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MAKING MYOLI SPARKLE



Sedgefield - meet 'Nellie Canti' of Myoli! Nellie is the name of one of the fishing boats and Canti means 'Sea Monsters' so she represents all the Seahorses and other creatures of the ocean.

It may be named the Knysna Seahorse, but Sedgefield is where you will now find the most impressive tribute to the tiny creature that makes the town's estuaries its home. On Tuesday, 18 April, local NPO Masithandane unveiled their latest mosaic masterpiece at the foot of the dune that beach-lovers climb to reach the magnificent Myoli Beach.

"Sedgefield, here, at last, is the seahorse you've been asking for!" Jacky Weaver, Chairperson of Masithandane, introduced their latest addition to the Sedgefield Mosaic Route before Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis and mosaic artist Hyla Hartlief removed the "wrapping" to reveal the stunning artwork underneath.

The towering two-metre-high installation comprises a giant sparkling mosaic statue of the Knysna Seahorse mounted on one of the original fishing boats used at Gericke's Point, donated by Christopher Fredericks. For more than 40 years, many community members' lives depended on this boat. The historically significant Gericke's Point provides the distinctive, distant western backdrop to Myoli Beach.

The shimmering seahorse sculpture is Masithandane's second contribution to the #KnysnaArtProject, a collaboration between Visit Knysna (the Greater Knysna area's destination marketing organisation), the Knysna Municipality and the Knysna Art Society. It is also the last installation in the funded #KnysnaArtProject, aimed at encouraging visitors to branch out and explore some of the area's lesser-known gems by creating interactive outdoor artworks. These installations also provide the basis for the Knysna Art Route, which maps out all the galleries, artist studios, 'makerspaces' and more that can be explored by art enthusiasts visiting the Greater Knysna area.

Jacky says the idea for the seahorse came from the community. At the launch of the Love Bug mosaic in 2021, she met Christopher Fredericks and heard the story of the fishing boat, which he later donated. The Fredericks' boat, which had lay hidden in his backyard for over a decade and was beginning to decay, has now been given new life as the impressive base for the giant concrete seahorse.

The resin "starfish" steps up to the boat are also significant. They incorporate metal sinkers collected along the coastline as part of the Strandloper Project. Mark Dixon, the project's founder, approached Jacky with the idea of including the sinkers in one of their installations to draw attention to these environmental hazards.

Sedgefield's Mosaic Art Route now includes more than 65 mosaic works worthy of the 90 minutes it takes to complete a self-drive tour. Aside from the Sedgefield1 Love Bug, the route takes you past several other iconic sculptures worthy of a selfie pic or two – among them the Slow Papa Tortoise and Heartbeat of Sedgefield heart on the Main Rd, Marinara with its view of Gericke's Point, and the interactive Octopus Garden at the Scarab Market on the outskirts of town.

Jacky would like to pay tribute to the artists who made this latest creation a reality. Christo Pieterse, the man who is responsible for creating the Seahorse form and the design and making of the chock on which the boat rests, Sophia Nguma who has been part of the team from the beginning and says the art of mosaic is now a part of her, Ricardo Baadjies, who learned to mosaic nine years ago, Petrus Kiewiets, who lives in Karatara, is a born artist and passionate about his mosaic work, and last but by no means least, the design artist and leader of the team Hyla Hartlief.

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"She has such talents and gifts and gives of them and of herself so freely — an absolute dynamo when it comes to mosaics," says Jacky, "We thank God for all these wonderful folk he has blessed us with, and their amazing gifts and talents."

Notes from T'Ed's Head

One man's meat is another man's poison ... anyone who has spent an entire weekend hugging the fitted porcelain after erroneously eating the last bit of salami sausage from the furry lunchbox lurking at the very back of the fridge will pay testimony to this.



But I would like to offer some further wisdom....

One man's 'Important things, sitting ready and waiting for Important Usage' is another (wo)man's 'Why must I be surrounded by rubbish all the time?'..... usually his wife's.

I know. I have complained about this before, but you would have thought that after 32 years in wedlock (*I used to wonder why they used to use the word 'lock', but hey ho, I fully understand now*), Mrs Ed and I would have sorted it out.

But we haven't.

Indeed, aside from the 'Watermelon Incident of 2003', it's what Mrs Ed and I argue about most.

Apparently, I am a rubbish person.

No. That is in no way a slight on my character. I am a nice, rounded fellow, so a lady at a gym once told me as I was signing up for their 'Intense 6 Week Conquer the Couch' program. (*It turned out to be an absolute rip-off. Not only did they make me cough up a hefty amount of Mrs Ed's hard-earned cash up front, but they then insisted that I had to return on a daily basis to undergo 45 minutes of exercise!*)

No. I am (*apparently*) a different sort of 'rubbish' in that I (*allegedly*) collect the stuff. This, according to the rather accusatory Mrs Ed.

Furthermore, the woman has the audacity to complain that I leave it lying around everywhere.

Now a little side-note is necessary at this juncture.

When Mrs Ed complains, it isn't

'little' at all.

It's big. In fact, I should really use BIG letters here.

Because once Mrs Ed starts popping war dances about things, she is ... ahhhh ... dissatisfied with, well, let's just say everyone and indeed everyTHING knows about it. We are talking a 5 km radius and beyond.

And when she starts The Big Shout, she seldom stops for days on end. Indeed our dogs have been known to circulate petitions amongst our neighbours, moles have fled the garden, trees have shed their new leaves, and once a fellow over the road took out a restraining order.

"What's this?" I shouted over his gate when it had been served by the local sheriff (*the order, not the gate*). "Please!" he wailed ... loudly because he had forgotten to remove his airforce-strength noise-cancelling headphones, "Can't you just restrain her?"

I wished I could.

But even then, before I could bless his tortured ears with an answer, we were interrupted by a callous cacophony of words ranting and windows rattling. "WHY DOES THIS RUBBISH HAVE TO LIVE ON MY KITCHEN COUNTER?"

The 'rubbish', I soon discovered, was, in fact, a *Very Important Thing* known as a motorbike helmet. And as for 'living' there, that was a gross exaggeration. Hardly more than a month had gone by since I put it down, and I didn't want to put it away because I would be wearing it again before the end of the year.

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What was that you said? *You can understand her frustration?* That's hardly fair and rather rude of you, I might say.

And if you insist on getting all judgy, perhaps we need another sidebar here (*Your Honour*) so that I may offer full disclosure. You see, I have an addiction.

Yep. You may have picked that up over the years. The furtive sideward glances mid-conversation, the mystery disappearances ... the emptiness of our joint bank account ... (*the one that's supposed to be for Mrs Ed's hip replacement*.) all these are signs of an unnatural dependency.

What am I addicted to? (*So good of you to ask*). 'The Purchase of Useful Second-Hand Things'.

In other words, buying pre-owned stuff that other folk no longer need, or, if I may offer a clue as to what Mrs Ed calls it, 'Other People's four letter word starting with C... an Egyptian Sun God in the middle... and ending with P'.

So perhaps there are a few extra things in our home, but I would hardly call them rubbish.

Of course, being of limited intellect, Mrs Ed doesn't understand the genius behind my many admirable acquisitions. I know we don't desperately *NEED* a replacement glass shower door *right now*, but who knows when we might? And it was such a bargain!

And yes, perhaps I do have thirteen motorcycle helmets (*well, fourteen, if my pending offer is accepted*), but ALL of them were WAY cheaper than brand new, so it's an investment into our future.

... As was the pool pump. ONLY three months old, and I got it for 25% off the market price. Yet is Mrs Ed grateful? Not in the slightest. She won't even let me keep it in the pantry until we have saved enough to build a pool.

Just last Saturday, I had had enough and decided it was time to speak my mind. "Listen here," I said, quite loudly and with as much bravado as I could muster. "Just because YOU don't like the amazing stuff I buy doesn't mean it's rubbish. I have every right to store it exactly where I want to, so put that in your industrial-strength vape and smoke it!"

