

SHE'S OUR #1 WOMEN'S DAY HERO

There's been no vote or even selection process, but The EDGE Team can only stand in awe of the work that Martie Rooi does in the community, so as August is National Women's Month - we pay tribute to this selfless lady.

Indeed, when we interviewed her on Monday's National Women's Day public holiday, Martie mentioned that it had been a busy weekend for her, and she hadn't been able to get more than an hour's sleep on Saturday night. When we pushed her for more detail, we learned she had given medical attention to no less than nine stab victims!

Most of what Martie does goes unrecorded because she is the sort of person that just gets on with what needs to be done, without any thought for any accolades for herself. She has been described as Smutsville's 'Florence Nightingale' but could equally be seen as the community's very own Mother Theresa.

Martie wears many community hats, but the biggest has to be heading up Smutsville's First Aid Crew, which is run literally on her front stoep. For the last three decades, she has been tending to the wounded, the sick, the aged and even those giving birth, without thought for her own safety, never mind any compensation.

Indeed a few years back, The EDGE reported on an incident in which Martie was tending to a man who had been badly wounded by a group of men who had attacked him in a bar brawl. He had escaped and made his way to Martie's home, but whilst she was trying to bandage his wounds, his attackers rushed in to try and finish him off.



Martie Rooi - The Mother Theresa of Smutsville.

But this and many other incidents that she has dealt with over the years has not put her off.

"Sometimes I get frustrated, and I say I am going to stop," she says, "But then the next day people come, and I just start again." It seems her faith plays a major role in keeping her strength and spirits up, as she glances heavenward, smiles and says, "I have got someone looking out for me!"

When patients arrive at her home, Martie has to decide whether they need more medical attention than she is qualified to give. If they do, then she calls the

ambulance from Knysna. Indeed, the paramedics have realised over the years that when Martie calls, it must be something that needs swift attention.

"The ambulance people know me by name," she laughs, "I have a hotline to them!"

Whilst she worked alone for many years, Martie says she now enjoys the support of other members of the First Aid Crew, including Selina du Plessis, Rachel Harker and a thirteen-year-old boy Eddie Kasanya who has decided to learn everything he can from Martie and is

proving to be a great help to her.

She is also very grateful for the ongoing assistance she receives from the community at large - by donating into her very active pharmacy account or dropping off goods at her home.

One would think that her being unofficially 'on call' practically every night, Martie's days would be spent catching up on sleep, but no. Martie has other selfless duties she attends to.

She works as a care-worker for Masithandane, is the community contact person for Fresh Start's 'Helping Hands' - which identifies and assists community members with particular needs - and she also runs her own soup kitchen, mainly for children.

During our interview, it became very evident that this amazing lady holds a special place in the local children's hearts, with so many coming along, especially to say hello.

Martie laughed, "When we do a street or house clean up, they often come to offer help," she said, "And if we haven't done one in a while, they come to me asking, 'When can we come and clean with you again?'"

And as if she hasn't got enough on her plate, Martie is currently looking for over-locking machines to start a new job-creation project - a sewing circle to provide an income for unemployed women.

When asked her age, Martie grinned mischievously, saying it isn't something everyone needs to know. But she certainly isn't setting any date for retirement in any form.

She simply said, "I will stop when the Lord says I must stop."

COLD STORM BRINGS RARE VISITOR TO COLA BEACH

A little over 13 months after a Rockhopper Penguin washed up on Cola Beach in July 2020, this week, a rare Antarctic Fur Seal was stranded a few hundred metres from the same site beneath the towering fossilised cliffs.

Marine Biologist Mark Dixon of the Strandloper Project received a message from Joanne Scholtz, who had seen the injured seal on the beach east of the Cola Beach access stairs. Realizing that it was something different from the local Cape Fur Seal, Mark shared images with a regional 'stranded marine mammal' group and Dr Greg Hoffmeyer from Bay World in Port Elizabeth. Confirmation came back that it was definitely a different species. In fact, a very exciting find of a rare Antarctic Fur Seal. According to Dr Hoffmeyer, this is only the eighth documented record of this species along the South African coastline and the second one within one month.

Research cogs started turning as the Strandloper Project was granted 'approved agent' status to allow them to capture the seal, which, like all washed up and stranded marine mammals, is protected by DAFF legislation, preventing unauthorized handling or possession of any marine mammal species.

The first task was to assess the seal's size and condition before arranging its capture and transportation to Bay World for veterinary treatment and rehabilitation prior to release. The seal was obviously seriously undernourished, as witnessed by the 'dipped



Picture by Mark Dixon

space' between the rear of the head and the shoulder 'hump'.

"In a healthy, well-fed seal, it would be a solid profile of blubber, which would be both a source of thermal protection and energy reserves," explained Mark. He added that the tracks leading up from the beach to the shady area at the cliff base where the seal was resting indicated that it was unable to use its rear flippers for propulsion, another indication that it was in poor condition.

Whilst Mark waited for the Bay World crew to arrive, the morning
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Notes from T'Ed's Head

“Gnrrrhysnsnfoouryhs ehtye kikcmof1n nnhgggh,” said Mrs Ed.

At least that is what I heard.

Because it was 00:15 in the morning.

So, of course, I didn’t bother to store any of the information – because “Gnrrrhysnsnfoouryhs ehtye kikcmof1n nnhgggh” isn’t exactly gripping stuff, is it? One doesn’t think, “I can’t wait to get to the pub to tell my friends about Gnrrrhysnsnfoouryhs ehtye kikcmof1n nnhgggh,” does one?

But Mrs Ed claimed, the following afternoon, of course, that she had actually been telling me something VERY IMPORTANT (yes – she said it in capitals. LOUD capitals). She INSISTS that she was relaying details of a call she had received from CCR.

At first, I was delighted... until I learned it wasn’t *Creedance Clearwater Revival* looking for another band member, but rather a person from *Credit Card Repayments* looking for money from us.

