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PARTIES LOCK HORNS OVER NEW MM

On 25 January 2023, the Knysna Council appointed Mr O P Sebola as the new Municipal Manager for a five-year term. Whilst the opposition coalition of the DA and KIM (Knysna Independent Movement) has vociferously claimed this move was illegal, their council colleagues are determined that no shenanigans occurred.

The EFF councillor joined the town's ruling coalition of the ANC, PA and PBI to approve Mr Sebola's appointment in a meeting that was closed to the public. In terms of the official Code of Conduct, councillors were therefore prohibited from sharing the contents of the agenda and selection report with anyone outside the meeting.

Says KIM councillor Susan Campbell "No legitimate reason was given for the secrecy. The only reasonable inference that can be drawn is that the ANC coalition badly wanted to hide this patently unlawful appointment from the public."

She believed this action took Knysna to an all-time low. "Before he could be interviewed, Mr Sebola had to pass a screening, which included a reference check, which included his previous employer. Astoundingly, Mr Sebola passed the screening," she said, adding that a simple internet search revealed enough information about Mr Sebola that he should never have passed.

"The appointment of Mr Sebola, who clearly lacks financial competencies, will be the final nail in Knysna's financial coffin," she warned. "This appointment has to be stopped at all costs."

The KIM councillor added, "We have been informed that the DA



Knysna's controversially appointed Municipal Manager, Ombali Sebola.

intends to approach the high court to prevent this illegal appointment from going ahead. KIM and the DA both voted in Council against the illegal appointment. Although we have had our differences with the DA in the past and may very well disagree with them in future, KIM and the DA are working together to try and stop this illegal process. We therefore fully support the DA's intended court action and ask the people of Knysna to unite behind this action to prevent Mr Sebola's appointment."

The DA is indeed taking the matter to court, with Knysna MP Dion George calling the appointment an 'outrageous violation of due process and the

law.'

A hard-hitting press statement from his offices said:

"The DA in Knysna is fuming over the appointment of a new Municipal Manager (MM), Ombali Phineus Sebola, in the Knysna Municipality, who has a record of mismanagement and undermining due process. The DA will take legal action against this appointment.

"The selection process for this unqualified candidate was riddled with irregularities and legal flaws. The council meeting to select him was irregular, and the short-listing process was improperly conducted without the availability of the necessary

documents.

"Sebola served as MM at the Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality, which he grossly mismanaged.

"To name only a few of our concerns, under his watch:

- Close to R20 million was paid out to beneficiaries without any reference on the bank statements as to who the beneficiaries were;

- The debt owed to Magalies Water escalated from R400 000 to R15 million;
- The Eskom debt escalated to a quarter of a billion rand;
- The Municipality paid millions of rand to creditors who were not even on the registered database of the Municipality.

"Furthermore, Sebola often missed meetings with the Modimolle-Mookgophong Mayor, Marlene van Staden, refusing to supply financial reports and discuss the Municipality's financial situation.

"The DA can also confirm that the Auditor General (AG) lodged a complaint that it was impossible to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to compile an audit report of the Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality, which led to the AG's disclaimed audit opinion.

"How is the appointment of Mr Sebola, with a record like this, going to benefit the people of Knysna? He will bleed the Municipality dry, as he has done before.

"The DA will soon go to court to challenge this appointment, and we call on the residents of Knysna to unite behind us and to help us in our fight. Knysna deserves better!"

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Notes from T'Ed's

A N O T H E R announcement.

My offspring's offspring has landed.

WHOOHWHOOP!

Yes – it IS amazing, thank you.

And I know what else you are thinking – A grandfather? At your tender young age? It hardly seems possible, does it?

But happen it has, and with this beautiful new addition, I have no doubt that our family's lives will be changed forever.

The most important of these changes is, of course, what I am to be called.

Very important.

Because, being barely a decade or so past forty, I am obviously going to maintain my hip and happening (Note to self: do people still say that?) status, and more than likely referred to by younger folk as an ECG (Exceptionally Cool Grandfather). That goes without saying (but bless you if you actually said it anyway)

So it stands to reason that I need a title befitting this Exceptionally Cool status. Something that is ... well ... Exceptionally Cool, I guess.

So, as a service to the next generation (especially the ones who haven't acquired access to Google yet), I have compiled a Very Important List entitled 'What to Call Your ECG Grandfather'.

- a) Non-Acceptable
The Old Bally
The Archaic One
Grampaps
Pappy
Paw Paw
Ye Olde Ancient Artefact
Oxygen Thief
Hey, Old Guy

- b) Acceptable
Top Bwana
G-Dog



Big-Daddy
Umkulu Kool
Big Babu
Grandalf

Why is this important? (I'm surprised you have to ask, but there you go, there's just no getting some people, is there?)

Well – imagine, if you will, the damage to my so-far untainted reputation if I was to be somewhere like... let's see ... jogging along a busy beach in my Bay-Watch Special Edition Original High-Cut Speedo (in slow motion, of course – just like Mr Hasselhoff advises on the special instruction video that comes free with said swimming attire) with all the sunbathers staring (as they usually do) in wonderment, and a grandchild was to toddle across the sand toward me shouting 'Pappy!' or 'Paw Paw!' or something equally undignified?

I agree! It WOULD be inappropriate.

Nay! I say. There are far more befitting titles to bestow on an ECG, aren't there? 'G-Dog', 'Umkulu Cool', or even 'Big Babu' would be far more suitable.

Yes, I realise it is early days yet – the child is only days old, but I need to take my ECGism seriously if only to prove G-Ma* wrong (*she hates it when I call her that!)

You see, G-Ma (that's Mrs Ed if you haven't caught up yet) insists I am talking 'stuff 'n nonsense' and keeps going on about 'ageing with dignity' and other such absurdities. She even

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has the audacity to tell everyone in earshot (and that's a LOT of people) that I am going through ANOTHER mid-life crisis when I am clearly not even due for my first one yet. She refuses to come to the beach in the same car as me unless I am wearing a T-shirt and board shorts, and I promise her that I won't practise any slow-motion manoeuvres too close to her. She hasn't bothered to even look at the designs I have proposed for matching 'G' tattoos.

Sigh.

But I won't dwell on the negative. Oh no. Even G-Ma's stubbornness in 'getting with it' isn't going to steal my joy. On the contrary, this wonderful new arrival of the first member of the next ED generation is a time of celebration, the miracle of life!

So miraculous, in fact, that it has even got G-Ma and me talking again.

Yes – I'm afraid it had been a long time since we ... er ... sat around the same fire, as it were. A very long and draining period full of sulking, 'silent treatment', slamming doors like a spoiled teenager and storming off in a huff to go and cry in the bedroom – it felt like it was never going to end.

In my defence, it was her fault that I was such an emotional wreck – she should never have cancelled the skateboard I ordered online without checking with me first, even if it WAS on her credit card.

Anyway – that's all forgotten now. I have pulled myself towards myself because there's no use crying over cancelled skateboards, is there? And how can I continue bearing a grudge when we are both (that's G-Ma and G-Dawg) revelling in the glory of our new-found grandchildness?

We were chatting about it most excitedly the other night. It was load-shedding, and Mrs Ed (sorry – G-Ma) was lying there, exhausted after performing her nightly 'Moondance' ritual, which involves leaping about on the bed armed with a torch and a pillow in a vain attempt to rid the

ceiling of mosquitoes. I was smiling from ear to ear, and not just because I had once again lived through the imminent danger of her footfalls.

Indeed I had two OTHER excellent reasons to smile – the arrival of our granddaughter earlier that evening, of course, AND the discovery that the reason I had been getting up to pee so many times every night was NOT old age. It seems that a month or two ago, Mrs Ed had secretly set her phone to subliminally play 'gently running brook' as an ambient noise to help her sleep.

"So," I said, "This grandchild of ours... we will see her most days, won't we?"

"Yes," she said, grinning back at me through half-closed eyes.

"But we won't have to wake up and feed her and change her every three hours?"

"No," she sighed happily, "Not us."

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but we get to play with her and stuff", I mused.
"Exaaaactly!" yawned Mrs Ed.
"You know what?" I murmured contentedly, slipping off into a semi-slumber because I could. "I

think we should have a lot more of them."
"You're right G-Dawg," she zzzz'd,

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According to the ANC the appointment is legal and the new MM is qualified

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When asked to weigh in, ANC Subregional Convener Moyisi Magalela challenged the DA/KIM coalition's allegations, issuing the following statement about the appointment of Mr Sebola.

Firstly, an independent service provider was appointed by the DA government during their tenure to assist the Municipality with shortlisting, vetting or screening, conducting interviews, competency checks of candidates and compiling a report to guide the selection panel.

Also, note that this is the same

service provider that the DA is using across the Western Cape Province in all its Municipalities.

Therefore, if there is anyone they must take to court, it will be this service provider.

On the selection panel: This is a panel appointed by Council. It consists of an Executive Mayor, Deputy Mayor and an expert from a different Municipality. They form part of shortlisting, structural interviews and the compiling of a report with recommendations for Council to deliberate and consider when making an appointment. They compile this report guided by the service provider's report, which will provide them with

candidates that qualify for a position.

