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Sedgefield Striders hosted the 24th Tortoise Tuff on Saturday, 10 June 2023, and a beautiful event was matched by beautiful weather. A change of venue saw the popular race start and finish at the Sedgefield Lions' clubhouse, and all seemed to enjoy the new venue and route.

Just over 200 runners and walkers completed the 10km race, and some 50 fun runners enjoyed the 3km; a very pleasing turnout for the organisers and sponsors of the event. Sedgefield's two Ward Councillors attended to wish participants well, and the community stepped up to assist the club in marshalling the course. Sedgefield Lions ensured the athletes were well-fed and watered once they had finished the run. The organisers thank the community for their support and contribution towards the event's success.

So many athletes – local and those hailing from far and wide – expressed delight that the Tortoise Tuff had returned after a two-year break due to the pandemic. The organisers took the opportunity to assure them that whilst this year there had been only the two distances on offer, next year's 25th edition of

The Tuff will include the famously tough 30km course plus the stunning 22km trail run through the Goukamma Reserve.

Despite this year's 'Tortoise Tuff Lite', the local club was blessed with many generous sponsors, including Sedgefield Pick 'n Pay, Engen & Wimpy, HEMS Active, Knysna Municipality and Igmis Express. They clearly share a common value – service to the community.

The sponsors' (see list on page 11) generosity resulted in no less than 26 spot prizes, including three R2000 shoe vouchers and a R6000 gym membership.

The overall winner of the 10km race was Lloyd Bosman (Nedbank), who finished the run in 31m43s, only 11 seconds ahead of second place Selwyn Matthews, also of Nedbank. Local gym instructor Bonga Nkqintiza came in third (35m21s).

In the Ladies' race, Nikki Walter of Knysna Marathon Club crossed the finish line in 42m24s, with Nedbank Runner Annatjie Botes second in 48m35s and Johanna Behr (also Nedbank) just 34 seconds behind her.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Sorry people, but I think there's a war about to erupt.

No. I am certainly not talking about the ever-increasing spats between our world leaders. I've already written to them all, suggesting they wind their necks in and sort it out over a few beers (*it's how my mates and I have been solving the world's problems for years*) - but none of them have even bothered to reply.

Nor am I referring to the increasingly heated disagreements between Mrs Ed and our ancient (*and even more eccentric*) collie-cross-somethinglikeahyena, who have been constantly growling and snarling at each other for dog years now, with neither side looking ready to give up. (*I still have scars on each hand from the last time I tried to pull the two apart, and when I tried putting muzzles on them, only the dog would let me - which would hardly be fair, would it?*)

Nay, the potential confrontation I am talking about is far more dangerous than any of the above. A fight of such bloodlust that it would, by comparison, make even one of our local council meetings seem like a cute little teddy bears' picnic.

It's the battle between those arch-enemies, the ones who would see each other dead at the drop of a match.

I'm talking about.....

(Pause for dramatic music Da da DAAAAAAA)

A Smoker and a Non-smoker.

Seriously! I live in fear.

"Tell me more!" I hear you cheer in unison.

Well, if I must confess, I am neither one nor the other. (*We're talking about smoking now, not pronouns*). For 90% of the time, you could call me (*if you so desired*) a non-smoker (*disgusting habit - why would anyone want to breathe that noxious gas into their lungs?*) But, alas, for the other 10% ... I am one of those increasingly rare characters ... a smoker. (*Well, I don't mind if I do, thank you, but only if YOU are having one?*)



Shhhhhhh, but yes. It seems I find myself, on occasion, dabbling in the odd cigarette. Just ONCE in a while, in a social situation, mind you ... (*public flogging will commence on the Village Green at 10 am most Saturdays - if wet, in the Town Hall*), but still I must admit that I'm prone to imbibing in the golden leaf.

And while I am in confession mode (*no, I am certainly NOT going to admit to any involvement in the gumboot/watermelon/library incident of 2003 - I can't believe you are still harping on about that - those photographs were digitally altered, I tell you!*) I should perhaps give you some background vis-a-vis my smoking history. It might just help you understand why I am in such a predicament.