And I hadn’t listened to her.

“As usual,” she said.

And this *Not Listening* had led to extreme embarrassment when I was trying to pay for essential supplies, and that hateful little card machine had spewed out ‘*Transaction Declined*’.

“If you would only pay attention when I tell you these important things,” Mrs Ed had grumbled through her five o’clock shadow



when she arrived to fetch me (some kind soul had phoned her and suggested I might need helping up off the bottle store floor) “Then you wouldn’t HAVE to burst into tears in front of all those people.”

But I am sure you will agree with me, dear reader(s?), that I am the innocent party here.

Why? Well, it’s all about timing.

Mrs Ed always waits for the most inopportune moments to tell me things. Moments when, just prior to putting my brain into ‘sleep mode’, I am in deep thought, and it is vital that my concentration is kept intact.

Moments during which I should NOT be interrupted by inconsequential conversations about calls from Credit Card companies, family dinner invitations or devastating dietary decisions.

Take the night in question – *The Night of the Credit Card Repayment Conversation* - for example. We had been lying in bed - Mrs Ed binge-watching the ‘*How to get away with murder*’ series (again), whilst I was catching up on important correspondence on my cell

phone.

So when I heard her say, “Gnrrrhysnsnfoouryhs ehtye kikcmof1n nnhgggh,” I simply turned up the volume of the video I was watching.

Of course, I didn’t want to throw in an arbitrary “Yes, dear,” or “No, dear,” because I have been caught out like that in the past when the question was “Will you come with me to the Brick-layers’ Guild getaway weekend?” or “You don’t have a problem with Cousin Ethel and her three daughters coming to stay for a week or so, do you?”

So I offered my usual response:- a non-committal sigh.

But this only served to encourage her. The inane babble of words continued, and I had to act quickly, lest I became totally distracted from the highly educational documentary I had been intently watching.

“Look,” I said, shoving my phone under her nose in the hope that I might dissuade her from further interruption, “They’ve actually got a squirrel wearing a knitted hat! And it’s dancing!”

That did the job, and two hours later, once we had exhausted all Squirrel in Hat (*trousers/ jackets/ even one in rollerskates*) videos that the Book of Faces had to offer, we drifted off to sleep, dreaming squirrel dreams that Enid Blyton herself would have been proud of.

But furry nutcrackers aside, sometimes I think Mrs Ed initiates these terribly-timed monologues on purpose, because she knows she can get away with so much.

Foreexample:

“Whatseehinsaeo ngehhte dljncp3r ;n,mm34fjqwef,” she said at 00:45 one Saturday morning, just as my eyes were closing

I sighed, non-committally.

Later that morning, when I got up at the crack of 11.30, she had cleared all the decent food from the cupboards and replaced it with odd-looking tins of protein powder and packets of seeds. The fridge was stocked only with leafy things, the normal staple diet essentials such as beer and cheese had dissappeared in a vegan-infused puff of smoke, and the dining-room table boasted two large noxious-looking glasses of liquidated kale, accompanied by a Tupperware tub of psyllium husk muffins, all suffering from depression.

And there was Tofu, about which I shall say no more.

And then there was the time only four nights later when, just as I was sitting on the edge of the bed, trying to take off my pub-going boots after several happy hours.... she sat up, switched on her bedside light and murmured “Shoul23bcwecnbp[wqevmqslsvn.k cs,avnqbjw’mb’db!”

I sighed, semi-committally, and lay down to go to sleep – boots and all.

The next day I was babysitting three Yorkies, seemingly all with ADHD, the dentist’s receptionist called to confirm I had an appointment the following afternoon, and I received twenty-seven FaceBook messages from different people all trying to swap their dining-room suites (preferably oak and must be a six-seater) for my KTM motorcycle. And would I throw in the green helmet shown on the seat in the photograph?

I kid you not!

I have taken Mrs Ed to task about this evil ploy of hers, several times, but she always insists, in that deep, semi-threatening voice of hers that has been known to turn a Rabid Rottweiler into a limping lapdog and once even got a politician to put his hand in his pocket, that if I ever took the time to listen to her then.... then.... oh, I can’t remember the rest of her sentence.

Indeed, last night, after finishing my beansprout and bay leaf broth supper (fortunately I had had the good sense to quaff a brace of steak ‘n kidney pies on the way home), I tried to reason with her that if she chose more appropriate times to relay information, times that aren’t known as Witching Hour, she might get better results.

But did she even take note of my suggestion... at all? No. She rudely got up and headed for the door.

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“I’m not interested,” she growled, like a bear that had eaten a bear with a sore head, “And I am CERTAINLY not going to miss my Brick-Layers Guild meeting, just to listen to your whining!”

“Aha!” I shouted after her in a sudden flash of brilliance as she walked out the door, “Well then.... All I can say is Gnrrrhysnsnfoouryhs ehtye kikcmof1n nnhgggh!”

She didn’t respond. Indeed, I heard her moped start, and the embattled engine take up its agonised ‘*Twenka twenka twenka*’ as she rode the long-suffering thing out the gate.

Moments later, I had started up her laptop and accidentally logged into Face Book Market Place using her name and password (it was written under the keyboard).

“Nighttime Security Guard for Hire” I typed into the ‘services offered’ section of the online classifieds. “Well versed in hand-to-hand combat, able to fell a buffalo with voice and licensed to kill with breath. Please call the T’Ed household on this number to book this Security Specialist, ESPECIALLY if you have an opening on the Grave-Yard shift between 00:00 and 11am....

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MURDER ACCUSED TRIED & SENTENCED AFTER 6½ YEARS

The man accused of fatally shooting Dunovan Bond, the 19-year-old son of well known local Jacqui Solomons and Gerald Louw, has finally been found guilty and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for murder and five years imprisonment for possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition. This sentence was passed no less than six and a half years after the crime took place.