By pure coincidence, Mrs Ed

happened to be away for the weekend at the time, so unfortunately, she didn't hear a word I said. But still, it was nice to get it off my chest ... during load-shedding, too, so there was no danger of her listening through any secret recording device.

Nicer still, she wasn't around when I received delivery of the only-slightly-rain-damaged full-size snooker table. Mind you – we could have used a bit of her muscle power – it took twelve of us to get it up the stairs and into the bedroom.

It's ok, because I've taken her treadmill down and put it on the market at a snap of the regular price, and some fellow says he'll take it if I'm prepared to do a straight swap for 12 barstools and an amazing 3D fish that you hang on the wall. (*At a glance, it looks like a genuine mounted trophy, but it has batteries, and - better yet - if you clap twice, its head and tail wiggle whilst it sings 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'*)

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Wow! It was a fantastic turnout, and once everyone relaxed a little, the talent came out in song! Duets, groups, singles and last but not least, the Sedgfield Lions Crew, who did a great job!

Good money was raised, which will go towards a hospital bed for The Living Cornerstone.

Of course, we can't host an event like this without our generous sponsors - Pick n

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'OUTRAGEOUS BUDGET' SAYS SRRA

The Sedgefield Ratepayers and Residents Association (SRRA) calls on all ratepayers to object to and reject entirely the 2023-2024 draft budget tabled by Knysna Municipality on 3 April 2023.

Dr Andy Brough, Chairperson of the SRRA, says, "This budget is outrageous! Only the sewerage tariff percentage increase is close to the targeted headline inflation of 5.3%. All other Rates and Services increases are way out of line. SRRA acknowledges that service delivery costs money and that all ratepayers and residents need to be doing their part to pay for the services we receive."

"We agree that most properties have generally increased in value since the last valuation roll was compiled. However, as part of our extensive investigation of the potential consequences of this draft budget, our executive committee ran nine scenarios using models for vacant land, pensioners, indigents, guest houses, and several examples for private/domestic properties, businesses, and agricultural property. We were shocked to see that the combined effect of the revised property rates (together with the proposed water, sanitation and electricity tariffs) results in property owners paying between 9.4% and 30% more year-on-year! Pensioners could expect to pay 21% more on their monthly municipal invoices."

"Knysna Municipality's method to adjust the Rates Revenue in this 2023-24 Draft Budget must be urgently revised for all property zones. The standard process of realigning the Rates tariffs after a 5-year general property valuation has been wholly ignored in Knysna Municipality's draft budget for the new municipal financial year commencing 1 July 2023."

Dr Brough added: "It's important to remember that in March 2021, the Auditor General and National Treasury warned Knysna Municipality that operating expenditure must be reduced by 20%. Despite this, ratepayers are presented with a budget that goes the other way, with annual expenditure increases of almost 13%."

Previously, Knysna Municipality's own Audit and Financial Oversight Committee reported inadequate management and operational expenditure controls. The Auditor-General's justifiably grave concern about the lack of internal control means Knysna Municipality has not qualified for a 'Clean Audit' for the past six years. On the expenditure side, R9.4 million allocated to Knysna Municipality by the Treasury has been stopped after a failure to spend 40% of the allocated grant by December 2022."

The Municipality has stated its commitment to cost reduction, streamlining and improved efficiencies, but this needs to be evident in this draft budget. Rather than using a zero-based budgeting approach, the Municipality appears to start with the annual Operating Expenditure cost projection followed by the forecast of annualised Operating Revenue, including the Municipality's income paid by consumers. We need a concerted effort on cost reductions rather than a budget that only focuses on ensuring that Revenue/Income covers the projected Operating Expenditure."

Our Association notes the qualified opinion of experts on the Audit Oversight Committee that the instability and turnover of executive and senior management at Knysna Municipality significantly contribute to the

current financial situation.

The SRRA is committed to a transparent partnership with Knysna Municipality in ensuring service delivery. However, we cannot support this 2023-24 Draft Budget. It is simply unaffordable, placing a massive financial burden on the Sedgefield and the Greater Knysna community.

The local communities within Greater Sedgefield, including Smutsville, Karatara and other stakeholders, are invited to submit written representations and objections regarding the 2023/2024 Tabled Budget. SRRA will hold an information evening on 25 April 2023 at 18:00 in the Sedgefield Town Hall to discuss the objection process in more detail.

SRRA has drafted a standard objection form which needs to be completed and signed by individual property owners. SRRA Exco advises that, in this case, a petition will not suffice. Ratepayers are welcome to submit their reasons for objecting, but we have provided a draft letter. Each property owner needs to object in their individual capacity. It is strongly recommended that objections be submitted by 10 May 2023. Copies of the objection form are available from sedgefield.ratepayers@gmail.com.

Individual objections need to be submitted for the attention of the Acting Chief Financial Officer at budget@knysna.gov.za or knysna@knysna.gov.za or the Finance Directorate in Clyde Street, Knysna. Please ask for a COLAB Reference number as an official receipt of your objections. Please also cc SRRA by email at sedgefield.ratepayers@gmail.com so we can record all objections.



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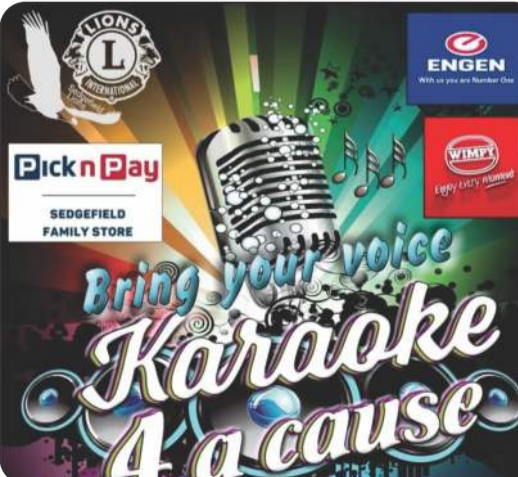
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After a short respite from extended high stages of load shedding, it seems South Africans are heading into another winter with consistent electricity interruptions. And so, generators remain a popular source of alternative energy amongst residents and businesses. However, Knysna Municipal Manager Ombali Sebola urges users to be considerate of their neighbours when using their generators and to adhere to installation regulations.

"Alternative energy sources must be registered with the municipal electricity department," said Sebola. "Generators may only be installed in compliance with SANS 10142-1 of 2017, which is concerned with ensuring the basic safety of electrical installations, and ISO 8528-13 of 2016, which specifies the safety requirements for reciprocating internal combustion engine-driven generating sets up to 1 000 V."

"Installation, and the use of generators, must fall within the parameters of the Knysna Municipality Air Quality Management Plan and adhere to the Western Cape Noise Control Act of 2013 and the Knysna Municipality By-Law for the Prevention of Public Nuisances," he continued. "Failure to comply with these laws is a criminal offence, and the necessary steps will be taken against any alleged transgressors."

"We cannot impede anyone's enjoyment of their property or the right to trade, but your neighbours have the same right to enjoy their property," he said. "Responsible users will consult with their neighbours before installing a generator and will ensure that their generator does not produce excessive noise, smoke or fumes. Please do not leave your generator running unnecessarily once power has

been restored."

"We need to be more neighbourly towards one another in all aspects of our daily lives, and considering your neighbours' comfort when using your generator is an easy way to do so. But equally so, it would also be neighbourly to grant your neighbours the use of their generator if they are lucky enough to have an alternative power source – and they use it within the parameters of the law."

"Loadshedding dims everyone's enjoyment of life. Please don't make your neighbour's life more difficult with an excessively noisy generator that emits high levels of harmful smoke and fumes, or by complaining unnecessarily about the expected – and allowed – noise levels when your neighbour's generator is in use," Sebola concluded. "We are all in this together. Let's be more considerate, kind and neighbourly."

To register your alternative power source, contact Tholi Biyela, Manager: Electrical & Mechanical Services, at tbiyela@knysna.gov.za or tel. 044 302 6409.

Noise pollution specifically related to generators can be reported to the municipality's Senior Pollution Control Officer, Ms Natalie Salmons, at nsalmons@knysna.gov.za or tel. 044 302 6238.

