan Steyl 62.50%	5th December 2016 1st Paddy & Bernard Sheridan 62%
2nd Leslie Farnaby / Pam Day 59.26%	2nd Meg Isherwood / Johan Steyl 57%
3rd Paddy & Bernard Sheridan 56.94%	3rd Lorna Jones / Mike Holgate 48%

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

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 Books, Coffees & Cakes
 Toasties & Shakes
 Take Aways & Wi-fi

Montecello Seafood & Grill
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Tiffany's
 Bed 'n Breakfast • Tea Garden & Pub
 Wishing all our regulars and visitors a prosperous 2017
Sunday 18 December
Sunday Lunch
 Booking Essential (Book by 16 December)
Sunday 25 December
Christmas Lunch
 Fully Booked
Saturday 31 December
Come and celebrate New Year
 with us in our garden
 See out the old year and bring in 2017
 Full Bar & Light Meal Available
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 Vleis tafel oop vanaf 9h00
 Kom kuier lekker saam

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GENEROUS GENTLEMEN GOLFERS

 On Tuesday 13 December Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf Club handed a delighted Gilda Scammell of The Living Cornerstone home for those suffering from Alzheimer's a whopping Christmas gift of R3400.
 The golfers raised this money for the worthy charity through raffles held at their annual Christmas dinner. In the picture are Jan (wife of the Club Captain Brian Gerard) John MacGregor and Gilda Scammell.

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VINTAGE AIR RALLY NEARLY HERE

The Vintage Air Rally flies into South Africa on Monday morning from Gaberone where there was an impressive display of vintage cars to meet them as was the case a few days earlier in Bulawayo.

During the course of this week the Rally will fly from Baragwanath to Gariep Dam where they will overnight on Wednesday and then to Plettenberg Bay where they will sleep on Thursday night. On Friday, 16 December the Rally will land at the scenic George Airport from 06h45 and is expected to depart from approximately 08h30 on their last leg to Stellenbosch. The South Cape Old Car Club will have over 20 vehicles on display at the AIFA Academy to welcome the Vintage Aircraft.

A dozen biplanes taking part in the Vintage Air Rally (VAR) are bound for a Cape Town Grand Finale on the 16th of December, having just done a world first fly-over the Victoria Falls.

The aircraft dating from the 1920s and 1930s took off on November 12 from the Greek island of Crete on their 13 000 kilometre (8 000-mile) journey to Cape Town.

The Vintage Air Rally has in just under a month been following in the footsteps of the pioneering flights of the 1920s which connect some of the most beautiful and evocative points in Africa.

It is the largest group of vintage biplanes to attempt the journey across Africa, with teams from a dozen countries including Britain, Canada, France,

Germany, South Africa and the United States.

They've flown low along the Nile from Cairo to Khartoum, past the highlands of Ethiopia, the plains of Kenya and the home of African aviation in Nairobi.

Their journey has taken them past Kilimanjaro into the Serengeti and on to the spice island of Zanzibar.

And now after crossing Zambia to Victoria Falls, and being met by the Matabeleland Vintage & Classic Car Club in Bulawayo, they're set to end their journey in Cape Town.

One of the pilots Mark Oostingh, posted to the ZS-DNP VintageAirRally Crete2Cape Facebook page saying, "The flight over Vic Falls was not cleared for low level flying



initially but yesterday (Thursday) we were cleared for less than 500 ft over them. It was an iconic flight.

The Vintage Air Rally Facebook page reflects some excellent photographic footage of the last weeks travels, including the flight over Victoria Falls and the

visits to Bulawayo and Gaberone.

Any aviation and old car enthusiasts who wish to attend, please contact Rose Lewis on rose@george.org.za No entry will be authorised without prior accreditation.

PICK N PAY TRAILER WINNER



L-R: Seen above handing over the trailer are Richard Godfrey, Pick n Pay Manager, proud winner of the CADBURY Trailer John Moore, Cadbury's representative Mazur and Nadia.

