

DON'T HESITATE - VACCINATE!



With the third wave of COVID-19 hitting the Garden Route, the call to residents to register and get vaccinated is louder than ever.

Residents aged 60 years and over are urged to have their COVID-19 vaccination after making sure they are registered on the Government Portal vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za. Various vaccination points are open around Knysna, with the Sedgefield Clinic administering doses this week on Wednesday 30 June, Thursday 1 July and Friday 1 July, and next week on Monday 5 July, Thursday 8 July and Friday 9 July. They will be accepting 50 appointment vaccinations and 50 walk-ins each day.

"The rate of infection is increasing dramatically in Greater Knysna,"

said Acting Municipal Manager Dawid Adonis. "Where we had zero recorded active cases just a few short weeks ago, 165 active cases had been recorded by Thursday 24 June. Only three days later, this number had jumped to 211 active cases by Sunday 27 June."

The Department of Health recorded a spike of 60 new infections in Knysna from 21 to 24 June. "Knysna recorded 27 new active cases in less than 24-hours between Wednesday and Thursday last week alone," said Adonis. "This sudden jump is a frightening indicator of what may lie ahead of us if we do not act

now and strictly adhere to the newly imposed amended Level 4 lockdown regulations."

"We have gone beyond asking our residents to stay safe," said Adonis. "We are now pleading with you to do all you can to curb the spread of this deadly virus. Please, do not wait to be placed under Level 5 of lockdown again, stay away from gatherings – even attending a book club or stokvel meeting during this time could prove dangerous or deadly and is prohibited."

Public halls and sports facilities will be closed, and no more than 50 people are allowed to attend a

funeral or cemetery at the same time. Beaches and parks are still open, but no gatherings will be allowed at either. "At a district level, we will ask the SAPS to assist us in enforcing these public protocols if necessary," Adonis confirmed. "Museums and libraries are closed to patrons, but those who require assistance in registering for their vaccines may still visit any of our libraries to do so."

"All essential services will be rendered. However, certain municipal buildings are closed to the public unless per prior appointment. The banking hall of the customer care centre remains open for the time being," he continued. "We are also implementing more stringent internal prevention measures. All Council and administrative meetings will take place virtually, and we will ensure that our staff adhere to internal regulations and safety measures."

"Please register to receive your vaccine as soon as you can and be sure to attend your appointment at the specified location, on the specified day, in the appointed time slot," Adonis concluded. "We all knew that this pandemic would be with us for the foreseeable future, and we all knew that we would have to change our behaviour to keep ourselves, others and our economy safe. Please act responsibly and help us to keep Knysna inclusive, innovative, inspired and safe." As of 1 July people 50 years and older may register for the Covid vaccine on vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za.

PLEASE GIVE OUR RESTAURANTS YOUR SUPPORT

There's no doubt that our restaurants and coffee shops are amongst the businesses hardest hit by the tight Level 4 lock-down regulations, what with no patron seating allowed and no alcoholic drinks to be sold, they have to rely purely on take-aways.



Fortunately, the kind-hearted Sedgefield community has embarked on a social media drive, calling everyone to support their favourite eateries whenever possible – just to make sure they are still in business when the lock-down is lifted.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Wink, wink – “I’ll send you a link.”

Hmmmm.... It seems that this is the latest escape clause used by those whose minds have ventured into what I call the ‘Far Deep’ ... Especially when they are talking to people of a far less... er.... ‘nutty’ variety than themselves...

People like me.

Don’t get me wrong – I am certainly not saying that I have spent my days on this planet being wholly ‘sensible’, not even halfway there.

After all – there’s the 1989 incident with the clown suit, the tandem bicycle and the nightclub....(I’m not sure it made the papers here?).

And, now the Statute of Limitations at Mount Pleasant High School is surely over, I’m also willing to admit to my leading role in the historic ‘Buried Motorbike’ occurrence that left poor Mr Pugh, the 3A English master, flummoxed (and walking) for an entire term.

But neither of these incidents nor countless others I have been... um... allegedly involved in over the years have qualified me for Full Nutter status.

Perhaps I’m a semi-nutter, as opposed (sometimes VERY opposed) to a Registered Pedigree Nutty Nutter (nowadays with extra nuts added....) like the fellow with the twitchy eye sitting opposite me who was wanting to send me a link.

It was my own fault. I had been the one who had chosen to challenge him, after all.

Not that I wanted to be rude, but I was deeply concerned that if I nodded in agreement after his first diatribe, he might carry on. And on.... and on.... and then we might BOTH end up joining Conspiracy Alice down that rabbit hole, one which I really didn’t want to go down.

I adjusted my mask and noted that the fellow would have been easier to talk to if he had worn one himself because then I wouldn’t have had to keep leaning back.

“Don’t you see – it’s all about THEM getting control of your life?” he hissed at me.

This both annoyed and intrigued me, and my mind began to wonder... The big question was, of course, when did he become a hisser? I was sure he had never



hissed at school.

No. At school, he had been a normal, down to earth fellow whose only point of difference was that his mother had been a worse hair-cutter (only just) than mine. Which was, of course, why I hung out with him. Well, that and the fact that this same mother (his, not mine, thank goodness) ran a bakery – which obviously took up all that time she should have used brushing up (see what I did there?) on her barbering abilities, perhaps studying a chapter or two of Haircutting for Dummies.

And now here he was, hissing conspiratorially at me. (Is that a word? It should be.)

“Don’t be a SHEEP. Do the RESEARCH!” he hissed on.

This was another standard line, though one which I was ready for. Or one for which I was ready (just in case Mr Pugh is reading this).

“Well, actually,” I interjected.

I felt quite posh – interjecting. Because it’s so much nicer, isn’t it? Interjecting is what conversationalists who are cool, calm and collected do. Other more common folk ‘interrupt’ or, worse yet, ‘butt in’, but those of us with manners simply ‘interject’.

I was hoping he would notice my politeness and listen up because I was about to embark on my List of Intelligent Facts. Facts that I had memorised. Facts that would, I was sure, more than impress a person like him who, if I remembered correctly (but was far too polite to point out), had battled more than a little with General Science in form three and pretty much failed maths, which is why, since then, he had always ended up paying for more than his fair share of drinks (shhhhhh).

But he interrupted me. Rudely butting in like his mamma ain’t never taught him no manners.

“And when I say research,” he

blurted, “I don’t mean those ‘Medical Experts’ that the ‘Main Stream Media’ uses.”

I was mesmerised. He was actually doing air quotes with his fingers as if this would officially dismiss any credibility that the world’s leading doctors and, indeed international news outlets, might have somehow erroneously acquired over the last few decades.

“I am talking about PROPER research – like on YOUTUBE.”

“But can’t you see?” I interjected again, not wanting to stoop to his level, “That’s all just conspiracy...”

I think that ‘conspiracy’ word may have hurt his feelings. Or at least his saliva glands, because he started frothing more than the average Cappuccino.

Indeed the coffee shop waiter, coincidentally placing a Cappuccino on the table in front of me at that very moment, looked somewhat dejected.

And hurting my friend’s feelings wasn’t something I really wanted to do. I don’t normally have a problem with conspiracies; you see, I have invented a number of them myself. Like back at school (again), all those years ago, when I was trying to explain to Yea Olde Teacher of Historic Occurrences that my baby brother had allegedly destroyed my written project on Germany’s 1914 invasion of France at the beginning of World War 1.*

(*Hang on – this may need some clarification. It was the invasion of France that happened at the beginning of World War One, not the Baby Brother’s destruction of my homework. I am not THAT old.)

“But it’s not a coincidence, Sir,” I had boldly told the exceptionally well mono-browed history master, trying my hardest not to cower as he flexed that evil-looking length of Rattan cane inches from my face, “It must surely be part of my young brother’s plan to prevent me from leaving home to further my studies at university in the future. You see, with mom and dad working, I am the one who looks after him mostly, so he probably fears abandonment.” Whilst performing the last line I stared forlornly at my feet, even managing to squeeze out a tear.

I thought this would wash, as I had been careful to use the same excuse with almost all of my classes (except that of Ms Kidd, a particularly curvaceous Biology teacher, who somehow managed to get a 100% success rate when it came to male students handing in assignments). The thinking was (when I wasn’t thinking about Ms Kidd, that is) that when the teachers compared notes in the staffroom, they would notice a pattern in said baby brother’s behaviour and thus find my heartfelt alibi as convincing as it was touching.

Unfortunately, they apparently “Did the research” and totally debunked my theory, not to mention doling out some severe corporal punishment.

I guess it would have helped if I’d actually HAD a baby brother.

But I digress.

