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• Gasoline Alley offers some of the best views of the event with a variety of activities, exhibitors, food and beverage vendors to make it a fun-filled family affair.

• Demonstration runs from event partners add to the spectacle, including exciting products from Suzuki, BMW, Honda and Volkswagen.

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and fastest cars are your thing, there's only one place to be from 4 to 7 May 2023, and that's at the 13th edition of the Simola Hillclimb in Knysna.

This year's event will be bigger and better on all fronts, and that doesn't just apply to the extraordinary road and race cars that will aggressively speed up the 1.9 km Simola Hill, or the dazzling list of top-tier local drivers and some high-profile international drivers such as WRC and WRX champion Petter Solberg who will be in the mix.

There is truly something for everyone, with plenty of attractions to get your adrenaline flowing – even before fans make

their way to the event itself, with Classic Car Friday taking place on 5 May, followed by King of the Hill on Saturday and Sunday, 6 and 7 May.

“Classic Car Friday and King of the Hill are obviously the main attractions at the Simola Hillclimb, but there is so much more to this event to enthrall motoring and motorsport enthusiasts of all ages and interests, including a Fan Fest and the popular street parades,” says Ian Shrosbree, Managing Director of the Knysna Speed Festival which owns the Simola Hillclimb. “This all helps build the atmosphere and excitement leading into the main events and allows all of Knysna's residents

to enjoy a part of the Hillclimb.”

The Fan Fest precinct will include the Knysna High School grounds and surrounding roads on Thursday and Friday (4 and 5 May) from 11h00, with free access to see the wide range of new cars that will be on display along with other motoring-related items and goods for sale.

Eager enthusiasts who would like to see the cars set to compete in the event close-up before the action commences can head to Hedge Street in Knysna for the official scrutineering, which takes place from 09h00 to 14h30 on Thursday 4 May for Classic Car Friday entrants, and the same time the next day for all King of the Hill competitors.

Nothing beats the sights and sounds of these spectacular cars on the move, and the street parades are always among the major event highlights. Be sure to secure your spot along the scenic Waterfront Drive on Thursday 4 May from 14h45 to 15h15 to see the classic cars parading by, and on Friday from 17h15 to 17h45 for the road cars and pure race-bred machines that will compete in King of the Hill.

Enthusiasts who have secured their tickets to South Africa's premier motoring and motorsport lifestyle event can look forward to plenty of further attractions once through the gates into the Simola Hillclimb.

Gasoline Alley is the main public viewing area to see the cars charging up the steep Simola

the main event, BMW will also participate in a special parade lap through Knysna in celebration of the company's 50th Jubilee in South Africa. This will include classic cars from BMW car clubs that will be in attendance.

Honda is a Tier 2 partner and will be doing demonstration runs with the CBR1000RR-R Fireblade superbike and its newly launched Civic Type R, with the Japanese manufacturer also confirming that Deon Joubert will be competing in King of the Hill in this exciting new performance model. Volkswagen, also a Tier 2 partner, will reveal a new racing car during lunch time on Saturday.

Monster Energy Drinks will be back in action with its crowd-favourite Mustang drift car smoking its tyres on the hill with Jason Webb at the wheel, while Brent Le Riche will entertain the crowd with his incredible trials bike skills.

Time is running out fast with just one day to go before Knysna comes alive with the most spectacular automotive extravaganza in South Africa – so don't miss out, get your tickets today!

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Tickets can be purchased on the event website (www.simolahillclimb.com), with the prices for General Entry remaining unchanged from last year. Upgrades are available for Pit Access, Turn 2 Grandstand seating and VIP Parking.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

I've done it! Yes indeed. I have!

I tell you, books will be written and movies made about this (I will insist on full creative direction control and a starring role if possible) but remember, dear reader, you read it here first....

I have found the answer to the great mystery of life! Well at least ONE of them. (And it's not the interpretation of Mrs Ed and her sister's telephone conversations or anything as profound as that, but still.....)

Yep. I, Mr T'Ed, have discovered the answer to ... (a drum roll would be quite fitting here folks) ... (and perhaps a dramatic pause)

STAYING COOL!

No. Not 'cool' as in temperature. I don't WANT to be that sort of cool. Don't get me started about the unwelcome approach of wintry days (and wintrier nights!), about which I have written a rather stern letter to the Municipality (we have rights, you know).

The 'cool' I am talking about is what Wikipedia describes as "Fashionable and attractive at the time; often skilled or socially adept" (which, to be honest, is such an uncool description of cool, nobody with even the slightest hint of coolness would use it).

But anyway – you get my drift, I'm sure. THAT's the sort of cool that I am referring to.

Because it's important, isn't it? Well, at least to us men. I certainly cannot speak for the fairer sex (Mrs Ed and her sister have got that wrapped up, I would imagine). As we get a little older (just a little, mind) us manly blokes need to be sure that we don't become ... er ... how can I put it politely? ... 'Ageing examples of flatulence'.

Or 'OF's if you want the initials.

And I am speaking from personal experience (of ageing, not flatulence). Being just a short decade over half-past-forty, the signs of my own er ... coolness deficit have started rearing their



annoying little (prematurely balding) heads.

Indeed, just last December, when I coolly sauntered onto the beach in my Ultimately Trendy (according to the website) Limited Edition Speedo, I heard a group of tourist teenagers refer to me in a most derogatory fashion (they clearly haven't visited www.baywatch.com). But interestingly, the insult that I found most offensive was when one of them, a spotty, nauseating lad of about 15, reflected that I was 'radically uncool'.

It upset me so much I almost cancelled my 'Slow Motion running through the shallow waters' session, which, incidentally, has been such a crowd drawer in the past I am thinking of having it listed as a tourist attraction.

And it was this lad's insinuation that got me thinking. Whilst the brat had clearly been blessed with very few lessons in discipline, or swimwear fashion for that matter, what if there was even the slightest inkling of truth to his words? What if I had started sliding down that slippery slope to... OF status?

(And no. I don't mean Orange Free Status - please do try and keep up!)

As I have mentioned – the signs of uncoolness had been appearing....

Like getting out of bed, for example. How is it that this once easy act had – believe it or not – become such a challenge to my coolness?

I remembered when I was in my early (and legendarily cool) twenties, there was no end of choices when it came to getting up to start the day. I could leap

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out of bed how and when I wanted, throw on yesterday's jeans and my cleanest dirty shirt and be instantly brimming with the coolest of confidence.

Whether I sprang out of the sheets at 6am or slept like a hibernating grizzly until 10am... or twelve.... or even the following day, I could brush my teeth, run my fingers through my fashionably unkempt (and rather abundant) locks of hair and Shazam! My coolness would be there.

Back then coolness came naturally, even first thing in the morning.

Back then my bladder had very little say in the matter.

Now.... things are different. Retaining my coolness whilst getting out of bed is no longer second nature (it's more ruled by the call of nature, if the truth be told).

Getting up is a process. A whole long (and very uncool) process. One can't just leap out of bed to start the day. Not any more.

Because there's creaking to be accounted for.

A lot of it, too. So a ten minute allowance has to be factored in for perching on the edge (of the bed, not the newspaper ... or the lavatory, for that matter) to allow time for the creaking to subside. Only then may one stand (semi)upright and begin the day.

And then there's the process of getting dressed without groaning so loud your neighbours start debating whether to call an ambulance, the police, or a funeral parlour.

It's hard to be cool when one groans and creaks.

But hey, er ... dudes, whilst this may sound very depressing, fear not. Now that I have discovered the secret to 'keeping your coolness' even into the middle ages, I am back with it, bro.

I'm cool. I've still got it on. (No, I'm not talking about the crimplene jersey with the sequined ABBA motif I mistakenly wore to the hardware store last Friday. Please ignore the pictures on social media.)

So what is it? What's this secret thing that has got me listed as No5 in The EDGE's "Coolest Staff Member" rankings?

It's a motorbike.

Yep, gents, – sheer brilliance indeed. And I also have no idea why you didn't think of it first.

Being cool on a motorbike is so EASY ... once you get the hang of it.

NB: A bit of advice from my own experiences. Once you have purchased your motorbike (you have to if you want to be cool) you should perhaps start the riding process in a secluded spot, as climbing on one of these things isn't as easy as you might remember (there will be some creaking... and groaning.) ALSO... the first few times you should definitely consider hiring a couple of labourers to assist you with 'The Mount' (especially if you are going to wear your skin-tight leathers right from the word go). That way you will have some muscle handy to pick both you and the bike up when you overbalance trying to raise the kick-stand.

But it's worth it! And once you get started it's the coolest thing EVER.

Roaring up and down the once boringly quiet streets of Sedge on any Sunday I regularly have people coming out of their homes to wave a friendly fist at me and shout words of encouragement (No doubt telling me what a cool dude I am, though admittedly I can't hear much over the delicious thump

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of the special 'aftermarket' exhaust system I've had fitted).

Over this last long weekend I even had teenagers (I'm hoping they're the same ones from the previous incident) gathering round to point in admiration as I sauntered up to my 'steed of iron' like a modern day James Dean (perhaps with slightly less hair),

climbed on board (I'm particularly cool now I only need one assistant for this process) and rode off into the afternoon sun.

I bet they were all wishing THEY were cool enough to ride a 250cc in a speedo.

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DEVASTATING FIRE



Total destruction of two homes and everything two families owned resulted from Friday night's blaze in Smutsville.

Two houses were totally destroyed and one partially burned when a fire broke out in Smutsville on the evening of Friday 28 April, leaving two families with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

According to reports received from the community, the fire started in a home in the informal settlement known as 'Skoolgaaitjie', then spread to two neighbouring 'back-yard' homes on a property in the formal area of Beverly Hills.

The Skoolgaaitjie house was razed to the ground along with all the owners' possessions. Fortunately the couple and their five year old daughter were able to escape without injury.

The next house the fire blazed through would normally have been occupied by a Malawian couple and their one-year old baby, but fortunately they were house-sitting for their employers on that particular night. Whilst this could well have saved their lives, they are left reeling in the realisation that they have lost everything they own, including their passports and work visas.

The third house sustained only partial damage to the two walls closest to the blaze. Fortunately, with the help of residents of nearby homes, the lady residing there was able to save most of her belongings.

With houses so close to one another, the blaze could have spread much further and caused so much more

damage and even the loss of lives, so the timeous arrival of the Sedgefield Fire Brigade was greatly appreciated by the surrounding community. The blaze was quickly extinguished and the only injury reported was a young lady who went to hospital after suffering smoke inhalation as she was trying to help empty the third house.

An appeal is being made to assist the families with clothing, household goods and building materials.

Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis has kindly said that people may use the Sedgefield Municipal offices (the Swallow Drive entrance) as a drop off point for clothing and small items, as long as they are clearly marked.