(*Set the scene for May 1980. Zimbabwe has just gained independence, and tobacco is the country's biggest export. Two 13-year-old lads, dressed (or should that be 'swimming?') in their older brothers' jeans, saunter uncomfortably down a rural road, desperately trying but failing, to look as cool as Danny Zuko from Grease.*)

"Hey," squeaks one of them excitedly - his voice will only break two years later when a growth spurt takes him to the dizzy height of five foot, "Let's get some smokes - it's very cool. We can tuck the pack in our t-shirt sleeve like the T-Birds used to and learn to blow smoke rings so the chicks think we are 'far-out'."

Of course, it didn't work. 'The Chicks' regarded us as more 'far down' than out, and continued to overlook us (*which was easy considering they were, on average, at least a ruler-length*

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taller), so even the coolest of smoke rings (*normally accompanied by a 'caccoughny' - see what I did there? - of choking noises*) had dissipated by the time it reached their eye-level.

But what this desperation-to-be-considered-cool did result in was the premature launch of my smoking career. In those days, there were no warnings on the cigarette boxes (*not that we would have cared*), it was only 12 cents for a pack of 10 cork-tipped 'Drum', and our parents all imbibed in the baccy habit, so smoking was easy to get away with, and those foul fags soon became all but a fixed feature on my face.

Indeed, in later years at high school, I would regularly meet, among others, the young lady who would eventually become Mrs Ed for a quick smoke behind the bike sheds.

Smoking was soooooo cool; we all did it.

Two decades later, I stopped, of course. Didn't we all? Stopping was addictive. It was all the rage. Giving up smoking was so cool. EVERYONE was doing it. Or at least trying ...

And I have to say that quitting them 'sticks-o'-fire' was surprisingly easy for me. Well, easier than it was for Mrs ED.... who battled... and battled... and battled. I remember those months I was under the hammer of WATGUS (*Wife Attempting To Give Up Smoking*) - it seemed like they would never end.

But they did. She stopped totally. *Finished and klaar*. And then she became a truly reformed non-smoker.

Dare I be so bold as to say (*very quietly, mind*) an Anti-Smoker?

I might even go as far as to paraphrase an old saying, "Hell hath no fury like a woman (who has given up smoking) scorned."

She still craves - oh boy, she craves - even the slightest whiff of second-hand smoke will get all those ciggie senses salivating and fill her with the burning anger of one deprived of the thing that suddenly springs to the fore as her utmost desire.

The craving is so deeply ingrained that she can even be triggered by the slightest smell of it on someone's clothes, someone who might have perhaps just innocently popped out on a Friday for an innocent beer with a couple of innocent friends and somehow innocently been unable to refuse the seductive calling of the Golden Virginia leaf....

Sigh.... Someone like me.

Like I said - war is coming.

Thus far, I have only managed to escape by swiftly (*and oh-so-cleverly*) changing the subject. But I have to admit I am running out of ideas ... and the same 'couple of beers' that have led to these sudden, sporadic cigarette indulgences do little to help keep the mind as sharp as it needs to be on the dangerous occasions when I am met at the door by a suspicious Mrs ED ...

"Hey...," she'll say, wrinkling her nose, "What's that smell? Have you been smo...?"

"Look! Have you ever seen a sunset like that?"

"Hey... what's that smell? Are you smo..."

"Look! A fish eagle just took the neighbour's cat!"

"Hey... what's that smell? IS THAT ciga..."

"Look! A herd of wildebeest sweeping majestically across the back garden! Oooh! And a lion too!"

"Hey... what's that smell? IS THAT A CIGARETTE TUCKED BEHIND YOUR EAR?..."

"LOOK! AN HONEST POLITICIAN!"

Before it breaks into out-and-out war, I should perhaps ask our President to negotiate a peace treaty between Mrs Ed and I.... Though he may be in Russia, buying cheap cigarettes....

He'd be mad if he didn't!

No More Printed Municipal Accounts

Knysna Municipality encourages residents and ratepayers to update their electronic contact details as monthly accounts will no longer be distributed through traditional postal services from July. "We are experiencing increasing difficulties and delays with the delivery of traditional postal communication," explained Municipal Manager Ombali Sebola.