Back to this old mouth-frothing, ‘conspirational’ friend of mine.

“WELL,” he exclaimed in an urgent whisper, glancing about furtively and lowering his tone even further as the waiter approached our table with my second Cappuccino. “I have sent you the link. Watch it, and if you STILL trust the big corporates enough to let them put mind-altering poison into your body, you and the rest of the sheeple deserve EXACTLY what you get. The twitching eyes, the heart palpitations, the energy spikes, the sleeplessness....!”

As he stormed off, I picked up my phone, clicked on the link and watched a YouTube video appearing on my screen. Sinister music emphasised the seriousness of the bold message that flashed before my eyes.

“HOW COFFEE CORPORATES ARE TAKING CONTROL OF THE HUMAN RACE, ONE BEAN AT A TIME”, it read.... Then more sinister music.

“Now this I HAVE to watch,” I said, having another hefty gulp of my delicious Cappuccino...

“I’d be mad if I didn’t!”

FIONA FARES FAVOURABLY!

Congratulations to Fiona Petersen, who was the first young adult through the Pili Pili Youth Training Program, passing the training course with flying colours.

The course was launched a few months ago when the owners and management team of the popular restaurant decided to do their bit to help with the problem of local unemployment.

“We sponsored five applicants in a four-week training program worth R3500 per candidate.” said Manager Dawie Diedericks.

“This consisted of one week of waiter training, one week of bartender training and two weeks of kitchen training.”



Fiona was the first successful candidate to make it through, achieving an amazing 88% on her final overall test. This proved that she has what it takes to pursue her passion - a career in the hospitality industry. As well as receiving a certificate to mark her accomplishment, Fiona was rewarded with the best news ever – the offer of a permanent job at Pili Pili, which she didn't hesitate in taking up.

Dawie hopes that this will get the ball rolling and encourage other local businesses to invest in our youth.

If there is anyone interested in sponsoring such candidates, they can contact him at manager@pilipili.co.za. The next training next course will run from 1-31 August 2021.

SCARAB NEWS

Come Fly a Kite

“It was an obsession when I was 6 years old and over the years the passion grew” says Greg Mountjoy, the kite maker/flyer of some repute at the market. But Greg is not just a home-town boy. He is a veteran of international festivals having attended many as a featured guest in India, Malaysia, Thailand, New Zealand, France, Bali, Borneo and Germany. He won the best Creative Kite at the Desert Kite Festival in India. He has represented South Africa in the Inaugural World Fighter Kite Championships in France in 2004 and was second and third runner up in the International Rokokku Challenge in Malaysia. In 2017 Greg was one of the team from Peter Lynn Kites New Zealand that built the Hope Kite, the current Guinness record holder for the World’s Largest Kite. Quite simply, if you are interested in kites, big or small, come and see Greg at the market on Saturday morning. Just follow the kites!

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Municipality Investigates Water Management

According to Acting Knysna Municipal Manager Dawid Adonis, the Municipality is taking proactive steps in managing its constituency's wasteful water usage and demand on this natural resource. "We have entered into a partnership with experts in their field to assist us in our efforts to save water and reduce water demand," he said.

Consisting of Re-Solve Consulting (Pty) Ltd and Engineering Advice & Services (Pty) Ltd, The Re-Solve/EAS Joint Venture has been appointed to carry out various water-related critical services, investigations and interventions to assist the Municipality. Field teams will be performing their tasks throughout the Greater Knysna Municipal Area in the coming months. These include, but are not limited to:

- water meter audits;
- valve and fire hydrant audits;
- determining discreteness of supply zones;
- water network investigations; and
- specialised leak detection activities.

"We ask that residents accommodate these service providers and their field agents and cooperate during their investigations," urged Adonis. "Specific investigations may, unfortunately, affect water supply or pressure in certain areas, but residents in affected areas will be notified in advance. Please keep following our official social media accounts, local information groups and notices from ward councillors."

Field teams will be identifiable by

their identification cards, a letter signed by Knysna Municipality and brightly coloured, branded safety vests. Vehicles will be branded by either Re-Solve Consulting (Pty) Ltd or Engineering Advice & Services (Pty) Ltd.

"These investigations are vital to ensure that our infrastructure is up to date and to assist us in managing short- and long term demand for water," Adonis concluded. "Forward-thinking and proactive measures like these will allow us to create an inclusive, innovative, inspired – and water-secure – Knysna."

Queries may be directed to Mr Gerrit Bosman, the Re-Solve/EAS Joint Venture site representative at 073 837 9980, or the Municipal Water Division at 044 302 6300.

Sedge Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report

Groenvallei Meedingsride Area

Marigold / Fraser - 20/6 @ 23h55 - Intruder in complex looking through window. Fled premises when seen by a resident.

Grunter - 20/6 - Gas bottle stolen. Bottle recovered on 22/6 and returned to owner.

Mullet - 21/6 @ 02h40 - Attempted burglary from garage.

Fraser - 22/6 @ 12h40 - Suspect entered through open door & stole cellphone,

Sedgehill Area

Volstruis - 17/6 time unknown - Burglary & Malicious damage to property. House ransacked & many items missing.

Fish Eagle - 24/6 time unknown - Burglary. TV stolen.

Gull - 25/6 time unknown - Malicious damage to property. Car window smashed.

Village Area

Crane Walk - 18/6 @ approx 18h00 - Burglary. Flat

screen TV stolen. Suspect then walked up to Main Road & got into taxi with TV.

Pelican Lane - 18/6 @ approx 20h30 - Handbag stolen through open window.

Hammerkop - 22/6 during the night - Resident found their sliding gate off its rail.

Fisant - 26/6 between 15h00 & 17h00 - Burglary from garage. Numerous power tools stolen.

Myoli Beach

Myoli Beach - 26/6 @ approx 22h30 - Illegal discharging of firearm on dune / beach. 2

suspects arrested for illegally discharging a firearm in a municipal area & discharging a firearm while intoxicated.

Sedgefield Rural Area

Outward Bound / Cloud 9 Area - 17/6 time unknown - Burglary of unoccupied premises. Numerous items stolen.

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INTRODUCING LAKEVIEW ESTATE

The groundwork of a new development is soon to commence in Sedgefield on the vacant land at the end of Fraser Street, between Groenvlei and Groenvallei.

Aptly named, Lakeview Estate will provide another beautifully placed option for the increasing number of city folk looking to relocate to the Garden Route.

Whilst the development is a new addition to Sedgefield, the Boucher family behind it are long-time residents who are well known locally and have been in the construction industry for 26 years.

Clive and Layla Boucher acquired the 7.8 Hectare Property in 2010, with a long-term plan of creating a housing development that would offer the best of both worlds – the natural vista of Groenvlei and the sought-after lifestyle of village living.

In 2018 they felt the time was right to get the ball rolling and submitted plans to begin the lengthy application process for the 86 unit property development. This included initiating a comprehensive environmental impact study.

“We are delighted that the layout and design of the estate must surely have had merit as we had a 99% approval rate from residents living in nearby proximity,” said



Clive, “This was important to us because, after all, we will all be neighbours in the end.”

Full approval was granted by Knysna Municipality in 2020.

The entrance to the new Lakeview Estate will be at the end of Fraser Street, with further access at the back, though this will only be for the construction vehicles during the building process.

Security is a high priority, and the development will be surrounded by a two-metre high concrete wall with electrified fencing on top, as well as security cameras and controlled gate access. There will also be fibre internet connection.

It was equally important to the Boucher’s to ensure the estate maintained a natural ambience, especially because of its situation so close to the nature reserve. To

The Bouchers ‘breaking ground’ with their surveying team.

this end, they have included 2.8 hectares of private green belt. Of the remaining land, 3.4 hectares will accommodate the 86 three-bedroom units (including a small garden for each), and 1.2 hectares will be taken up by roads and services.

Whilst the initial ‘breaking ground’ to install the services in Lakeview Estate will commence in July, construction of the first units will begin early next year, with Clive taking a very hands-on approach.

Whilst prices are still being finalised, the Boucher’s say anyone wishing to register interest is welcome to do so via email at clive@lakeviewestate.co.za or layla@lakeviewestate.co.za.

THE CLEANEST SHOP IN TOWN!

ADVERTORIAL

In answer to many requests from Sedgefielders visiting their branches in Knysna and George, The Clean Shop team is opening a branch in Sedgefield and looks forward to showing you their extensive range of environmentally friendly products.

With more and more people choosing ‘Green’ options over chemicals that often have long-lasting adverse effects on the environment, there’s no doubt that this store will be a welcome addition to the village.