The accused, Ayanda Mchitheka (25), had been arrested on 03 February 2015, after witnesses saw him shooting Dunovan in an alleyway off Witbooi Street, sometime between 7am and 7.30am.

Dunovan and a friend had been chatting to the accused, who they knew, when he began brandishing a pistol, apparently showing it off without any concern for safety. The two were reportedly trying to persuade him to put the gun away when it suddenly went off, and Dunovan dropped to the ground with a profusely bleeding head wound. Mchitheka fled the scene whilst witnesses called the authorities, and Jacqui, who rushed to her son's side. The ambulance and police arrived simultaneously, and the paramedics loaded Dunovan onto a stretcher and transported him to hospital, with his totally distraught mother by his side. Unfortunately, whilst the medical staff did everything possible, the wound was too severe, and the teenager was later declared brain dead. His broken-hearted mother gave them permission to turn off the life-support machine.

Members attached to the Knysna police arrested Mchitheka within hours of the incident. Reacting to information provided by witnesses, they caught up with the man at a house in Fynboslaan, Smutsville. Though he once again attempted to flee on foot, the members managed to apprehend him, and a search soon revealed the handgun and ammunition. He was arrested and positively linked to the murder.



Dunovan Bond died of a gunshot wound on 3 February 2015

On hearing the final result of the case heard at the Regional Court in Knysna, Eden Cluster Commander, Major General Oswald Reddy, applauded the investigation and prosecution teams who secured a lengthy prison sentence.

The family, who have spent so many years waiting in frustration for the trial to be heard, respectfully declined to comment.

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COLD STORM BRINGS RARE VISITOR TO COLA BEACH

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went smoothly with the seal sleeping for three hours and beach strollers stopping for a glimpse and to ask questions.

Then, half an hour before the anticipated arrival of the Bay World crew, it woke up, struggled into the sunlight and then headed down towards the surf zone in spurts.

If it had made it to the ocean, its chances of survival would have been very small, more likely non-

existent. The following 25 minutes must have seemed comical to anyone watching, as the seal lunged for the ocean and Mark attempted to block it with a stick, simultaneously trying not to hurt it and avoid getting bitten. The two darted along the beach with the seal making sudden changes of direction to gain ground, right up until the team arrived with a crate.

Safely in the crate, it was loaded into a bakkie and sent off to PE. At Bay World, it will be treated for

dehydration and fed a diet of fish.

"Their usual diet is Krill, squid and fish," says Mark, "Before a seal is released, it has to reach a target weight according to its species and length. When it reaches this, it is taken 40 nautical miles out to sea and released into the Agulhas Current."

Telemetry from previously released seals has shown that, in the current, they move approximately 200km/day and will take nearly 25 days to reach

their home range down south.

"This vital rescue of a rare vagrant wouldn't have been possible without the network of concerned and observant local residents, authorized rescuers and an experience institution," reflected Mark.

If you find a seal on the beach, determine whether they are just resting or are in poor condition. Remain at a distance that does not intimidate or disturb them and take a horizontal photo. Then contact the local stranding group or authority.

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New Community Services Director appointed

Knysna Municipality has appointed Dr Sandile Ngqele as its new Community Services Director. Executive Mayor Elrick van Aswegen said that this appointment became effective from 1 August 2021. “In his new capacity, Dr Ngqele will be responsible for the Parks and Recreation, Protection Services, Fire and Rescue, Disaster Management, Waste Management, Libraries, Arts & Culture and Youth & Social Development.”

Prior to moving to Knysna, he was Senior Manager: Strategic Services for Mossel Bay Municipality. Dr Ngqele boasts over two decades of experience in local government. He was first exposed to local government systems and processes at Knysna Municipality as an administrative officer in 1999. “Dr Ngqele became Knysna’s IDP, Strategy and Performance Coordinator,” van Aswegen confirmed.

He served at the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality as a Coordinator: IDP and Budget Integration from 2008 to June 2009. In July 2009, Ndlambe Municipality appointed him as a Manager: IDP and PMS until February 2011.

Even though he was born and started school in Bathurst in the Port Alfred area, Dr Ngqele regards himself as a local.

“Growing up, Knysna used to be home,” he said. “My parents worked here, I completed matric here, and my fondest memories are from Knysna.” Ngqele completed his matric at Percy Mdala High School in 1994. He obtained a Doctor of Administration (DAdmin) Degree in Public Administration from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a Master’s Degree from Nelson Mandela University.

Dr Ngqele has held a number of positions within local government, including those of Manager IDP, PMS, and Public Participation in George 2016-2019; Deputy Director: Integrated Development Planning-Western Cape Government 2015-2016; Manager: IDP & Organisational Performance George Municipality 2011-2015; Manager IDP (Ndlambe Municipality 2009-2011; and IDP & Budget Integration Coordinator Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality 2008-2009.

“I see this as an opportunity to plough back into the community and act as a catalyst for sustainable development and improved service delivery



through strategic partnerships with local stakeholders,” said Ngqele. “I believe that we must move swiftly in fostering partnerships with communities to ensure legitimacy and local ownership as envisaged in relevant legislation where the key stakeholders that form a municipality are cited as the councillors, municipal officials and the local community. And I believe my credentials will enable me to add value to relevant strategic processes and decision-making within the organisation.”

“We welcome Dr Ngqele back to Knysna Municipality in his new capacity,” van Aswegen concluded. “We believe that his leadership style, qualifications and love for Knysna will make a real contribution to creating an inclusive, innovative, inspired Knysna.”

... but the KRA Claims Foul Play

A Statement from Knysna Residents Association.

“The ANC and KUC Councillors, enabled by the Mayor and the ACDP, appointed Dr Ngqele on the 29th of April 2021, despite the fact that the selection report and the report from the Acting Municipal Manager advised Council that Dr Ngqele was not a suitable candidate, as he did not meet the advertised requirements for the post. The advertisement required at least two years experience as a Senior Manager, whereas Dr Ngqele has never been appointed as a Senior Manager and should not have been shortlisted.