To ensure that residents receive timeous communication from the Municipality, they are strongly advised to provide an accurate email address.

"Once you have updated your email address, check your inbox regularly for information and various updates regarding service delivery," said Sebola.

To ensure that the Municipality has your correct electronic contact information on record, download the contact information form from the Municipality's website, complete it with your details, sign it and return it to accounts@knysna.gov.za

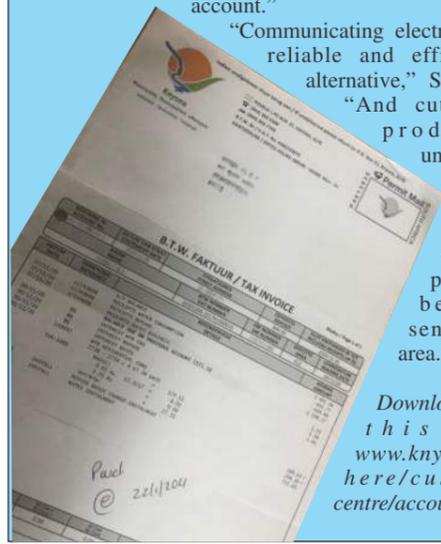
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"From July we will be issuing monthly accounts only via email and SMS," Sebola added. "Although we will be sending accounts out electronically, the onus is with the account holder to check and inform themselves of their monthly Municipal account."

"Communicating electronically is more reliable and efficient than the alternative," Sebola concluded.

"And cutting down on producing more unnecessary printed material is in line with our efforts to conserve and preserve our beautiful, yet sensitive, natural area."

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WRONGFUL ARREST ALLEGED

Local residents are seemingly up in arms at the alleged bad treatment of a young man by traffic police on the morning of Saturday, 3 June. This after he was arrested and incarcerated for what appears to be a standard feature on his vehicle.

Joshua de Vos (26) says it was 07:52, and he and his girlfriend Megan Oosthuizen were just 500 metres away from Sedge Links Golf Course, heading towards his home in Wilderness when an unmarked GTI Traffic Police vehicle came up behind him and turned on its blue flashing lights. He says he pulled over, the unmarked vehicle stopped behind, and an officer got out. "Approaching my window, the man asked me for my licence, then instructed me to get out of the vehicle, Joshua said, "As we walked around my bakkie - a Nissan NP200 - the officer pointed to the LED daytime running lights on the front, saying they were illegal."

Joshua told us he tried to explain that such lights are standard on the Nissan NP200, but the officer would have none of it and went to his vehicle to retrieve the fine print-out machine.

"Even once I had offered proof, I was informed that I was still getting fined," Joshua said, adding that he became increasingly frustrated, especially when he noticed there were no longer just two officers on the scene as another five or so had arrived. He began recording the conversation and asked the officer if they could go to the nearest police station, but said the answer he received was simply, "If you move your vehicle, we will arrest you."

"Still holding my licence, the officer asked me for my name and occupation, which I gave him," Joshua explained "He then asked for my phone number - which I told him I didn't know as I haven't memorised it. After asking the same question again and receiving the same answer, the officer leaned into the car and told Megan that he was going to arrest me

if I didn't answer the question correctly the third time." Joshua says he once again told the officer he did not know his cell number, and the officer placed him under arrest and read him his rights.

"By this time, there were several officers standing around my vehicle," the young man told us, "It was as if there was some huge situation going on."

He described how he was then handcuffed behind his back and put into a SAPS vehicle. They followed a female officer driving Joshua's bakkie to his house.

"She then climbed into the police vehicle with us, and the male officer drove at crazy high speeds to the George Police Station," Joshua told us, claiming the man had flaunted the rules of the road the entire way - going over 130kph, ignoring stop streets and red traffic lights, and crossing over white lines.

"I had been arrested for standard LED lights," he observed. "There was surely no need for this policeman to put my life in danger!"

Once in the station, the young Wilderness man was treated, he believes, scornfully by most of the staff on duty. He says he heard one member say, "Ons kap om vir DUI!" ("We'll get him for Driving Under the Influence!"), but that when he was breathalysed, the reading was 0.0.