The Clean Shop is all about providing a wide range of effective domestic cleaning materials that are natural, affordable, healthy for our families, kinder to the planet and long-lasting. From kitchen cleaners to pet shampoos to dishwashing powder to laundry detergents to air fresheners and hand sanitisers – their range is more than substantial and available in bulk and standard containers sizes.

Owner Leander Classen is very excited to introduce their products to those who don’t know them because he knows that once Sedgefield locals have tried them, they will be fans forever.

“People love our products because they WORK,” he says proudly, “We have a hands-on approach, and not only sell but give advice. Our products are hand made to the highest standards and Eco Friendly/Biodegradable making them safe for our environment and septic tank.”

Leander explains that The Clean Shop is the brainchild of Jose Carreira, a chemical engineer who still formulates the products for the franchise.

“If we have a client that is looking for something specific, and we do not have it, Jose can formulate it in no time. So basically, we can sort out any cleaning issue with Jose on our side,” he says.

The franchise puts heavy emphasis on four specific pillars when formulating its products.

‘Gentle’ – The cleaning products must be gentle and safe for family and pets.

‘Versatile’ – They should be able to clean anything that exists in the average household

‘Effective’ – The formulae used should be proven to be more effective than regular mass-produced products available in retail stores.

‘Eco-Friendly’ – They must be a good choice for those who are environmentally conscious; this includes being septic tank friendly.

There are well over 100 products in the range. These include not only household cleaning products but also



Sedgefield local Eddie Herbert will be managing the Clean Shop.

those formulated for use outdoors, for pets, pool and car, and speciality products such as leather and wood treatments.

Leander, who has owned and run the George branch of The Clean Shop for two years, has no doubt that opening this new branch in Sedgefield is a good move. “Jose and I saw a massive gap in the village as we already have loads of local people buying from our George and Knysna stores,” he says, “The shopping centre on Swallow Street provides the perfect location – something that is very important for a retail outlet like The Clean Shop. We are delighted to be renting from John Godfrey, who is a well-known name in Sedgefield.”

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Knysna Final Budget VS Draft Budget

Questions have been raised by a number of parties regarding the sizeable differences between the Knysna Municipality's Draft Budget and the Final Budget, approved by Council on 31 May 2021.

At the end of March 2021, the Knysna Council had advertised the budget for the upcoming financial year as is required.

At the time, some business owners expressed that the proposed budget did not seem to take into account the COVID crisis year all had endured or indeed that the tough times will likely extend into the coming financial year, but simply included a flat percentage increase rate to all historical income streams.

"One would have expected some internal municipal savings to protect Greater Knysna residents. Inflation figures have been quoted in the region of 4% with the draft budget reflecting a flattish 6.1% across most tariffs (50% above inflation)," one local resident observed.

The budget went through the public participation process with comments being 'duly noted'. Thereafter the Mayoral Committee presumably applied its collective mind to the draft and the comments received and amended the document accordingly to form the Final Budget.

What has taken property-owning citizens by surprise is the discovery of some significantly large increases in tariffs in the final budget, which they say are very different to the figures presented in the draft budget which invited comment.

These include increases of:

Vacant Residential land rates up by 32.6%

Vacant Business land rates up by 112.2%

Private Open Space up by 112.2%

Guesthouses with eight or less rooms up by 76.8%

This has incensed more than a few residents and business people, so much so that they have called on local public organisations to challenge the council on the decision to approve it.

"It does seem strange that council would raise these tariffs by the amounts shown without any consultation with those that would be affected," said one businessman who asked to remain anonymous. "Why during a pandemic would

our Mayor/Council see fit to make these changes without consultation? If Council would like to see vacant land developed, they should rather incentivise the owner to do so."

Questions have also been asked as to why small guest houses are facing an increase of 76,8% in rates.

"With tourism – albeit pre-covid - having been a large component of Greater Knysna income, what would be the motivation to increase these rates during the largest setback our economy has endured?" asked one tourism operator, "A caring council should be looking to assist, not punish."

We asked several organisations for comment, and Sedgefield Residents and Ratepayers Association sent the following statement,

"The Sedgefield Residents & Ratepayers Association (SR&RA) is very concerned about the large increases in some of Knysna Municipality's tariffs that have been included in the annual budget for the new municipal financial year commencing 1 July 2021. These large increases, some of which are in excess of 30, 75 and 110 per cent on current Municipal rates tariffs, come at a time when all consumers and businesses are severely strained by the tough protracted economic circumstances amplified by the serious consequences of the ongoing COVID pandemic.

In addition to these increased rates tariffs, consumers are having to deal with the substantial increase in electricity charges of over 14.5 per cent, which also come into effect from July 2021.

From July, these Municipal Rates and Services increases are estimated to increase the total monthly municipal invoice by between 10.5 and 22 per cent to consumers and businesses at a time when the official national headline inflation is less than 4 per cent. All combined, these increases could not come at a worse time for already hard-hit consumers.

The SR&RA Committee is currently collaborating with the Greater Knysna Business Chamber on this very concerning matter and is in joint dialogue with the Municipality to find ways to reduce the financial impact that will affect most Sedgefield and Greater Knysna consumers from next month."

At the end of May 2021, the Knysna Municipality approved its tabled budget for the next financial year from 2021 to 2022. The budget was tabled in March this year and had been circulated and published for public comment.

Certain categories of the rates that were advertised in the tabled budget had changed quite dramatically, causing concern amongst certain of the members of the Greater Knysna Business Chamber who are directly affected by these substantial increases. These increases were not published and, as a result, deprived those affected members of an opportunity to provide their input and comment on the increases."

The Greater Knysna Business Chamber has also taken exception to the increases in the amended budget, with the following statement.

"Affected members of the public who may feel, for example, that a 6.1% increase in vacant land, vacant business zoned land and business guest houses with less than eight rooms (which appeared in the tabled budget) is reasonable, but that average increases of 32%, 112.2% and 76.8% for these same categories is not, have been deprived of the right to be heard regarding the Council's decision. The same applies to the tariff structures Council will now apply to sewerage and sanitation.

Because of this, the Chamber has engaged with the Knysna Municipality, expressing their member's concerns and requesting that serious consideration be given to resolving this problem. A constructive meeting in which ideas were exchanged was held on the 28th of this month with confirmation that a follow-up meeting will be held. Hopefully, a constructive approach will be adopted towards resolution of the one-sided situation.

The Chamber has been advised that this substantial increase cuts across its members right to participate in what constitutes an administrative decision. The Chamber has been referred to section 152(1) of the Constitution and to a reported decision of a court in the case of

Kungwini Local Municipality v Silver Lakes Home Owners Association (26) which found that

"residents in a Municipal area must be properly and optimally informed of what their financial obligations will be should amendments be implemented and that a procedure whereby residents are in effect presented with a fait accompli, in that the rates increases are implemented and enforced prior to the expiry of the period allowed for the lodging of objections to such increases, does not 'encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in matters of local government', as is required by s 152(1)(e) of the Constitution. Nor does it constitute 'democratic and accountable government for local communities' – one of the objects of local government in terms of s 152(1)(a) of the Constitution. The stance of the Municipality in this regard – which amounts to 'pay now and argue later' – can hardly be said to comply with the statutory injunction that '[a] municipality must in the exercise of its executive and legislative authority respect the rights of citizens and those of other persons protected by the Bill of Rights'.

As this is an important matter directly affecting a number of its members, the Chamber will keep its members and members of the public informed of progress on this issue."

The EDGE also sent a request to the Executive Mayor of Knysna Councillor Elrick van Aswegen, and representatives of the ANC and the DA parties.

The Mayor replied as follows.

"Council take into consideration (Continued on next page)

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LETTERS TO THE EDGE

Dear Ed,

We recently went away for a few days in an outlying beach suburb near Cape Town. In the evenings, we would walk through the town for dinner and often had to wait outside restaurants with their kitchens closing at 21h00 with a curfew of 22h00. It was off-season it was busy, older and younger generations coming together. The mornings were just as busy. It gave us hope for an economy and a sector that needs recovery. One night, after our dinner, we called the manager of one of the restaurants over to compliment her on her waitress's excellent service. She asked us where we were from, and we proudly told her Sedgefield, to which she replied, we have been there on holiday a few times, a beautiful town, but all the locals do is complain, we won't be going back. Well, for the first time in 2

decades, I was not proud to be a Sedgefielder; it also got me thinking since COVID19, Sedgefield has not recovered in spirit. Where is the Sedgefield from the fires? Why can't we be that town that is busy off-season? Why do we moan and make it a mission to stop new establishments from opening? Will we ever come back from COVID19 if we carry on like this? We need to make our holidaymakers feel welcome; we need to make Sedgefield their home away from home. I had so much hope and still do, but the attitude for change starts with all of us. Perhaps Sedgefield, it is time for some inner searching so that we can recover and become the town we once were. Proud, helpful to one another and the best tourism destination of the Garden Route.