ROBBER ARRESTED, THANKS TO QUICK-THINKING OFFICER

It was undoubtedly the quick action of Fidelity ADT Armed Response Officer Leeroy Baatjies that resulted in the arrest of a dangerous robber and the recovery of stolen property on the night of Wednesday, 5 April.

It was around 21:20 during load-shedding, and Baatjies, who was off duty, had just popped out of his home to buy a candle at Johnny's Spaza Shop on Luthango Street, Smutsville.

As he stepped out of the shop, a white Datsun, without lights on, pulled up. His training instantly kicked in, and he became suspicious because it was too dark to drive without lights. He looked at the driver, who stared back at him for a second or two while another man climbed out of the car and entered the shop.

"Then he suddenly put his lights on full, blinding me," the response officer told us.

He turned away just as the other man exited the shop, climbed into the car, and it drove off.

Baatjies returned to his house but quickly realised he had forgotten to buy matches. Then, as he was returning to the shop, he heard screaming. Two men ran out of the shop, one carrying a pistol, and sped off in a car as the shopkeeper shouted, "They robbed me!"

Baatjies immediately knew that the getaway car was the white Datsun he had seen leave only minutes before and decided to give chase ... on foot!

"From my security training, I



know how important it is to get the car's registration number," he explained to us later, "So I ran after it for 500 – 600 metres and got that number!"

It was a George number plate, and the quick-thinking security officer immediately contacted the George SAPS radio room and told them about the robbery.

He later learned that SAPS already had members stationed near the circle at the old Radermacher's, where they managed to intercept the Datsun.

Says SAPS spokesperson Sergeant Chris Spies, "A

Leeroy – watching over Sedgefield even when he's off duty!"

vehicle chase ensued, and the vehicle was brought to a halt in Thembaletu. One suspect was arrested, and some of the stolen items were recovered, but two other suspects are still at large."

The accused, Abbas Husein(31), appeared in the Knysna Magistrates' court on Tuesday, 11 April 2023, on a charge of business robbery. He was remanded in custody, and the matter was postponed to a later date for a formal bail application.

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SAMS - ups and downs



Sedgefield Animal Matters

March was a great month for SAM thanks to our committed volunteers, our equally committed Animal Welfare Officer, and the support of our community: resulting in 82 sterilisations! SAM also vaccinated 119 cats/dogs and administered rabies injections to 38 animals. Animals were also dewormed and treated for mange at the weekly clinics. This, apart from treating sick and injured animals, which is a daily occurrence, and providing small packs of pet food at the clinics.

This is a fantastic achievement for an animal charity as small as SAM. Hard work is done with good grace because sterilisation is the best way to ease the endless burden on SAM and colleagues at KAWS, ODIN and the Garden Route SPCA, who work tirelessly to help animals in need. The SAM team is often emotionally taxed in situations where lack of knowledge, malnutrition, improper animal care, pet medication myths and cases of blatant cruelty are encountered.

Part of the SAM outreach is a Pet Care, Education and Information Drive, which is making inroads into all aspects of animal care. The objective is to empower pet owners to make informed decisions regarding pet care, vaccination, nutrition and responsible pet population control.

The Outreach Clinic takes place at the Smutsville Community Centre every Tuesday morning, providing vaccinations and medical care wherever possible. It has significantly reduced recorded cases of Canine Parvovirus (CPV), a serious and often fatal dog virus. CPV can live for a long time in the environment, is highly contagious and can spread across communities, taking its toll on puppies and poorly nourished dogs. Unfortunately, treatment for CPV is unaffordable to many pet owners. Dogs that do recover from the virus often face health challenges for the rest of their lives. Thankfully, CPV is preventable with proper vaccination, and this is one area where SAM has achieved great success.

SAM appeals to our community members to exercise extreme caution when "buying" or picking up puppies from people in the street as there have been incidents where these puppies were infected with CPV and did not survive – proactive steps taken by members of SAM prevented the further spread of the virus.

SAM relies heavily on KAWS (Knysna Animal Welfare) for kennelling, veterinary services and after-hours emergencies. However, KAWS has reached the stage where their facility is over full. Animals are being surrendered to KAWS every day, and there are nowhere near enough adoptions. As a result,

tough decisions have to be made, and staff are under constant pressure. Please consider this when circumstances change, and you can no longer keep your pet. KAWS and the SAM Adoption team make every effort to rehome pets, but when this is not successful, we kindly request that the owners do the right thing and not place that heavy burden on the shoulders of the animal welfare volunteers and staff. Although the Greater Knysna area has quadrupled in size since KAWS was established, they remain in the same small premises with minimum staff and limited resources. The Knysna Municipality has long since stopped providing financial support despite their commitment to do so.

The SAM Outreach Team, which now includes Colleen Thyse, our Animal Welfare Officer, is always thrilled to be greeted by happy animals that recognise the SAM Caddy (the DogMobile). Colleen hit the ground running when she started with SAM in March. Her energy is a great asset, and we are happy to have her aboard.

Thank you for helping SAM and KAWS do whatever they can in this community to help animals in need.

RACEWALKING DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

On Saturday, 15 April 2023, a racewalking clinic hosted by Sedgefield Striders and Jonathan Hartnick (local Sedgefield athletics coach) attracted 30 participants ranging from sub-junior to great grand master level.

The clinic's objective was to create awareness of the sport, teach the technique behind race walking style, show walkers how to improve their speed and cadence, explain the ASA rules governing the sport and scout for talent. The theory was followed by a fun interactive practical session.

Sedgefield Striders wish to thank Jonathan Hartnick for facilitating this day, all the participants, the Lions Club Sedgefield for the venue, those Striders responsible for the logistics and Jawitz and an anonymous donor for the sponsorships received.

Sedgefield Striders invite anyone interested in learning about racewalking to join them at their Time Trial held every Wednesday at 17:30 at the Sedgefield Bowling Club



or contact the Club Secretary at secretary@sedgefieldstriders.co.za.

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GARDEN ROUTE CORRUPTION BUSTERS CRY FOUL

A statement received from the desk of Renette Kumm, Secretary of the Garden Route Corruption Busters, claims that the DA and Freedom Front Plus are refusing to investigate the Garden Route Municipal Manager, who they say paid himself R850 000 more than the President. The statement reads as follows.

In the 2021/2022 financial year, Monde Stratu, the Municipal Manager of the Garden Route District Municipality, earned a whopping R3 833 731. During the same year, President Ramaphosa earned R2 989 845.00. Ministers earned R2 473 682, while the leader of the opposition earned R1 646 481.

The Municipality is run by a coalition of the DA and the Freedom Front Plus.

In April 2022, it was reported that Stratu had received a "gratuity" of just under R1 million. A member of the Garden Route Corruption Busters ("GRCB"), Susan Campbell, who is also a Knysna Municipal Councillor (Knysna Independent Movement ("KIM")), realised that the gratuity was illegal under the regulations that cap the all-inclusive pay of municipal managers and senior managers (Local Government: Municipal Systems Act: Upper Limit of Total Remuneration Packages Payable to Municipal Managers Regulations). She examined the Annual Financial Statements of the Municipality and discovered that in addition to the gratuity, Stratu had illegally paid himself R3.8 million more than the upper limits between April 2017 and April 2022.

Any payments above the upper limits are considered irregular expenditure. Stratu has a legal duty to take all reasonable steps

to prevent irregular expenditure, failing which he may be guilty of financial misconduct and/or a financial offence. By paying himself, or allowing himself to be paid, more than the upper limits, Stratu, therefore prima facie, committed financial misconduct. We mandated Susan Campbell to prepare a complaint, which was submitted by our Secretary, Renette Kumm, to the Mayor, Memory Booysen, on 17 May 2022.

In terms of the Municipal Regulations on Financial Misconduct Procedures and Criminal Proceedings 2014, Booysen was required to submit our allegations to Council, which should have referred them to the Disciplinary Board for a preliminary investigation.