After deliberation Council then, by a majority, makes the appointment.

As to whether Mr Sebola is qualified or not, (he) is a qualified candidate who holds, amongst others, a Bachelor of Public Administration Honours from Stellenbosch University; he has more than 20 years of experience in local government.

I do not think it is fair to disqualify a candidate on the basis of just clicking on Google and taking the information found as gospel truth. I am not in a position to comment on reports by the Auditor General. I am

sure Mr Sebola will be in a better position to speak for himself. All I can say is that these allegations were not investigated by the Hawks or brought to a court of law. I also believe in innocence till proven guilty by a court of law.

It is my view that the DA relied on a statement that was issued by their DA members from that Municipality.

On the constitutionality of the Council, in my view, the Council met its quorum and was a legal council. I was also made aware that councillors were informed that the report or item would be distributed in Council. Also, to my surprise, the DA issued a press statement on the





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eve of the council meeting in which they stated that the selection panel had recommended that Mr Sebola be appointed as the new Municipal Manager, and they later claimed that they did not know what the council meeting was going to discuss.

The Council can deliberate on whether items should be discussed in open or closed

sessions depending on the confidentiality of the information contained in a report. This was done on the day, and the majority decided that this item must be 'in committee', meaning it should be discussed in a closed session.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Sebola on his appointment. I have no doubt that he will serve the community of Knysna to the best of his ability."

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the degradation of our wetlands, flora and fauna and marine areas.

Points to Ponder

The Sedgefield Island Conservancy is always busy eradicating alien trees, monitoring "ghost fishing lines", and encouraging the planting of indigenous and endemic species in our gardens. We also keep an eye on the Enviro gardens. Our thanks to Eyeland Neighbourhood Watch for doing regular sweeps of this area.

Dumping of garden refuse and rubble is illegal. Please take responsibility for your garden prunings, grass cuttings etc.; take them to the dump and not the Enviro Garden or other coastal bush.

Residents of waterfront properties on The Island should remember that the lagoon banks are municipal property, not part

of their gardens. No one may cut down bushes or trees to clear access for their boats etc. Cape Nature Conservation advises that we need to rehabilitate the banks as far as possible and that access to the water must be on existing steps. The erosion is getting worse, so the next time you remove an indigenous bush, think of the cost to the environment. The public has the right to use existing braai spots and fish along the banks.

A group of volunteers takes care of the small gardens that beautify our street corners on The Island. We thank all residents who have paid their annual subscriptions to the conservancy. If you are new to the area, please consider joining this worthwhile group to support the upkeep of this beautiful area.

In these trying and troubled times, perhaps we should remember the following:

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches, or its romance."

Theodore Roosevelt

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SEDFIELD RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC. HEARS YOU!

This version of a letter the Sedgefield Ratepayers & Residents (SR&RA) EXCO sent to its members last week by the Association's Chairperson, Dr Andy Brough, has been edited due to space and editorial restrictions; however, it hasn't lost any of its meaning or focus.

Ongoing Concerns around Sustainable Service Delivery
We, your SR&RA Committee, hear our members' concerns, including Knysna Municipality's perceived inability to sustain acceptable delivery of most services. One of the SR&RA's key focus points is to keep a watchful eye on municipal activities and service quality, and we have noted with some alarm the lack of attention in some areas.

These include, amongst others, the following.

- Managing municipal finances with little or no reserves and increasing debt.
- Increasing property taxes and services costs by significantly higher percentages than other local municipalities.
- A whole range of high-level bylaws being broken by the municipality with no consequences, particularly on our dune ridges.
- The ongoing "revolving door" and continuous replacement of senior staff – most of whom are in acting positions. Knysna Municipality has experienced difficulty retaining senior experienced management officials and finding suitably qualified and experienced replacements. There have been more Acting Directors than permanent equivalents for over three years – including several Municipal Managers and Acting Municipal Managers during this same period. In a commercial environment, if the CEO of an organisation were to be replaced with a similar frequency, that organisation would be unlikely to survive.

The Call to Withhold Rates Payment

Regarding the suggestion from some residents to withhold rates payments as encouragement for service delivery improvement, this is not an action that the SR&RA Committee can even consider, let alone support.

The reality is that although there are genuine challenges, Knysna Municipality is meeting basic commitments to residents and ratepayers within Greater Knysna, including Sedgefield and Smutsville. Potable water is being provided, sewerage is managed, solid waste (garbage) is collected, and electricity is provided (outside Eskom load-shedding). Potholes are eventually repaired after some moderate ear-bashing encouragement. Even several road signs for Sedgefield were repaired or replaced in 2022.

Please note that SR&RA is committed to acting within the ambit of the law. As much as we may not like it, the law is clear "...it is unlawful to withhold the payment of property rates for any reason, even if the municipality is not providing the "services" that you typically associate with what you pay your rates for..." (Gladwin-Wood & Gohl, 2021).*

What Options do we have as Consumers?

If non-payment is not an option, what other recourse do we have as residents and ratepayers? In short, let's continue to use existing channels to ensure accountability for service delivery.

1. Hold the Municipality accountable for delivering on its Customer Service Charter. This charter lays out specific service-related issues, the responsible directorate and the number of service-level days within which the municipality undertakes to respond satisfactorily. Phone numbers and email addresses are provided in the charter. Our appeal to every Sedgefield ratepayer and resident is to have a copy of this document handy to use as the basis for your service-related queries

(<https://www.knysna.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Customer-Service-Charter-Web-May-2019.pdf>).

2. Hold the Municipality accountable for delivering on its Customer Care, Credit Control, Debt Collection, Indigent and Tampering policy (this can be found using the 'search' option on the municipal website

www.knysna.gov.za). This document confirms the municipality's commitment to "focus on the client's needs in a responsible and pro-active way" and to create a "positive relationship between the persons responsible for the payment of services and the Municipality." There is also a commitment to "take reasonable steps to ensure that users of services are informed of the costs involved in the provision of services, the reasons for the payment of service fees and how monies raised from the services are utilised."

3. Continue to engage with our two ward councillors - our elected officials. Our association is grateful for the combined energy, focus and time that our two Ward Councillors, Cllr Levael Davis and Cllr Cleone Vanston, invest in their endeavours to support our initiatives, our requests for proper action, and the necessarily related interventions, all on behalf of the communities which they are committed serve.

The SR&RA committee realises, however, that as an increasing number of unsatisfactory cracks seem to be appearing in the current running of the Knysna Municipality, the weight of our monitoring and follow-up tasks increases too. We sincerely thank all our members who have put their faith in your committee's abilities to keep the Sedgefield Residents and Ratepayers' torch burning brightly. And to those who are energised but have not yet joined as members of the SRRA, please consider doing so. We have a project that is focused on growing our membership base right now! The more Sedgefield and Smutsville residents we have supporting us, the stronger our voice will become.

Do you know a neighbour or friend that is energised & enjoys making a difference? Why not encourage your neighbours or friends to contact Ari Seirlis (082-901-4150) to become an SR & RA Member? The Association is actively recruiting new members who wish to make a positive difference.

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The Marbled Leaf-toed Gecko

Afrogecko porphyreus



The Marbled Leaf-toed gecko is a secretive and under-appreciated member of our herpetofauna and deserves wider recognition for the services it renders unto man.

and can be easily identified by its relatively elongated body. In fact, the body is so lengthened that when the gecko runs, it moves with an "S" shaped wriggling movement, a distinctive feature of the species. Although it is often abundant in suitable

habitats, it is rarely seen because of its nocturnal habits.

The species is endemic to South Africa, being found in the Western and Eastern Cape and on several offshore islands. Eggs are laid in a sheltered nook or crack, and as such sites can be hard to find in urban areas, females often lay in communal nests. The eggs take around two months to hatch. Being nocturnal, this gecko has vertical pupils during the day or under bright light. Its back is usually marbled with swirling brown patterns (although some individuals have a yellow line running from head to tail).

It should not be confused with an invasive species, the tropical house gecko (*Hemidactylus mabouia*), which has rough skin studded with tiny spikes.

The Marbled Leaf-toed gecko has very smooth skin with tiny granular scales.

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We are so delighted to wish the happiest of happy birthdays to long-time EDGE reader (and scribe of many 'letters to the editor') Geoff Janes, who celebrated his landmark day on Tuesday 7 February.

Geoff resides at Sedgemoor Park with his dotting young wife Jean. They have been living in Sedgemoor for 30 years with Geoff very involved in the Ratepayers Association for some time. Jean says he is still a quick-witted fellow, and she would certainly know him better than anyone else, because they will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in June this year!