“The Selection Committee, consisting of the AMM, Mr Adonis, the Portfolio Councillor Salaze and the “Specialist” Mr TM Sompani, was divided on whether Dr Ngqele should be shortlisted but Salaze and Sompani won the day. Mr Sompani, who featured in last week’s KP Herald’s report about the Bitou criminal syndicate, was the Director of Community Services in Knysna until he was dismissed for misconduct involving dishonesty in about 2007.

“According to the Selection report, Salaze and Sompani gave Dr Ngqele irrationally high scores in the interviews; by contrast, he met the base level of competence in the written assessment, whereas two of the other candidates were found to be of advanced competence.

“Dr Ngqele was also deemed to be unsuitable due to his Integrity Report and his financial history.

“KRA has established that Dr Ngqele has not yet completed the financial minimum competency course, whereas two other candidates had completed the course. This alone should have led to his elimination.

“Following the appointment, Anton Bredell, the MEC of Local Government, sent a letter to the Mayor advising him that the appointment of Dr Ngqele was unlawful. The detailed findings in the letter were never shared with the Council or the public.

“To add insult to injury, on the 29th of July 2021 Council voted for Dr Ngqele to be paid the maximum prescribed salary for Senior

Managers. The AMM advised Council that due to the fact that he had only achieved basic competency, the regulations prescribed that Dr Ngqele had to be paid at the minimum level.

“Dr Ngqele had been offered the minimum level and asked to be paid at the mid-level.

“The ANC Councillors arrogantly proposed that he should be paid at the maximum level, which is patently illegal and much more than he asked for. This was opposed by the DA, but the ANC bulldozed this through while the Mayor, Ricky van Aswegen and the ACDP councillor abstained, thereby becoming complicit in the irregular expenditure that will be incurred.

“KRA has asked the Municipality for mediation in an attempt to avoid a costly legal dispute. We are waiting to hear from the Municipality in this regard.

“We trust that MEC Bredell will approach the court to set aside the unlawful appointment unless the Municipality rescinds its unlawful decision.

“Should the matter not be resolved in mediation or by the intervention of MEC Bredell, KRA will report the matter to the Public Protector and approach the court to set aside the appointment. Should we be left with no other option but to go to court, we will ask for personal cost orders against the councillors who voted for it as well as those who abstained.

“The Constitutional Court sent a strong message when it made the Public Protector pay costs out of her own pocket for the abuse of her power.

“Councillors are protected from personal cost orders, but only if they act bona fide in the execution of their duties.

“Regrettably, the only way to put a stop to the blatant abuse of power and defiance of the law by the councillors responsible for this decision is to make them put their money where their mouths are.”

We asked Knysna Municipality to respond to the KRA’s claims, and received the following statement.

The appointment of the Municipal Manager and Managers accountable to the Municipal Manager is Council’s prerogative.

The appointment of Dr Ngqele was by majority vote, i.e. a majority of Councillors

supported the appointment.

The DA members of Council did not support the appointment and recorded their votes against the appointment.

The KRA’s statement that the Mayor never reported the content of the letter of MEC Bredell to Council is incorrect.

We informed Ms Campbell, when she enquired on behalf of KRA, that the Mayor informed not only Council but also the

party chief whips of the content of the letter from MEC Bredell.

MEC Bredell was informed of the decision of the majority of Council on the 12th of July 2021 to appoint Dr Ngqele. We have received no further correspondence from MEC Bredell.

The Acting Municipal Manager did not have a mandate to negotiate a higher salary and, for that reason, submitted the

request of Dr Ngqele to Council. It must be noted that the midpoint salary was similar to that already earned by Dr Ngqele.

Councils reasoning on appointing Dr Ngqele at the advanced salary level was that most if not all Directors were appointed on that salary level as many line managers already earn a higher salary than what the upper limits prescribe for Directors.

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Sedgefield Lions have been busy handing out “Jars of Hope” to the community. These are simple to make and cost-efficient, and when you use recycled coffee bottles and glass jars, they are super kind to the environment as well. They make a nice pot of hot soup on a cold day for those faced with hunger.

Locals are encouraged to join in if they so wish. Donations can be left at Café Vienna and will be distributed by Lions members.

(Right) Lion Wendy Ruscoe looks very pleased with the collection of jars.

(Below) Lion Peter Hall with Sister Combrink at the clinic.



A ‘Jar of Hope’ includes
½ Cup Rice
½ Cup Soup Mix
½ Cup Lentils
1 unwrapped stock cube
1 packet soup powder

(Right) Lion Viv Grater saw to it that Jenny Devenish received jars for Slow Town Meals.



POACHERS NABBED AT BUFFS

On the night of Saturday, 24 July, two Cape Nature law enforcement officers at Goukamma Marine Protected Area, Wayne Meyer & Simphiwe Mapeyi, braved freezing cold conditions with a through-the-night observation post on poachers in Buffalo Bay.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, with assistance from SAPS, four male suspects were taken into custody for possession of abalone, harvesting bait organisms in a marine protected area, harvesting shellfish

between sunset and sunrise and exceeding the total accumulative bag limit of fish species. Among the items seized for court evidence were 67 Abalone (Siffies), 159 fish. A docket has been opened, and the suspects were released the following day with a date for a later court appearance. Goukamma law enforcement



officers are cracking down on environmental crime with zero tolerance. More operations will follow in the coming weeks.