Despite our queries, we heard nothing from Booysen regarding our complaint. In October 2022, we were alerted to an article in the George Herald quoting Booysen as follows:

"They were presented to the GRDM Council and were unanimously (all parties agreed) dismissed as malicious and without substance. The outcome of the GRDM Council was also communicated to all the relevant structures, including the MEC for Local Government (Western Cape). The MM was exonerated on all the allegations based on the evidence presented to Council. The GRDM Council considers this matter as closed."

We then wrote to Booysen and asked what had happened. On 8 November 2022, we received correspondence from Booysen confirming that the council had summarily dismissed the allegations without referring the matter to the Disciplinary Board for a preliminary investigation.

"Booyesen said the first allegation was of financial misconduct against Municipal Manager Monde Stratu from a movement known as the Garden Route Corruption Busters. "These allegations were dealt with in terms of the Municipal Financial Misconduct Regulations," said Booysen.

In early 2023, the Municipality published their annual financial statements for the 2021/2022 financial year. They showed that Stratu had paid himself an exit gratuity of R1 073 389 (and not R979 000, as had been previously reported). We also determined that in addition to the illegal exit gratuity, Stratu had illegally earned an additional R900 000 more than the permitted upper limits. At the time, we did not see the point of submitting a complaint since the council had unlawfully dismissed our previous complaints without any investigation.

On 23 March 2023, we learned from an article in the George Herald that MEC for Local Government Anton Bredell had issued a "section 106 notice" to the Municipality because, after an objective assessment had been conducted, he believed that maladministration and other serious malpractice had occurred. The investigation included our complaints. We accordingly decided to submit a complaint relating to the additional illegal payments for the 2021/2022 financial year, including the illegal exit gratuity.

Our second complaint was submitted to Booysen on 26 March 2023. We have heard nothing from Booysen since then. On 29 March 2023, we received a media enquiry in which we were requested to respond to allegations from Booysen that we were a front organisation. The media statement accused us of "astroturfing" (!!???) and being a "front group" that is backed by "a handful of politically affiliated individuals" and alleged that our allegations were the same as the previous allegations and were frivolous.

The truth is that Campbell, the only politician in our group, belongs to a number of organisations. The Garden Route Corruption Busters is not a "front group" for any organisation or group. It is exactly what its name says. Every citizen or organisation has a right to report unlawful conduct. And the council had a duty to investigate our complaint, regardless of the

identity of the complainants.

Booyesen's misleading statements about our organisation are simply an attempt to distract from his contempt for the Constitution and the laws of the land.

More importantly, Booysen stated that "The allegations were again dismissed by the GRDM Council", thereby confirming that the council had again unlawfully dismissed the allegations without any referral to the Disciplinary Board for a preliminary investigation. This is particularly concerning in light of the finding by MEC Bredell that our first complaint warranted an enquiry into maladministration.

We have since established that the DA and Freedom Front councillors voted to dismiss the allegations without any investigation. Their vote was unlawful because they did not act in compliance with the Financial Misconduct Regulations and have, therefore, prima facie breached the Code of Conduct for councillors.

The people of the Garden Route have been failed by the Garden Route District Council, the Auditor General and the Audit Committee, which should have identified and stopped the illegal payments to Stratu in 2017, when they were first disclosed in the financial statements. By doing nothing, they have allowed Stratu to pay himself almost R6 million more than he should have earned over the last six years.

We trust that MEC Bredell will

ensure that the matter is investigated as a matter of urgency and that all appropriate steps are taken.

The EDGE forwarded the statement to Minister Bredell's offices, and the following response was received.

On 30 March 2023, the Garden Route District Municipality responded to Minister Bredell's notice issued in terms of section 106(1)(a) of the Municipal Systems Act, which required the Municipality to provide a range of additional documents and further information on allegations of maladministration and/or malpractice that the Provincial Minister has previously received and assessed.

Minister Bredell will duly assess the additional documents and further information submitted by the Municipality in order to determine if they support or refute the Provincial Minister's initial findings and, if so, whether further appropriate action, such as the institution of legal proceedings to recover funds, is warranted.

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The 1st Sedgfield Scout Group celebrated its 2nd birthday on Friday 14 April around the campfire. Scouts from 1st Knysna and 1st Protea Ridge Johannesburg joined in the festivities. The group has grown since its inception in April 2021 and currently has 52 uniformed members.

1st Sedgfield boasts Meerkats (5 & 6 year olds), Cubs (7 - 10 year olds) and Scouts (11 - 18 year olds). If you are interested in joining in the fun and adventure please contact Sandy on 0845042601.



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APPLICATION FOR GRANT-IN-AID 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

Knysna Municipality annually awards grant to deserving non-profit organisations and establishments. Applications are herewith invited from non-profit organisations and establishments who would like to be taken into consideration for such financial assistance for the Municipality's 2022/23 financial year.

Any consideration and allocation are subject to the conditions contained in the approved Grant-in-Aid Policy of the Municipal Council, which is available on the municipal website,

<https://www.knysna.gov.za/government/important-documents/policies/>
Interested organisations need to consult the policy to ascertain whether they would qualify. The application upon submission must be accompanied by the following documents:

- A Constitution
- Proof of active membership of the organisation
- Audited Annual Financial Statements,
- Minutes of general meetings held during the previous 12 months, and
- A brief detailed report on spending of the last funding awarded.

As a result of limited funds available, an allocation cannot be made to every organisation/establishment that applies.

Copies of the application forms are available on the Municipality's website <https://www.knysna.gov.za/government/important-documents/policies/> or from Ms. S Mtwa, at telephone 044 302 6346, or by email at smtwa@knysna.gov.za

Applications must reach the office of the Municipal Manager, by post at **PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570**, by email at knysna@knysna.gov.za or by hand on or no later than **Friday, 05 May 2023 at 13:30**.

Mr. OP SEBOLA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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DIARY DATELINE

Every 2nd Monday
2pm Sedgefield Art Society meets at the Catholic Church. New members welcome. Colin Burgess 082 852 2586

Every Monday
1:30pm Duplicate Bridge at Catholic Church hall. Enquiries (Whatsapp) to Toni 0722465024.

Wednesdays
8 for 9am Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.
8am - 12 Midweek Village Market at Mosaic.
5:30pm Sedgefield Striders Walking / Running time trials on road adjacent to Bowls Club. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays
6:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
12:30pm Social Bridge School at Tiffany's. All levels welcome. Lessons 12:30, Play from 13:45. Enquiries: Gail 0834577647.
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in

Fridays
8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays
6:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride 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
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in

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

Wednesday 26 April
10am U3A Knysna general meeting at the NG Kerk in Fichat St, Knysna.

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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A Journey of Writing and Publishing

You are invited to join U3A Knysna at their general meeting on Wednesday, 26 April, at the NG Kerk in Fichat St, Knysna, at 10h00.

This month's speaker is Michael Sears, who, together with co-author Stanley Trollip, has written and published nine successful murder mystery novels. Michael will tell the story of their journey and what they learnt about the writing and publishing game along the way. He will offer some thoughts on the new publishing options. Would we have done it differently today?

Entry fee for members is R20 and R40 for guests. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served from 09h00 - 09h45

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to write a letter to the editor, it must be submitted with the author's full name, address and phone number. If a writer does not wish his or her name to appear in print, a 'pen name' (nom de plume) may be included.

Email letters to: editor@edgenews.co.za The editor has full discretion as to which letters are included or excluded and no argument, badgering, cajoling, bribery or heated conversation will be entered into. Opinions expressed in published letters and articles are not necessarily those of the management and staff of The EDGE Community Newspaper.

Dear Editor,
 Oh, the irony. Here we have, on the front page of Issue 662 of The Edge, an article describing DA Councillor Levael Davis' unhappiness about the draft budget of the Knysna Municipality. The draft was done "behind closed doors", he laments, i.e. no transparency and his inputs ignored. He further bemoans the pitiful sum of R150,000 allocated for "the electrification of Informal Areas", where he wanted a "minimum of R1,000,000". After all, how would he be able to acquire the votes of all those illegal squatters on the dune if all he had to spend on giving them free electricity was anything less than R1,000,000? Later in the article, he urges residents to "attend the relevant public meetings to get your comments heard".