BUOY OH BUOY



Steven Douglas, the NSRI Pink Rescue Buoy (PRB) Coordinator for Sedgemoor and surrounds, has reported that for the second time in two weeks, the NSRI Pink Rescue Buoy at the Swartvlei lagoon mouth has disappeared. "Last time, through public vigilance, it was recovered,

minus its harness. This time, the whole thing is missing," he said. "This is becoming more than a nuisance and is a real public danger." Steven says that if anyone knows and can testify, who is stealing/vandalising these buoys, they should let him know so that he can lay a charge with SAPS.

Strategically placed on signs at selected beaches, inland rivers and dams, these bright pink buoys act as a reminder to take care if there are no lifeguards on duty. If someone gets into difficulty in the water, they can be used as emergency flotation until help arrives. Their bright pink colour means they are easily seen.

The pink buoys on our local beaches have already proven to be life savers, having been used on a number of occasions by swimmers to assist others in trouble. Only last year at Swartvlei Beach a 17 year old girl swam out with a pink buoy to rescue a 12 year girl who had been dragged out by a rip current.

Each Pink Rescue Buoy is housed on a sturdy pole with signage showing how they should be used, the NSRI's emergency number and the buoy's unique identification number, which helps rescue services identify the location of the emergency. ID numbers and NSRI's contact telephone numbers are also embossed on the buoys so they can easily be returned to their posts after use or if they are lost or stolen. "If too many of these units disappear from a location, the NSRI will evaluate whether the expense to continue providing this buoy is justified or whether the buoy should be removed altogether," explains Steven. "None of us wants this to happen, but if the decision is justified the buoy will be removed.

He urges the public to be vigilant so that the person tampering with the buoys can be brought to book. If you have any information, please contact Steven on 076 955 1723



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8am - 12. Midweek Village Market at Mosaic.

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6:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
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Saturdays
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8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
8am-1pm Scarab Craft Market
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Sunday 12 February
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A CUT ABOVE

by Melanie Baumeister

Ian Botha Swart (five years old) is a local lad with a heart of gold and, until recently, a head full of golden hair too!

Losing his locks was no hardship, even though he had been growing them since birth. At age three, he insisted on keeping the curls and not going through the right of passage that most toddlers do when they have their first official



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LETTERS TO THE EDGE



Gardeners' Market

Since 2020, the Gardeners' Market has been held at Sedgfield Station on the first Sunday of every month. (08:00-12:00). The station provides a quaint setting surrounded by trees, and the vendors, all knowledgeable re their products, happily advise on garden problems and plants. For instance, Gabriel sells a stunning range of carnivorous plants and keeps customers, young and old, spellbound with his stories.

The vendors at this relaxing little market offer a wide variety of plants at reasonable prices, fynbos, succulents, herbs, and everything in between. In addition, you will find great organic veggies, fertilizers, bird feeders and plant boxes. Relax over a delicious breakfast or coffee and pancakes from Joe and Louisa's Whistle Stop Cafe.

To make this small market more varied, arts and crafts people are invited to join in. Any vendor

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[words by Derick Kirkham of Sedgfield, sung to the song 'Ag Pleez Deddy']

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interested can apply to Joe 072 487 0395 or Maré 082 962 4098.

The vendors would like to thank

all their loyal customers, from George and Knysna and, of course, the Sedgies, for supporting the Gardeners' Market and helping it grow.

by Beryl Whittaker

Much loved Kay passed away peacefully on Sunday, the 8th of January 2023, after a long illness stoically and bravely born.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends in Sedgfield and the surrounding areas. Kay was a resident of Sedgfield for about 25 years and took great delight in explaining the history and development of the village. She was known for her caring nature, wonderful sense of humour, and participation in community activities. Always ready to assist when asked, she helped many people in their hour of need. She also served Sedgfield as clinic sister for several years.

Well known for her love of children and animals, Kay took great interest in the welfare of both, especially her rescue dog Max who never left her side. Although she had many homes in Sedgfield, her last home was a unit in the Landfall Complex, where for many years, she was the only permanent resident. As the complex grew, she took on the role of chairperson and worked very hard to establish a beautiful garden for everyone in the complex to enjoy. Those who today enjoy the peace, tranquillity and beauty of the garden will forever remember it as 'Kay's Garden.'

Despite her illness and the pain it brought, she never gave up and never complained. She always looked on the bright side of life and enjoyed every minute of it, never losing her wonderful sense of humour. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Our condolences to the family. Sedgfield will miss her.

Rest in peace, Kay.

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A tribute to Kay Marion Glass



'SAVE WILD' LAUNCHED

On Friday, 3 February, over a hundred Wilderness residents filled the Wilderness Hotel to witness the launch of the 'SAVE WILD' campaign.

This new initiative, the brainchild of Michael von der Heyde and his partner Romy, has reportedly been set up to assist in the protection of biodiversity and ensure responsible development in Wilderness and surrounding areas.

Those attending the launch were assured that Save Wild was certainly not against development per se but would be campaigning against illegal

development and the bending of construction by-laws, such as various building activities taking place without correct permits – something they believe has become a problem over the years.

Spearheaded by a group of conservation experts, Save Wild aims to provide oversight and guidance for projects and activities that take place in the Wilderness area. Thereby hopefully countering the loss of fauna and flora species and habitats as well as negative impacts on local communities that depend on these areas for their livelihoods through tourism.

"This is an important step forward in protecting the remaining Wilderness areas and ensuring that they remain intact for future generations," said Michael, "We believe that responsible development can and should coexist with conservation, and our goal is to help make that a reality."

The initiative will partner with various environmental organisations, including WALEAF (Wilderness & Lakes Environmental Action Forum), to focus on monitoring and assessing the impacts of development on the Wilderness

ecosystems. It will also provide recommendations for minimising negative impacts and promoting sustainable practices - especially now as the Wilderness area faces increasing pressure from human development. In addition, Save Wild will work with government agencies, NGOs, and private sector entities to ensure that all development in the Wilderness area adheres to the highest standards of environmental protection.

The initiative's new website (savewild.co.za) was launched at the same event, along with an educational video, 'Wilderness - Save the Wild', which has since been uploaded to YouTube.

THIS ONE THING Journeying with Tutu

Written by Dan Vaughan



A wonderfully written story about two wonderful men.

Anyone meeting the unassuming Sedgefield man Dan Vaughan would certainly find no hint of the extraordinary life he has lived. But this quiet servant character was most likely what led the effervescent Archbishop Desmond Tutu to care so much about Dan, or 'Vaughie' as he fondly called him, and indeed spend so many years developing the close friendship they both treasured.

This One Thing is about that journey – their early years together when apartheid was at its cruelest, and both were deeply involved in the then-controversial South African Council of Churches (SACC). Then, later in both of their lives, the time they shared when Dan was recalled to the Archbishop's side as a companion when the iconic man embarked on his global ministry.

The book poignantly offers an inside look at Tutu's character. It reveals so delightfully that this great man's private persona was no different from the all-caring, joke-sharing, public figure that South Africa and the rest of the world came to love. There is no mistaking the ferocity of the man's determination to rid his country of racial segregation. Yet we clearly see how his love for his fellow man, regardless of race, colour or creed, always shone through. Tutu hated the system, not the people who perpetuated it.

This One Thing also takes us into Dan's heart. He describes with great honesty how, like so many people of the time, his views on the apartheid laws had seldom been at the forefront of his thinking, left 'on the back shelves' of his mind as they didn't really affect his life. But this changed when he joined the SACC, where he worked with and befriended so many people across the racial line. Suddenly the apartheid system so overwhelmingly flew in the face of his Christian beliefs.

At Tutu's side, he soon became quietly yet very firmly invested in the seemingly impossible quest to change South Africa into a country that equally embraces all of its people.

This One Thing is a story wonderfully told. The detail that makes it so real, sharing truths we never knew, does not stop it from being a page-turner.

As the Rev. Ntombi Tutu - daughter of the Archbishop - scribed in the book's foreword, "This One Thing is the story of a faith journey; it is the story of friendship and struggle, it is the story about the fight against evil; it is a story about making choices to stand for what is right, even as it costs you; it is the story of the power of community."

Dan Vaughan will be at Deo Gratia bookshop from 3-4 pm on Wednesday, 15 February, should any readers wish to purchase a signed copy of 'This One Thing'.



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Through a paramedic's eyes: 'Please safely restrain kids in the car'

The power of a parent's love can only protect a child from the massive forces of a car accident when age-appropriate car seats and safety belts are used every time a child travels in a vehicle – no matter how short the distance.

"When you see what we as paramedics have to deal with at accident scenes, you'll understand the importance of wearing a seatbelt and securing your child safely in a child seat. As a parent, I can never emphasise the importance of car seats enough," says Charné van der Berg, Netcare 911's critical care operations manager. Over the recent 2022/2023 festive season, 1 451 people were killed in road accidents, down from 1 685 over the previous year's summer holiday period, with the transport ministry drawing attention to the lifesaving importance of seat belts and child car seats.

In 2021, seven per cent of South Africa's road accident passenger fatalities were children under 14, as noted by the Road Traffic Management Corporation. According to the most recent Statistics South Africa Causes of Death and Mortality Survey, road accidents accounted for 4.2% of non-natural deaths for babies under a year old and 15.5% for children aged one to 14 years old.