Seeing that he was the only 'perpetrator' in handcuffs, Joshua said he eventually persuaded the officers to remove them and then, after also removing his laces and anything else he might use as string, the members on duty locked him in a holding cell.

He said that when he asked how long he would be there, his heart dropped when one officer replied, "I don't want to get your hopes up, but your court case is on Monday - perhaps after that."

He told us that in the cell, there were

two other 'inmates' and, convinced that they had likely been charged with something more serious than he had, Joshua says he lay down on a mat close to the shower and away from them, thinking how miserable an entire weekend in the holding cell was going to be.

"Thank goodness, five hours later, my attorney arrived and managed to get me released," he told us.

On Monday, 5 June, both cases against him - 'Hindering an officer to fulfil his duties' (later changed to 'Resisting arrest') and 'Failing to furnish information to an officer', were thrown out of court, but Joshua doesn't feel it would be morally acceptable for the story to end there.

"I really feel for someone who might not be able to afford legal help," he reasons "Faced with the same situation, they would be in for a nightmare weekend without having done anything wrong."

Hence, the young man is planning on taking action to try and prevent this from happening to others in the future and is asking anyone in the area who has had a similar experience to contact him, sending details via email to joshuadevos77@gmail.com.

Recovering from his ordeal, Joshua is overwhelmed with gratitude to his girlfriend, who witnessed the whole story as it unfolded, and his mother, who moved mountains to get his attorney to the police station timeously.

Having received this information, The EDGE forwarded the allegations to SAPS for comment, and Media Liaison Officer Sergeant Chris Spies sent the following response.

"Information available indicates that a 25 year old man was taken into custody for a traffic related offence, following an incident along the N2 near Swartvlei on 03 June 2023 at about 08:00 by Provincial Traffic officials. He was expected to make his first court appearance on 05 June 2023, but the matter was not enrolled."

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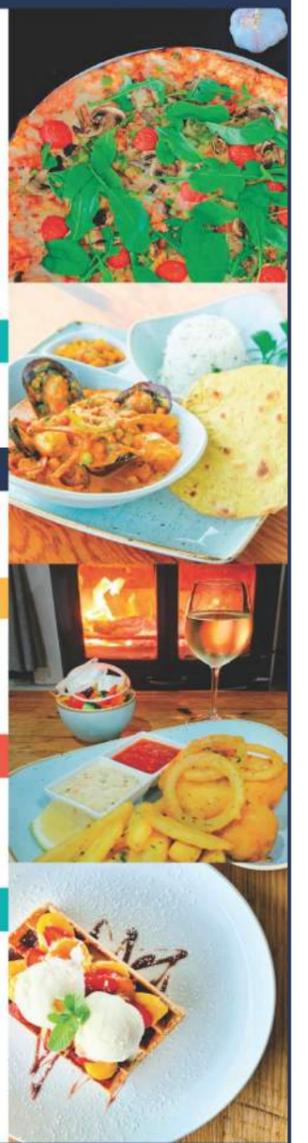
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The support from the community was incredible with over 95 volunteers turning out on a rather chilly day. It was heartwarming to see so many children enthusiastically taking part in the day's activities. Armed with recycle bags, gloves and a bottle of water, everyone descended on the beach, splitting off towards Platbank on the left and the lagoon mouth on the right.

Many harmful materials were collected including fishing lines, microplastics and even an old bar fridge. After the monumental effort, coffee and rusks were served to the adults

and the children enjoyed a delicious soft serve ice cream.

The lucky draw prize-winners won delightful treats from our local coffee shops, markets, restaurants and guest houses.

The organisers would like to thank the sponsors and collaborators, who helped to make this such a successful event:

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The World Ocean Day beach

clean-up is a key annual event on the conservancy calendar and they thank you for being a part of it. If you'd like to know more about joining the Cola Myoli Conservancy and receiving our newsletters and invitations, please contact the Chairperson, Adrienne Bartlett on colaconservancy@gmail.com

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Contact the following Garden Route District Municipal Health Offices to lodge your complaint:
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JOIN ZUMBA'S MOVE TO SUPPORT CHERISHED

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'Zumba Move to Give' is a global movement dedicated to raising funds for individuals or organisations needing support. Through Zumbathon charity events hosted by licensed Zumba instructors, they celebrate and honour individuals or organisations to make a difference and contribute to their efforts one move at a time.