Alternatively, Elspeth Hartzberg, the community leader for Skoolgaaitjie who is helping the first family, may be contacted on 061 736 8960, and the employers assisting the Malawian family on 083 265 8465.

The clothing sizes for the Skoolgaaitjie couple are as follows: Lady's size 14-15 clothing and size 2 shoe, men's (small) clothing size 28 and shoe size 6. Children's clothing for a petite 5-year-old with shoe size (children) 9.

For the Malawian couple: Men's pants size 28/30, both men's and lady's shirts/tops size small and medium, lady's dress or skirts medium or large, men shoes size 7, ladies shoes 3 to 4, baby clothes 12-18mths (girl).

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SR&RA PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION - 25 APRIL 2023 REPORT BACK

Just less than 100 concerned residents gathered in the Sedgefield Town Hall on Tuesday the 25th of April for a meeting convened by the Sedgefield Ratepayers and Residents Association (SR&RA).

Dr Andy Brough, who chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone and explained that SR&RA has one simple mandate:- Driving Service Delivery for Sedgefield. The meeting was also supported by Ward One Councillor Levael Davis and Ward 2 Councillor Cleone Vanston. Councillor Sharon Sabbagh, from Ward 9, (who is also on the Knysna Municipality Finance and Governance committee) was also in attendance, as well as people from Knysna who came through to show their support.

Dr Brough explained that the SR&RA constitution states "As an association, we will endeavour to do everything possible to maintain and protect Sedgefield and its environment. We will address the express needs and concerns of the community through regular dialogue and negotiation with the relevant authorities."

He went on to highlight the purpose of the meeting - that on the 4th of April 2023, the draft budget for the Knysna Municipality for 2023-2024 was tabled. But why is this so important and what does it mean for Sedgefield?

There is now an opportunity for written submissions on this draft

budget. SR&RA calls on all concerned:- ratepayers, residents, business owners- (whether they own or rent properties) schools, churches, and farmers to make their voices heard and urgently object to and reject the draft budget.

Brough explained how the combined effect of the proposed percentage tariff increases on water, electricity, sanitation and refuse removal and the new property valuations will hit everyone very hard - potentially by 30% more overall. SRRA calls on the Knysna Municipality to redraft the budget so that projected revenues and costs are more in line with headline inflation.

Knysna Municipality has just released the new property valuation roll (The previous one was done five years ago). However, the municipal property rate (calculated by multiplying the market value of the property by what is called the "cent in the rand rate") has not been adjusted from last year. This will mean that whatever percentage a property value has increased by, the property assessment rates will go up by that same amount. This is not in line with the Municipal Property Rates Act.

The General Guidelines for the



Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act No.6 of 2004 clearly states:

1. Significantly high increases in the market values of properties require that the municipality reasonably reduces the cent in the Rand rates to curb excessive rates payable by property owners.
2. The practice of reducing the cent in the Rand rates when a new valuation role is implemented and where property market values increase significantly must be institutionalized and become best practice.
3. Keeping the cent in the Rand rates constant for the property categories whose market values have increased significantly will not protect the property owners from significant increases in the rates payable, in fact, the rates

payable (which is the cent in the Rand rate multiplied by the market value of the property), will also increase.

Dr Brough added that the guidelines to the Act specify that "it is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand rate unchanged when property market values have increased significantly."

Mr Kevin Barnes, Vice Chairperson SR&RA, took the floor to call on Sedgefield residents to explain the submission process for objections. SR&RA has drafted a guideline letter to help people with their submissions. Copies are available from Sedgefield.ratepayers@gmail.com. Electronic submissions then need to be emailed to budget@knysna.gov.za and knysna@knysna.gov.za along

with a request for a COLLAB number. Please CC Sedgefield.ratepayers@gmail.com so that the SR&RA has a record of all formal objections.

After questions from the floor, Mr Ari Seirlis, who leads the SR&RA PR and Membership Portfolio, explained the value of being a member of the association.

The SR&RA is committed to understanding the service delivery issues of ratepayers and residents and has an executive team of volunteers, skilled and motivated to make a difference in the community. What is vitally important to the association is getting more ratepayers and residents to become members. Mr Seirlis emphasised that "this support is necessary to create a critical mass and give us the

leverage we need to engage at the highest level."

In answer to a question from the floor as to what options Sedgefield residents had if the budget was not redrafted, Dr Brough made it clear that, according to the Municipal Property Rates Act, "affected parties could approach the Minister of Local Government and/or the Minister of Finance directly. "We are keeping our options open, but will consider this course of action if necessary."

SRRA thanks everyone for attending (despite the challenges of load-shedding) for what was a very engaging meeting. They will track the submissions and monitor the response from the Knysna Municipality.



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CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS

Written comments or representations on the proposed amendments can be submitted on or before 16h30 on Friday 19 May 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CALLING FOR INSPECTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49 (1) (a) (i) read together with Section 78(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") that the Supplementary Valuation Roll 06 is open for public inspection at the municipal offices/venues listed below, from **4 May 2023 to 5 June 2023**, Mondays to Friday during working hours.

In addition, the Supplementary Valuation Roll 06 will be available on the following official municipal website - www.knysna.gov.za from **4 May 2023**.

An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 49(1) (a) (ii) read together with Section 78(2) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who so desires, should lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from, the Supplementary Valuation Roll 06 within the above mentioned period.

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 Supplementary Valuation Roll 06 as such. The objection forms 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 5 June 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

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PLEASE NOTE: Objections will not be entertained by the Municipality, unless they are timeously lodged on the prescribed objection form and submitted at the above venues.

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WATER METER WOES

There have been ongoing queries regarding the installation and use of water management devices – or prepaid water meters – as residents have reported that malfunctioning meters have left them high and dry, and, on occasion, meters have been installed on properties without the owner's consent.

Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis reports that he is regularly confronted by unhappy residents regarding these devices and has thus decided to take it up with Municipal Manager Ombali Sebola.

"I've written to the MM this morning regarding a number of complaints regarding the prepaid water meters," he said. I await his feedback as this is becoming a major issue now."

The questions/points he has raised with the Municipal Manager are as follows.

1. People are now being forced to install water meters.

"I have not found any Council resolution or approved policy in this regard. (I may be wrong, so they must point me to the relevant documentation or decision). Why should regular paying residents who are not in serious arrears be forced to install pre-paid water meters?"

2. Multiple meters installed due to faults.

"A number of residents have had meters installed which don't work, so they have had to get new ones installed. In some cases, faulty meters have been replaced three times."

3. Prepaid meter boxes are installed, but some residents don't receive the UIU with their new meter.

In other words, they have a meter but not the device to put in the token details."

4. Municipal contractor accessing private property

without permission. "This is serious."

5. Installation of pre-paid meters is happening, in some cases, without removing conventional meters.

6. People are not refunded timeously.

"Some residents buy enough water for the month. When they replace the meter due to a fault, they get allocated a new number, so the old token is no longer valid. Residents should then be reimbursed, but they find this cumbersome, and some are waiting for lengthy periods without getting the refund."

7. Investigation into the status of the current service

"If I could suggest that you (the Knysna Municipal Manager) ask your team to conduct an investigation into the effectiveness of the business process to identify any gaps so that this issue does not blow up negatively or leave residents in a vulnerable position."

8. There is a need for more education on the availability fee added to municipal accounts following the installation of a meter.

"People still don't understand where the figure comes from and why they must pay that fee. Some communication to the public would help to educate people so that residents are empowered, and our cashiers are not bombarded with this issue and can focus on helping customers."

The EDGE asked the Municipality if the management would be providing any insight regarding Ward 1 councillor Davis' statement/questions.

They responded as follows: "The Municipal Manager will respond to Cllr Davis within the timeframes set in our Service Standards Charter. Unfortunately, the Municipal Manager's office will not respond to Cllr Davis via the media."

The Municipality did, however, provide the following press statement with more information regarding the meters.

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Putting in a device is free, and users can contact Ikapa Reticulation & Flow, the appointed contractor, to schedule an appointment. They are in the process of installing water management devices throughout all wards within the Greater Knysna municipal area and will provide residents with pamphlets explaining how to use the new device and system.

Installation of a water management device will not affect your monthly allocation of free water. Indigent consumers, or households with a total income not exceeding R4 975.00 per month, will receive 6 000 litres free per month. Other residents will receive 3 000 litres, allocated on the first day of the month. Users can control their monthly water usage, and the devices are battery-operated, so installing a water management device will not affect your electricity usage.

While the appointed contractor is in the process of installing water management devices throughout all wards within the Greater Knysna municipal area, any household from any ward can apply to have a unit installed before their area is scheduled for installation. Installation of these devices is free.

The installation of a water management device holds incredible benefits for any household, but they may not be tampered with. Tampering with such a device is illegal, and any illegal activities will lead to the device being shut down, turning off the water supply until the unit can be fixed.

Developing our infrastructure in step with technology is how we plan to help residents to save water – and money.

To order the installation of your

water management devices or for more information, please contact Ikapa Reticulation & Flow at 0672101813 knysna@ikaparetic.co.za or call the municipal help desk on 044 302 6331.

Find a list of prepaid water and electricity vendors at <https://www.knysna.gov.za/live-here/customer-care-centre/buy-electricity-water/>.

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GRUESOME ATTACK ON DOMESTIC ANIMALS

There have been concerns voiced over the possible attack and poisoning of domestic pets in the rural area near the Barrington Karatara road intersection.

One resident, who has asked for her name to be withheld to avoid further victimisation, says that she knows of at least two different dogs from two different properties that have been tortured, and even a sow and its piglet that have died from poisoning (fortunately two other piglets survived). Both dogs survived being brutally tortured.

"Clearly there is a person who hates animals in the area," she said, "What I find truly sick is the fact that the two dogs must have been held down by a second person whilst this was going on. What person does

this to animals? It's absolutely shocking!"

The attack on her own dog occurred during the first week of March 2023.

"We have had someone who prowls around here in the early hours of the morning. I've had fences broken, tyres slashed, a back car window broken twice, pot plants pulled out, gates broken open etc... The dogs would go crazy every night and when I let them out they chased whoever was there off the property," she said.

However one night she heard one of her three dogs cry out in pain. When she quickly let them back inside she saw the poor animal was covered in blood.

"The other two dogs were unharmed, but I later learned my neighbour's dog was also assaulted and had the same type

of wounds. They told me this is the second time it's happened to them."

The resident says the police have been notified as well as the SPCA but that she has had little response. She plans to take the matter to Law Enforcement to see if they will take the matter further, but wanted to expose the criminals' misdeeds in the press.

"Hopefully they will not be so keen to do it again as more people will be aware," she said.