For babes in arms, a rear-facing car seat on the front passenger seat is recommended, and then a front-facing car seat on the back seat as they get older. Once children outgrow a car seat, they are still too small for conventional seatbelts to be optimally effective and need to

be secured in a booster seat.

"Accidents happen when they are least expected – even a quick trip down the road can have fatal consequences if a child is not safely restrained. According to Arrive Alive, properly installed child safety seats can reduce the need for hospitalisation among children younger than four years by 69% in road traffic accidents," Van der Berg adds.

"It is not safe for a child to sit on an adult's lap while travelling in a car. The adult may be safely strapped in with a safety belt, but the force of a collision is so immense that the child isn't protected at all. People often think they would be able to hold onto their child in the event of an accident, but in reality, it's not possible," she says.

A 2019 observational study recorded fewer than one in five child passengers using safety restraints among visitors and patients to a children's hospital in Cape Town. Concerningly, a third of children noted in the study were completely unprotected from injury, as they were sitting on the lap of an adult.

"Although toddlers have a will of their own and can be especially difficult when being strapped in, as the responsible adult, it is up to you to make it a routine part of every car trip. It takes two minutes, and it can save a lifetime of regret."

Seven tips for car seat safety:

1. Do your research when buying a car seat. Visit the Automobile Association's website for the relevant specifications and regulations to ensure your choice of car seat is compliant. Make sure your car seat or booster seat is quality assured by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS).
2. Install child safety restraints correctly according to the seat manufacturer's instructions and check these against your car's owner's manual.
3. Ensure your child's car seat is right for their age and weight. Replace the seat as needed when your child outgrows their car seat.
4. Check all the clips and buckles, including those securing the child seat into the car, every time you travel with your child.
5. Make sure straps are tight-fitting to be effective in an accident and to prevent driver distraction that could lead to an accident.
6. Be consistent. There is no negotiation when it comes to car safety; your child or infant has to be properly secured every time.
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make them less effective in an emergency. Rather, dress your child in layers of thinner fabric that will not compress under force or put a blanket over the restraints once your child is safely buckled in. "Even if you are the most cautious driver, there are so many variables that contribute to accidents. Without a doubt, car seats and seat belts, used correctly, save lives every day;

unfortunately, not enough people are using them," Van der Berg says. "Unequivocally, these car safety devices make a big difference to survival and minimising injuries in motor vehicle accidents. Set a good example for your children; always make sure everyone is strapped in safely and never take a chance when it comes to car seats or seatbelts."



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MEET THE NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Mr Ombali Phineas Sebola started his first day as Knysna's new Municipal Manager on 1 February. "I am pleased that the correct procedures were followed in securing this appointment," explained Executive Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa. "I am confident that the most suitably qualified and experienced candidate has been appointed to serve Greater Knysna."

Sebola, who is married and a father of four, holds a B.Juris degree, a Municipal Finance Management diploma and a Bachelor of Public Administration with Honours degree. Serving nearly twenty years in local government, he brings a wealth of experience to Knysna Municipality. He was part of the initial group that implemented the then newly

developed Performance Management System in local government. This system monitors, assesses and evaluates the performance of a municipality to gauge the progress made in achieving set targets.

During his already impressive career, Sebola has, amongst other positions, served as the Legal Manager for the Waterberg District Municipality and Senior Corporate Services Manager at the Bela-Bela Municipality. He was seconded as Acting Municipal Manager to the Mookgophong Municipality and appointed as Municipal Manager when that municipality was amalgamated with Modimolle Municipality in 2016.

Sebola said his vision for Knysna includes transforming the town into a world-class tourism hub,



creating jobs, developing skills and collaborating with stakeholders to empower the local communities. "Uplifting staff morale and fostering unity and diversity in the organisation is at the centre of this vision," he explained. "Our staff is the heart and soul of the organisation. Motivated employees will not only do their job, but they will go out of their way to ensure that we render exceptional services to the people of the Greater Knysna area."

"One of the first commitments I made to our residents was that the position of Municipal Manager would be filled," said Tsengwa. "We welcome Mr Sebola to this office and look forward to benefiting from his competent leadership. We have also compiled shortlists for the positions of the vacant director positions, and Mr Sebola will soon be at the helm of a fully staffed top management team."

"An administration that functions under effective leadership is critical to implementing the policies and resolutions of Council and to continuously improving service delivery," he concluded. "We are ready to roll up our sleeves and work towards creating an inclusive, innovative, inspired Knysna."



TENDER NO. T 37 OF 2022/23: PROVISION OF A PABX SYSTEM FOR A 3 YEAR PERIOD

Tenders are invited from suitable tenderers for the provision of a PABX system.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the following website: www.knysna.gov.za at no cost. Website navigation is as follow: Information centre – SCM – Tenders.

Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Mrs Lezelle Plaatjies, Tel No. 044 302 6543, e-mail: lplaatjies@knysna.gov.za

The closing time for submission of bids is **12h00 on Wednesday, 22 March 2023**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **bid box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, on or before the mentioned time and latest date. Telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late bids will **NOT** be accepted. Bids must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date of the bid.

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

Bids may only be submitted on the bid documentation that is issued. Bids will be evaluated according to the **80/20** preference points system. Further information relating to this is indicated in the tender documents on MBD 6.1. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022.

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TENDER NO: T36 OF 2022/23 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A NEW HOOK LIFT TRUCK

Knysna Municipality hereby invites tenders from suitable tenderers for the **Supply And Delivery Of A New Hook Lift Truck**.

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CELEBRATING WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2023



A bird's-eye view of the Swartvlei wetland. Source gardenroute.com

“The Southern Cape and the Garden Route are home to some of South Africa’s most spectacular wetland systems, and they play a key role in the survival of critically endangered biodiversity throughout the region. However, the region is subjected to industrial-scale agriculture and unprecedented development and infrastructure,” says Cobus Meiring of the Garden Route Environmental Forum (GREF).

“Fortunately, most large wetland systems such as the Garden Route lakes and estuaries are under mandated protection by entities such as SANParks and CapeNature, co-managed by various coastal municipalities, and are regarded as priority conservation areas, which have a bearing on the survival of both terrestrial and marine species and dependent biodiversity.”

“Besides the biodiversity relevance of the Southern Cape lakes, beaches, wetlands, estuaries, rivers and streams, they are essentially what makes the region so special as no doubt it is one of the most scenic places on the planet.”

According to Meiring, there is an inherent danger in being spectacularly scenic, as everybody wants to own a piece of paradise, and over time the Garden Route has unfortunately become what many refer to as the Concrete Route, as thousands of new houses and developments have sprung up along the coast, with many more to come.

“Towns such as George, Knysna, Mossel Bay and Plettenberg Bay have become small cities, and unspoilt places have become few and



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far between,” says Meiring.

“Perhaps the single biggest threat to the Southern Cape wetlands is invasive alien plants (IAPs) in the upper catchments of regional rivers, which have a detrimental effect on the amounts of freshwater released to enable wetland systems to function optimally.”

“Over and above the negative effect of water scarcity, invasive alien plants have displaced and destroyed thousands of hectares of indigenous plants and biodiversity in sensitive ecosystems. Unfortunately, private landowners responsible for managing invasive

alien plants on their land, as dictated by various environmental laws and regulations, more often than not either ignore the problem or lack the resources to address it properly.”

“The Garden Route Environmental Forum and all regional environmental management and conservation entities would like to call on private landowners to do all in their significant collective power to actively, and on an ongoing basis, eradicate and manage invasive alien plant growth on their land, and in the process make a big difference in the ecological survival of the Garden Route,” Meiring concludes.



PUBLICATION OF CANCELLED TENDERS IN RESPECT OF ADVERTISED COMPETITIVE BIDS IN TERMS OF REGULATION 23 (C) (iii) OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS 2005 (COVERING THE PERIOD FROM 2019/2020 TO 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEARS)

NO	TENDER NO	TENDER DESCRIPTION	REASON FOR CANCELLATION
1	T 48 of 2019/20	Provision of leased building/s for municipal office accommodation for a period of 3 years from date of appointment.	Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure.
2	T 62 of 2019/20	Provision of professional services for amendment and submission of layout plans for approval, and preparation and submission of Surveyor General	Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure.
3	T 42 of 2020/21	Plans for approval by Surveyor General. Repairs, service and maintenance of machinery and equipment for a period ending 30 June 2023.	No acceptable bid was received.
4	T 9 of 2022/23	Repairs & maintenance of a building including the replacement of asbestos roof with corrugated galvanised metal roof sheets at Knysna Municipality's Khayaletu offices.	Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the goods or services specified in the invitation.
5	T 10 of 2022/23	Sale of site, Erf 14311, Knysna (950m ² in extent) situated on Concordia Road Knysna ("the Property") for Church purposes.	Responsive bidder not registered with National Treasury Supplier Database. The tenderer was requested to register on the aforementioned database with no success
6	T 11 of 2022/23	Service Providers for the repairs, service and maintenance of machinery and equipment.	Tender validity period expired.
7	T 12 of 2022/23	Service Providers for the Lease Of Vehicles & Plant On an As-and-When Required For A Period Ending 30 June 2024.	Tender validity period expired.
8	T 15 of 2022/23	Expression Of Interest for appointment of an accredited service provider for the presentation of a specific accredited occupationally directed program: National Certificate: Water and Waste Water Process Control NQF 3, SAQA ID 60190.	No responsive bid was received (Only Yehana Projects submitted a bid – The tenderer is not an accredited service provider for the required training course).
9	T 16 of 2022/23	Supply and delivery of a new Hook Lift Truck	Tender validity period expired.
10	T 17 of 2022/23	Transport services for a period of one (1) year.	Tender validity period expired.
11	T 18 of 2022/23	The Expression Of Interest For Supply Of Good And Services For Period Of One Year (1 Year) –Community Development Section	Tender validity period expired.