Now to the irony. In another article on Page 9, a petition signed by 154 residents of Sedgefield, concerning the Knysna Municipality's inability or unwillingness to enforce their by-laws on noise pollution, was intended to be handed to the responsible Councillor, one Levael Davis. Surprise, surprise, said Davis was unable/unwilling to attend the meeting. Talk about "getting your comments heard!"

Irony or hypocrisy? Take your pick.
Chris Fimpel
 Sedgefield resident, taxpayer and ratepayer.

Councillor Davis replies:
 This gentleman is clearly misinformed. I have regular public meetings but have never been invited to any meeting about a petition. As far back as 27 August 2022, I wrote a letter to the Colonel of Knysna Saps to assist with this particular noise issue, but to no avail. I followed up twice telephonically, but SAPS says LE must deal with it, and they will assist them. I have for months now requested law enforcement to intervene to address the noise issue as they have a by-law that they must enforce with the assistance of SAPS. I requested a joint meeting between SAPS and LE on 2 March 2023, but this has not happened despite reminders. I wrote to the Director on 23 February 2023 to ask him to come up with a plan to deal with this and other issues, with nothing being forthcoming. On 2 March 2023, I requested that the Manager of Local Economic Development and the Manager of Building Control advise on how this noise issue can be dealt with and how their respective departments could intervene. I can prove that I have requested assistance and meetings on this matter on numerous occasions. I have dealt with several noise complaints in the past, where law enforcement has intervened, but they find this issue difficult to deal with, and I don't know why. As a Councillor, unfortunately, I cannot implement this as there are officials that are mandated to do this. There is a by-law, and there should be a standard



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GOLDEN OLDIES HELPING YOUNGSTERS

Two German residents of Sedgefield have made it their mission to assist the less fortunate. They are focussing a vast amount of energy and resources on uplifting the community in nearby Kleinkrantz - a most admirable endeavour considering they are both octogenarians!



With assistance from a support group back in Germany, Olaf and Inge Michels (83 and 81, respectively) are running a creche for the community known as 'Natures Valley' in Kleinkrantz, between Sedgefield and Wilderness. With classes for those aged 1-3, 4-5, and 6 years, they are giving 29 children a much better start in life than they would have had otherwise. The creche is run from a house the George Municipality made available to their cause.

The Michels have also initiated an aftercare service for school children so that an additional 18 young boys and girls have supervised attention outside school hours. Those attending the creche and aftercare receive nutritious meals made on a daily basis by a cook who, along with the two teachers, is employed by the charity organisation set up by the couple.

Olaf and Inge are convinced that if children are kept busy with healthy pastimes, there can only be positive results. And this includes older children too. To this end, they have recently created further support for the community they have taken into their hearts by organising swimming and netball coaches for two junior teams of each and

taking children to George for lessons at a swimming academy.

The Michels are able to do this amazing work through a charity they have set up called Ein Regenbogen für Afrika, which, with the help of their friends, raises the necessary funds in Germany through hosting informal markets. Olaf says that people in their ever-increasing network are delighted to support this cause and will willingly spend their Euros on the products they sell, especially those made in South Africa.

"We have even created a market in Germany for second-hand handbags donated by people in South Africa!" he chuckles.

Also popular with their German customers/supporters are greeting cards made by a George entity, 'Options' - a job-creation project for women living with HIV. "We support this cause by buying their cards, then we sell

them in Germany to raise money to bring back for the creche and our other projects," he smiles, "It's a win-win!"

Since they moved here in 2003, the Michels have travelled extensively in Africa and have fallen in love with their new home continent. Hence their determination to make a difference in South Africa, where they chose to put down new roots.

"We hear people complaining, but every country has its problems," Olaf reflects, "This area is really something very, very special."

He says they are very grateful for all the support they get for Ein Regenbogen für Afrika, both locally and internationally, especially with ever-increasing transport costs making away matches for their teams very expensive.

For more information, the Michels may be contacted via email olafmichels@yahoo.de.

WILDERNESS NEWS NEEDED

In a quest to include more news of our sister communities, The EDGE team is calling for residents to send through any news, blues and PHEW!s from Wilderness, including the areas of Kleinkrantz and Hoekwil.

"For a community newspaper, there's no better news source than the community itself, so it would be great to include articles or even tidbits of pertinent information from people 'on the ground' in Wilderness," says EDGE Editor Bomber Webb.

The EDGE has been publishing local news stories from in and around the Sedgefield area since 1998, and it's the input from local folk that has been the lifeline that has kept this independent publication going for a quarter of a century! Hopefully, with input from locals, more issues pertinent to Wilderness can be included and even highlighted.

"Whether it be volunteer writers sending in articles, people sharing pictures of newsworthy events or feedback from the various 'watchdog' organisations - please feel free to send details to editor@edgenews.co.za," Bomber suggests.

Art Exhibition
 29th April under the trees
 at the Wild Oats Market

Pottery Collage
Paintings
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PARADISE RIDGE CONSERVANCY

Preserving Paradise

The Paradise Ridge Conservancy has been in existence since 28 October 2012 and effectively covers Pinedew Farm, Boven Lange Valley, Langvlei Dunes and extends to Gericke's Point.

Over the past decade, some of the primary challenges faced by the conservancy include:

- has been facing the changing demands on land resources
- the introduction of non-indigenous flora and fauna (such as Springbuck, zebra, etc.)

- invasive vegetation and its associated fire hazards
 - reduced water quality and quantity (as a result of the sand mines and invasive vegetation (such as Black Wattle)
 - open farms
 - a limited understanding of complex natural systems
 - climate change.
- Since its inception, PRC's vision has been to:
- preserve and rehabilitate the indigenous natural environment of the area and create awareness and share information about it
 - monitor and protect vulnerable species,
 - fire prevention,
 - poaching prevention
 - protecting geological formations - of the over two million-year-old fossil sand dunes.

Not much activity occurred under the umbrella of the PRC between April 2021 and April 2022, a period when a number of committee members resigned - including Ashleigh van Zuydam, a dedicated champion of the conservancy who left the area in 2021. This left the PRC vulnerable to closing down. In April 2022, Balvindra Walter, a member since 2012, became Acting Chairperson and took on the role of continuing the work of his predecessors. On 18 March 2023, he was voted in as Chairperson.

He has been actively involved in addressing the following for and on behalf of the PRC:

- The PRC appealed against the proposed sand mine on portion 3/191 and commented on

and objected to the sand mine on portion 5/191 next to Timberlake, who are looking to extend the life of the mine by another 1.8ha and mine up to 20 m deeper.

• He has attended various workshops hosted by other environmental concerns and conservancies focussing on the mapping of wildlife corridors. And has also worked closely with other environmental conservancies such as the Touw River Conservancy, Constantia Kloof Conservancy, WALEAF, WRRRA, SAVEWILD, Precious Tree Project and SANP.

• A letter of concern was written to PASA, together with WRRRA and Green Connection, to determine the cause of an oil spill (hydrocarbon droplets). It raised questions about safety concerns for the public and sea life, who was responsible and what is being done about it. To date, no responsibility has been taken.

• In collaboration with WALEAF and SANParks, the PRC has been actively involved in the objection to the high-density development proposed for the Kleinkrans Resort on ERF 1297.

• The PRC has been actively commenting on development proposals and OSCA applications.

• The PRC is collaborating with WRRRA and other local conservancies to set up an Eco Centre that can provide valuable environmental information to visitors and potential buyers in the area.

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All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Cape Town within two weeks from the date of the publication of this notice.