(Editor's note:- Graphic photographs were received to back up the above story. We have chosen not to publish them, however, as we feel they may be too upsetting for many of our readers. It is heartbreaking to hear that people could be so intentionally cruel to animals.)

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DIARY DATELINE

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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 outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedge 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 outside departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
8am-1pm Scarab Craft Market
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in

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

Sunday 7 May
8am-12 Gardeners and Crafters Market + new Kiddies Sunday Market (under 12s) at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

Sunday 14 May
8am-12 Car Boot Sale at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

Thursday 18 May
 Sedgefield Island Conservancy AGM at 17:50 for 18:00 at Bowls Club.

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

SEDFIELD ISLAND CONSERVANCY 19th AGM

Date: Thurs 18 May 2023
Venue: Bowls Club
Time: 17:30pm for 18:00

Financial Report

Chairman's Report
 Past, Present & Future Activities of the Conservancy

Election of the New Committee

Guest Speaker Mark Dixon
 "Five factors influencing the breaching of the Swartvlei Estuary."

Snacks will be served and there is a cash bar.

(If you live on the Island, are not a member and would like to know more about the Conservancy, you are welcome to attend)

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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.

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Dear Editor,
 How does one determine whether a municipality cares for a community? Surely it does not only need to be acknowledged after the completion of major projects?

Recently the Kleinkrantz Community Circle raised their concern in respect of a road crossing which has to be negotiated daily by school-going children from the informal settlement of Kleinkrantz Nature's Valley. The danger of having only one stopstreet at this crossing at Arum and Viooltjie streets was pointed out to George Municipality, and the problem was fixed on Wednesday, 19th April 2023.

We now have a much safer 4-way stop at this crossing. Kleinkrantz Community Circle, together with the Communities of Kleinkrantz and Nature's Valley, wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the George Municipality for caring and addressing the needs of the community.

Brian Mushfield

Dear Editor,
To Fear or not to Fear
 The George SAPS division have, for many years, regularly communicated with the residents of Wilderness, taking the time to provide the community with up-to-date crime statistics in the Greater Wilderness Area. A meeting was held by the South African Police Service: George Branch at the Wilderness Hotel last Monday, on the 24th April 2023, where Sergeant Jantjies provided attendees with updated figures on a range of criminal offences in the area (first quarter of 2023) as well as an opportunity to raise concerns with respect to safety and security issues.

The topic of security companies showing a strong para military like presence in the area, and the necessity thereof, was raised by



I've learned ...
 That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
 by Andy Rooney



A much safer 4-way stop at the Kleinkrantz Community crossing

a number of residents attending the meeting. The concern was with respect to a new "security company" that has recently appeared on the block. The need for the dark military look of the vehicles, the "soldier-like" style of the uniforms and of more pressing concern, the name of the security company itself, was questioned.

It was suggested that other Security companies have been operating in the area for many years, working in collaboration with SAPS George to protect private homes and businesses against robberies and break-ins with great success, and without the need for a para military branding.

Opinions of the residents attending the meeting ranged from the inappropriateness of a military-style security company in Wilderness, especially in a peaceful village strongly associated with a "sense of place" to those who felt that a strong, dominating presence of security in the area was required. The reasons offered by the latter included the rise in crime levels associated with increased wealth into the area, the drug users living in the low socio-economic communities, and the identified regular offenders (petty criminals, loiterers, thieves,

beggars, burglars) who are continually sent to prison but released out on bail within a short period of time.

Either way one looks at it, having high walls, electric fences, security cameras and another security company spending millions on additional security in Wilderness is not the panacea to preventing crime related incidents here. Nor is the upcoming conversion of the Wilderness Police Station to a Satellite Station, with additional staff, as reported by Sergeant Jantjies in the meeting. Yes, these can all offer some level of comfort to those living in fear. But not for very long. Not unless the ROOT of these problems are systematically addressed and discussions around the solutions had.

The crime related problems, from the stats offered in the meeting, are manageable here and are in no way comparable to the levels of crime in many other places in the Garden Route, or in South Africa for that matter. Businesses and community members actively engaging in the socio-economic upliftment of communities to prevent crime in a small town such as Wilderness should be manageable too

Wilderness Resident

SASSA PAYMENT DATES FOR MAY

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) would like to notify all social grant recipients of critical changes which have been made to the payment schedule for May 2023.

Money will be available in the social grant recipient's bank accounts as follows:

Older persons: May 4

Disability grants: May 5 and

Children's grants: May 8.

Beneficiaries are advised to consider using their cards to buy goods or related commodities rather than complete withdrawal of funds.

Furthermore, social grant recipients are requested to be patient and not rush to withdraw their money from their accounts, as their money will remain available in their accounts until they are ready to withdraw. Clients who are unable to go and withdraw their funds on the first few days of payment should also not worry or attempt to rush to withdraw.

This change will only be applicable in May 2023. If there are any changes on the payment schedule, SASSA will communicate in due course.

SASSA apologizes profusely for the inconvenience and frustration that this change will cause to all grant recipients.

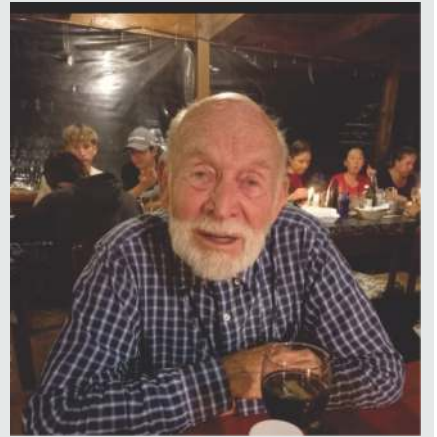
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Happy 91st Birthday Fred

Fred celebrated his 91st birthday on the 29th April 2023. Your age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you!



Words alone are not enough to express how happy we are that you are celebrating another year of your life. May you continue to spread smiles and move ahead in life.

We wish you a fantastic and cheerful year ahead.
 Euodia & family Edeltraut (sister) Anne-Mari & Johan.

All your friends & biker friends in Sedgefield, Wilderness, George, Dannabay, PE, Cape Town, Graaff Reinet, Namibia, England, Germany, Switzerland, and Australia.

In loving memory of our Mom, Granny and friend

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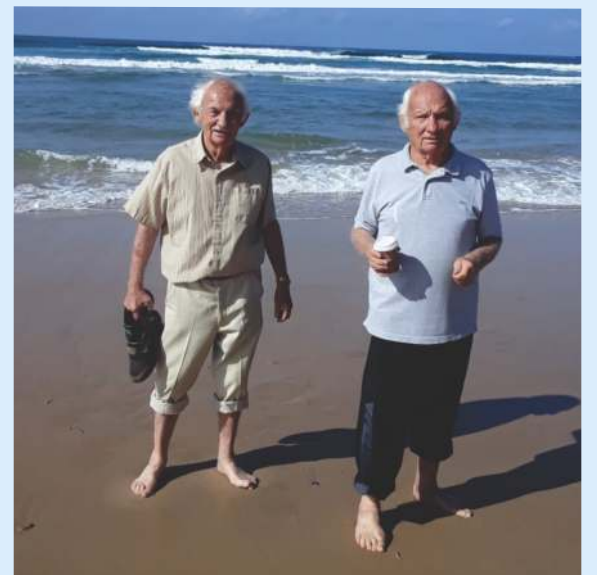
Letter to our Mom in Heaven

They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal,
 Neither time or reason will change the way we feel
 Gone are the days we used to share
 But in our hearts, you are always there
 The gates of memories will never close
 We miss you more than anybody knows
 Love and miss you everyday
 Till we meet again



Always & Forever
 Lorna, Allan, Shelly, Matthew,
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In loving memory of Thys Groves



Thys Groves (left) passed away on Tuesday 25 April 2023. A very sad day for Henry losing his twin brother, whom he will miss dearly every day. Henry's last wish for his twin brother Thys, is that he is resting peacefully with God in Heaven.

ARE SEDGE'S HOUSING PLANS SCUPPERED?

The subject of housing, or the lack of it, has always been a volatile one for Sedgefield. Over the years as the town has grown, lower income areas have become more and more densely populated with very little land available. This blew up five years ago when frustrated people took to the streets and rioted, calling for local authorities to at least allocate land that they could build on. Since then applications for low cost housing projects have been put in place, land identified and acquired and, as far as most Sedgefield residents were concerned, it would just be a matter of time before the projects were started..

Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis says that things have somehow changed, and the news is not good.

Here follows his statement.

When I started off as Councillor in 2016, I immediately requested a meeting with the then Human Settlements Manager to give me the history of all proposed housing interventions they had on record.

In our initial meeting, I requested from the department the reasons why Sedgefield had not had a registered housing project for so many years. Until that point only infill housing had been done, where residents who were already living on big enough plots with erf numbers received a subsidy to build on their existing property/erf. A few houses like this were built during the 2006 - 2011 period.

Sedgefield had not had a registered housing project since the old RDP houses were built more than 30 years ago. I was told by officials that there were three hurdles that needed to be overcome before a housing project viable for Sedgefield could be registered:

1. Land availability

At that stage there were only three pockets of land identified for housing and these could not even yield 120 houses. Furthermore, in terms of economy of scale, it would not be viable for Province to do a development that did not yield 150 to 200 houses.

2. Sedgefield was environmentally sensitive. This meant that it would take a number of years for approvals from various Government Departments and the municipality would have to identify suitable land first.
3. Sedgefield was already congested.

There was at that time many houses, informal and formal, in a small space and most of the land was privately owned. Except for the dune, which was not safe for residents to live on especially with erosion increases as the years go by.

I immediately did some research and got all the information regarding available private land in close proximity to the three already identified sites. We also had to make sure that we would cater for residents who earned more than the R3500 income housing threshold.

I met with our Acting Area Manager at the time and, after community consultation, we identified a site. We then

decided that to engage the Housing Manager on the possibility of doing a private land purchase and then approach the Province to buy it for the project. The Manager started the process and the purchase was concluded two years later.

This was one hurdle out if the way. However, much more land was needed to accommodate the backlog and this could only happen when the Spatial Development Framework was amended.

So the original proposed project included 4 sites which would yield 210 opportunities.

1. Brickfield- 16
2. Rooikrans - 10
3. Gardenia - 42
4. Oestervanger - 100
5. Oestervanger - 42

The next step at the time was to fulfill all the requirements to do the actual housing project application. This application was submitted to the Province on 13 August 2018 and subsequently approved. This was a milestone for Sedgefield.

At that time (early 2019), according to municipal reporting, the town planning layouts for the four sites were complete. The services report was completed, and sites were subdivided. Province approved the project not long after the land purchase and Sedgefield at last had a registered housing project-



Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis

for the first time in more than 30 years!