Anon

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Mr Klaus Dieter Neumann

It is with great sadness that we inform everyone of Klaus Neumann's passing on 17 June 2021.

Petra, Ulrich, Christopher, Frederik, Doris, Dewald, Pete & Tanya

Knysna Final Budget VS Draft Budget

(Continued from page 5)

the comments that were received from the members of public as well as on social media pertaining to the budget and proposed tariffs.

Council responded to these comments in detail and also took into consideration some of the suggestions and comments made to council. Some of the questions were why the council / Knysna Municipality do not tax vacant land at a higher rate than developed land as a best practice. This is because it will encourage vacant land owners to develop their properties. Out of that debate, council then decided to implement a higher rate for vacant residential land then for developed residential land.

The tariff for vacant business land was significantly lower than normal business property; Approximately 75%. Council therefore decided to bring both vacant business land and business property in line with the same tariffs, by bringing them in line with the same tariff and the increase of 6.1% means an increase for vacant business land of 112%. Why should Business property that contributes to the economy of the town, whether purchasing or paying for services subsidise vacant business land whose prime object could only be to speculate.

Private open space were tariffed much lower than private roads, therefore council decided to make both tariffs the same

The tariff for accommodation establishment was brought into line across the board.

We have been engaging with the Greater Knysna Business Chambers over the above concerns, we will be having a follow up meeting to go into more detail."

Moyisi Magalela, the ANC Knysna Sub-Regional Secretary,

was also happy with the budget, saying:

"ANC Knysna congratulates the ANC Coalition in Knysna Council with the approval of the 2021/22 Budget. The budget presented by Executive Mayor Van Aswegen sets Knysna Municipality on a road to financial stability and focuses on the need of the most vulnerable groups in our society

"We support the focus on optimising the Municipality's revenue streams to ensure this Municipality renders services to our residents in a financially sustainable manner. We are elated by the shift of the ANC Coalition 'to change the status quo', focusing on the needs of the poor. We call on the Municipal staff and our communities to support the Council to ensure Municipal resources are applied effectively, efficiently and economically.

"We thank the public for their input in the budget process and wish the Executive Mayor and council success with implementing the budget and ensuring service delivery for all."

Meanwhile, Chief Whip of the DA in Knysna Council Levael Davies said that his party had indeed challenged the budget.

"At the budget Council meeting, the ANC Coalition proposed excessive increases to specific property rates targeting vacant land and guest houses. The DA objected on the grounds that public participation had already closed and that tariffs could not be increased without public participation. We then abstained to the budget in its entirety," he said.

At time of going to press this matter was being discussed in a Special Council Meeting at the Knysna Chambers – we will endeavour to report back on any new decisions made in future editions of The EDGE

In memory of the much-loved Gaynor Schoeman, a mosaic bench has been placed on Kingfisher Road, overlooking the Swartvlei lagoon. The commissioned bench is to commemorate Gaynor and tell the story of her life. With much thanks to all involved in its creation and decoration, but especially to Judy Bruwer for organizing, Petricia Pieterse for her time and skill to decorate the bench and to Cathy Weideman for assisting with securing the bench's prime position. None of this would have been possible without the Municipality who placed the bench and secured it within its cement base.

Please feel free to use the bench, take a stroll with your fur-friend, enjoy the view and think of the free spirit that was Gaynor Schoeman.



It's been a year since the Covid-19 sell-off. Where are we now?



PSG Wealth

By Adriaan Pask, CIO, PSG Wealth

It's been over a year since the Covid-19 panic sparked the fastest market sell-off in history. This time last year, investors did not yet know that the quickest sell-off on record was soon to be followed by a new record for the quickest recovery too. A year later, where are we now, and what lies ahead for investors?

Viewing the impact on SA in context

Emerging markets were particularly hard hit and experienced the biggest net capital outflow for a single quarter. During this market crash, we saw an indiscriminate sell-off in all asset classes, as there seemed to be no safe haven. Amid a strong US dollar environment, funds that maintained high exposure to growth assets such as equities experienced drawdowns in the first quarter when the overall equity market came under pressure, while exposure to environmental, social and governance (ESG) focused companies and conservatively positioned managers added significant protection in the 2020 downturn.

Over the past year, unemployment soared, GDP figures shrank, and economies were battered. The first quarter of 2020 also left investors' heads reeling as most capital markets entered bear market status with declines above 20% across the globe after the February 2020 sell-off. The JSE All Share Index lost 34% between February 2020 and March 2020, and the S&P 500 34% by 23 March 2020.

Where are we now?

However, when comparing data from January 2020 with January 2021, we can see that most global markets have not only made back losses but are also trading significantly higher. Moreover, when looking at 2020 from a long-term perspective, we can see that the crash was not only rectified quickly but in general, markets still traded at higher levels than the 2000 or 2008 crashes.

Expectations for equities

Although equity returns are highly unpredictable over short periods, we believe the rerating potential is significant. Our analysis suggests returns of inflation plus 8% through the cycle are plausible. History shows that investors should typically expect at least one drop of 20% or more over a five-year period, which is what transpired last year. This uncertainty is what drives the long-term equity premium and return, but if we expect it, we can mentally prepare ourselves that this is normal market behaviour. Our analysis also shows that offshore markets could deliver around 3% to 6% above global inflation over the next 10 years.



What can investors do now?

History shows that entering markets at prevailing multiples typically delivers returns on the lower end of the range, and in some cases well below that. However, given the high levels of monetary support, we believe some of the valuation risk is temporarily offset and delayed. Once again, we urge investors to carefully consider the impact of the next interest rate cycle on global assets before making asset allocation changes.

It is important to remember that investing is a long-term journey. Yes, in the moment, it can be incredibly daunting to see numbers fall especially at the percentages we saw last year. But focussing on the long term and sticking to your investment plan - even in dark periods – sets you up for optimal returns over time.

This is part of a series of columns on financial planning, brought to you by PSG Wealth, Sedgefield – primarily assisting clients with their investment planning, in conjunction with estate planning. Contact Greg Kilmartin on greg.kilmartin@psg.co.za. PSG Wealth, Sedgefield is part of PSG Konsult – the largest independent adviser network in South Africa and Namibia.

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ON PROPERTY....

It seems that in the Garden Route the property market has been little affected by the COVID pandemic, and Sedgefield in particular has shown anything but a decline in sales. Quite the opposite in fact.

Spend any amount of time in the village and surrounds and you will understand why more and more families are choosing to 'semigrate' to this town, which certainly offers the best combination of relaxed and secure lifestyle living, especially for those whose 'new normal' is working remotely.

Once seen as a 'sleepy retirement hollow', Sedgefield is experiencing an influx of young families choosing to leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind, and raise their children in a more wholesome and natural environment.

So please take a slow drive around and let the estate agents show you what treasures Sedgefield has to offer. It won't be long before we are welcoming you as new locals, telling you to take off that tie and those shoes and socks, and chill for a while.....



The picturesque Goukamma River is but one of the many attractions that make the Sedgefield way of life so very special.

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FINDING OUT ABOUT FIBRE

The digging activity along most of our streets means that fibre infrastructure is coming to Sedgefield. But many residents will be asking what next? And what, if anything, should they be doing to get access to this fast-speed internet that they have heard about?

According to Knysna Municipality, five companies have been issued with wayleave permits – this is the process by which permission is granted for a fibre network operator (FNO) to install the fibre infrastructure. This is the actual backbone of what your fibre-based internet connectivity will run off. The five companies approved by Knysna Municipality were Liquid Telecom, Bosch Linteg, Frogfoot, Conic and Herotel.

Since then, it seems that Linteg has been busy with the trench digging and fibre installation on behalf of a company called Octotel. Once this is all complete, Octotel will then be responsible for maintaining the physical fibre network. But this does not mean that they will be the internet service providers. According to Leonie Samuels, Octotel's Marketing Department Team Leader, Octotel has an 'open access' policy, which means they open the fibre network to a wide range of 'ISP's (Internet Service Providers) who will be the ones setting up data packages to residents and businesses in Sedgefield. One of these is the locally run TCS (aka The Computer Shop).

There is a second fibre option from Herotel, a fibre installer and Internet Service Provider combined, that is currently installing an aerial fibre network. As the name suggests, a good part of this network is above the ground, with fibre cables running between poles to clusters of houses, much like a telephone line system. It is connected to the national fibre network via underground fibre cables from a number of strategically placed feeder points in and around the village.