LONG-COVID

Although most people with COVID-19 get better within weeks of illness, some people experience post-COVID conditions. Post-COVID conditions are a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems people can experience four or more weeks after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Even people who did not have COVID-19 symptoms in the days or weeks after they were infected can have post-COVID conditions. These conditions can have different types and combinations of health problems for different lengths of time. These post-COVID conditions may also be known as long COVID, long-haul COVID, post-acute COVID-19, long-term effects of COVID, or chronic COVID. CDC Centres for Disease Control & Prevention have joined experts

around the world to learn more about short- and long-term health effects associated with COVID-19, who gets them, and why. Types of Post-COVID Conditions New or Ongoing Symptoms Some people are experiencing a range of new or ongoing symptoms that can last weeks or months after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Unlike some of the other types of post-COVID conditions that only tend to occur in people who have had severe illness, these symptoms can happen to anyone who has had COVID-19, even if the illness was mild or if they had no initial symptoms. People commonly report experiencing different combinations of the following symptoms: Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; Tiredness or fatigue; Symptoms that get worse after physical or mental activities; Difficulty thinking or concentrating (sometimes

referred to as "brain fog"); Cough; Chest or stomach pain; Headache; Fast-beating or pounding heart (also known as heart palpitations); Joint or muscle pain; Pins-and-needles feeling; Diarrhoea; Sleep problems; Fever; Dizziness on standing (light-headedness); Rash; Mood changes; Change in smell or taste; Changes in period cycles. Multiorgan Effects of COVID-19 Some people who had severe illness with COVID-19 experience multiorgan effects or autoimmune conditions over a longer time, with symptoms lasting weeks or months after COVID-19 illness. Multiorgan effects can affect most, if not all, body systems, including heart, lung, kidney, skin, and brain functions. Autoimmune conditions happen when your immune system attacks healthy cells in your body by mistake, causing inflammation (painful swelling) or tissue damage in the affected parts of the body. source: cdc.gov

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The Editor

PREPAID WATER METERS

The blue and white prepaid meters being installed by the Municipality are visible all over the place. I had one installed a few months ago, and it seemed to be working well. However, last Wednesday, we had our water shut off for most of the day and half an hour after it came back, we were once again without water. I tried to check our outstanding balance, but the unit used to read the meter would not

work, so I went to the Fire Station to ask for help. The problem was noted. When I returned home, we had water again, so I went back to the Fire Station to tell them. A couple of hours later, the water stopped again, and it stayed that way for the rest of the night.

The next morning at 7am, I went back to the Fire Station, where they noted my problem again. At 8am, when the Municipal office opened, I visited there and checked that the relevant people had been informed. An hour after that, a very nice lady called Eleanor arrived. She is a Smutsville resident who is contracted to iKapa, the meter suppliers. She used a PC to test the existing meter and found it faulty, so she fetched a new meter from the back of her car and left someone to take the old one out and install the new one. Before lunch, we had water again!

Some months ago, I heard critical comments about the Municipality having decided to purchase these particular meters and that a number of users, including my next-door neighbours, had had to have their meters replaced. So, I decided to try to find out how all this had taken place. Conversations with various people in the Municipality did not provide clear answers, so I passed the matter on to our Ratepayers Association, who I believe plan to take the matter further.

I think that we who are now being encouraged to make the change to prepaid meters need to get used to checking that the meter is working correctly. Does it display the correct meter number? Can you read how much water you have left, and will it allow you to record your purchases of more water? If something doesn't do what it should, report the fault to the Municipality as quickly as possible. And finally, if some Municipal intervention becomes necessary, closely watch everything that happens.

Mike Young

In Loving Memory of Warren Bicks



On 5 August 2021, Mr Warren Bicks of Luthango St, Smutsville, Sedgfield, passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Mr Bicks was born in November 1971 and lived a good life with his loving wife, Mrs Rosaline Bicks, who describes her husband as 'an upstanding man and a good example to many in the community. Together they had three children, two sons and a daughter. He is also survived by four young grandchildren. Warren was a father figure to many of the neighbourhood children too, and his caring and kind nature will be sorely missed in our small town.

An hour of prayer was held on Tuesday the 11th of August at their home in Luthango St. The Memorial Service will be held on Thursday at the Rehoboth Church in Smutsville. The funeral and interment service will take place on Saturday the 14th of August.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the bereaved family and friends of the departed Mr Bicks. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

DIARY DATELINE

Every 2nd Monday

2pm Art Society meets at the Catholic Church. New members are always welcome.

Tuesdays

13:45pm Tabs in for Bowls.

Wednesdays

8 for 9am Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.
8am - 12. Midweek Village Market at Mosaic.

Thursdays

7:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
13:45pm Tabs in for Bowls.

Fridays

8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays

7:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
8am-1pm Scarab Craft Market
13:45pm Tabs in for Bowls.

Sundays

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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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Love seldom seen and experienced by few. Life experiences and memories shared that some can only dream of. That is what we had. The angels came to fetch Leon de Bruyn on Saturday, 7 August, at the age of 82.

I loved him with every grain of my being. He was the love of my life.

In 2019 he had a heart valve replaced and a triple bypass. The surgery was a success, and he recovered well. He then suffered a stroke. With all kinds of therapy, immediately he did well and continued to give 150% towards his improvement. With wheelchair and all, I took him on a transatlantic and Caribbean cruise to celebrate his 81st birthday, knowing it would be our last adventure together. He then unfortunately had another two strokes, leaving him frail. It was tough, but he remained grateful, good-spirited and happy.

Never did he complain, and he was content with all the changes in his life. He passed away gently and at peace with no anguish or panic. Surrounded by love, he drifted quietly to meet his Maker. He shall be remembered as a man of integrity with strong principles. He was my McGyver, being able to do everything for me. A provider 'par excellence' in all respects.

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The joint venture has already seen the replacement of the damaged grid at the Long Street channel. "The next step will be to place nets in the channels at the industrial area, Food Lovers' Market, Queen Street and the Knysna Angling and Diving Association to capture plastic and other forms of litter before it enters the estuary," said Adonis. "Working for the Coast has committed to clean these nets and channels."

The Knysna Estuary is one of the most important in the country in terms of conservation, with 42% of South Africa's estuarine biodiversity found in its system. The estuary is home to South Africa's largest eelgrass beds and is a vital habitat and breeding ground for the endangered Knysna Seahorse, the Hippocampus capensis. Aside from its ecological importance, it is also an important tourist and recreational destination that supports the local economy. Many locals are reliant on the fishing and bait-making opportunities associated with the estuary.