The project complied to all the legislative public participation processes and the planning issues went through the municipal planning tribunal. Both were lengthy processes. We had public meetings throughout Sedgefield with a broad group of residents from all affected areas.

So finally, in 2021/22 the Provincial and National Government approved funding for our project to commence in 2023/2024. We received already approved MTREF allocations (See last approved budget).
Year 2023 - R12 420 000
Year 2024 - R26 165 000

The latest Integrated Human Settlement Section 80 progress report (2 March 2023) stated that one of the sites has been cleared for development (Oestervanger) and one site is to be amended to remove the Flisp component and increase densities. A new professional team has been appointed for the next phase. It states that the department is discussing WC Human Settlements to move the installation of services forward and that the ROD (Record of Decision) was issued for the USAVE land.

Even though there are these reports, it means nothing without budget allocation. In the new draft budget for next year the Sedgefield Housing figures are no longer there. The reports and the budget contradict each other. Imagine my shock when we received the next Section 80 Agenda (3 May 2023) which shows that R21 840 000, 00 of Provincial funding will now be spent to build houses in the Northern Areas of Knysna.
Vision 2022 - 70
Hlalani - 40
Happy Valley - 25
Ethembeni - 33
...but nothing for Sedgefield!

It is important that we request an explanation from the Mayor and his Coalition partners as to why Sedgefield money allocated clearly in the last financial year has been diverted to favour their politically aligned Wards.

Whilst the Municipal Human Settlements Department insists there is progress, it is difficult to believe this when the money seems to have been allocated elsewhere.

After five years of hard work as a community, having jumped over all the hurdles, our progress is blocked yet again. I will continue to apply pressure to the various stakeholders, and I humbly request community support to do the same.

God please help Sedgefield!
Please send your comments on the budget to address this.

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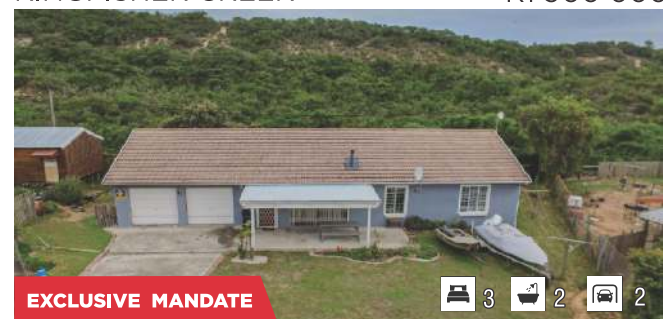
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A WINNING STRATEGY - FROM VOUCHER TO VOCATION

Born in Hornlee, Knysna, Ashwill Kleinbooi's childhood was like that of many around him – poor and tough. But he loved playing sports, which taught him tenacity and how to be a team player.

His interest in the hospitality industry and food was born from school projects. Little did he know that winning a marathon and being awarded a voucher to eat at Ocean Basket would change his life forever.

He fell in love with the brand over that first meal and was soon employed as a runner at Knysna's Ocean Basket during school holidays and weekends. He was later offered a permanent job and took the opportunity to learn everything about the restaurant business.

After being promoted to sushi chef, Ashwill won a sushi competition held by world sushi champion Pepi Anevski, who had redesigned the brand's sushi menu. He found himself on a flight to Ocean Basket Cyprus for a master-class sushi training programme. "I am curious and always strive to give my all. I love challenges, and I don't take competitions lightly because I

believe your efforts alone should always be valued even if you don't win."

Just a few months later, Ashwill's success led to a management role, and his growing determination and skill set soon saw him placed at Ocean Basket's head office. "I finally earned the opportunity to work where I can share and pass on my knowledge to the rest of the crews working for the brand."

Financially stable for the first time in his life, Ashwill focused on supporting his family and his responsibilities as a father. But he's never still for long. So when the opportunity arose to compete for a chance to attend this year's globally renowned Brand Minds Conference in Bucharest, Europe, he didn't hesitate.

Ashwill embarked on a new journey, reading business books and learning six new disciplines in six months – from how to be an influencer and basic coding (who knew you didn't need maths) to



keynote presenting and marketing strategy.

These new skills were professionally presented, including strategic thoughts on how they could assist him and his team on a daily basis, and Ashwill walked away with a ticket to fly. "Ocean Basket has opened doors for me that I never thought would open. Even though I am a big believer in the term 'nothing is impossible', I still cannot believe this has happened to me."

Ashwill's roots may lie in Knysna, but his future is definitely global.



Our helpful "Happy Hands"

Sedgefield Lions Club - WE SERVE

Every Thursday a group of ladies, led by Hanneki Main, meet at the Lions Club for fellowship while enjoying their common interest in knitting and crocheting.

These "Happy Hands" have been knitting or crocheting blankets, as well as sewing together the many squares donated to the Lions by crafters within our Community.

On Thursday 20th April these ladies handed over completed blankets to the Lions who, in turn, handed them over to Moray Swanepoel from Masithandane and Hug House to distribute to those who are in need of a comfort "blankie".

One lady, Elsie Joseph, needs to be singled out – she is in her



90's and is responsible for 10 of these blankets. An inspiration indeed to all.

We were also able to hand over a number of baby cardigans, beanies and booties to Babies In

Need thanks to these ladies.

Sedgefield Lions thanks this group of "Happy Hands" for their community spirit and we encourage them to keep up the good work.



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NOTICE OVERSIGHT REPORT 2021/22

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 129(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, that the Knysna Municipality hereby makes public the Oversight Report on the Annual Report of the 2021/2022 Financial Year.

The Oversight Report on the Annual Report of the Knysna Municipality for the 2021/2022 Financial Year is available for inspection at all the Public Libraries and Municipal Offices. An electronic version can also be viewed on the Municipal website on www.knysna.gov.za

For further information and copies of the report, kindly contact Mr. E Campher on 044 302 6300 or at ecampher@knysna.gov.za

Mr. OP Sebola
Municipal Manager



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OVERSIGHT REPORT : 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

(Drafted by MPAC (Oversight Committee) in terms of Section 129(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003, by following Annexure A of MFMA Circular 32 as a guide). This Oversight report must be submitted to the Municipal council by the end of March 2023.

Oversight Report

The adoption of the Oversight Report is the final major step in the annual reporting process of a municipality. Section 129 of the MFMA requires Council to consider the annual reports of its municipality and to adopt an "oversight report" containing Council's comments.

1. SUMMARY OF RESERVATIONS :

The following reservations are hereby recorded on the 2021/2022 Annual Report;

- 1.1 For the sixth consecutive year, the Municipality did not receive a "clean audit", but received a financially unqualified audit opinion with material findings.
- 1.2 This year the findings consist of:
 - **RESTATEMENT OF CORRESPONDING FIGURES:** Note 48 to the financial statements refers to restatements of some figures for the 2020/2021 financial year because of errors in the financial statements for that year.
 - **UNCERTAINTY OF FUTURE OUTCOMES OF LITIGATION:** THE Auditor-General notes that no provision is made in the financial statements for possible costs of ongoing litigation where the Municipality is the defendant because the outcome of the cases cannot be determined. This is referred to in Note 46 to the financial statements.
 - **MATERIAL LOSSES:** The Auditor-General draws attention to Note 53 in the financial statements, which disclose that purified water losses of 27.18% were incurred by the Municipality during the year (2020-2021: 44.5%). The basis of calculation was changed from the prior year.
 - **MATERIAL IMPAIRMENT:** (Notes 5 and 6 to the financial statements): The Municipality provided for the impairment of consumer debtors of R202.9 million (2020-2021: R163.3 million); while providing for impairment of rates debtors of R41.1 million (2020-2021): R26.7 million) and fines debtors of R137.9 million (2020-2021: R128.1 million) respectively.
- 1.3 The instability at executive and senior management level is a cause of grave concern
- 1.4 The lack of internal controls throughout the Municipality as pointed out by The Auditor-general must be urgently reviewed and the necessary action must be taken to address the internal control deficiencies in the Municipality at all levels.
- 1.5 The over reliance on consultants is a cause of grave concern and mechanisms must be put in place to ensure that consultants transfer their skills to staff as part of the service they are offering. Contract management is an ongoing concern as pointed out in previous financial years and audit opinions.
- 1.6 Debt collection needs urgent attention and management must as a matter of extreme urgency address the competencies in the Revenue Section. Consequences management in the form of poor performance investigations must be instituted forthwith.
- 1.7 Unauthorized expenditure incurred by the Municipality was not investigated to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure, as required by section 32 of the MFMA.
- 1.8 Irregular expenditure incurred by the Municipality was not investigated to determine whether any person is liable for the expenditure as required by section 32 of the MFMA.
- 1.9 The fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the Municipality was not investigated to determine whether any person is liable for the expenditure as required by section 32 of the MFMA.
- 1.10 Appropriate systems and procedures to monitor, measure and evaluate performance of staff were not developed and adopted, as required by section 67(1)(d) of the Municipal Systems Act.
- 1.11 The SDBIP for the year under review did not include monthly revenue projections by source of collection and the monthly operational and capital expenditure by vote as required by section 1 of the MFMA.

2. PROPOSED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

The following actions should be taken by the executive and administration to resolve the reservation quoted above:

- 2.1 Adherence to legislative prescripts is a non-negotiable and this ties in with the view that contract management and legal compliance are inadequate in the Municipality.
- 2.2 Management must ensure that the financial statements are prepared well in advance in order to avoid a minimize errors. Clear timeframes for the preparation of the annual financial statements must be set and adhered to.
- 2.3 The municipal must as a matter of urgency an IT system to aid in the management of contracts. Regular training of supply chain personnel should be held in order to ensure that the staff operating the system are fully conversant with the latest legal requirements for the procurement of goods and services.
- 2.4 Consequence management needs to be applied and disciplinary steps must be taken against staff who cause or permit such expenditure and any losses incurred must be recovered from those staff members responsible.
- 2.5 The Accounting Officer must as a matter of priority exercise oversight responsibility regarding financial and performance reporting, compliance and related internal control. Consequence management needs to be applied where internal controls were not properly implemented.
- 2.6 That Management prepare a report to Council explaining the reasons for the exorbitant water losses of 27.8% identified by the Auditor-General and what steps have been taken to prevent excessive water losses in future and w
- 2.8 That a report be urgently prepared and presented to Council at its next ordinary meeting regarding the progress made in revenue enhancement strategy since its inception, including proper valuations of properties, revenue collection and efficiency of billing.
- 2.9 That Management develop a credible action plan in response to control weaknesses identified over financial, contract and performance management and compliance with laws and regulations.
- 2.10 A revised organogram must be developed and fully implemented as a matter of urgency and key vacancies be filled.
- 2.11 Management should review the capacitation of its accounting staff and take such measures as may be necessary to ensure the Municipality's own financial staff members possess the skills to produce (without appointing external consultants), financial statements for audit which are free from material misstatements.
- 2.12 Deviations in the procurement process must be the exception and not the rule. Adherence must be given to the prescripts of regulation 36 of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations and proper procurement planning must be done per department on a yearly basis in order to curtail deviations from the normal supply chain processes.

3. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

4. SITE VISIT

No site visits were conducted by the committee.

5. COMMENTS RECEIVED

The comments from the Director: Local Government Budget Office Ms Nadia Rinquest dated 28 March 2023 is attached hereto, marked Annexure B.

6. CONCLUSION

The Oversight Committee (MPAC) concluded that the 2021/2022 Annual Report be approved subject to the reservations mentioned in 1 above and the actions to be taken as mentioned in 2 above.

7. ANNEXURES

A. Minutes of the meeting of MPAC held on 23 March 2023.

8. STATEMENT (RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL)

[a] That having fully considered the 2021/2022 Annual Report of Knysna Municipality and the comments thereon, the Oversight Report 2021/2022 be approved subject to [b] below;

[b] That the 2021/2022 Annual Report, in terms of Section 129(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003, be approved with the reservations mentioned in 1.1 – 1.6 of the Oversight Report 2021/2022; and

[c] That the Executive Mayor and the Municipal Manager, where applicable, report to a future Municipal Council meeting on the actions taken as mentioned in paragraphs 2.1 – 2.9 of the Oversight Report 2021/2022.

Mr. OP Sebola
Municipal Manager



Earth Day Coastal Clean-Up



Special thanks to the Coastal Clean-Up team and other volunteers from Sedgefield Island Conservancy who celebrated International Earth Day (22 April 2023) picking up litter and other discarded odds and ends around The Island!

A Garden Route film and television workshop!

Film and acting workshops encourage Garden Route talent, thanks to actor Jacques Gombault and the Garden Route Film Commission.

The workshops in Mossel Bay and George aimed to inspire people of all ages, races, and backgrounds to act in front of the camera.

The experience not only built self-confidence but also gave insight into what goes on behind the camera and the responsibilities actors and other film crew members have on the film.

Jacques Gombault is known for various roles in TV and films such as Song vir Katryn, Binnelanders, 7de Laan. District 9 The Bang Bang Club at Silverton Siege. He also produced the movie Khumbula.

Students participated in acting workshops for "movie" and "soap" roles. Known roleplaying scenarios gave them the information they needed to learn

and act. They created scenes, recorded them on video, and learned how to edit them. "Thanks to Jacques and his outstanding teaching skills, they acquired all this knowledge while having a fantastic time," said Patrick Walton, chairperson of The Garden Route Film Commission.

For info visit gardenroutefilmcommission.com.

PARADISE

by Avril Dawson

I wonder how many people know our piece of paradise in Wilderness is a Ramsar site?

I discovered this fact recently and now know that Ramsar isn't an acronym but the name of a city in Iran where, in 1971, an international treaty known as The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was signed and ratified four years later.

Signatories agreed to protect wetland areas in their countries and treat them as sacrosanct to preserve biodiversity and create safe havens for birds and other species. Thus, wetlands would continue to be places where natural systems can flourish. According to Wikipedia's 'List of parties to Ramsar Convention', there are about 900 sites internationally

and 172 Contracting Parties.

South Africa signed the Ramsar treaty in 1975 with ethics and diplomacy holding us to our agreement not to pollute or use poisons near our sites, particularly our lakes here in Wilderness. I would like to extrapolate the concept of protection and non-polluting to all feeder rivers and lagoons in our surrounding areas because they are interconnected. The Lakes are only one of 28 protected Ramsar sites in South Africa.

There is an international awareness of the need for more protected sites as wetland restoration and creation becomes a priority in light of climate change, development and habitat destruction.



Finally, the reality of development must force us to ask questions about what we can or can't, should or shouldn't do to sustain and preserve our wetlands for posterity. Mother Earth will continue to support us despite any unwise actions on our part. The element of reciprocity, in the form of respectful use, is important when we have received a gift as beautiful as our lakes and rivers.

In future articles, the issue of

living and working poison-free for the sake of health will be explored.

The next article will cover POISON-FREE CITIES AND TOWNS in the international arena.

Four reasons to start recycling this Earth Day

Recycling is one of the easiest ways that citizens can 'Invest in our Planet', the theme of this year's global Earth Day, 22 April. Unfortunately, research by the CSIR indicates that only around 10% of urban households actually do so.

"Finding a reason to recycle is perhaps the first step in changing one's attitude and behaviour," says Samantha Choles, spokesperson for Fibre Circle, the producer responsibility organisation for the South African paper and paper packaging sector.

Reason 1 – today's grocery delivery, tomorrow's cardboard box

Waste paper is a raw material that is used to make new products such as cardboard boxes, paper bags, toilet paper and facial tissue. By keeping it clean and dry, and away from wet waste, you help to keep it in good condition for its next life.

A recent study found that the paper fibres in cardboard boxes could be recycled up to 25 times before they become unusable.

Reason 2 – landfills are taking strain

Recycling reduces the amount of

waste going to landfill. For every tonne of paper that is collected, three cubic metres of space is saved. South Africa's well-established paper recycling industry ensures that every year more than one million tonnes is kept out of landfills and recycled into new products, but there is massive room for improvement.

Reason 3 – your 'trash' is someone's treasure

Recycling is a source of income for an estimated 60 000 to 90 000 people countrywide. You can make a collector's work cleaner, quicker and easier by keeping certain recyclables out of your bin and in a separate bag or box.

Recyclable paper items include used office paper, brown cardboard boxes, clean packaging such as cereal, toothpaste, pizza and takeaway boxes, grocery delivery bags and take-away bags, paper cups and milk and juice cartons.

You can also put aside plastic milk bottles, PET soft drink bottles, fabric softener bottles, aluminium soft drink cans and tin cans.

It is, however, a good idea to find out what your neighbourhood collectors take. (They may only

take certain items and this may differ from area to area.)

What about saving trees?

Choles cautions, "We need to bust the myth that recycling paper saves trees because in South Africa, paper is produced from sustainably managed forests which are farmed for the purpose of making wood and paper products."

This 'farming' entails planting, growing, harvesting and, importantly, replanting with a lot of science and environmental management in between. According to the Paper Manufacturers Association of South Africa, less than 10% of the country's total plantation area (676 000 hectares) is harvested annually – and is replanted in the same year.

While these trees are growing, they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the atmosphere.

"Trees store carbon in their wood, even when it is chipped, pulped and made into paper. By recycling, we ensure that this carbon remains locked up for longer," notes Choles.

So there's your fourth and final reason, recycle to invest in your planet.

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Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Mr Denver Lavack; email address: dlavack@knysna.gov.za or Mr. Tholi Biyela, email: tbiyela@knysna.gov.za

The closing time for submission of bids is 12h00 on **Wednesday 31st May 2023**. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the **tender box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna**, before the time and date mentioned above. 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. Notwithstanding the period of validity of bids as set out in the bid documents, the Municipality reserve the right to request validity extension.

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 will be evaluated according to the **80/20** points system. Functionality criteria is clearly stated in the bid document. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022.

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 STIPULATED 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 Data.

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From the desk of Studio 42

by Melanie Baumesiter

As the seasons change from balmy summer days to crisper, darker mornings here in the Southern Hemisphere, so too do our routines and habits. As people, we adapt to the seasons by making small changes, like wearing closed shoes and woolly socks, staying indoors and curling up into more snugly positions under layers of blankets and duvets.

There's an element of hibernation in all Earth's species that must be taken into consideration but allowing the 'fuzziness' to take hold is not wise, and there are some things that we must do to maintain a healthy body.

To move efficiently and stay strong and supple, muscles need to 'slide and glide'. A lack of movement can cause the growth of 'fuzz' between sliding surfaces, making it harder to move. Stretching and movement can relieve this 'fuzz'. Some techniques that help reduce the 'fuzz' are; stretching before you sleep or using a foam roller/tennis ball to get more 'gliding' action between your muscles.

We wouldn't neglect to brush our teeth for three months because it was cold, and we shouldn't neglect to move a little because sunrise is later and sunset is earlier. So here are some suggestions from local health professionals:

Gently stretch in bed just after you wake up; wriggle your toes first and then get all the bits going before you swing your feet into your slippers.

Wake up in the morning and stretch like your dog; it's a great way to relieve muscle stiffness and a chance to fully embrace your inner canine. Go ahead, arch your back, stick your butt in the air, and let out a big yawn - your body will thank you, and your roommates might even give you a treat!

Take yourself for a walk over lunchtime.

Roll your shoulders and turn your head as if you are saying 'no' and then nod as if saying 'yes'. If you're hunched over a computer all day: Sit up straight and take five deep breaths - at least once every hour. You know the drill; our friendly physios say it all the time!

Give your feet a break from shoes and socks, and toast your tootsies in front of the fire or the heater. Better yet, go and find that tennis ball and roll out the muscles of your tired soles.

Don't get too 'fuzzy'!

Keep moving!



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AMY WINEHOUSE THE DIVA AND HER DEMONS

(Included information published in *The Daily Dispatch, Gqeberha*)

The life of pop sensation Amy Winehouse reads like a Greek tragedy, but East London performer Kerry Hiles wants to move away from the scandal and embody Winehouse's impressive voice in her latest tribute show 'Amy Winehouse: The Diva and Her Demons'.

Kerry, 46, from East London, has been transforming the stories of iconic women in her previous musical productions, showcasing the lives of Judy Garland and Eva Cassidy, which have both graced the boards in Sedgefield.

But this time she has delved deeper, right into the heart and voice of the 27-year-old jazz singer.

"There are preconceived ideas about Amy Winehouse — that she was a drug addict," She said, "She died young and had a couple of hits, but she was so much more than that."

The show sees Hiles embody Winehouse, with Gqeberha musicians Rob Tomson on guitar and backing vocals and Kristo Zondagh on drums.

The production plays at Studio 42 on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May in

Sedgefield before moving to The Playhouse in Somerset West Western Cape and the National Arts Festival Fringe programme in Makhanda in June-July 2023.

Kerry is clearly in awe of the artist she portrays. "Throughout her brief career, Amy made a landmark impact as an incredible British artist who managed to break into the US," she reflected "She took home five Grammys in one night — there was something spectacular about her."

The British singer gained popularity in the late 2000s with hits such as Rehab and Back to Black, but died aged 27 in 2011 from alcohol poisoning.

Kerry points out "She was always addicted to something, like gym, or vodka or drugs, addicted to romance or going through long periods of locking herself down and writing." Preparing for her role as Winehouse proved challenging for Kerry, especially capturing the singer's British twang.