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TENDER NO: T 40 OF 2022/23: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

Knysna Municipality hereby invites tenders for the Supply, Delivery And Installation Of A Fire Suppression System.

Tender documents must be downloaded from the Knysna Municipality website: www.knysna.gov.za at no cost. Website navigation is as follow: Do Business – Bidding Opportunities - Tenders – Current Tenders.

Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Ms. Lezelle Plaatjies, email: lplaatjies@knysna.gov.za and Supply Chain queries may be addressed to: Charmorne Bezuidenhout, e-mail cybezuidenhout@knysna.gov.za.

There will be no briefing meeting held but bidders as welcome to come and inspect the IT Department by appointment; whilst bid is still open. No inspections will be held after the closing date.

The closing time for submission of bids is **12h00 on Friday, 24 March 2023**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above and placed in the **bid box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, on or before the mentioned time and latest date. Telephonic, facsimile and late bids will not be accepted. Bids must remain valid for a period of 90 days after the closing date of the bid.

Bids will be opened on the same day at the Supply Chain Management Offices at 12h00. Late or unmarked bids will not be considered.

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

Bids will be evaluated according to the **80/20** preference points system. Further information relating to this is indicated in the tender documents on MBD 6.1. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017.

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.

NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE AS DEFINED IN THE MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO 40553 DATED 20 JANUARY 2017).

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

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Allan Gray Orbis Fellowship Applications now open

A new cohort of young South Africans has just started their final year of school, and amongst them are future change-makers, problem-solvers and innovators with dreams and plans for a better world. Through its unique Fellowship programme, the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation has, since 2005, created extraordinary opportunities for high school graduates with the potential to develop into high impact, responsible entrepreneurs.

The Foundation is now calling on learners who are aspiring entrepreneurs from the matric class of 2023 to apply now for this prestigious Fellowship opportunity that will pave the way to a university education, entrepreneurial mindset development interventions and personal and academic development support. Applications are open from 6 February to 28 April 2023.

This year, the Foundation has refined its funding model for the Fellowship in line with its efforts to scale up the programme. For learners living in households below the R1 million annual income threshold, full funding, including tuition, residence,

books, counselling, and monthly stipend costs, will be provided. Learners with entrepreneurial mindsets from households above this income threshold are also welcome to apply. Upon acceptance, the value of their Fellowship funding will then be determined on an individualised needs basis. This global best practice three-step funding model is based on guiding principles that admissions are purely merit-based and funding is entirely needs-based to ensure that all eligible recipients of the Fellowship, known as Candidate Fellows, can access the entrepreneurial programmes.

The programme marks the start of a unique entrepreneurship journey as Candidate Fellows are nurtured in the development of an entrepreneurial mindset, ethical values and strong leadership skills as they pursue their university studies. The programme focuses on academic support and personal growth with access to a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem that can support them as they generate ideas, start ventures and grow enterprises with purpose.

Fellowship Applications Requirements include the following:

- South African citizenship

- 21 years of age or younger in 2023
- Minimum of 60% in pure Mathematics or a minimum of 80% in Mathematical Literacy for final grade 11 results
- Minimum average of 70% for final grade 11 results (excluding Life Orientation)
- Intention to study towards a Commerce, Science (excluding Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry); Engineering, Law, Humanities or Arts Degree at any of our partner universities, including the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Johannesburg, the University of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela University, Rhodes University, the University of the Western Cape, Stellenbosch University, the University of Pretoria, the University of the Free State or the University of KwaZulu-Natal.
- Indications of an entrepreneurial mindset
- Belief in the future of South Africa

Applications are accepted between 6 February 2023 and 28 April 2023, 17:00 SAST. Visit allangrayorbis.org to download an application form or to apply online.

EASY RIDERS' GENEROUS GIFT



Thanks to the Eden Easy Riders, the youngsters at Ikaya Lemfundo, Masithandane's Early Childhood Development Centre will be having some serious fun this year after the school was presented with seven sturdy plastic 'Mo-bikes' for them to ride on.

Jennifer Geyer of the Easy Riders says the bikes were bought with monies collected at the club's well-attended Christmas Ride around Sedgfield.

"Getting the young ones on two wheels seemed like an appropriate choice," she said, "Perhaps soon we can teach them the basic rules of the road!"

The psychology of kindness

The psychology of kindness – five tips to encourage your child to be kind.

We can have an immense impact on those around us simply by spreading kindness. Random Acts of Kindness Week is observed annually from 14 – 20 February; it's a celebration of all the ways we can become a positive influence in each other's lives. As the school year is back in full swing, Anel Annandale, an Educational Psychologist with a passion for Early Childhood Development, unpacks the psychology of kindness and provides five tips to encourage kindness in our children.

1. Create a culture of kindness
Kindness doubles when we share it – a ripple effect that transforms our community into a happier place.

Whether rich or poor, young or old, the beauty of being kind is that anyone can do it. Creating a culture of kindness begins in childhood. Teach your children to ask themselves, "How can I be kind today?"

For young children, sharing a sweet is the most basic demonstration of kindness, and this behaviour should be acknowledged and encouraged in school and at home.

2. Praise character; discipline behaviour

Teaching kindness can change who a child becomes and gently moulds them into happier, empathetic, more likeable people.

When you praise a child for good behaviour, make it part of their character. For instance, you want to say something like: "You are a very kind person," as opposed to "that was a kind thing to do." Eventually, this can become a self-fulfilling prophecy and lead children to spread their kindness in the future.

On the other hand, when disciplining a child, focus on their behaviour rather than their character, e.g. "That was a hurtful thing to do," not "you're being a hurtful brat." Never accept rude behaviour, even if your child is going through difficult times.

3. Model the behaviour you want to see

We know that children are more likely to mimic our behaviours than listen to our advice. This is

because they do as we do and will learn whether to be either kind or unkind from us.

As you go about your day, ask yourself: Am I modelling to my children how to show respect to everyone I interact with, no matter their social status? Am I tolerant of others? Do I demonstrate cooperation, empathy and generosity?

Remember to thank your children when they are kind to you. Connect with them by holding eye contact when they tell you a story and talk to them about their day at dinner or bedtime – be sure not just to hear but really listen to what they have to say.

4. Kindness = boundaries and discipline

The happiest children are those with set boundaries and discipline instilled by their caregivers.

Discipline is about teaching and guiding behaviour; it is not about punishment. It is a way to teach our children to cope better with life and be more regulated, better-adjusted members of society. Be sure to always set boundaries before disciplining a child. That way, your child knows what is expected of them. Never discipline your child out of anger but rather with the intent to teach better ways of behaving. Keep the three "R's" of discipline in mind: Remove, Reflect and Reconnect.

Destructive feelings are a normal part of growing up; being a strong role model and mentor will help them to navigate and manage BIG emotions.

5. Encourage random acts of kindness

Performing random acts of kindness helps children develop empathy and internalise moral principles. It creates a sense of pride in themselves and feelings of belonging and optimism.

There are many easy ways to incorporate random acts of kindness into our daily lives, and they need not cost much.

- Volunteer to clean up, whether you are clearing the table or sweeping an elderly neighbour's driveway.
- Give a kind word or a sweet treat.
- Invite someone sitting on their own over to have lunch with you.
- Offer a smile or a compliment.
- Freeze water in empty bottles and hand them out to street vendors on hot days.
- Pick up litter, put back your trolley, and give up your seat to someone who needs it more.
- Let someone know that you're thinking of them.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or animal shelter.
- Read to a younger child.
- Leave an encouraging comment on a post that you like.

"Encouraging kindness in children helps them understand the world from a broader viewpoint. It builds empathy and increases their frame of reference, encouraging them to cooperate with others to reach shared goals. In the bigger picture: teaching children to be kind eventually makes the world a better place," concludes Annandale.

SEDGFIELD PRIMÊR PRESTIGE

On Saturday, 4 February 2023, the Smutsville Sedgfield Primary School attended the annual prizegiving of the Knysna Initiative for Learning and Teaching (KILT), where they were rewarded for their use of technology as a learning aid in the classroom and their computer centre.