"I encourage all locals to join us in taking active steps to keep our town and estuary clean," Adonis concluded, "We are always open to discussing potential partnerships with individuals or organisations who share our vision of creating an inclusive, innovative and inspired Knysna where we share the responsibility of preserving the appearance of the Greater Knysna area."

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The EDGE on Health

Have you heard of cumin?

Winter is such a great time to add more spice to your diet. There are so many types of spice on the market, and they can bring colour and 'vibe' to any meal. Today let's explore cumin. Cumin is renowned as a tasteful ingredient used in various curry mixtures/masalas. Cumin is originally from the Mediterranean and Middle East. Cumin is now part of exotic cuisine across the globe.

The small cumin seeds are crushed and dried to form a rich flavoursome powder. The Bible mentions cumin, so you begin to see that this seed has been around for thousands of years!

Cumin is a warming spice with stimulating effects on the digestive system. In cold weather, it may be especially beneficial to indulge in spicy foods. Often (in winter), we are less active and prefer to be indoors, making us feel colder. So maybe your diet can lend a helping hand. One simple way is through using spices in your cooking.

Please note spicy does not mean 'hot and burn-like'. A pleasant spice preparation or masala can be mild, medium or hot. Hot masalas tend to have chillies as part of the mixture and may be unbearable for some taste buds. There is an art to cooking. Adding just the right amounts and combinations of spices can turn 'bland' meals into fine dining. You need not be rushing for glasses of milk or pieces of banana when eating spicy foods. If you are accidentally engulfed in a sizzle of a hot spicy mouthful, then, by all means, try to ensure the side portion of banana or a glass of milk is close by. Chillies are very different to spices. Nonetheless, sometimes it is assumed a curry will have chillies. Spices are great for the whole family as they bring a

gentle tasty warm 'vibe' to the taste buds.

If you have an inflammatory condition, cumin may be helpful due to its anti-inflammatory properties. However, its anti-inflammatory properties are mild and are no comparison to medicinal medication. Respiratory problems, such as some coughs and sinusitis complaints, are reputed to be sometimes eased by cumin remedies.

It has been said that this particular spice may balance the immune system. An under-active immune system is no good in defending you from viral or bacterial exposure. Likewise, an over-active immune system may wreak havoc, as in auto-immune diseases. Therefore, we need a balanced immune system for optimal health.

Cumin seeds can be used as whole seeds in cooking. Often they are enjoyed in powder form and sometimes even as an oil.

Cumin seeds have been extolled since ancient times. For many years traditional medicine healers have acknowledged the virtues of cumin in therapy, and to this day, cumin is still part of many home remedies and traditional medicine treatments. Folklore has it that men used cumin with a dose of honey and pungent spicey black pepper as it was said to assist in some cases of male impotence.

Scientific analysis has revealed these seeds are noteworthy sources of essential fatty acids, assuring us that the oil from cumin delivers some beneficial fats! As science explores these seeds more, it becomes apparent that this exotic spice is worth adding to your diet as it is high in antioxidants and boosts vitality.

During pregnancy, some caution should be taken on using cumin

in therapeutic doses.

Cumin has stood the test of time and remained a faithful ally to our wellness. So what is cumin? - a spice that brings warmth and joy! Keep warm this winter.

Until next time

Anastacia

D.N. Med

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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- Act crazy like a lion or tiger. (7)
- Shout heavenward regarding army duty. (4,2)
- Does the silly moron use such a big thing? (8)
- Guts of fish I've refrozen react to low temperature. (6)
- Did the nationally recognised wordsmith arrive late at Europe performance? (4,8)
- One dishonest country that suffers estrangement. (10)
- I enter in the middle distance, because I'm ready. (3)
- Either way, he's responsible for you. (3)
- Disputing, one might acquire a snippet of colloquial wisdom. (10)
- Would the mixed-breed terrier go far, or just chill inside? (12)
- Did they take in Axl Rose for his initial break? (6)
- Dismayed how a phone program could be everything to the newsmen. (8)
- Was it a productive time for horse feeders? (6)
- Inner yearning for a walking stick - perhaps from a pepper plant? (7)
- Heard the direction from the dairy. (4)
- Toilet point for the fish diver. (4)
- A bit of money after commission could make the situation intense. (8)
- Junction a relative might use as a tease. (5)
- Remnant of fire and mining brought to land. (6)
- Have a most meaningful relationship, but no score for a bazaar around Friday the first. (4,6)
- The proportional part of a centre peg gets realigned. (10)
- Primate prohibition surrounds scare tactic. (6)
- Less hair on the run? Rubbish! (10)
- Conned by Ford rep, I decided on a Raptor. (4,2,4)
- A bit of extra velocity for those who want to hit the road. (6)
- Brown like a pig in a lot. (8)
- You said you might catch a glimpse of Esther before her nap? (6)
- Take some sea spice for your jelly. (5)
- The drawing by Peter is all about the student. (4)
- On our side? (4)

Last issues solutions: Across: 7.Petunia 8.Cartoon 9.Wall 10.Black hole 12.Spurn 13.Stockade 15.Mesh 16.Quite 17.Watt 18.Opposite 20.Cinch 21.Charlotte 22.Warm 24.Feigned 25.Red Rose **Down** 1.Beta 2.Furlough 3.Big Ben 4.Backbone 5.At work 6.Hope 11.Abstinent 12.Steep 14.Ditch 16.Quill pen 17.Windward 19.Orange 20.Clever 21.Cred 23.Rush.

A Tribute to Merle Lifson-Dettori

by Judith Miller

On Saturday, 7 August 2021, Merle Lifson-Dettori passed away peacefully. She leaves behind her loving brother, Frank Lifson and her two stepdaughters Elodie and Laeti.