It should also be remembered that people's existing internet connections – satellite, wireless and via ADSL phone lines – will remain in operation unless, of course, your ISP advises you otherwise.

In assessing which ISP and internet package options would be most suitable, the average resident might a bit overwhelmed by all the terminology and acronyms being thrown about – like 'open access', 'FNO and ISP', 'uncapped and unshaped' – and what the important considerations should be when making the decision - so here are a few hints.

What does an ISP do?

Your ISP provides your actual internet connectivity, data and support or troubleshooting on technical issues. They will install a Wi-Fi router in your home that connects you to the internet and bill you every month for the service. Most ISPs will have a list of 'internet' packages to choose from determined by the speed of the connection, ranging anywhere from 20 Megabits per second (Mbps) through to 300 Mbps (or more for intensive users). The



price will be higher for the faster line speed, measured in Mbps (This is the speed and not the data cap, like a mobile package).

How to choose my ISP package:

You can choose between a capped or an uncapped fibre connection. A capped fibre connection will limit the amount of data you can use to a prescribed cap. However, most ISPs now provide uncapped fibre connections, which is a better option if you're planning to watch movies or download music with your fibre line and would prefer not to worry about running out of data.

Also, be aware that some uncapped services still come with something called a 'Fair Use Policy' (FUP) – this enables service providers to 'throttle back' the line speeds once certain usage thresholds are reached as subscribers stretch the capacity of their networks - normally during 'peak times'.

If you want to go further into technical detail, you might look at aspects such as symmetrical line speed - a symmetric internet connection means that the data speed and file transfer rate is the same for both upload and download directions at the same time. Symmetrical connections provide a much better internet experience than that of Asymmetrical connections, especially if you are accessing 'The Cloud' for your work and entertainment purposes – which most of us are.

In short, be wary of basing your entire ISP decision on the first available connection date or price. There will no doubt be many choices and price packages for your connection.

What internet speed do I need?

As a rule of thumb, an internet speed of 20 Mbps should be sufficient for home use, but this depends on the type of work you do – as data-intensive occupations such as civil

engineers, creative designers or photography will use a great deal more data and need faster access to and from the internet than a journalist would, for example. How many people are using the connection also plays a role. If you have an average family unit - mom and dad need to work while the kids are streaming off platforms for online schooling or Netflix and YouTube, you may need a higher speed connection. If you are participating in remote conference calls such as Zoom, Webex, Facetime or Whatsapp video calls, you could need a faster line speed to accommodate these data-intensive applications.

Connecting fibre to your home:

Once you have decided on an ISP and package and confirmed your order with your ISP, they will arrange for your router to be installed and activate your service. Most ISPs will provide you with a fibre router that is included in your package – in most instances, the router remains the property of the ISP. The router broadcasts your internet connection via Wi-Fi to devices in your home such as your phone, tablet, laptop, or TV. You can also connect a device such as your TV or laptop directly to your router using an Ethernet cable, which we would recommend if you are planning on streaming movies or songs from your TV (or testing the speed of your internet). You will find that video streaming is data-intensive and may require more bandwidth, causing other services and devices to 'lag' or buffer. This tends to grow more severe as more devices connect to the Wi-Fi. A wired (Ethernet cable) connection is always more reliable than the Wi-Fi signal from the same router and does not suffer from fluctuations.

What if I am not ready for fibre internet now?

Even if you're not yet ready to connect fibre to your home, it might be a good idea to have a fibre installation point (also known as a Termination Point) installed during the build phase to save you on cost later. Having a termination point ready means that in the future, an ISP can connect you as soon as your order is placed, without having to dig a trench from the roadside down to your property to install a connection point. If you do this after the build phase - it will cost you to have the installation done.



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Planting for the Bees

By Layla Staegemann

We are in the midst of a global insect decline that is having a hugely detrimental effect on our planet, limiting food supplies for larger animals and affecting ecosystem services like pollination. Researchers say various factors, from monoculture farming to habitat loss, are to blame for the plight of insects.

There are many things we, as individuals, can do to support our insect populations rather than destroy them. We can support organic agricultural practices by buying local and organic food.

We can encourage conservation and support initiatives that protect our pristine ecosystems in the Garden Route and, right in your backyard, you can plant for insects! By planting for insects such as bees, you can provide forage which will allow you to observe these incredible creatures hard at work. The honeybee is often the centre of attention, and we risk forgetting other important solitary and semi-social bees that pollinate many of the plants that keep our ecosystems and many of our food crops alive and healthy. Did you know that we have only two species of honeybees in South Africa, and we have over one thousand species of solitary bees! These bees are worth learning about with their fascinating adaptations and relationships with specific plant families.

Planting for wild honey bees means supplementing the existing ecosystem with pollen and nectar sources through the seasons. Bees operate to a pollen calendar. For bees, spring starts with the first rush of pollen-producing flowers; this may actually occur in the late winter. Bees produce a brood-rearing pheromone which tells the hive to start getting ready to grow in the spring or to naturally reduce the population as they enter

winter. This regulates the bee colony size to the supply of food available.

As the first pollen resources arrive in the late winter, the swarm will start working, cleaning out old cells in the nest to get ready for new pollen and nectar. Depending on what is available in the environment, bees will feed new larvae (bees that haven't hatched yet) a mixture of older stores and new collections. Problems can occur when there are only a few flowering species that produce for a short period, and then the supply of pollen and/or nectar stops. This, plus a patch of cold weather, can be fatal to wild swarms that have started to build up rapidly in the spring and then hit a food shortage where they will potentially starve.

Many modern beekeepers try to supplement their kept bees diet with sucrose and vegetable protein to compensate for this, which can be extremely detrimental to the bees health. Bees need a number of lipids, amino acids and minerals, most of which are not normally supplemented. No man-made food can beat the unique recipes of our local flowering plants! Like most animals, bees benefit from a wide range of forage rather than just a single food source. So when you are planting for them, plant a

diversity of plants and try to make sure you have plants flowering throughout the year! Bees love yellow, purple and blue flowers.

Here are my top three easy to grow local bee plants:

Euryops virgineus - Honey euryops - Heuningmagriet

The honey euryops is a large, very showy, yellow shrub. It needs full sun and moderate water. Evergreen, frost-hardy and drought- and wind-resistant when established. It is fast-growing and therefore perfect for new gardens, where it rapidly fills empty spaces.

Plant it at the back of a flower bed or as a hedge. Prune the plants back hard after flowering to keep them tidy.

Leonotis leonurus - Wilde Dagga - Umunyamunya

This is an excellent plant for attracting wildlife to your garden as the flowers produce copious amounts of nectar that attracts birds, bees and butterflies. The wild dagga is fast growing and is both drought and frost hardy. In the landscape, wild dagga can be used as a backdrop to smaller

shrubs. This beautiful plant can be used to create height in an open area or along fences and buildings.

Carpobrotus edulis - Sour fig - Suurvy

Carpobrotus edulis is incredibly easy to grow. It needs well-drained soil, a sunny position and room to spread. It is an excellent shallow rooting, evergreen, drought- and wind-resistant groundcover that can be planted in almost any soil type or in containers, rockeries, embankments and rooftop gardens. It's very effective when planted as a groundcover around the house to create a fire-resistant barrier in fire-prone areas. Grows easily from cuttings.

Let some of your vegetables go to flower for the bees and to collect the seed! Bees also love most of our flowering culinary herbs.

Some other easy to grow bee plants and trees local to our area are:

Agathosma ovata, Euclea



undulata, Searsia lancea and Aloe Arborescens.

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10. Computers

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11. Crafts & Home Industry

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JERSEY JOY FOR LOCAL YOUNGSTERS



As she came out of the supermarket on a cold Sunday morning, Sedge resident Carrol Harrison became aware of a small group of children huddled together near the trolleys. Not one had a warm jersey on; instead, most were dressed in short-sleeved T-shirts.

"My heart was moved with compassion, and I decided to try and do something to help," she later told us.

She put out an appeal on the Sedge Locals FaceBook group, asking volunteers to knit an array of various sized jerseys.

"I was blessed to receive a call from Sarah Cooke, who told me that she had a good selection of brand new, handknitted jerseys to donate," she said excitedly, "Things took their course, and I duly met with Sarah. I was blown away when she brought out at least fifty beautiful jerseys, all hand knitted."

Most of the knitting had been done by Jan Gerard, who had

obviously put a lot of love into each creation, as these jerseys were very special.

"A huge thank you to Jan, and also to Jenny Pudney, who also contributed," says Carrol.

Armed with five huge bags of woolly creations, she went off to Masithandane and met with Moray Swanepoel, who received the donation with great pleasure.