"I've watched various documentaries, and lots of interviews just to get her accent.



I've also taken lessons with an accent coach to try to get my Eastern Cape accent to sound a bit more South London. I don't know if I'll get that right but I'm giving it a try," she enthused.

Kerry has looked at so many different versions of the artist's songs but mainly the ones she did when it was stripped down to just her and a guitarist, so that audiences really got the feeling of the music, rather than the pop hit.

"What I'm hoping with this tribute show is that people learn a little bit more about the person she was and walk away like 'wow — I'm glad I've dropped

my bias. I want to find out more about her music'," she said

There will be beehive wigs, red heels and matching outfits, with Kerry testing her skills with liquid eyeliner.

"The winged eyeliner will be a challenge because it might happen on stage in front of everyone, but we'll see how it goes!" she laughed.

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BATS - Do you fear them, or are you fascinated by them?

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ecosystem, but they are extremely valuable to the farming industry of our country. Insect-eating bats are nature's pesticides. Farmers welcome them as effective pest control and pollinators of crops like mangoes, paw paws, guavas and bananas. They also eat stink bugs that cause damage to Macadamia nuts. Fruit bats

pollinate many plants, including our iconic Baobab tree.

Did you know that a colony of 300 000 long-fingered bats in The De Hoop nature reserve consumes an estimated 100 tonnes of insects per year? Insect bats should be welcome guests in your garden as these tiny flying mammals can consume almost 5,000 mosquito-sized insects per bat per night!

Our Groenvlei Lake is a national freshwater wetland and one of only eight freshwater lakes in South Africa. It is also an important breeding site for bats, with the nearby forest providing an ideal habitat. Fruit bats are essential for the regeneration of forests. Without bats to disperse seeds, a disturbed forest cannot recover. Eighteen of the 62 species of bat that occur in South Africa are to be found in the Western Cape.

Insect-eating or Micro-bats are smaller than fruit bats or Mega Bats. Most of these microbats feed on insects, but some eat frogs, fish and small rodents.

Fruit bats consume over-ripe fruits left after harvesting, preventing them from rotting and harbouring fruit fly maggots.

All bats have eyes; no bats are blind. They are excellent navigators and fliers and use echolocation or sonar, which is so accurate they will never touch you as they fly past, let alone get tangled in your hair!

Human encroachment has destroyed many of their roosting sites. However, some species, like the Cape serotine and the Egyptian free-tailed bat, have adapted by roosting in human structures, e.g., roofs, bridges, old wells and disused mines.



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Should you have a bat problem, there are ethical pest control companies who will assist in removing the bats at the **right time and in a humane way.**

Bats are very clean and use their teeth like combs to groom their fur after every meal. They are less likely to spread disease than most other animals.

Bat boxes are inexpensive and relatively easy to construct and would perhaps be a good project for schools.

Epauletted Fruit bat



Enjoy and protect our bats for a healthy planet!



Cape Serotine Insect-eating bat

A COMMUNITY UPLIFTING ITSELF

by Brian M ushfieldt

Less than 1km to the east of Kleinkrantz lives an impoverished, neglected and forlorn community on a site that was formerly a rubbish dump. When asked recently to describe this informal settlement in one word, the response from a resident was immediate - "FORGOTTEN". The local ward committee member's comment followed as swiftly:- "Yes, that is absolutely how we feel, a forgotten community."

The good news is that this status is in the process of being turned around thanks to the efforts of a group of residents of Kleinkrantz. During October 2022 they formed the Kleinkrantz Community Circle (KKCC) with the aim of providing a hand-up to the residents of "the tiep" (the dump).

The first project embarked upon in conjunction with the "forgotten community" was to erect and decorate their first community Christmas tree in 30 years. In addition to this joint project, 150 food parcels, sourced by Eden Lions Club from Garden Route Food Pantry were distributed amongst the community on 22nd December 2022.

In early January 2023 a meeting with the residents was convened by KKCC where the needs and challenges of the community were determined. Amongst the requests from those residents

present, some interesting thoughts were expressed. Amongst the first of these was the comment:

"A child without a name does not exist, therefore instead of "The Tiep" we have chosen the name Kk Nature's Valley and would like to have this name prominently displayed at the approach road to our settlement."

Another concern was that there were no amenities for the children to play, no community hall, no clinic, and only an ill-equipped and under-resourced soup kitchen. Further, the need for a children's library was identified, as were decent playing fields for the boys soccer and girls netball teams.

A meeting with officials of George Municipality was convened where the KKCC were informed that there was no immediate development plans for the settlement.

This resulted in a decision to start working together with the community on various projects to address the needs highlighted. A local Nature's Valley Interim Action Group (NV IAG) from within the community was appointed and various data obtained including an unofficial census.

Lists were compiled of unemployed persons, ownership of shacks, toilets needing repair (24 toilets are shared between 78 households and according to GM this exceeds the national regulations of providing 1 toilet

per every 4 families) and homes without access to electricity.

In February KKCC was approached by concerned members from Wilderness who wished to establish a library for the kids of Kleinkrantz and Nature's Valley. As no premises could be found, it was decided to convert an existing, rusted, leaking and "forgotten" shipping container which had been donated to the community of Nature's Valley in 2013 and served as a storeroom.

Arrangements were made to have responsibility for the "custodianship" of the container transferred to the NV IAG and work on the conversion was started immediately. With the help of various benefactors and supporters from Wilderness the conversion is almost done and within the next few weeks donated books will be sorted, labelled and readied to be shelved.

Meanwhile supporters have been asked to set up a system to be applied for the lending and return of books while three NV youth have been trained and will be manning the library on a voluntary basis. Starting within the next week or two will be the erection of swings, see-saws, jungle gyms



Anthony Innes, the ward committee member for Kleinkrantz who resides in Nature's Valley working on the container conversion.

etc at a kiddies play-park, installation of signage identifying the route to Kk Nature's Valley, and the provision of a wood-burning stove (for practicality) and more hygienic infrastructure for the soup-kitchen. This will hopefully be the start of many other projects as identified by the community going forward, managed and supported by KKCC and NV hand-up supporters, but physically built and brought to completion by able volunteer workers coming from the community of Kk Nature's Valley.



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T 67/2022/23: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL VEHICLE FOR A 3 YEAR PERIOD

Appointment of a Service Provider for the repairs, service and maintenance of Municipal Vehicles.

Tender Documents are available at no charge from the Knysna Municipality Website at www.knysna.gov.za (Website navigation is as follow: Information centre – Supply Chain Management – Tenders).

Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed to: Mr Denver Lavack; email address: dlavack@knysna.gov.za or Mr. Tholi Biyela, email: tbiyela@knysna.gov.za

The closing time for submission of bids is 12h00 on Wednesday 31st May 2023. Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the bid number and title given above, and placed in the tender box at the Supply Chain Management Unit, Finance Building, Queen Street, Knysna, before the time and date mentioned above. 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. Notwithstanding the period of validity of bids as set out in the bid documents, the Municipality reserve the right to request validity extension.

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 will be evaluated according to the 80/20 points system. Functionality criteria is clearly stated in the bid document. The bids are subject to the Council Supply Chain Management Policy, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to bid and/or re-advertise or to reject any bid or to accept a part of it. The Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest bid or to award a contract to the Bidder scoring the highest number of points.

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

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TENDER NO: T 68/2022/23 : SUPPLY AND FITMENT OF PNEUMATIC TYRES, WHEEL PUNCTURE REPAIRS AND WHEEL ALIGNMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS

Knysna Municipality hereby invites tenders for the Supply and Fitment of Pneumatic Tyres, Wheel Puncture Repairs and Wheel Alignment for a period of 18 months.

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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



IMPORTANT STUFF – THEA.G.M.

Members come out in full force to attend a rather interesting meeting, after a discussion the President handed the meeting over to the Secretary and the following members were elected to represent the Bowling Club for the 2023/2024 year.

President - David Cant
 Vice President- Martin Simonic
 Secretary - Barry Gerber
 Treasurer - Hendrien Fourie, Kees Estie.
 Competition Secretaries - Ladies - Sue Crone, Men's - Neels Theron
 Committee Members - Kris Raubenheimer, Mary Bosh, Felicia Gerber.
 Congratulations and wish you all a enjoyable and successful year.

CATERING - JOEY ESTIE

Joey has been chief catering lady/ buyer and anything to do with the kitchen for many years, she and her merry helpers have put Sedgefield Bowling Club on

the map for its outstanding catering for various events such as Eden Competitions, President Day.

Joey is technically hanging up her club wooden spoon and going to enjoy her retired life playing bowls. Handing the catering over to Ros Macmillan for the next year.



DOG SAVES THE DENTAL DAY!

On the evening of Saturday 29 April, the management team of Wild Oats Farmers' Market was contacted by grandparents requesting access to the market area to locate their granddaughters lost dental plate. They were extremely concerned as the plate was quite expensive!



Arrangements were made to meet at the market early Sunday... and on arrival, the grandparents and grandchild found Juanita, a voluntary member of COPS (Community Orientated Policing Sedgefield) who was having a training session with her trusty "search dog" Nikita.

Juanita offered to help find the dental plate. She initially repeated a "mini-training session" with Nikita, getting the clever hound to locate the granddaughter in a variety of hiding places. Each time Nikita located the hidden girl!

Juanita then walked Nikita to the

seating area where the dental plate may have been lost, and after only a few minutes, Nikita sniffed out the plate from under the wooden chips. Needless to say, grandparents and grandchild were delighted and most thankful! The grandmother presented Wild Oats management with a large chocolate treat, which was duly handed over to Juanita for making this brilliant find with Nikita.