Merle was born in 1963 in Port Elizabeth and, at fourteen, was an awkward, gangly girl who a few years later turned into the most beautiful swan with her trademark blonde hair below her knees.

In 1976 she graduated from acting school in Cape Town and, with her potential and beautiful voice, soon became one of the premier actresses in South Africa. She had a twenty-five-year acting career, with numerous performances in Cape Town theatres, such as the Baxter. Some might remember her in highly acclaimed plays such as Chekov's The Cherry Orchard, Equus and the Shakespearean plays at Maynardville. She also appeared in television films and series, often appearing as "the beautiful princess". She was also in demand for her radio narrations.

In 1998 Merle married a wonderful Frenchman, Christian Dettori. She often said how much she loved being married and what a wonderful husband and friend he was. She missed him every day.

After her acting career, Merle



completed a qualification in psychology and trained as an Imago Relationship Counsellor.

After Christian died tragically in 2014, Merle moved to Sedgefield to be closer to her beloved brother, Frank. She continued the Imago Counselling practice that she had started in Cape Town. Merle had a passion for people. She valued people more than anything else in her life and always put people first. Those that knew her personally will testify that she enhanced their lives in many different ways. She was compassionate and caring; she had an intuitive understanding of the grief and suffering of others. She was a warm and loving soul and a blessing in the lives of her friends and family.

It was Merle's spiritual nature that guided her approach to life. She followed the practice of Satsangi or "seeker of truth" with her Master, whom she fondly called Baba G.

Merle had a keen interest in the Arts, especially music. She also

had great skill with interior decoration and could have made a career out of that as well.

Those who had Merle in their lives feel truly blessed. She was sensitive, joyful, playful, giving and a great companion who was always interested in trying out new activities from mosaicking to playing Canasta. She loved watching the Rugby tests with her friends and a big bowl of popcorn. Amongst her varied interests, Merle belonged to a book club, sang in a church choir, loved opera and theatre, listening to her favourite popular music and was always dreaming of having a house with a view.

Merle was renowned for adoring her dogs. She was as compassionate with animals as she was with humans.

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ELIAS' GIFT TO SAM GROWS

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The SAM team were overwhelmed, and the generosity and commitment of this little fellow also caused quite a sensation in Sedgefield. In response to Elias's kindness, a member of our community who wishes to remain anonymous "paid it forward" by making a matching donation to SAM and giving a token gift to Elias to thank him for showing such community spirit. We acknowledge this anonymous donation with much appreciation. Elias's parents are justifiably proud of their kind-hearted son, but they are understandably concerned that his privacy is respected and have asked us not to publish his surname. His mother explained that, since he was very small, Elias has shown compassion for all creatures that share this planet with us. He believes mammals, insects, birds and reptiles all have the right to life, and he loves them all. Elias attends the Montessori School in Knysna and does odd jobs to earn money. He had asked his Dad to help him invest his money while he was saving it for SAM, so this is a savvy little nine-year-old! The money he donated he had earned washing his Dad's car and doing chores around the house, as well as birthday money. We doubt that he realises what an impact he has had on SAM and the community, and we hope that other children will be inspired to reach out and do good where they can. Elias's Mum has suggested that SAM introduce an initiative to encourage children to become involved with fund-raising for the animal-loving charity, so the team members will be putting



Left: Dale Roberston of SAM handing Elias a gift from the anonymous donor in appreciation of his own generosity.

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Wed 11	low tides sunrise	11:19 07:12	23:45 sunset	17:56	high tides	05:18 09:10	17:36 moonset 20:59
Thur 12	low tide sunrise	11:53 07:11	sunset	17:57	high tides	05:54 09:41	18:14 moonset 22:04
Fri 13	low tides sunrise	00:24 07:10	12:28 sunset	17:58	high tides	06:33 10:11	18:55 moonset 23:10
Sat 14	low tides sunrise	01:07 07:09	13:08 sunset	17:59	high tides	07:16 10:43	19:42 moonset -
Sun 15	low tides sunrise	01:57 07:08	13:56 sunset	17:59	high tides	08:07 11:19	20:39 moonset 00:17
Mon 16	low tides sunrise	03:01 07:07	15:09 sunset	18:00	high tides	09:18 11:59	21:59 moonset 01:26
Tue 17	low tides sunrise	04:52 07:06	17:21 sunset	18:01	high tides	11:11 12:46	23:41 moonset 02:36
Wed 18	low tides sunrise	06:42 07:05	19:00 sunset	18:01	high tide	12:51 13:41	moonset 03:44
Thur 19	low tides sunrise	07:47 07:03	19:59 sunset	18:02	high tides	01:06 14:43	13:53 moonset 04:48
Fri 20	low tides sunrise	08:33 07:02	20:45 sunset	18:03	high tides	02:06 15:50	14:39 moonset 05:45
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Sun 22	low tides sunrise	09:44 07:00	22:00 sunset	18:04	high tides	03:33 18:05	15:55 moonset 07:14
Mon 23	low tides sunrise	10:15 06:59	22:34 sunset	18:05	high tides	04:09 19:09	16:30 moonset 08:19
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KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP MUNISIPALE GRONDGEBRUIKBEPLANNING (2016)
VOORGESTELDE OPHEFFING VAN VOORWAARDES & VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK: ERF 1416, SEDGEFIELD

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 45 van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruiksbeplanning (2016) dat die bogenoemde aansoek ontvang is vanaf:

Naam van Aansoeker: Martin & Matty-Dalen Smith
Kontak besonderhede: c/o Johan Grobler Architects (JG-A)
Verwysingsnommer: Aansoek nommer 2503
Eiendom beskrywing: Erf 1416, Sedgefield
Fisiese Adres: Jan van Riebeeckstraat 13, Sedgefield
Aard van aansoek:

i) Die **Opheffing van Beperkende Titelakte** voorwaarde D5 ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(f)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruiksbeplanning (2016), soos vervat in Titelakte T19593/2021 van Erf 1416, Sedgefield, om 'n tweedewooneenheid op die perseel toe te laat; en

ii) **Vergunningsgebruik** ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(o)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruiksbeplanning (2016), om die bestaande motorhuis om te skakel in 'n tweede wooneenheid.