"What a blessing it was to receive photos of these little ones proudly sporting their jerseys!" she said, "Grateful thanks to all involved. I've heard it said that it 'takes a village to raise a child' .. but maybe (just maybe) it takes a caring community to keep the village children warm in Winter!"

Carrol plans to keep the ball (of wool?) rolling on this project as the ladies are prepared to continue knitting. Donations of wool will be VERY welcome.

"We would love to get going with beanies, scarves, and gloves as well."

JEUGDAG IN KARATARA

Die Jeugkomitee het op die laaste oomblik besluit om n Jeugdag te reël in Karatara . Weens Vlak 3 met distansiering was dit moeilik, maar daar was darem iets vir die jeug om te geniet. Die gemeenskap het ook die dag saam met hulle buitelig gespandeer.

Daar was sokker en netbal en n Sarafina dans en mode parade. Die drie sokke spanne was Burning Strikers; Ou Krocks; en Elandskraal Sokker span.

Die netball spanne – All Stars Juniors en die Young Stars.

Die Netbal en Sokker spanne het hard gespook om te wen maar ongelukkig kon daar net een wenner wees.

Veelsgeluk aan die wenners. Dorris Tamboer het die trofee oorhandig aan die wen spanne. Netbal – All Stars Junior.

Soccer – Ou Krocks.

Die wenner in die Mode Parade was Mej Pride – Deuney du Preez. 1st Prinses – Sherell Ann Pieterse, 2de Prinses – Gita Lee Meyer.

Mej Persoonlikheid was – Eljodene Daniels. Veelsgeluk aan almal.

Baie dankie aan elkeen wat deel uitgemaak het van hierdie dag. Ook baie dankie aan Gift of the Givers en Theo vir hulle bydrae.

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T 69/2020/21 REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2022 UNTIL 30 JUNE 2027

Proposals are invited from registered local banking institutions that are keen to deliver full banking and electronic services to the Knysna Municipality for a period of 5 years commencing 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2027. Tender documents can be collected at the **Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, c/o Clyde and Queen Street, Knysna.**

A receipt for a non-refundable deposit of **R97.31** payable by cash or EFT in favour of Knysna Municipality is required on collection of the tender documents. E-mailed documents are free of charge.

Queries relating to these documents may be addressed to: Mrs C Bezuidenhout, Tel 044-302 6349, e-mail cybezuidenhout@knysna.gov.za. Technical enquiries relating to the tender specifications may be addressed to: Mr M. Michaels, Tel 044-302 6284 or e-mail mmichaels@knysna.gov.za

The closing date and time for submission of bids is **12h00 on Wednesday, 01 September 2021**. Bids will be opened at 12h05 on the same day at the Supply Chain Management Section. Late or unmarked bids will not be considered. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **tender box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, c/o of Clyde and Queen Street, Knysna**, before the closing date and time. Telephonic, facsimile, email and/or late bids will not be accepted. Bids must be valid for a period of one hundred and fifty (150) days after the closing date of the bid.

Bidders will be required to attend a **compulsory clarification meeting on 14 July 2021 at 11h00 in the Council Chambers, Main Municipal Building, Clyde Street**. No person/s will be allowed to join the clarification meeting more than fifteen (15) minutes late. A bidder who submit a bid, but who did not attend the compulsory clarification meeting, will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive bid.

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

Bids will be evaluated according to the **80/20** points system. The bids are subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017 and Knysna SCM Policy.

Only Bidders who score 75 points or more on Functionality will be evaluated for price and preference points.

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 EDGE on Health

Chickpeas

Garbanzo beans are known as Chickpeas. Chickpea is a somewhat unusual name, and yet they are definitely worth learning more about. They belong to the family of legumes which also include lentils and beans.

This nutty-tasting legume has been the 'in-chick' for thousands of years. Today there are two main types. The Desi – which is darker, smaller and high in fibre and the more common lighter Kabuli type, which is light brown coloured. The Kabuli type is generally more readily available in local shops.

Chickpeas are a very versatile food, rich in protein and fibre, just like many other legumes. Foods such as these help you feel fuller, so you are less likely to snack on sugary or refined carbohydrate-rich snacks. Chickpeas are an ancient food that originated in the Middle East. They are packed with minerals and vitamins. Scientific research proves chickpeas to be extremely valuable in supplying the essential micro-mineral manganese. This mineral is known to play a role in stabilising blood sugar regulation. People with blood sugar problems may benefit from assessing whether they are getting enough manganese in their diet, among other nutrients. Diabetic designed supplement formulations often include manganese.

Wait, there is more! Chickpeas are not just allies for diabetics or anyone with blood sugar problems. They are 'chic' foods for everyone. Chickpea flour mixed with a little water and then lightly fried can be transformed into a pizza base or pancake! You can add cinnamon and a bit of

honey to your chickpea crumpet for a sweeter treat! Or add a pinch of salt, black pepper, paprika or dried herbs with finely chopped onion for a delightful savoury snack. They are great alternatives for anyone with gluten intolerance!

Many things can be prepared using chickpeas, including the delicious smooth spread known as hummus. Hummus is widely used in Mediterranean cuisine. Dip celery sticks into your hummus, or mix it with salads! Hummus is usually served with falafels. Falafels are super yummy ball-shaped foods consisting of chickpeas and other healthy ingredients such as herbs. There are many ways to prepare falafels, but the essence of an authentic falafel are the chickpeas!

Cooking dried chickpeas from scratch can take some time! It is always best to soak them overnight to reduce the cooking time! Try roasted chickpeas for an especially yummy snack! For enhanced flavour, sprinkle salt and pepper over them. Many people rely on tinned chickpeas to save time in cooking preparation.

Interestingly the remaining liquid left over after cooking chickpeas is called Aquafaba. Aquafaba is an ideal substitute for egg white. So if you suffer from egg intolerance or are vegan, you can still prepare and enjoy treats such as meringues!

Adding some cooked or sprouted chickpeas to salads gives more sustenance to your meals. They also go really well with baked vegetables such as sweet potato, potato and butternut. Chickpea and butternut soup is a yummy winter meal, especially when it is spiced with cinnamon. There is no doubt that chickpeas have been used in various innovative ways over many years.



In fact, chickpeas have even been used as a coffee substitute! Since ancient times, Egyptians, Turks, Indians, Romans and Greeks have made good use of chickpeas both as food and medicinally! So, during these cooler winter days and nights, when you want nutritious, rich and versatile food, do get creatively cooking with this exotic legume! It just happens to be as 'chic' as its name suggests.

Until next time
Anastacia
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Anastacia qualified in Nutritional Medicine and has written for newspapers and specialised publications for over ten years. Currently, Anastacia is completing her counselling psychology degree. You can contact her for more personal advice and consultations on 0793530393.

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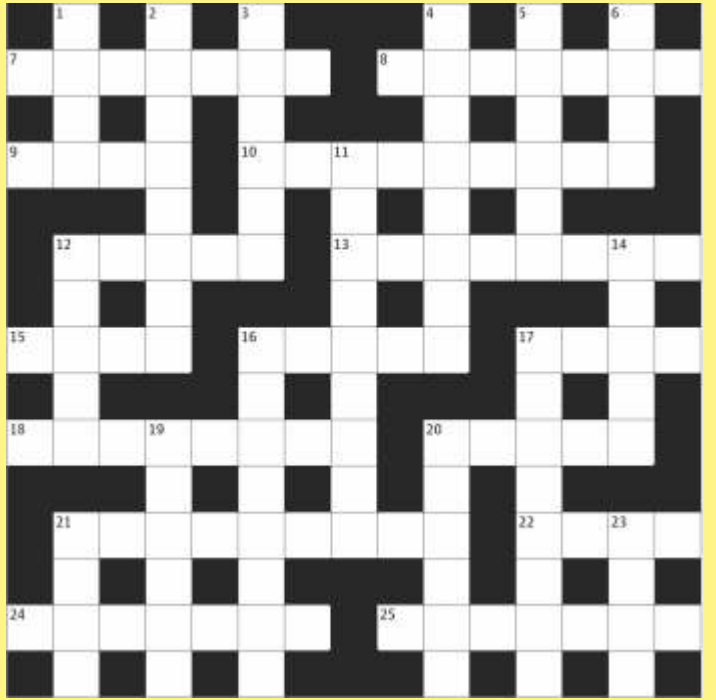
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Across.
7. Flower of Port Elizabeth is uprooted from Tunisia. (7)
8. Transport has nothing on animation. (7)
9. The blockade of the West everyone. (4)
10. Articulate a 'Hello' back to the totally empty space. (5,4)
12. Restaurant a Pole might wish to totally avoid. (5)
13. Prison camp may have a sweetened drink in storage. (8)
15. Crime should include things that work together. (4)
16. Give up the point – to a degree. (5)
17. I beg your pardon? You heard about power. (4)
18. A pipe's too bent and goes totally the wrong way. (8)
20. Is saddling a horse an easy thing to do? (5)
21. We remember she was the first to publish on the web. (9)
22. Winston, initially out on a limb, is getting closer. (4)
24. Pretence of a feeding débâcle. (7)
25. Russian got up to offer a love token. (3,4)
Down.
1. The second drummer we heard. (4)
2. Hide not high - we are told to go on an unpaid break. (8)
3. Would such a huge fellow even give you the time of day? (3,3)
4. Your biggest supporter is