Congratulations to the school's teachers and staff for serving the community and setting up the children of Sedgfield with an eye for what the future may hold.

We look forward to reporting on many more great achievements. *L-R: Darren Phokaners, Denilson October, Harriet Heynes (Head), Ina October, Marietjie Terblanche and Verné Van Rooyen*



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Please support Car-Wash for Soccer

On 11 February, Sedge United FC will be holding a car wash from 10:00 to 18:30 in Smutsville near Mamkwayi's corner.



This is a way of fundraising for the soccer team. The club is looking to make it a really special, fun occasion, and a Smutsville 'Imfene' dance group will be performing for extra entertainment.

"I call on all local motorists - particularly Sedge United FC supporters - to come out in their numbers and support us!" says Monelisi (Jomo) Phike, the club's managing director.

Farewell to long-serving audit committee members

The terms of three long-time members of the Knysna Municipality Audit and Performance Audit Committee (APAC) are coming to an end. "The committee will say farewell to Enrico Prins, Raymond Barrell and Richard Thorpe at the end of January," said Acting Municipal Manager Pravir Hariparsad.

"Mr Prins has been on the committee for six and a half years and became its chairperson in 2021. Mr Thorpe, who is also a member of our Risk Management Committee, has served on the APAC for six years and three months," he said. "Mr Barrell first joined the committee in 2005. Interspersed with four years as a member of Council, he has spent a total of 12 years as a member of the APAC, serving

most of his tenures as its chairperson." "As members of this committee, these gentlemen rendered invaluable advice to Council, the accounting officer, and the management team on a number of matters," he explained. "These include internal financial control, internal audits, risk management, performance management, effective governance, compliance with the Municipal Financial Management Act, the Division of Revenue Act and other legislation and matters in line with the APAC charter."

Duties of the APAC include reviewing Council's annual financial statements and responding to Council on any issues raised in the Auditor-

General's reports. Committee members are also responsible for reviewing the quarterly performance reports, reviewing the Municipality's performance management system and making recommendations based on these reviews to Council. Members must be independent of Knysna Municipality and may not be in its employ while serving on the committee.

"We thank Messrs Prins, Barrell and Thorpe for their dedication and service to this organisation and the people of greater Knysna," Hariparsad concluded. "Thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience with us; we wish you well with your plans for the future."



OBJECTIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023 FOR GENERAL VALUATION ROLL 2023-2028

An invitation is hereby extended to any owner of property or other person who so desires, to lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from, the General Valuation Roll 2023-2028 by 28 February 2023.

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) of the Act an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the General Valuation Roll as such. The form for the lodging of an objection is obtainable at the following addresses/venues: Knysna Customer Care Centre, Sedgefield Municipal office, Karatara office, Libraries in Rheenedal, Hornlee and Jood se Kamp.

Completed forms must be returned on or before 28 February 2023 at any of the following venues: Knysna Customer Care Centre, Sedgefield Municipal office, Karatara office, Libraries in Rheenedal, Hornlee and Jood se Kamp. Alternatively, the forms can be emailed to valuations@knysna.gov.za

Queries can be submitted to Léhanie Scholtz, PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570. Telephone: 044 – 302 6508/6453.

Ombali Phineas Sebola
Municipal Manager



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Sedgefield Animal Matters

HEADING THROUGH A ROUGH PATCH

Every year will bring challenges to everyone, and how we deal with them shows what we're made of. SAM is no different. Many of you may know that our Operations Manager, Nick Sankey, left us at the end of January to take up a post abroad. Our very best wishes accompany him as he made a tremendous contribution to SAM while he was part of the team. SAM has

always worked hand in hand with Knysna Animal Welfare (KAWS) and has approached them to assist in finding a qualified Animal Welfare Officer to take up the reins. This will take time as, ideally, we would want the person to live in our area. In the meantime, we will do our best with available volunteers. We will focus on sterilisations, and KAWS has agreed to assist with emergencies only. An article recently circulated in the media regarding funds committed to Knysna Animal Welfare by the Knysna Municipality. These funds have not been paid over to KAWS for years. It now transpires that they were used to pay a very expensive contractor to "debug" the municipal offices and electronic devices. So as you can imagine, animal welfare staff and volunteers are taking strain and trying to cover all the bases with no support from the Knysna Municipality and very little funding or resources.

However, all is not doom and gloom, and we can report that SAM managed to do 26 sterilisations in January. We also took care of the usual sick and injured animals and attended the weekly outreach in Smutsville, where animals were vaccinated, and small packets of pet food were distributed. SAM tries to get as many animals signed up for sterilisation as possible during these outreach programmes. Although this falls considerably short of the monthly target of 40, we have to make allowances as Nick was in the process of getting himself sorted to travel and take up his new job, so he was unable to focus 100% on the SAM sterilisation



programme. SAM will put the 40 sterilisations a month target on hold until we can get a qualified and experienced Animal Welfare Officer on board. However, we will do as many as we possibly can until then.

Gogo is one of the SAM animals currently in foster care. He is currently under veterinary care but will be ready for his new home as soon as he gets the all-clear. If anyone is interested in adopting any of the SAM animals in foster care, please contact Kirsty or the SAM volunteer on duty: 079 5265064. You are also welcome to pop by the SAM Adoption Outreach at the Engen 1-Stop on a Saturday morning from 10:00, where the rescues that are up for adoption are waiting to find safe and loving homes.

Thank you so much to our supporters; SAM could not do what they do within this community without you. We appreciate your donations and your words of encouragement. Thank you for supporting our SAM Charity Shop. Remember to pop by there from time to time as we get donations of beautiful preloved clothing, kitchenware, and all kinds of bric-a-brac. Our bookshelves are very popular as our books are not expensive and we have a good selection - we encourage our shoppers to browse. We will spread the word as soon as we find a field officer. Thank you for your patience. Take care until next time.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 116(3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2003 (ACT 56 OF 2003) THAT THE MUNICIPALITY INTENDS TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT:

TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE PROVIDER	REASON FOR AMENDMENT
Tender 08 OF 1998	Provision of a Financial System	R - DATA	Purchase of the Promun Grants Financial System module and Promun Borrowing Financial System module. Total estimated cost: R 106 400,00 (VAT exclusive)

Notice is hereby further given in terms of Section 21 and 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) that the local community and affected parties are invited to submit comments or representations on the proposed amendment of the contract.

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS

Written comments or representations on the proposed amendments can be submitted on or before 13h30 on Friday 24 February 2023 to S Fourie at sfourie@knysna.gov.za or visit the Knysna Municipal Website at www.knysna.gov.za - Do Business - Contract Management. Persons who cannot write may contact the SCM Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing.

MR OP SEBOLA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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Sedgefield Primary Athletics

On Friday, 27 January, Laerskool Sedgefield Primary hosted its annual Inter-House athletics event. There was great excitement, with cheerleaders encouraging the green and yellow teams to sing their support, which they did with great enthusiasm.

Daar was nie net atletiek op die spel nie, maar ook 'n geesbeker,

selfs 'n koets met Shreks en Fionas was deel van die optog gewees.

Die 56 Items het glad verloop met 2 nuwe rekords wat opgestel is. Tenika Adam breek die 100m vir dogters onder 13 met 'n tyd van 13.59 sekondes – 0.41 sekondes beter as haar sussie, Chene Adam se rekord van 2016.

In the shot put, Dillon van Greunen boys u/13 threw 60cm further than Ruben Zeelie's record from 4 years ago.

Geelspan wen die atletiek met 20 punte en groenspan het trots met die geesbeker weggestap.

The school wishes to thank every

athlete, official, parent, coach, supporter and cheerleader who made this year's colour event one that we will never forget.

The next event will take place in Plett. Congratulations, and good luck to all our athletes making it to the next round.



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National Cancer Prevention Month

February is National Cancer Prevention Month.

February is dedicated to informing the public about cancer prevention, early detection, risk factors, and actionable steps and resources for you and your loved ones.

By the end of this article, you will learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from developing cancer and how to speak with your healthcare providers about your cancer risk and discuss appropriate health screening options.

The most common types of cancers being diagnosed and treated annually are:

Breast, Prostate, Lung and Bronchus, Colon and Rectum and Pancreas.

What Increases My Risk of Cancer?

Everyone is at risk of developing cancer, although the likelihood increases with age. However, many cancers are preventable, especially those caused by unhealthy habits and behaviours such as smoking.

Here are some known variables that can increase one's risk of cancer.

Lifestyle Risk Factors

Smoking causes at least 30% of all fatal cancer cases. Most tobacco products, including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco, expose one to cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke known as carcinogens. Lung cancer is mainly attributed to tobacco use. Alcohol use is also linked to increased cancer risk. In general, the risk of cancer increases after one daily drink for women and two daily drinks for men. Heavy alcohol use, such as having more than five drinks per day, markedly increases the risk of liver and colorectal cancer.

Used together, tobacco and alcohol further increase the chances of cancer of the mouth, throat, and oesophagus.

Alcohol consumption is known to cause cancers in the pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, liver, and colon, among other organs.