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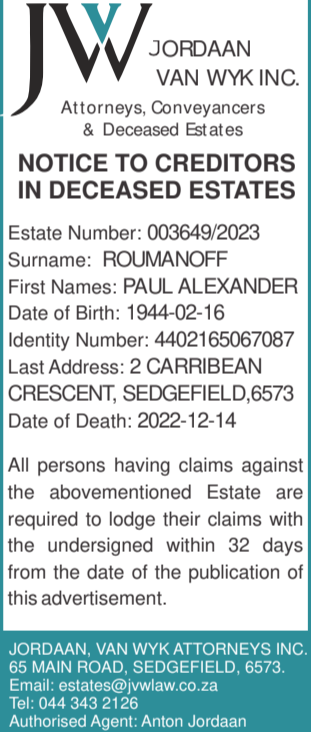
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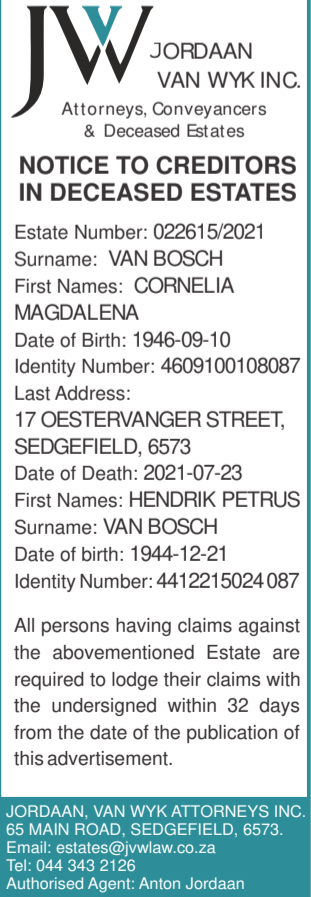
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Surname: VAN BOSCH
First Names: CORNELIA MAGDALENA
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e'Pap Jerseys

The children from Lithembu Education, wearing new jerseys while enjoying their Easter eggs.



by Sarah Cook

The e'Pap Children's Feeding Project has been operating up and down the Garden Route for almost 20 years. Having started with 60 children in 2003, they now feed over 5 000 on every school day of the year.

e'Pap is a pre-cooked porridge packed with vitamins, minerals and trace elements. It requires no cooking and just needs whisking with warm water. The health of the children being fed is tangible; they can concentrate better,



have more energy and generally receive a better start in life.

Volunteers ensure that e'Pap is delivered on a regular basis to many pre-schools, mostly in informal township areas. In addition, special individuals such as Jan Gerard, who knit or donate various items throughout the year, are an added bonus to these schools; thank you.

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AMENDED 2022/2023 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 54(1)(c) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003, that the Knysna Municipal Council approved the amendments to the 2022/2023 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) at a Municipal Council meeting held on 30 March 2023.

Further notice is given in terms of Section 21(4) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 that persons who cannot write may visit the Municipal Office at 5 Clyde Street, Knysna, during office hours, where the responsible official will assist in transcribing comments or representations.

Please be advised that the approved Amended 2022/2023 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) is available for viewing on the official municipal website at www.knysna.gov.za Hard copies of the document are available upon request.

Any objections, with full reasons thereof, must be provided in writing and directed to the Municipal Manager, P O Box 21, Knysna, 6570 and/or by telephone on 044 302 6235 or e-mail to the Manager: Integrated Development Planning & Institutional Performance Management, Mr. Charles Chordnum at cchordnum@knysna.gov.za

MR. OMBALI SEBOLA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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 - Valid SARS Tax Clearance Certificate and/or Pin
 - Letter of Good Standing
 - Proof of Bank details
 - Company Profile (updated profile showing current year)
 - BBBEE Certificate
 - Proof of Residential Address (Company & Directors)
 - Certified ID copies of Directors
 - Relevant references of work experience and contact details.
 - CSD
 - PSIRA Certificate /Registration (Only Compulsory for Security Package)

Upon appointment, the Targeted Enterprises will be expected to produce valid and acceptable **SAFETY FILES** (the Contractor may assist if/when required) and it must be updated monthly. All labourers are to be sourced from the relevant affected communities and must undergo **ENTRY MEDICAL EXAMINATION** before work commences.

Furthermore, upon appointment, a subcontract agreement will be signed between the parties.

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Rod - 082 411 7683

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09h30 - Communion Service
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Pastors: Chris & Trudie Smit
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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling
Club News



A tribute to a President – Charles Fontini

Sedgfield Bowling Club will forever be indebted to Charles. What a President! He took charge during and after COVID when we were only allowed to play under strict social rules, which was not an easy time. Members would often see him cutting the greens before an afternoon's bowls or running around, seeing to the general running of the club. "Off the Mat" once described him as being like the man in "blue tights"

SUPERMAN – as he was here, there, and everywhere. Charles, we will miss you and your "hearty welcome" at tea time. The members truly appreciate your being there for the club, and we wish you good luck, good bowling and a huge thank you from all of us. You sure were a SUPER PRESIDENT.

A message from the President
The President would like to thank the committee members and members for their support over the last three years and wishes the incoming President and committee a successful and productive year.

A.G.M. May 26th
The AGM will take place after bowls. As we are all aware, this is the most important meeting of

the year, so if you are unable to attend, please fill in a proxy form. See you there.

Eden competitions
Mixed Pairs – Good luck and good bowling to the players that entered.

Club competitions
Handicap– Final Tuesday, 18 May
Finalists – Men's - Neels vs Martin – Ladies- Kris vs Rosalie
Good luck and good bowling.

Nominated pairs – List on the board. Closing date 22 May. There is still time to put your name down.

That's all for this week – Keep safe.
Nearest the kitty

SEDFIELD LADIES' GOLF

7/04/23

We were 15 ladies playing a game of Blue, Black, and Red tee's Team Alliance, with all scores to count. To add some Easter fun, each player hid two Cadbury Fluffies on the course for the other players behind them to find.

Cadbury's Fluffies were sponsored by Pick n Pay Sedgfield, while the 1st and 2nd-place vouchers and Nearest the Pin prize were sponsored by Wimpy Sedgfield.

Our fabulous winners were as follows:
1st Charlene Blacker, Daleen Schooling and Martha Smith on a very impressive 111 points
2nd Almarie Mead, Brenda Howden and Kandy Grieve, who were so close, with 110 points.

Nearest the Pin was won by Sam Bowen on the 8/17, and as no one won the 17+, it was a rollover for the following week - R120!

Ten out of 15 ladies featured on the Birdie tree this week (reckon that must be a NEW record!):
Charlene Blacker 4, 9, 11
Almarie Mead 3, 4
Linda Evans 5, 14
Daleen Schooling 3, 18
Martha Smith 7
Sam Bowen 9, 11
Wendy Mack 16
Christina Christine Coetzee 1
Brenda Howden 4
Sylvia de Moor 14

Good fun was had by all!

14/04/23

There was a mixed reception from the 11 ladies for the Quota game this week. It was decided that next time the scoring will

include one point for a double bogey.

Our wonderful winners were as follows:

1st Wendy Mack, 37 points
2nd Almarie Mead, 35 points
3rd Charlene Blacker with 32 on a count out to Christine Coetzee.
Nearest the Pin was won by Brenda Howden on the 5/14, and as no one won the 17+, it was rolled over to the following week - R180!

Birdies this week:
Almarie Mead 9
Brenda Howden 4
Charlene Blacker 9
Sylvia de Moor 3
Sam Bowen got an Eagle on 12.

A report from the club



SEDFIELD TENNIS NEWS

As the Club continuously evolves, we now have a men's and ladies' ladder in place. These are very active, with the order changing weekly.

Ladies: 1. Carol 2. Anita 3. Lani 4. Michelle 5. Geraldine 6. Elaine, with the
Men: 1. William 2. John 3. Ian 4. Marcus 5. Martin 6. James.

Matches are played every week, and should someone not play a game during a month, they drop a rung on the ladder.

The Tuesday Challenge was played on 4 April, and as always, 12 men played competitive tennis in great spirit. The winner was Bruce Schulze, with Gary Hager second and Len Dekker and James Sohn finishing 3rd.

The tennis club remains very sociable, and all are welcome to join.