surely the one keeping you up? (8)
5. Sick day? No, not just for an ugly wart, ok? (2,4)
6. Long for a shop encouraging cutbacks. (4)
11. An unstrung tennis bat for the tee-total. (9)
12. Expensive thing to do with a tea-bag. (5)
14. Get rid of one of Sedgefield's current fibre channels. (5)
16. Old time writer from a group that winged a lot. (5,3)
17. Such a side often dealt a serious blow. (8)
19. Colour of an ogre? Unlikely. (6)
20. Did the average student ever earn this title? (6)
21. It is cut from the positive balance of the street. (4)
23. Hurry after the bull, florally speaking. (4)

Last issues solutions: Across: 1.Swerve 4.Cheeks 9.Vending Machines 10.Dispel 11.Despised 12.Membrane 14.Stains 15.Abloom 18.Stiletto 21.Straight 22.Hoping 24.Cocktail Dresses 25.Sprite 26.At Rest
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NOT ALL SAM STORIES ARE BAD

In view of the current situation in our country and the persistent bombardment of negativity, SAM would like to highlight a few of our happy endings and good things that are still happening all the time. There are many good people out there who continue to do their best under trying circumstances, and SAM is grateful for each one.

Firstly, the Tuesday outreach in the Smutsville Community Centre is doing well. Residents are bringing their pets for vaccination, deworming, treatment of routine ailments and - most importantly - signing them up for sterilisation. The SAM team provides small bags of pet food whenever donations allow. There is a positive vibe at these Tuesday morning clinics, and the community's pets are benefiting greatly. SAM has, over the past month, been able to reunite many lost

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NEWCOMERS WELCOME

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



After the State President speech on Sunday evening, clubs may continue to play subject to all the rules of social distancing and the wearing of masks at all times – unfortunately, the bar will be closed, so no reason to hang around.

Back to some better news:-

CLUB COMPETITIONS:-
The Open Singles was played on Friday afternoon – Winner – Andrew Hynch – Runner-Up -Luke Hugill, congratulations and well bowled, a fantastic game to watch.

MIXED PAIRS DRAW:- The draw is on the board. The starting date has been changed so check the notice board for more information.

SELECTORS: The following members will serve as

selectors:- Ladies – Ros (Comp. Secretary), Wendy and Rosalie.
Men – Neels (Comp. Secretary), Charles and Jeremy.

FAREWELL: Maz & Steve will be leaving us at the end of the month as they relocate to George. They have both been fantastic members of the club. Many thanks for all your help. It is never a good idea to single a member out, but Steve needs special thanks for all the hours he has put into helping in the bar. Good luck and come and visit us, or we will just pitch up at your new place for a visit; you won't get away so easily.

Sadly we have to inform you of the passing of Hennie Vuyk. Our condolences to his family and friends; we will miss you.

All for this week, we can still play and go to the beach. Yipee!!!!!!!

NEAREST THE KITTY

pets with their grateful owners. One, in particular, was a frightened little furry who had been run over on the N2. She was treated for her injuries, via SAM, at the Knysna Vets, and a plea was put out on social media for her owners to come forward. Not everyone is on Facebook or Instagram, but the owners were looking for their dog and eventually went to the SAM Charity Shop to enquire. They were delighted to be directed to Knysna Vets, where their dog, Worsie, was safe. She was just as happy to see her people. Worsie's owners have signed both her and her pussycat companion up for sterilisation, so all's well that ends well.

Animals do get out of their properties sometimes. It cannot be helped, and that is why SAM has established a Whatsapp Group called Lost/Found/Homeless Pets, where members can look out for one another's animals. Should you wish to be added to this group, please send a message to Chris on 084 4675555.

This group is for communication relating to lost, found and homeless pets only - no chitchat. Last but not least, the newest member of the EFF (Epic Foster Fails) is Toby. Found in a pitiful state of starvation, fear and neglect by the volunteers of CX Township Animals in Need, Toby was taken into foster care by a member of our pawsome Sedgefield community. Watching the dog becoming well and going from strength to strength with the support and love of her foster Mom, Knysna Vets and the SAM team has been heart-warming. When the time came for Toby to find her forever home, her foster Mom decided that she already had it - she stayed. Epic Foster Fail and another happy ending! Toby will not go hungry again; she will not have endless litters of puppies, she will not be neglected or frightened anymore.

SAM, KAWS, the George SPCA, ODIN and CX Township Animals in Need work together to do whatever they can for the animals in the Garden Route. Regarding the never-ending task of fundraising, one of the SAM

Charity Shop volunteers has made a stunning double bed sized reversible quilt and donated it to SAM to auction. Should you wish to view the quilt, please pop into the SAM Charity Shop, 4 Swallow Drive, Shop 10 - open from 10h00 until 14h00 on weekdays and from 09h00 until 13h00 on Saturdays. The bidding went up to R3000 on the first day! You can place a bid on the SAM Charity Shop Facebook page or Whatsapp Jenny with your bid on 0824521737. The quilt has to be seen to be fully appreciated - a truly beautiful quilt made by hand and dedicated to the memory of a beloved family cat that passed over the rainbow bridge a short while ago.

So you see, it's not all doom and gloom. Stay positive, get plenty of fresh air, sunshine and exercise (take your dog with you). Until next time,



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Sedgefield local Roxanne Kleineibst (the lady with the fluffy kitten in the pink golf cart pram) is passionate about supporting ODIN cats, a charity in George that looks after many cats and could use some support during this cold winter.

Contact Roxanne on 0741041199 to make a donation and enter the "Christmas in July" cupcake raffle to win a box of 12 custom cupcakes of your

choice from Petal Patisserie. You will receive one raffle entry for each R50 donated. Entries close on 30/06/2021 & the winner will be announced on 01/07/2021.

All money raised will be used to purchase cat food, litter, blankets, toys and treats that will be personally delivered to ODIN by Roxanne. Her goal is to double her December donation of R2,300.

Pictured: Roxanne Kleineibst, the cat and cupcake lady.



LADIES' GOLF

FRIDAY 18th June 2021

A new format of Tannum was the order of the day. On the first 6 holes, we counted the best score, on the next 6 the 2nd best score, and the last 6 the third best.

The day was won by Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Helen Pahl, Marie Joubert and Wendy Mack on 36 points. Congrats ladies. The nearest pin prizes went to Charlene Blacker and Linda Evans.

Birdies for the day were as follows: Joy Herbst, Charlene Blacker and Helen Pahl with 1 each and Eleanor Sparks, Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Marie Joubert and Marina van der Westhuizen with 2 each. Well played everyone.

FRIDAY 25th June 2021

What a beautiful day it was for a game of golf. Congratulations to all the winners: The GOLD Division WINNER: Sam Bowen on an amazing 52 net. RUNNER-UP: Linda Evans on 60 net.

SILVER Division WINNER: Wendy Mack on 60 net.

RUNNER-UP: Joy Herbst on 63 net.

BRONZE Division winner: Moraig McLeod on 75 net. RUNNER-UP: Janet Wood on 77 net.

LEAST PUTT TROPHY count out with on 27 putts, Marina van der Westhuizen, Joy Herbst and Sam Bowen. Sam and Joy shared the trophy after the count-out. NEAREST THE PIN: Linda Evans and Sam Bowen, with prizes of yummy lemon curd made by Joy.

The following birdies were shot:

Charlene Blacker, Eleanor Sparks, Almarie Mead, and Daleen Schooling with one each, Linda Evans and Sam Bowen with two each, and Marina van der Westhuizen with 4. Well done ladies.

We say a big thank you to Charlene for the avos she donated for prizes.

We then enjoyed our sausage braai ably cooked by Linda,

followed by delicious cake and coffee as a special treat from Martha and Joy for their birthdays.

Thank you Jaendre and the Pine Lake team for preparing everything for our braai.