Overall Health Status

Excessive body weight, alcohol consumption, and a sedentary lifestyle contribute to an increased risk of cancer. Physical activity reduces the risk of colon cancer and, among women, the risk of breast and endometrial cancer. High amounts of sugary beverages and sedentary behaviour can lead to excess body weight.

Perhaps not surprisingly, poor sleep health is associated with a risk of cancer due to its impact on immune functions, stress response, and hormone function.

Family Genetics and History

Personal and family health history may indicate specific inherited changes in a person's DNA (or genetic mutations) that may increase a patient's chances of getting cancer. For example, if you or a loved one has a family history of breast, ovarian, or colorectal cancer, you may be at higher risk for the same cancer types.

Age may also lead to an increased risk of cancer. However, research seems to show that the risk of cancer decreases at 70 years of age for most patients, making the 45-70 years range the most crucial for cancer prevention.

How Can I Detect Cancer Early

Regular self-examinations and awareness of changes in the body are crucial in finding cancer early. Staying vigilant for early signs of potential cancer, such as lumps in the breasts, dry patches of skin after sun exposure, and other signs of precancer, can lead to earlier detection of the disease.

Bringing these changes to the attention of a healthcare provider can result in more effective treatments with fewer side effects.

Screening may detect cancers early, when treatment may be less intensive and more successful. This practice may also help reduce your risk of colorectal and cervical cancers by detecting and removing precancerous lesions in the colon, rectum, and uterine cervix.

Another good example is having regular mammograms, an X-ray-based test that helps detect early signs of breast cancer. This type of screening test can help detect breast cancer at an early stage, sometimes up to several years before it is palpable.

How Can I Prevent Cancer?

Let's take a closer look at evidence-based strategies that can help reduce your risk of cancer.

A Diet Rich in Plant Foods

The National Institute for Cancer Prevention notes that a healthy diet rich in plant foods results in a lower risk of certain cancers. For example, eating more than two cups of fruits and vegetables each day may reduce the risk of cancer in the following organs: mouth, stomach, pancreas, and colon. Reducing your consumption of saturated fat and red meat may also help decrease your risk of colon and prostate cancer.

Physical Activity

Physical activity reduces inflammation in the body, improves immune system functions, and helps maintain a healthy weight.

Cancers most directly related to physical activity are the breast and uterus for women and the colon and rectum for men and women. This is because exercise lowers the levels of sex hormones and insulin, both of which are associated with cancer development.

Adults are encouraged to engage in 150-300 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week or 75-150 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity. Achieving or exceeding the upper limit of 300 minutes per week is optimal.

Muscle-strengthening activities at least two days a week are also advised, as is balance training. In addition, try to limit sedentary behaviour throughout the day, such as sitting or lying down.

Sun Protection

Restricting intentional outdoor tanning and unintentional sun exposure is helpful in reducing the risk of skin cancer, also known as melanoma. Diagnosed skin cancers can usually be traced back to excessive sun exposure, as well as improper use of indoor tanning devices.

Leisure pursuits near water, outdoor sports, and work around the home are some of the most frequent contexts where one might be sunburned. Make sure

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to protect your skin from excessive sun exposure when outdoors by wearing long sleeves and long pants or skirts, a sun hat, or putting on some sunscreen.

Limit Intake of Sugary Drinks

An excess of sugar leads to an increase in body weight, which is linked to cancer risk. More than ten cancers can be linked to obesity. One way sugar enters our body is through sweet drinks, often when we're not even conscious of their sugar content. As a practical step in reducing your risk for cancer, try cutting down on sugary drinks and replacing them with water, tea, or other unsweetened and healthier options.

Cut Down on Alcohol Consumption

Alcohol may contain carcinogens such as nitrosamines and phenols that may increase cancer risk and

impair the body's ability to break down and absorb nutrients that help fight cancer.

Once alcohol is ingested, it can be converted to acetaldehyde, which has been shown to damage DNA in cells, as well as inflammation in the body. Because of this, alcohol consumption, in general, is not encouraged.

Breastfeed When Possible

There's good evidence to suggest that breastfeeding reduces the risk of ovarian and breast cancers in women. According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, breastfeeding has been shown to reduce both pre and post-menopausal breast cancer. The reason for this lies in the hormonal changes in a woman's body during lactation, including a decrease in exposure to androgens, which may influence cancer risk.

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

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Date: 12 February 2023
Place: Lago Verde Lifestyle Farm, N2, Sedgfield
Time: 4 for 4.30pm
Price: R150 per person

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STUDIO 42 SEDGFIELD SHOW

David Muller, The Merry Scholar, is travelling with the stories of HC Bosman this Valentine's month and he's stopping in Sedgfield at our very own little theatre, Studio 42.

Oom Schalk will transport you to the towns of the Groot Marico with the love stories from the days when nobody needed any electricity, and suspend all our cares for an hour or so with his unique and entertaining storytelling skill.

Although Oom Schalk thinks in Afrikaans he only talks in English, like the school master insisted.

Tickets at R120 are still available for the Sunday night's show via WhatsApp from 084 567 9809, Studio 42.

David Muller as Oom Schalk Lourens
Directed by Celia Musikanth

Love Stories

By Herman Charles Bosman

Wed 22 Feb 19h00
&
Sun 26 Feb 18h00

WhatsApp 084 567 9809 for tickets R120

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News

What a fantastic turnout we had on Wednesday at the Choose Properties 4's Tabs In afternoon. Not sure if it was the thought of winning a "chicken" or the jackpot draw. It was great to see all the bowlers back on the green. The winners of the draw were Sally, Pam, Podge and Warren.

EDEN DISTRICT COMPETITIONS:- Men's Fours - Congratulations to Luke, Tim, Dave and Dan for winning their section. The playoff is at Hartenbos this Saturday. Take a drive down

and give our guys some support.

CLUB COMPETITIONS - The final of the Pairs will be held on Tuesday, weather permitting. Between Ladies Pikkie & Francis - Sue & Jani Men Neels & Phil - Dave & Frans. Good luck and good bowling. Results in the next edition of The Edge.

PRESIDENTS DAY - 23 March. Full 24 teams. The club will need lots of help - more information later.

MARKERS COURSE - Reminder to those taking part to be at the club on 13 Feb to receive information and pay. Course starts on 13 March.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

23 January 2023

1	Colin & Pam	66%
2	Bernard & Paddy	57%
3	Maryke & Rodney	55%

30 January 2023

1	Colin & Pam	63%
2	Doug & Karen	59%
3	Ann & Mary	54%

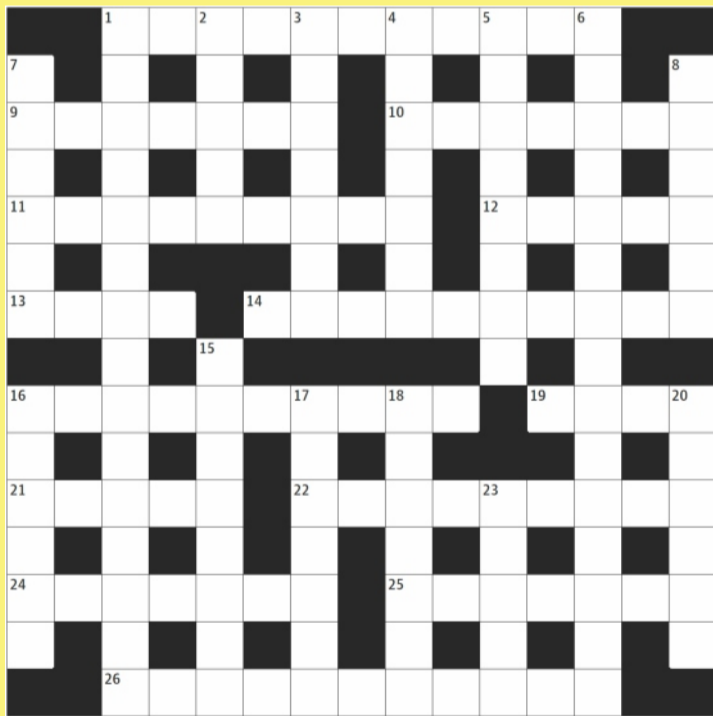
OTHER STUFF - "Valentine's Evening" - how could we forget - (take note guys & dolls) - chocs and flowers are on order. "The Kitchen" will be open, so come along and spend the evening wining and dining at the club under the trees. Also, a chance at the "Jokers Draw".