Handicap Singles Ladies Winner - Rosalie Horning, Runner/Up- Kris Raubenheimer



Handicap Singles Men's Winner - Neels Theron. Runner/Up - Martin Simonic

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Handicap Singles Results – Ladies – Winner – Rosalie Horning – R/Up- Kris Raubenheimer – Mens Winner – Neels Theron – R/Up – Martin Simonic. Congratulations and well bowled (see photos)

SILVER MEDAL – JAQUES CARSTENS (ex member) Won a silver medal at the World Transplant Games held in Perth recently. (see photo above)

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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW ON SPATIAL PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (2021) PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE, SUBDIVISION & REZONING: ERF 1669, SEDGEFIELD

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985) that the abovementioned application has been received from:

Applicant's Name: Avieprop Developments (Pty) Ltd
 Contact Details: c/o Marike Vreken Town Planners
 Email: info@vreken.co.za
 Reference number: Application number
 Property Description: Erf 1669 Sedgefield
 Physical Address: Cnr N2 Road & Egret Street, Sedgefield
 Nature of application:

- (i) Application for the **Closure** and alienation of a portion of Bush Buck Street (2736m²) in terms of the Cape Municipal Ordinance, 1974 (Ordinance 20 of 1974);
- (ii) Application for the **Subdivision** of Erf 1669 Sedgefield into three (3) portions (Portion A = 2514m², Portion B = 2736m² and a Remainder = 2249m²), in terms of Section 24 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985);
- (iii) Application for a **Rezoning** of Portion A of Bush Buck Street (2514m²) to "Group Housing" zone in order to use this road as a private road, in terms of Section 17 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985);
- (iv) Application for the Rezoning of Portion B of Bush Buck Street (2736m²) to "Group Housing" zone in order to accommodate the area as a private open space, in terms of Section 17 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985);

A full copy of the application is available on the municipal website:
<https://www.knysna.gov.za/do-business/planning-development/current-land-use-applications/>

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments, together with the reasons therefore to the Municipal Manager and submitted via email at knysna@knysna.gov.za and smadumbo@knysna.gov.za on or before **19 May 2023**, quoting your name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, interest in the application and reasons for comment. The municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Persons who cannot write may contact the Town Planning Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing.

Telephonic enquiries may be made during office hours to the Town Planner, Shaun Madumbo at 044-302 6268 or via email smadumbo@knysna.gov.za

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KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING & GRONDGEBRUIKSBESTUUR (2021)

VOORGESTELDE PADSLUITING, ONDERVERDELING & HERSONERING; ERF 1669 SEDGEFIELD

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15 van die Ordonnansie op Grondgebruikbeplanning, 1985 (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) dat die bogenoemde aansoek ontvang is vanaf:

Naam van Aansoeker: Avieprop Developments (Pty) Ltd
 Kontak Besonderhede: c/o Marike Vreken Stadsbeplanners
 Email: info@vreken.co.za
 Verwysingsnommer: Aansoek nommer:
 Eiendom beskrywing: Erf 1669, Sedgefield
 Fisiese Adres: Hv N2 pad & Egretstraat, Sedgefield
 Aard van aansoek:

- a) Aansoek vir die **Sluiting** en vervreemding van 'n gedeelte van Bush Buckstraat (2736m²) ingevolge die Kaapse Munisipale Ordonnansie, 1974 (Ordonnansie 20 van 1974);
- b) Aansoek vir die **Onderverdeling** van Erf 1669 Sedgefield in drie (3) gedeeltes (Gedeelte A = 2514m², Gedeelte B = 2736m² en 'n Restant = 2249m²) ingevolge die Kaapse Munisipale Ordonnansie, 1974 (Ordonnansie 20 van 1974);
- c) Aansoek vir die **Hersonering** van Gedeelte A van Bush Buckstraat (2514m²) tot "Groepbehuising" sonering om hierdie pad as 'n privaat pad te gebruik, ingevolge die Kaapse Munisipale Ordonnansie, 1974 (Ordonnansie 20 van 1974); en
- d) Aansoek vir die **Hersonering** van Gedeelte B van Bush Buckstraat (2736m²) tot "Groepbehuising" sonering ten einde die area as 'n privaat oopruimte te akkommodeer, ingevolge die Kaapse Munisipale Ordonnansie, 1974 (Ordonnansie 20 van 1974).

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

Lede van die publiek word uitgenooi om skriftelik kommentaar te lewer, saam met die redes daarvan aan die Munisipale Bestuurder, per epos te knysna@knysna.gov.za en smadumbo@knysna.gov.za, op of voor **19 Mei 2023**, met vermelding van u naam, adres, elektroniese kontak besonderhede en telefoon nommer, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Die munisipaliteit mag weier om kommentaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang is, te aanvaar. Persone wat nie kan skryf nie mag die Stadsbeplanningskantoor per telefoon nader tydens kantooreure, waar die betrokke amptenaar u sal help om u kommentaar op skrif te stel.

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What happens if you don't treat dry eyes?

Dry eyes is a common condition caused by a lack of tear production or a problem with secretion and draining tears. If left untreated, dry eyes can damage the corneas and result in vision loss.

Uncontrolled severe dry eyes can lead to significant consequences such as scarring and infectious keratitis. In addition, other non-eye problems can result from living with dry eyes, such as poor sleep quality.

This article explains what happens if dry eyes are left untreated and which conditions can ultimately develop. It will also detail treatment for dry eyes, as well as prevention.

Dry eyes are a common symptom that occurs when the eyes produce too few tears - or they evaporate too quickly. Doctors identify many causes of dry eyes, which can include certain conditions.

Left untreated, dry eyes can have negative effects on quality of life, including:

- Physical health: Dry eyes can harm physical health, with

increased pain and poor sleep quality due to discomfort.

- Psychological health: Dry eyes can have a negative effect on body image, appearance, and self-esteem. It can also impact thinking, learning, memory, and concentration due to fluctuating vision and disruption to visual tasks.

- Level of independence: Dry eyes can result in dependence on medications and medical aids, including artificial tears or punctal plugs. It can also result in decreased productivity at work and a reduced workplace performance overall.

- Other impacts: Dry eyes can negatively impact participation in activities for enjoyment, such as sports. It can also be a financial burden for the person experiencing dry eye, with the cost of eye appointments, medications, supplements, or even surgery.

Eye-related issues

Uncontrolled severe dry eyes can also lead to the development of eye-related issues. Eye-related issues can be mild to severe and include:

- infectious keratitis

- corneal ulcer
- scarring
- depression
- migraine
- sleep and mood disorders

Infectious keratitis

Infectious keratitis is an eye infection of the cornea, with a risk factor being dry eye disease. With inadequate tears people are at risk of infections. Different germs can cause infectious keratitis, such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses.

Infectious keratitis can cause pain and vision loss and is the fifth leading cause of blindness. The psychological impact includes the possibility of losing an eye and the stigma attached. Infectious keratitis may also have an economic burden if people cannot work.

A person should use lubricants to treat dry eyes and prevent the development of infectious keratitis and eye infections overall.

Corneal ulcer

The cornea is the outer layer of the front of the eye. The cornea's function is to help focus light to see clearly and protect the eye from infections.

With dry eyes, the tears cannot keep the eyes wet, which can cause ulcers. A corneal ulcer is an open wound on the front surface of the eye. Without treatment, a corneal ulcer can cause vision loss and blindness. Treatments can include laser treatments for corneal ulcers.

Scarring

Scarring on the cornea is a complication of having uncontrolled severe dry eyes. Stress from dry eyes can form a scar on the cornea, known as

corneal fibrosis.

A scar on the cornea affects vision because the passage of light to the retina is affected. The only treatment for vision loss from corneal scarring is corneal transplantation.

Migraine

Previous studies on the association between migraine and dry eye disease have given conflicting results. A 2019 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association of Ophthalmology explored the strength of the association between these two conditions.

The researchers found that the odds of having dry eye disease in people with migraine is higher than that of people who do not experience migraine. They identified a 20% greater risk of having both dry eye disease and migraine. This association is most pronounced in people 55 to 64 years old.

The relationship between dry eyes and migraine requires further study to identify the exact mechanism explaining the association. Understanding the mechanism can help determine whether migraine is an effect of dry eyes or a possible cause.

Sleep and mood disorders

A 2019 study published in the journal *Cornea* evaluated sleep and mood disorders in people with dry eye disease. Researchers suggest that poor sleep quality may have a role in the development of dry eyes.

Poor sleep quality lowers the secretion of tears and destabilizes the tear film. The tear film spreads across the eye every blink, keeping them moist. A destabilized tear film contributes to dry eyes.

However, pain and discomfort from living with dry eyes can affect sleep. People with dry eye disease had lower sleep scores in the study than people without dry eyes. Furthermore, among people with dry eyes, depression and anxiety rates were higher.

Dry eyes can result from poor sleep, and poor sleep, in turn, can



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cause dry eyes.

How to treat dry eyes

Depending on the cause of dry eyes, doctors recommend different treatments. Over-the-counter and prescription eye drops can help soothe and treat dry eyes. People with loose eyelids may require surgical repair to keep tears in their eyes.

People whose tears drain too quickly may require tear duct plugs, known as punctal plugs. These are special plugs that doctors insert in the tear duct to help keep the eyes moist. They work by keeping tears in the eyes and draining them slowly.

The National Eye Institute recommends lifestyle changes that may help people living with dry eyes, such as:

- avoid smoke, wind, and air conditioning
- use a humidifier to avoid dry air in the home
- limit screen time
- take frequent breaks from screens
- wear protective wraparound glasses outside
- drink 8-10 glasses of water each day
- get at least 7-8 hours of sleep each night

Prevention

To prevent complications from dry eyes, speak with a doctor to determine the best treatment. With a diagnosis and a cause for dry eyes, doctors can recommend the best treatment to resolve dry eyes.

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Written By: Jessica Caporuscio

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FASHION SHOW WITH A MESSAGE

It was something between a protest march and a fashion show, when Melissa Watson and her 10 gorgeous friends brought an interesting twist to the Freedom Feathers Fashion Show held at the Wilderness Hotel on Sat 22nd April, in conjunction with the annual Wilderness Art Festival.

Sharing the ramp with girls in haute couture, bohemian and steam punk styles by local designers, Melissa and Co showed an eclectic and exciting mix of preloved, up-cycled and vintage fashion, as part of an effort to raise awareness around the problem with the fashion industry.

So, what's the problem? "Only 9 MILLION TONNES of textile waste per year!!" says Melissa "That's obviously a HUGE environmental concern!" She explains that this waste is largely made up of discarded garments, as consumers embrace 'throw away fashion' at throw away prices.

"We, the consumers, are directly responsible, as our purchase always creates a demand. If you are not a part of the solution, then I'm afraid you're undeniably a part of the problem," she advises.

But Melissa assures us it is not the time to despair - there are several earth-friendly fashion options available to us. "Support charity shops" as one of the placards in the fashion-show stated. "Pop in at Sam's or Hospice regularly for a quick browse and start collecting treasures, as well as supporting essential



charities," she enthuses, "Do clothes swop parties with your friends...The more the merrier and who doesn't love getting free clothes?!"

Then there is a fast growing trend, known as upcycling.

"Pinterest is full of funky ideas for things you can do to update your wardrobe, using what you already have. Customised clothing is so much cooler than mass produced, and 'visible mending' is a great example of this - Google it!"



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Melissa suggests we all need to play our part and become CONCIOUS consumers, if things are going to change. "So please, don't be a 2nd hand snob!" she says, "Thrifting, as the younger generation call it is, the way of the future, so let's all make 2nd hand our 1st choice."

Instagram and Yaga are bursting with beautiful bargains! Check out Melissa's Instagram shop at thrifty_pop_ or visit Arigato and Rotation preloved boutiques in Sedge where you'll find gently worn designer items.