SEDFIELD GENTLEMEN'S GOLF

06/04/23

The day's competition was a combined four-ball playing medal with three scores to count. Amongst the scorers there was some confusion as to how to score the third point should the last two players have the same number of shots but have different handicaps. This is what happens when the Captain uses a system of his own making founded upon the differential calculus and the Copernican theory.

The problem was later sorted out, and the eventual winners were Tony Hunter (yes, him again), Hans Anema, Henry Crowther and Des Munro, with a gross score of 165. They were followed by Len Moul, Des Fenner, Mike Goodwin and

Malcolm Golding on 171. It's great to see Mike playing good golf again after a long illness. He has great golf sense, although sometimes this is very well disguised. And in third spot were Bill Craig, Steve Blom, Garth Schooling and A. N. Other (they were a three-ball and had to draw a partner).

The prize for the week's 'nappy' for behaving in a non-golfing manner was won by Len Moul, who was punished for standing and gazing at the distant mountains as his playing partners waited for him to putt on the first green. He later had the audacity to complain that the nappy was an L when everybody knows he takes an XL.

13/04/23

It was another stunning day for golf, warm with nary a wind. The Captain, who doesn't play golf because he sprained his knee while playing Scrabble, declared that the day's play would be pairings playing

Betterball, and he selected the pairings. So it was a day in which you were saddled with whomever he chose. Well, some marriages are made in heaven, and the first of the smiling couples were Steve Blom and Mike Hubberstey with 47 points, an unusual combination of Boer and Brit, but it was lovely to see the two holding hands as they collected their wine. Then in second spot were Terry Savage and Malcolm Golding with 45. Two shots further back were Bill Craig and Rudy Bosch. There is, however, an ongoing investigation into the validity of the latter's card details, which was raised by their playing partners who feel aggrieved at the result especially as Rudy has a swing reminiscent of an octopus caught in a washing machine.

There was much relief when it was announced that the next competition would be a normal I.P.S.

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted - Fat Barrel Rosé (The first walk 2022)

The wine is integrity and sustainability certified. This rosé has an interesting front label with a spot of humour. The back label is descriptive, and if you are into stories, both will interest you. Harvest year is on the back label.

The colour is a very light pink/salmon. No legs visible. The wine does not have a very prominent nose. No flaws, though. In the background, you'll find strawberries and a bit of candy floss. Balanced body. The Ghost found nuances of carnation leaves, and another friendly ghost found some dried Italian herbs on the mouth. (Yes, ghosts have friends!)

The wine fills the mouth for a short period of time. The Wine Ghost comes to the conclusion, that although it is not a serious wine, it is good for enjoying with friends while snacking next to the pool on a hot day. Price range R40 - R60

BRIDGE SCHOOL RESULTS

6 APRIL:
1st: Shirley & Johann
2nd: Rosalie & Christine
3rd: Mike & Jeannie

13 APRIL:
1st: Mary & Clive
2nd: Gail P & Jeannie
3rd: Adri & Gail F

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

3 APRIL :
1 Irene + Linda 63.4%
2 Maryke + Rodney 58.3%
3 Paddy + Bernard 54.1%

10 APRIL :
1 Pam + Colin 60.7%
2 Irene + Linda 57.1%
3 Judy + Toni 50.6%

TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across
7. Your mark on the first. (7)

8. The first month I was able to cut debtor list in half for the base-level employee. (7)

9. No kisses for those two pointing at beasts. (4)

10. Could such a little listen mean we've come to the crunch? (9)

12. Gulp down, but without the first bit of water which was initially fast flowing. (5)

13. It's a bit of a blow for those enjoying beer on tap! (8)

15. The main part is heavy. (4)

16. Make notes as to how to keep going. (5)

17. Those movie guys might say 'Cut!' (4)

18. Sedgfield has been described as such, though we have more on the wall. (3,5)

20. Rod's Maggie's is all about light that brings colour. (5)

21. Spend, or so organise that the event is otherwise paid for. (9)

22. Started locating the street that couldn't be found. (4)

24. Two point bet that she's a hippy of sorts. (3,4)

25. Nips the gel back for a bowler. (3,4)

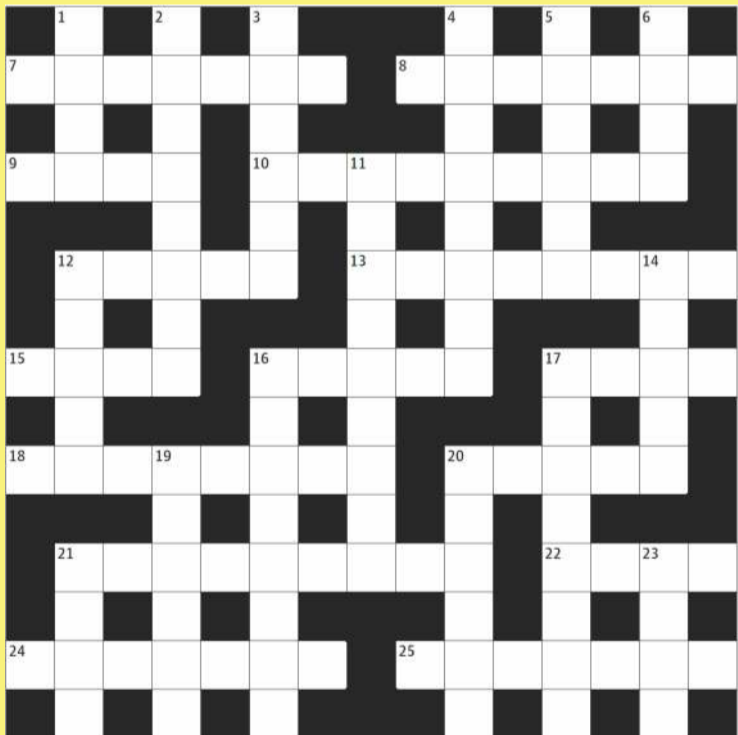
Down

1. A Sony 'Xbox' stores precious content. (4)

2. Just the normal level of banking. (8)

3. Weight if a section of crust sounds huge! (6)

4. Fellow old sailor discovers fruity plant! (8)



5. So hot for water transportation. (6)

6. Half a yes from a South African fellow is laughable. (4)

11. Garments you don't put on as often as you should? (9)

12. They lost Freddie dancing with Liz. (5)

14. A tune from those performers before One Direction. (5)

16. Turning of those who have

had a breather in the wood-harvesting area. (8)

17. Have no idea how they use cells so cleverly. (8)

19. Ooh! Returned light from the sun is worth a cheer! (6)

20. More nuts than a milliner? (6)

21. Bring up that seat under the pole. (4)

23. Drink the first Kahlua inside, then miss the rest. (4)

Across: 1. Struck home 6. High 9. Illuminati 10. Vast 12. Role reversal 15. Hindsight 17. Ringo 18. Skier 19. Oenophile 20. Hierarchical 24. Ream 25. Judgemental 26. Stem 27. Pentathlon **Down:** 1. Slip 2. Roll 3. Come on stream 4. Hinge 5. Moth eaten 7. Inabsentia 8. Hot blooded 11. Heir apparent 13. Phosphorus 14. Incinerate 16. Good cause 21. Ingot 22. Html 23. Claw

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MORE THAN A MILE!



On Saturday, 8 April, 93 brave swimmers participated in the second Moreson Mile held at Pine Lake Marina. The cold, wet conditions did not deter these intrepid folk, as it was all for a good cause.

The NSRI were there in full force to ensure the safety of the swimmers, and quite a crowd of spectators watched from the warmth of the restaurant. The initial 100 m or so involved wading through the shallow water since the river mouth had been opened. However, the swimming soon began, and conditions were perfect ... the rain had stopped, there was no wind, the mist had cleared, and visibility in the water and above was good.

The buoys seemed a long way off, and they were! Apparently, instead of the course being 1.6

km (a mile), the buoys were placed so that the swim was 2 km! Some swimmers took a detour and swam even further!

Last year's winner repeated his performance, and the top three males and females each received a cash prize sponsored by Halfway Toyota. The oldest female (and the oldest competitor), Judy Dixon, retained the title established last year and this year was also the recipient of a cash prize ... an incentive to keep training and enter in 2024!