Golf reporting by Ladies Captain ALMARIE MEAD

TIDE TABLE									
30 June - 14 July 2021									
Next Full Moon: 24 July 2021									
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Wed 30	low tides sunrise	01:30 07:35	13:29 sunset	17:30	high tides	07:32 20:13	moonrise	23:39	moonset 11:53
Thur 1	low tides sunrise	02:22 07:35	14:14 sunset	17:31	high tides	08:20 21:13	moonrise	-	moonset 12:21
Fri 2	low tides sunrise	03:24 07:35	15:16 sunset	17:31	high tides	09:20 22:21	moonrise	00:36	moonset 12:47
Sat 3	low tides sunrise	04:40 07:35	16:47 sunset	17:32	high tides	10:40 23:27	moonrise	01:33	moonset 13:14
Sun 4	low tides sunrise	05:53 07:35	18:10 sunset	17:32	high tide	12:05	moonrise	02:28	moonset 13:41
Mon 5	low tides sunrise	06:52 07:35	19:06 sunset	17:33	high tides	00:25 13:09	moonrise	03:25	moonset 14:11
Tue 6	low tides sunrise	07:36 07:35	19:49 sunset	17:33	high tides	01:15 13:55	moonrise	04:21	moonset 14:45
Wed 7	low tides sunrise	08:15 07:35	20:26 sunset	17:34	high tides	01:57 14:32	moonrise	05:19	moonset 15:23
Thur 8	low tides sunrise	08:50 07:35	21:00 sunset	17:34	high tides	02:36 15:06	moonrise	06:15	moonset 16:07
Fri 9	low tides sunrise	09:23 07:34	21:34 sunset	17:35	high tides	03:12 15:38	moonrise	07:10	moonset 16:58
Sat 10	low tides sunrise	09:57 07:34	22:08 sunset	17:35	high tides	03:47 16:09	moonrise	08:01	moonset 17:54
Sun 11	low tides sunrise	10:30 07:34	22:44 sunset	17:36	high tides	04:22 16:42	moonrise	08:47	moonset 18:54
Mon 12	low tides sunrise	11:04 07:33	23:21 sunset	17:36	high tides	04:57 17:17	moonrise	09:28	moonset 19:56
Tue 13	low tide sunrise	11:39 07:33	23:57 sunset	17:37	high tides	05:34 17:55	moonrise	10:04	moonset 20:59
Wed 14	low tides sunrise	00:01 07:33	12:15 sunset	17:38	high tides	06:13 18:36	moonrise	10:37	moonset 22:02

THE SPORTS EDGE

Re-imagining Knysna Oyster Festival

Re-imagining how to keep the iconic Garden Route festival on the 2021 events calendar, the Knysna Oyster Festival Committee is proud to bring to you the safe and fully compliant level 4 Knysna Oyster Festival "Limited Edition" experience.

"The safety of our visitors and locals involved in the programme is of utmost importance to us," said Colleen Durant, Visit Knysna's General Manager. "In support of the President's announcement on Sunday, we've re-imagined the experiences whilst allowing for the flexibility to add further activations in the future, should the regulations lift in the next few weeks."

With early school closures communicated, the Knysna Oyster Festival "Limited Edition" is the perfect family getaway, with members of the same household and family unit permitted to partake in a world of experiences together.

From an outdoor Rastafari Community Tour to mashie golf, canoeing and vintage boat cruises – there is something for the whole family to enjoy in the wide-open spaces of Knysna and the Greater Knysna area. For sporting enthusiasts, the popular Knysna Forest Run and Cycle Tour can still be enjoyed at runners' and cyclists' leisure and tracked virtually. To reward your physical efforts, treat yourself

and the family to local gourmet dishes by ordering take-out from a list of our restaurants that will be open during the limited edition festival.

Knysna's Executive Mayor, Cllr Elrick van Aswegen commented: "2021 has not been without its challenges, but I'm confident that our community will deliver a truly special, limited edition programme for all. Those visiting can rest assured that we have a wide range of compliant, memorable experiences, physical and virtual, for the whole family to enjoy. Our local businesses are committed to adhering to current regulations in order to host you safely. Now more than ever, Knysna welcomes you to stay,

work and play in a region that has so much to offer this winter break. Your support benefits our community greatly and will go a long way in helping us keep this much-loved festival going for years to come."

"The Knysna Oyster Festival programme was always designed with the pandemic in mind, and thanks to this approach, the team has been able to seamlessly adapt to offer families an experience-rich and rewarding holiday. To those living in the Western and Eastern Cape - why would you #WFH (work from home) when you can #WFK (work from Knysna)? Re-imagine your July winter getaway, re-connect with your family unit, and re-discover the beauty of the Garden Route this year," concluded Wesgro's Chief Marketing Officer, Monika Iuel.

For more information on the Level 4-ready "Stay | Work | Play" programme for the whole family to enjoy this July, visit knysnaoysterfestival.co.za. For further accommodation deals and specials, visit Wesgro and Travelstarts Kids Stay Free site at wesgro.travelstart.co.za.

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HOSPICE NEWS

"On behalf of the fund-raising Committee of Sedgefield Hospice, we wish to thank all the businesses and private donors who have so generously contributed to our Tiffany's Boerie Bash. Sadly we have had to postpone the event scheduled for Thursday 24th June due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the area. All donations have been safely stored and will be used as soon as we are permitted to re-schedule the event. Hospice is reliant on the generosity of our Sedgefield supporters, and we appreciate your loyalty."

Thank You

Thank You Lucielle, Milly, Carmel and Annette from Island Village who combined their knitting, crocheting and the time spent sewing together this beautiful blanket for The EDGE Blanket Drive



THE JOY OF SOCCER

The under 13 'Two For Joy' soccer squad celebrated Youth Day on 16 June in style, when they ran onto the Smutsville sports field in their brand new uniforms and beat the opposition team, Gaatjie Spurs, 4-1. All four of their goals were scored by their star striker Ristan Mbem.

Coach Michael Mfundisi was unable to attend the game as he was working but was delighted when he heard the news of their victory. He hopes they will continue winning in the Knysna League. Michael also coaches the 'Two For Joy' under 17 team

and the Senior Team. He is passionate about giving the young players something positive to focus on. "Soccer is a great way to keep these youngsters off the streets, away from negative influences such as drugs and alcohol," he told us, "It really can change their lives."

He says it is heart-warming to watch players work their way up from the junior teams to the seniors. "Four of my under 17 players are now playing at a senior level in the Knysna LFA League," he beamed proudly.

Whilst the matches are on hold at the moment, he wanted to thank the donor of the new soccer strip (they wish to remain anonymous) and asks that others consider assisting this young team in the future, as very few of the players have any access to funds.

"We need to be able to pay for transport to away matches in Knysna, as well as replacement soccer balls, half time refreshments and that sort of thing," he said.

Michael can be contacted by calling or WhatsApping on 072 349 1708.



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Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf

17/6/21

Two things in life never change. The first is another glorious day for golf, and secondly, Ian Wright takes the honours once again with 36 points. The day's play was I.P.S but also served as the first round of the matchplay knockout competition. Ian maintains that he is not luckier than most as he agrees with Abraham Lincoln that all men are born equal. The latter, however, never visited a nudist beach. His success, he says, is purely a result of skill because he also does not exercise much. In fact, he gets out of breath playing chess. In second spot was Mike Hubberstey with 35. Dave Herbst was third after a count out with Terry Savage, with both players finishing on 33 points.

24/07/21

One quivers from stem to stem when having to report on the results of the Monthly Mug competition, as it will give the reading public the wrong perception of the quality of golf played by this group of

geriatrics. The A division was not too bad, with Derek van Zyl taking the honours on a net score of 59 after a count out with Des Munro. They were followed by Terry Savage and Jan Potgieter, both on 61. In fact, Terry recovered very well from his first hole where playing medal off the 8th, he took a seven. He had to reintroduce himself to his playing partners, who all suffer from short term memory loss.

Playing Stableford, the B division, where the genuine talent usually lies, will have to bury their heads in shame as they recorded the worst scores ever recorded in this esteemed competition. The eventual winner was Tony Hunter with a miserable 33 points, followed by Brian Stewart with 26! In third position after a count out with Rudy Bosch was Len Moults with a shocking 24 points. One shudders to think what the rest of the field scored.

The Duck award for the singularly worst player of the day was won by Vaughan Smith, who, playing off an eight handicap, scored a pathetic net 76. He took a ten at the 4th hole and has been asked to return the bottle of sherry that he "won".

The following players are through to the next round of the Knockout competition: Dave Herbst, Rudy Bosch, Des Munro, Trevor Pahl, Brian Stewart and Tony Hunter.