TIDE TABLE Next Full Moon:
24 January 2017

14 December - 03 January 2017 ● Full Moon ● New Moon

Date	Low tides	High tides	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed 14	09:39 Sunrise 05:11	22:09 Sunset 19:36	03:38 Moonrise 20:02	15:55 Moonset 05:39
Thur 15	10:23 Sunrise 05:11	22:50 Sunset 19:36	04:22 Moonrise 21:02	16:40 Moonset 06:40
Fri 16	11:08 Sunrise 05:11	23:29 Sunset 19:37	05:05 Moonrise 21:54	17:23 Moonset 07:43
Sat 17	11:52 Sunrise 05:12	23:29 Sunset 19:37	05:48 Moonrise 22:40	18:06 Moonset 08:47
Sun 18	00:08 Sunrise 05:12	12:37 Sunset 19:38	06:32 Moonrise 23:21	18:49 Moonset 09:50
Mon 19	00:47 Sunrise 05:13	13:27 Sunset 19:39	07:19 Moonrise 23:58	19:36 Moonset 10:49
Tue 20	01:29 Sunrise 05:13	14:26 Sunset 19:39	08:11 Moonrise -	20:30 Moonset 11:47
Wed 21	02:19 Sunrise 05:14	15:50 Sunset 19:40	09:19 Moonrise 00:31	21:44 Moonset 12:43
Thu 22	03:33 Sunrise 05:14	17:30 Sunset 19:40	10:42 Moonrise 01:04	23:19 Moonset 13:38
Fri 23	05:17 Sunrise 05:15	18:37 Sunset 19:41	11:54 Moonrise 01:36	24:00 Moonset 14:31
Sat 24	06:30 Sunrise 05:15	19:24 Sunset 19:41	00:35 Moonrise 02:08	12:50 Moonset 15:24
Sun 25	07:18 Sunrise 05:16	19:59 Sunset 19:41	01:28 Moonrise 02:42	13:33 Moonset 16:17
Mon 26	07:57 Sunrise 05:16	20:32 Sunset 19:42	02:09 Moonrise 03:19	14:10 Moonset 17:11
Tue 27	08:31 Sunrise 05:17	21:03 Sunset 19:42	02:44 Moonrise 03:58	14:43 Moonset 18:03
Wed 28	09:05 Sunrise 05:18	21:33 Sunset 19:42	03:15 Moonrise 04:42	15:16 Moonset 18:54
Wed 29	09:37 Sunrise 05:18	22:03 Sunset 19:43	03:46 Moonrise 05:30	15:48 Moonset 19:44
Thur 30	10:10 Sunrise 05:19	22:33 Sunset 19:43	04:17 Moonrise 06:20	16:20 Moonset 20:30
Fri 31	10:44 Sunrise 05:20	23:04 Sunset 19:43	04:49 Moonrise 07:15	16:53 Moonset 21:14
Sat 01	11:19 Sunrise 05:21	23:38 Sunset 19:43	05:22 Moonrise 08:12	17:29 Moonset 21:55
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Mon 03	00:14 Sunrise 05:22	12:43 Sunset 19:44	06:41 Moonrise 10:10	18:50 Moonset 23:10

THE SPORTS EDGE

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BEACH FESTIVAL BRINGS A DAY OF FUN

The annual Citta Slow Fun Run and Beach Festival, December 23rd, will once again be hosted by the Sedgfield branch of Knysna & Partners and Sotheby's Sedgfield. "And for our fourth year we are glad to welcome Misfits Studio to the organisation committee," says Belinda Hobson, Knysna & Partners' Sedgfield manager.

She says Misfit Studio will be co-ordinating this year's 5km Citta Slow Fun Run which will be held along two of the five beaches Sedgfield has to offer.

"We ask for a R5 entry fee for children and R10 for adults. As with all the activities planned in the programme, all entry proceeds will go to The National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) of South Africa."

The Fun Run will be followed by an amateur sand-sculpting competition, the theme for which will be announced closer to the time on the festival's Face book Page- *The Sedgfield "Citta Slow" Beach Festival*. Entry is R80 for up to six people in a team and will be available at Sedgfield Tourism Office, Cycleworx and Sotheby's Sedgfield.

"This competition is great fun and an interactive way for families to get creative and connect," said Belinda.

The Sotheby's team will once again organise the Beach Treasure Hunt that will no doubt delight the little ones as much as it has in previous years.

"The treasure hunt has always

proved to be a very spirited affair in past," concluded Hobson.

Sponsors of the sand castle building, treasure hunt and egg toss include Lew Geffen Sothebys International Realty, Pine Lake Marina, Van Tonder Incorporated, Ooba, Zinka sunscreen, Aquaman, Eden Adventures, Pick n Pay, Lemon & Lime, Sedge Links Golf Club, Lizzy's Hair & Beauty and Hospitality & Home.

As in previous years, this year's festival offers fabulous prizes received from the many generous sponsors - some long-standing, some new. Anyone wishing to sponsor or contribute to this Charity Event should please send Belinda an email to belinda@visitknysna.co.za.

For further information contact the Sedgfield branch of Knysna & Partners on 044 343 2007.

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- sand castle building competition
- treasure hunt
- egg toss challenge & more!

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