The atmosphere was warm and friendly, and the news that Pine Lake Marina will offer the venue for 2024 was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The organisers and sponsors are to be congratulated on a most successful event.

A SLAM DUNK FOR KARATARA NETBALLERS!

In a great step forward for the community, the Karatara netball courts were officially opened on 12 April 2023. The presence of the MEC of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports, Anroux Marais, and other officials, including Deputy Mayor Alberto Riccardo Marbi, Municipal Manager Ombali Sebola, Eden SC's Zeldia v Staden, and Councillors Cleone Vanston, Jason White, Elmarie Maxim, and Peter Bester at the opening ceremony underscores the significance of this project.

Investing in sports facilities is always a wise move, and it's especially beneficial for children, who can reap the benefits of physical activity and social interaction.

The MEC said, "The Karatara netball courts offer an opportunity for children to participate in a team sport, which can foster a sense of community and belonging."

Her recommendation to prioritise the installation of lights to ensure the safety of women who use the facilities is a critical aspect of this project. Safety is always a top priority in any community initiative.

Partnerships between the Government and municipalities are essential to make community projects like this a reality. It's encouraging to see such collaboration and commitment regarding the improvement of the lives of community members. The opening of the Karatara netball



courts is an excellent example of what can be accomplished through these partnerships.

Perhaps we could entice our national team to prepare for the World Cup on our courts! You can't blame us for dreaming!

SEDGE SURFERS SHINE AT THE GROMS

by Sade West

Sedgefielders can be proud after our local young surfers go above and beyond at the 2023 Grom Games surfing event held at Muizenberg.

We were blessed with fantastic surf and weather conditions over the weekend of the competition, with the first day producing the best waves of the event. Small to medium-sized waves were the order of the day. Groomed by a light "offshore" wind, they made the perfect stage for our juniors to showcase their skills in the water. A great day of surfing followed, and all three of our local surfers progressed through their heats to earn their place in the semi-finals and finals the following day.

Sunday, the final's day, brought more challenging conditions,

with a light "onshore" wind producing bumpy ocean conditions and a slightly larger swell. This is where the best are separated from the rest as it becomes more difficult to read the approaching waves and surf them accordingly. However, our local surfers had no trouble competing in the



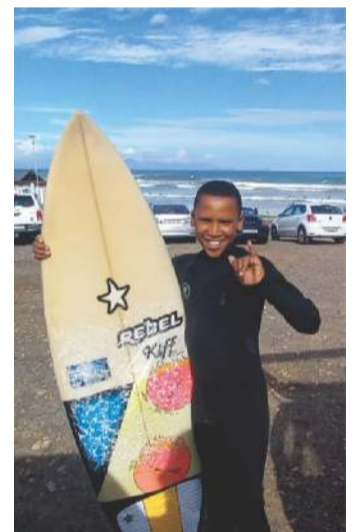
Gold medalist Jua Swanepoel

challenging conditions. Iano Thomson achieved a 3rd place finish in the U/14 boys Semi-Final, Lazaro de Bruyn brought home the Silver medal for his 2nd place in the U/10 boys Final, and Jua Swanepoel brought home the Gold with her 1st place in the girls U/16 Final.

A fantastic performance from our local juniors and an overall 2nd Place finish for the Eden District.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported this event and made it possible to send our young surfers all the way to Cape Town for the 2023 Grom Games.

Special thanks go to Pili Pili Sedgefield and Kiff Surfboards for sponsoring Iano's very own surfboard



Iano Thomson achieved a 3rd place

to compete at this event and continue his surfing journey going forward. Look out for him speeding down the waves at our local beaches.

TIDE TABLE

19 April - 03 MAY 2023

● Full Moon 05 May 2023

Wed Apr 19 2023
low tides 09:17 21:24
high tides 03:03 15:24
sunrise 06:54 sunset 18:01
moonrise 05:55 moonset 17:42

Thu Apr 20 2023
low tides 09:50 21:54
high tides 03:39 15:59
sunrise 06:55 sunset 18:00
moonrise 07:02 moonset 18:12

Fri Apr 21 2023
low tides 10:22 22:25
high tides 04:13 16:33
sunrise 06:56 sunset 17:59
moonrise 08:08 moonset 18:46

Sat Apr 22 2023
low tides 10:53 22:55
high tides 04:46 17:04
sunrise 06:57 sunset 17:58
moonrise 09:15 moonset 19:23

Sun Apr 23 2023
low tides 11:23 23:25
high tides 05:18 17:35
sunrise 06:57 sunset 17:57
moonrise 10:19 moonset 20:06

Mon Apr 24 2023
low tides 11:53 23:57
high tides 05:49 18:06
sunrise 06:58 sunset 17:56
moonrise 11:21 moonset 20:54

Tue Apr 25 2023
low tide 12:25
high tides 06:21 18:40
sunrise 06:59 sunset 17:55
moonrise 12:16 moonset 21:48

Wed Apr 26 2023
low tides 00:34 13:04
high tides 06:59 19:21
sunrise 07:00 sunset 17:53
moonrise 13:04 moonset 22:44

Thu Apr 27 2023
low tides 01:29 14:02
high tides 07:58 20:48
sunrise 07:00 sunset 17:52
moonrise 13:46 moonset 23:43

Fri Apr 28 2023
low tides 04:01 16:14
high tides 10:08 23:40
sunrise 07:01 sunset 17:51
moonrise 14:21 moonset -

Sat Apr 29 2023
low tides 06:07 18:13
high tide 12:01
sunrise 07:02 sunset 17:50
moonrise 14:52 moonset 00:42

Sun Apr 30 2023
low tides 06:55 19:00
high tides 00:39 12:56
sunrise 07:03 sunset 17:49
moonrise 15:20 moonset 01:40

Mon May 01 2023
low tides 07:30 19:34
high tides 01:16 13:34
sunrise 07:04 sunset 17:48
moonrise 15:45 moonset 02:38

Tue May 02 2023
low tides 08:01 20:04
high tides 01:46 14:07
sunrise 07:04 sunset 17:47
moonrise 16:10 moonset 03:36

Wed May 03 2023
low tides 08:30 20:32
high tides 02:14 14:38
sunrise 07:05 sunset 17:46
moonrise 16:35 moonset 04:34

LOCALS CONQUER TWO OCEANS

An impressive number of Sedgefield Striders headed down to the 'Mother City' last weekend to take part in the 56 km Two Oceans Ultra-Marathon and Half Marathon (21,1 km). This year the races were held on separate days to allow for traffic – probably a good choice by the organisers considering the 56 km Ultra saw 10 040 runners start the voyage on Saturday morning and the 21.1km had no less than 16 974 athletes the next day!

For the Ultra - a gruelling but

beautiful course with multiple long, steep climbs - Hans van de Wetering finished in a cracking time of 4 hours 38 minutes 59 seconds, ahead of club-mates Gavin Jantjies (5h18m02s) Belinda Tull (5h23m03s), Danielle de Jager (5h36m55s), Aubrey Brinkhuis (5h39m21s), Chris de Jager (5h50m07s), Matty Smith (5h55m11s), Ida van de Wetering (5h55m12s), and Pedro Goncalves (6h34m38s). Another local who participated was Marius van der Merwe a relative newcomer to the sport who admirably completed the course in 6h54m53s.



In the 21,1km event Graham Tull came eighth in his age-group with an amazing time of 1h42m32s, whilst Nic Brummer race-walked the distance in 2h46m05s. Other runners taking part were Wilna Jordaan (2h26m39s), Zeldia Gooderham (2h41m59s), Emma Rorke

Marius van der Merwe – proud to complete his first Two Oceans Ultra!

(2h49m40s) and Jessica Papayannis (2h49m40s).

Congratulations all, for flying the Sedgefield flag high!

Sedgefield Striders TIME TRIAL Every Wednesday.
5.30pm on Wally van der Walt Street adjacent to Sedgefield Bowls Club. Beginner runners/walkers welcome.
For more info call 072 275 6894

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