"So, no excuses... before you buy - think twice and remember - We all have to BE THE CHANGE we want to see in the world!" she says.

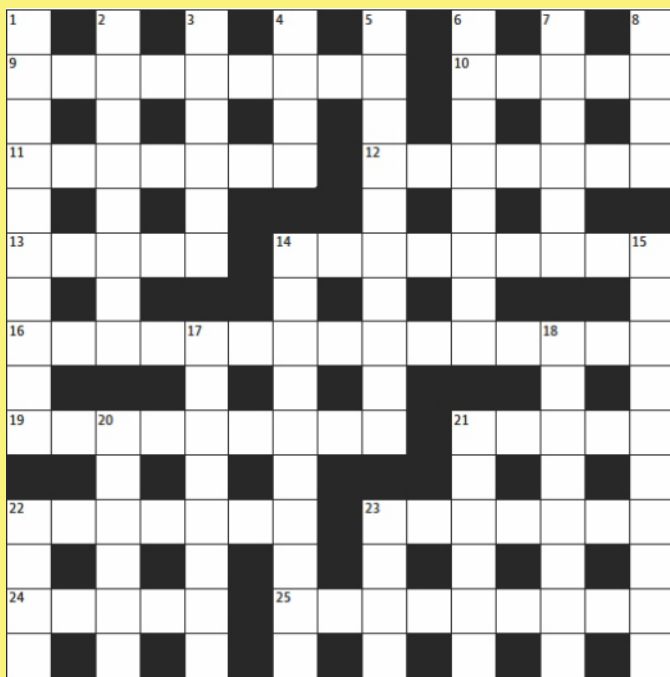
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

ACROSS

9. If eastern catty creature is confused, it may declare otherwise. (1,4,4)
10. Pup may begin wishing to assist. (5)
11. Rock, dear old lady, it follows with the first bit of electricity. (7)
12. I am in the big edition - though the ride is less than comfortable. (7)
13. He will get nothing without first greeting. (5)
14. Ma, he's less confused and more uncaring. (9)
16. One who might provide flexible coverage of the story. (9,6)
19. Diane is one who tells the truth... or not. (9)
21. Mom has a Georgian plate for her parrot. (5)
22. In a word that's so long. (7)
23. Funeral needs a bit of an escort e.g: Elaine. (7)
24. The same time, either way, to go East without anybody. (5)
25. Foolishly take a real stab at sculpting stuff. (9)

DOWN

1. One so easily wrapped around your finger! (4-6)
2. Newly composed poem about the flag is a disaster. (8)
3. Current name is bad online. (2,4)
4. Fool - I was taken for one. (4)
5. Stick in the mud would not be received warmly. (3,7)
6. We hear a foreigner - in a costume - asking for directions to the pool. (8)
7. Zero balance turns up in the bill for the cat. (6)
8. Shop begins above average. (4)



14. Times republishes a case for the pet. (7,3)
15. Fruit with warts all over is flavoursome. (10)
17. A non-alcoholic beverage sold underground? (4-4)
18. Correct mark Eugene Terblanche initially acquired to ride with carpenters. (6,2)
20. We heard that for the tea inside, one serving is correct. (4,2)

- Across 7. Initial 8. Janitor 9. Oxen 10. Soundbite 12. Quaff
13. Draughty 15. Lead 16. Forge 17. Crew 18. One horse
20. Mauve 21. Sponsored 22. Lost 24. New Ager 25. Leg spin
Down: 1. Onyx 2. Standard 3. Massif 4. Mandrake 5. Piping
6. Joke 11. Underwear 12. Queen 14. Theme 16. Forester 17. Clueless 19. Hooray 20. Madder 23. Skip

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted -
Badsberg Chardonnay 2022
(Sur Lie)

The front label is attractive and formal with a traditional layout.

There is a good description of the wine on the back label. Integrity and sustainability certified with fair labour practice as an add-on.

The wine's appearance is clear, with a light yellow/straw colour. There are a few legs visible.

No flaws on the nose. True to the varietal, the nose is buttery, with hints of butterscotch and dried orange peel.

The taste leads to citrus, overripe oranges and light acidity. The whole mouth is covered.

This Chardonnay has a long lingering mouth.

It is good value for money in the R80 - R100 range. It will definitely complement fish dishes.



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EARLY MORNING FISHING

An early morning fishing outing at Oby's hotspot produced two beauties (elf/shad). Both were caught on pilchard/sardine bait by Di Cannon, who enjoys light tackle angling.

Now living in the UK, Di visits Sedgefield often. "Local fishing folk are so spoilt having these wonderful rich fishing waters on their doorstep. The village is looking great. My gratitude to all involved in bringing the police station and other areas back into

shape with pretty plants and flowers; it makes one feel so proud of Sedgefield. A few friends from The UK have visited and were very impressed with how Sedgefielders treated and looked after them. They loved it here and will return and recommend this wonderful village to others." Di, a Sedgefield ambassador, heads back to London but can't wait to return before Christmas. Bon voyage, safe travels!



Sedgefield Gents' Golf

A report from the club ...

20/04/23

Although stormy weather was predicted, the weather gods relented and granted the Gentlemen's Club a beautiful morning to acknowledge their average age and good behaviour (Len Moults aside). This, plus the fact that the competition was I.P.S., resulted in a most enjoyable morning. The eventual winner on the day was Trevor Pahl, and this after having so many ups and downs at golf recently, he resembled somebody sitting on the end seat at the movies. He scored 39 points, winning on a countout with Dave Herbst. Third spot went to John L.B. after a scintillating display with a total of 38 points, hammering Rudy Bosch and Henry Crowther into third and fourth after a countout. Interestingly, Henry always takes two pairs of trousers to golf because he's afraid he'll get a hole in one. It's great to see him back with the boys and playing so well

again after his recent lengthy illness.

The Captain reminded everyone that the following week's competition would be the Monthly Mug and added that the start time would revert to the usual winter one of 9h00 from the 4th May.

27/04/23

A gorgeous summer's day welcomed the G.C members to the Monthly Mug competition. It was noted that the upgrade in prizes due to the sponsorship of Engen and Pick n Pay had increased the attendance figures by 20%. We are frequently asked why we celebrate the worst golfer of the day to such an extent. The answer is quite simple. There are more contenders for this award than for the day's winner. On this occasion, Rudi Bosch took the "Duck" for the worst golfer of the day, and nobody could touch him as he totalled a pathetic 15 points. In his instance, we use the term "golf" loosely when, in fact, the correct terminology is "bundu bashing." The poor man was totally exhausted and even forgot to buy his patient partners a tippie.

The winner of the A Division, with a fantastic net 56, was Bill Craig, who in recent weeks had forgotten what it was like to grace the winner's podium. He was followed by Derek van Zyl on 57, Trevor Pahl on 60 and Malcolm Goldhill with 61. It was certainly Malcolm's day as he and Terry Savage emerged winners of the Annual Betterball Knockout that was being played concurrently with the day's competition, and he got Nearest the Pin on the 13th hole.

The B Division was won, which will surprise many golfers, by Len Moults with 38 points. In second spot was Tony Hunter, who defied his handicap with 37. They were followed by Warren

Geyer with 36 and Mike Goodwin with 35.

The second Nearest the Pin award went to Raymond van Rensburg on the 17th hole. Always a friend of the S.G. Club over the years, he popped in while taking a break from his hometown Willowmore, and it was great seeing him grace our course again.

A photograph was taken of all the winners wearing their new club golf shirts emblazoned with the sponsors' logos. Finally, the Captain announced a correction to the winter starting time to make it 8h45.

Ladies Golf

21/4/23

How wonderful to have 18 ladies playing our Multiplication Stableford game.

The worthy winners were:
 1st place: Almarie Mead, Joy Herbst and Eleanor Sparks with

a jaw-dropping 56 points. Runners-up: Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Sylvia de Moor and Janet Wood on 47 points. Nearest The Pin for the +1 to 16 was Marina van der Westhuizen, and Ronnie Maingard won the R160 for the 17+. Very well done, and happy spending! Birdies were scored by:

Sam Bowen 5, 9, 12, 14 and 18
 Elize Mackenzie-Blom 2, 9
 Joy Herbst 3
 Almarie Mead 12
 Marina van der Westhuizen 2
 Daleen Schooling 12
 Ladies who played under their handicap were:
 Almarie Mead -3 (nett 55)
 Charlene Blacker -2 (nett 56)
 Sam Bowen -1 (nett 57)



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TIDE TABLE

03 MAY - 17 MAY 2023

● Full Moon 05 May 2023

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

Thu May 04 2023

low tides 08:59 21:01
 high tides 02:43 15:09
 sunrise 07:06 sunset 17:45
 moonrise 17:03 moonset 05:35

Fri May 05 2023

low tides 09:30 21:32
 high tides 03:13 15:40
 sunrise 07:07 sunset 17:44
 moonrise 17:34 moonset 06:38

Sat May 06 2023

low tides 10:01 22:05
 high tides 03:45 16:13
 sunrise 07:07 sunset 17:44
 moonrise 18:10 moonset 07:45

Sun May 07 2023

low tides 10:35 22:40
 high tides 04:20 16:48
 sunrise 07:08 sunset 17:43
 moonrise 18:54 moonset 08:54

Mon May 08 2023

low tides 11:11 23:20
 high tides 04:57 17:27
 sunrise 07:09 sunset 17:42
 moonrise 19:47 moonset 10:04

Tue May 09 2023

low tide 11:50
 high tides 05:39 18:10
 sunrise 07:10 sunset 17:41
 moonrise 20:48 moonset 11:10

Wed May 10 2023

low tides 00:07 12:37
 high tides 06:27 19:03
 sunrise 07:10 sunset 17:40
 moonrise 21:57 moonset 12:09

Thu May 11 2023

low tides 01:07 13:37
 high tides 07:27 20:18
 sunrise 07:11 sunset 17:39
 moonrise 23:09 moonset 12:5

Fri May 12 2023

low tides 02:38 15:11
 high tides 08:50 22:04
 sunrise 07:12 sunset 17:39
 moonrise - moonset 13:40

Sat May 13 2023

low tides 04:39 17:10
 high tides 10:35 23:31
 sunrise 07:13 sunset 17:38
 moonrise 00:20 moonset 14:15

Sun May 14 2023

low tides 06:00 18:20
 high tide 11:57
 sunrise 07:13 sunset 17:37
 moonrise 01:29 moonset 14:46

Mon May 15 2023

low tides 06:54 19:08
 high tides 00:29 12:55
 sunrise 07:14 sunset 17:36
 moonrise 02:36 moonset 15:15

Tue May 16 2023

low tides 07:39 19:48
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