All for this week, a bit thin on

TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

- Cleaner interrogated as to how she likes her steak. (11)
- Figure it's a numbers game. (7)
- Somewhere distant where leaders of the fighting agency turned war around for almost a whole day. (7)
- Pencil set designed to be irritating. (9)
- Hits it around some for stringed music. (5)
- That would be 14. (4)
- United Nations 'beast' is this crossword compiler going on his own. (10)
- Did the actress make a desperate grab at Gore? (5,5)
- Does the end of October get a little icy.....? (4)
- They perform at eight. (5)



- I urge each new arrangement to be one that is socially awkward. (9)
 - One found among relatively mixed breeds. (7)
 - Actress is helpless student who might get too much sun. (7)
 - Epic mandate set in place to make sure people are free. (11)
- Down.**
- It's written that if you live in a block of apartments, then you may do jail time. (7,8)
 - Little peakless cap Ron wore when cooking. (5)
 - Gloria Estefan initially used old Italian jelly.... (7)
 - ... though a little information on some custard might have kept her from shaky results. (2,5)

- Having attained the title, does he get the joint too? (8)
- Completely and totally reaching the last of your coffee. (4,2,3,6)
- Something in which we all speak. (6)
- Cross about the car that also consumes electricity. (6)
- Take the role of one bear fooling about outside the cells. (8)

Across: 9. House call 10. Merry 11. Flora 12. Overtones 13. Weather 14. Inmates 17. Later 19. Pig 20. Lucky 21. Spindle 22. Buffalo 24. Polyfills 26. Curse 28. Fauna 29. Set on fire
Down: 1. Chef 2. Aurora 3. Regathered 4. Savour 5. Smut 7. Frenetic 8. Eyes 13. Wilts 5. Maleficent 16. Say so 18. Trial run 19. Peerless 22. Beauty 23. Adroit 24. Puff 25. Flat 27. Eden

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SEDFIELD STRIDERS' PRIZE-GIVING

Sedgefield's running and walking club held their combined AGM and Prize-giving on Monday, 6 Feb at the Sedgefield Sports Club.

Congratulations to the following athletes who walked (and ran) away with the awards.

(From left to right.)
Pedro Goncalves *Stirrer of the Year*

Francois Munro *Most Improved Time Trial Runner (male)*

Belinda Tull *Most Improved Time Trial Runner (female)* and the *Cat's Eye Award (for falling off her bicycle!)*

Steven Douglas received the *Most Improved Time Trial Walker (lady)* on behalf of his wife, Stephanie.

Cynthia Barnes *Walker of the Year (female)*

Emma Rorke *Runner of the Year (female)*

Nic Brummer *Walker of the Year (male)* and *Most Improved Time Trial Walker (male)*

Michael Rorke *Most Attended Time Trials*, and *Trail Runner of the Year (male)*

Missing are Danielle de Jager, *Trail Runner of the Year (female)* and Gavin Jantjies, *Runner of the Year (male)*



PLEASE SEND YOUR SPORTING RESULTS OR ACHIEVEMENTS TO editor@edgenews for publication before 18 February 2023. Please keep sporting editorial brief in order to enable us to include everyone.

SEDFIELD GENTS' GOLF

26/01/23

It is a well-known fact that golf is mankind's greatest leveller. Not even death can compete with it. So it is with some sadness that we announce the winner of the "Duck" for the worst player of the day in the Monthly Mug competition. When an A-division player takes this dubious honour, one cannot imagine the devastation and embarrassment

he felt receiving this prize in front of a shocked crowd. We can only hope that the bottle of sherry helped ease the pain Glenn Mauchline felt, even though tears diluted the flavour.

The winner of the A-division, with a scintillating net 57, was Wynand du Preez. He was followed, strangely enough, by Ian Wright with 58, and one shot further back in third spot was Theo Pelser.

The B division was won by Len Moul, who played extremely

well, with 37 points. We will not mention his drive on the 18th, which nearly claimed the life of a golfer on the 12th tee. In second spot was Martin Gilbraith with 37, and in third was John L.B with a distant 31.

Nearest the pin were Peter Schnetler on the 8th and Len Moul on the 4th.

At the A.G.M. after the prizegiving, the Captain, Brian Gerard, reported on the club's finances which were audited and approved. A number of concerns were discussed, after which the players partook of the Links Club's fantastic pizzas.

2/02/23

The famous golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez once said that the best wood in a golf bag is a pencil. The G.C. captain also has a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's golf game. It's called an eraser. However, Brian Gerard is probably the biggest crowd-pleaser since the invention of the portable sanitary facility. To assist those in need of a bottle of wine, he announced the first round of the betterball competition, which drew the biggest number of G.C. members this year.

On a particularly humid day, six pairs of players eventually qualified for the next round. Unfortunately, there was no prizegiving ceremony as the number of bottles needed would have brought the club to its financial knees.

SEDFIELD LADIES' GOLF

Friday, 3 February 2023

Seventeen lovely ladies decided to join us at our Friday morning golf meet at Sedge Links, with a format called "6,6,6". Briefly, this format means players rotate partners after every six holes so that during the round, each member of the group partners with every other member. As we played in three balls, the fourth player was a ghost who played two points for every hole.

Thank goodness for Christine's brilliant golf scoring software that she herself has formalised. (She should market it to other golfing groups to avoid any incorrect scoring anomalies #justsaying!)

The final scores for the day were as follows:
1st place Clare Garner (76 points)
2nd place Ronnie Maingard (72 points count-out)
3rd place Almarie Mead (72 points)
Nearest the Pin (0-16 handicaps) Charlene Blacker
The highest individual score was Linda Evans, with 40 points.
Birdies shot for the days:
Charlene Blacker (hole 5), Marina van der Westhuizen (hole 3), Daleen Schooling (holes 12,13), Elize Mackenzie-Blom (holes 3,15), Joy Herbst (holes 5,14), Linda Evans (holes 3,12,16), Sam Bowen (hole 8).

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TIDE TABLE

08 Feb - 22 Feb 2023

● Full Moon 05 Feb 2023

Wed Feb 08 2023 low tides 11:14 23:23 high tides 05:10 17:22 sunrise 05:57 sunset 19:29 moonrise 21:11 moonset 08:08	Thu Feb 09 2023 low tides 11:43 23:49 high tides 05:38 17:50 sunrise 05:58 sunset 19:28 moonrise 21:36 moonset 09:05	Fri Feb 10 2023 low tide 12:14 high tides 06:08 18:20 sunrise 05:59 sunset 19:27 moonrise 22:01 moonset 10:02	Sat Feb 11 2023 low tides 00:17 12:47 high tides 06:40 18:52 sunrise 06:00 sunset 19:26 moonrise 22:28 moonset 11:01	Sun Feb 12 2023 low tides 00:47 13:27 high tides 07:18 19:32 sunrise 06:01 sunset 19:25 moonrise 22:58 moonset 12:02	Mon Feb 13 2023 low tides 01:25 14:17 high tides 08:04 20:26 sunrise 06:02 sunset 19:24 moonrise 23:34 moonset 13:07	Tue Feb 14 2023 low tides 02:19 15:39 high tides 09:11 22:04 sunrise 06:03 sunset 19:23 moonrise - moonset 14:15	Wed Feb 15 2023 low tides 04:05 18:10 high tide 10:53 sunrise 06:03 sunset 19:22 moonrise 00:17 moonset 15:25	Thu Feb 16 2023 low tides 06:28 19:34 high tides 00:24 12:41 sunrise 06:04 sunset 19:21 moonrise 01:10 moonset 16:31	Fri Feb 17 2023 low tides 07:41 20:25 high tides 01:40 13:52 sunrise 06:05 sunset 19:20 moonrise 02:13 moonset 17:33	Sat Feb 18 2023 low tides 08:33 21:06 high tides 02:30 14:44 sunrise 06:06 sunset 19:19 moonrise 03:26 moonset 18:25	Sun Feb 19 2023 low tides 09:18 21:43 high tides 03:13 15:29 sunrise 06:07 sunset 19:18 moonrise 04:42 moonset 19:09	Mon Feb 20 2023 low tides 09:59 22:18 high tides 03:53 16:09 sunrise 06:08 sunset 19:17 moonrise 05:58 moonset 19:57	Tue Feb 21 2023 low tides 10:39 22:51 high tides 04:32 16:46 sunrise 06:09 sunset 19:15 moonrise 07:12 moonset 20:19	Wed Feb 22 2023 low tides 11:16 23:23 high tides 05:09 17:22 sunrise 06:10 sunset 19:14 moonrise 08:22 moonset 20:49
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Sam Bowen, our club champion, gave us a great eagle this week on hole 18!

Friday, 27 January 2023

17 Ladies marched off onto the Links for our monthly medal and putt competition, sponsored by Pick n Pay Sedgefield. The competition winners based on net scores:
Gold Division Winner: Daleen Schooling 59
Runner-up: Marina van der Westhuizen 60
Silver Division Winner: Michelle Gillchrist 53
Runner-up: Eleanor Sparks 57
Bronze Division Winner:

Ronnie Maingard 59
Runner-up: Janet Wood 65
Least Putts Trophy Winner: Christine Coetzee (27 putts), on a count out with Ronnie. Well done to Michelle and Eleanor for playing under your handicaps, -5 and -1, respectively. Birdies for the day were shot by:
Michelle Gillchrist 15
Linda Evans 1, 14
Marina van der Westhuizen 7, 13 and 15
Eda Greenway 14
Eleanor Sparks 9.
Well done to all the winners.



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