'n Volledige afskrif van die aansoek is beskikbaar op die munisipale webtuiste: <https://www.knysna.gov.za/do-business/planning-development/current-land-use-applications/>

Lede van die publiek word uitgenooi om skriftelik kommentaar te lewer, saam met die redes daarvan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruiksbeplanning (2016). Kommentaar mag aan die Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder gerig word, en per epos ingedien word aan knysna@knysna.gov.za en lmniki@knysna.gov.za, op of voor **10 September 2021**, met vermelding van u naam, adres, elektroniese kontak besonderhede en telefoon nommer, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Die munisipaliteit mag weier om kommentaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang is, te aanvaar. Persone wat nie kan skryf nie mag die Stadsbeplanningskantoor per telefoon nader tydens kantoorure, waar die betrokke amptenaar u sal help om u kommentaar op skrif te stel.

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SCOUTS PACK GROWING

by Sandy Colloty



On Friday, 6 August, the 1st Sedgefield Cub pack officially welcomed their three Pack Scouters into the Worldwide Scouting Movement. Sandra de Villiers AKA Akela (Pack Scouter), Shaina Massey AKA Bagheera (Assistant Pack Scouter) and Danica Scanes AKA Baloo (Assistant Pack Scouter) were invested at the first meeting of the 3rd term. The Cub Pack is constantly growing and currently has 15 invested Cubs! The newly invested Scouters have a fun-filled term planned and look forward to some exciting cub adventures in the weeks ahead.

SEDFIELD GENTLEMEN'S GOLF

29/7/21

With much anticipation, the day dawned with the Monthly Mug competition in the offing and with a strong wind and wine waiting in the wings adding to the challenge. The A division was eventually won by the gentleman who speaks with an American twang, Andre de Wet, with a net 58. In second spot was Malcolm Goldhill with 61, followed by Dave Herbst with a net 65.

The winner of the B division was John LB playing with metronomic precision totalling 35 points, miles ahead of his closest competitor, Peter Heath, who finished in an exhausted state with 34. They were followed by Len Moulton with 28. However, the real winners of the day were all the players who were treated to a free drink by Terry Savage, who had scored a hole-in-one the previous week during the lockdown period. Everyone ordered Johnnie Walker Black with coke.

The highlight was the

announcement that Terry had won the 'Duck' for the worst performance of the day, which put paid to his endless boasting. 5/08/21

The highlight of this day was the arrival of Guy Maingard, who had been through a very rough time with the 'C' infection. Thankfully he and his wife have recovered, and it was fantastic to see him back on the course again despite his slow play.

When Gary Player reached the age of 72, he very proudly announced that on that day he'd shot his age. How miffed he must feel when the local octogenarian, Peter Heath, does that every week. He was about to ruin his reputation during this IPS competition when he accumulated 22 points on his first nine. He reacted to his playing partner's comment on how well he was playing by only scoring nine on the second, allowing him a gross 80. However, his 34 at least entitled him to a bottle of wine for second place, tying with Ian Wright. In first spot was Trevor Pahl with a great 36. In joint third were John LB and Dave Harris with 34.

As a footnote, although one rags Peter, one has to admit that he is a very loving husband. Recently his wife asked whether he'd mind if she wore her hair in a bun. He retorted that he wouldn't mind even if she wore it in a loaf of bread.

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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW ON MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING (2016) PROPOSED REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS & CONSENT USE: ERF 1416, SEDFIELD

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 45 of the Knysna Municipality By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2016) that the abovementioned application has been received from:

Applicant's Name: Martin & Matty-Dalen Smith
Contact Details: c/o Johan Grobler Architects (JG-A)
Reference number: Application number 2503
Property Description: Erf 1416 Sedgefield
Physical Address: 13 Jan van Riebeeck Street, Sedgefield
Nature of application:

- The **Removal of Restrictive** Title Deed Condition D5 in terms of **Section 15(2)(f)** of the Knysna Municipality By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2016), as contained in the Deed of Transfer T19593/2021 of Erf 1416, Sedgefield, to allow a second dwelling unit on the property; and
- Consent Use** in terms of **Section 15(2)(o)** of the Knysna Municipality By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2016), to convert the existing garage into a second dwelling unit.

A full copy of the application is available for inspection on the municipal website: <http://www.knysna.gov.za/resident-services/planning/current-land-use-applications/>

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments, together with the reasons therefore in terms of Section 50 of the Knysna Municipality By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2016). Comments must be addressed to the Municipal Manager and submitted via email at knysna@knysna.gov.za and lmniki@knysna.gov.za, on or before **10 September 2021**, quoting your name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, interest in the application and reasons for comment. The municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Persons who cannot write may contact the Town Planning Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing.

Telephonic enquiries may be made during office hours to the Town Planner, Linda Mniki, at 044-302 6383 or via email lmniki@knysna.gov.za

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER



LADIES' GOLF

FRIDAY 6th August 2021

Congratulations to the Chastastic prize winners: First place winner Barbara Renfield on 40 points, second place winner Marina van der Westhuizen on 37 points and 3rd Elize MacKenzie-Bloom on 36 points.

We say a big thank you to Chas Everitt for sponsoring R600 worth of prizes for our game. Well done to Daleen Schooling and Linda Evans for winning the nearest-the-pin prizes.

The following birdies were shot: Clare Garner and Barbara Renfield with one each and Marina van der Westhuizen, Charlene Blacker and Daleen Schooling with two each. Well done.



Ronnie Maingard wore the most pink and was awarded a prize.

Our special lucky draw prize was won by Elize. Thank you Eda Greenway, Martha Smith and Joy Herbst, for being on duty.

Reporting by Almarie Mead, Ladies Captain

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