Cherished is a Sedgefield based non-profit organisation founded by Ginny Viner six years ago and

now led by Dianne Johnston. With the help of the local community and sponsorships, they are committed to improving the lives of, and creating sustainable platforms, for a better future for under privileged children in Smutsville.

Projects include the annual Christmas children's treat box initiative, which has grown from delivering 250 treat boxes in 2018 to reaching 700 children in 2022. For many of these children, it may be the only gift they receive during the holiday season.

Another project, the Cherished Community Kitchen, funded by

Masithandane, has been providing daily lunches to a growing number of 100 people. They are immensely grateful to Dean Byram from African Tusk Clothing for generously donating a wendy house to convert into a kitchen. However, to ensure compliance and prevent closure by the Department of Health, additional supplies are needed.

Exciting projects in progress requiring sponsorships and funding are the Early Childhood Development Centre (a joint venture with Masithandane), the Cherished Sports Academy for children aged 6 to 16 (hosted at sports field generously offered by Sedgefield Municipality) and Camp Philia.

If you are interested in getting involved and making a difference, we welcome your support. Contact Dianne Johnston at 079 333 0243 or Hanneke O'Sullivan at 083 715 8630 to find out how you can contribute, sponsor raffle prizes or participate in events. If moving for 3 hours non-stop is not for you, you can also show your support by buying a raffle ticket to win one of the many fabulous prizes. Tickets available from any of our local Zumba ladies. Winners not present on the day will be contacted by phone to make arrangements for delivery of any prize. Thank you so much to everyone who have sponsored prizes so far.

Remember, as the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child..." Let's come together as a community and support these noble endeavours. Together, we can make a lasting impact to empower our children for a brighter future for themselves, their families and our community at large.

Peacewalk

The EDGE had the pleasure of a visit from South Africa's famous 'Peace Walker' Siyanada Dlamini, who was accompanied on the Knysna to Sedgefield leg of his journey



by local Knysna resident, Kevin Lunt. Siyanada is in the second year of his goal on his Walk For Peace journey.

He has been walking across the country since January 2022, visiting schools and talking to as many people as possible in a quest to promote peace and stability in South Africa. Despite challenges along his journey, and feeling somewhat unwell at the moment he continues to remain positive and determined. After leaving The EDGE offices, he popped along to the local pharmacy to purchase medication, hoping that he would be well enough to continue the Sedgefield George leg of his journey the following day.

See you next time around, Siya! Follow Siyanada's journey on Facebook - walkforpeace.



PRE-QUALIFICATION NOTICE FOR ELIGIBLE SUB-CONTRACTORS FOR CONTRACT NO: T 26 OF 2022/23 UPGRADE OF SEDGEFIELD BULK SEWER SERVICES

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Bidders are advised to note that preference will be given to contractors that have never benefited from projects of similar nature under the Knysna Municipality in the past, and those that reside in the immediate location of the project provided that they meet the requirements set out in (i) to (vii) below.

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- is a supplier of Goods which satisfies (ii) to (v).

A compulsory information briefing meeting will take place on Wednesday, 21st June 2023. Prospective Applicants shall meet the Project Management Team at **Imvu Construction Group Site Office at 10h00 situated in Melkhout Street, Smutsville Sedgefield.** Kindly note that gates will be closed at 10h15.

Pre-qualification application documents will only be made available at the information briefing meeting. Please be advised that the site visit will not take place. Bidders are however encouraged to visit the site to acquaint themselves with the site.

Applicants must be represented at the information briefing meeting by a representative who must be the Applicant himself/herself or an authorized person in the direct employment of the Applicant.

The Pre-qualification and supporting documents shall be sealed in an envelope or package clearly marked "**Pre-qualification - T 26 OF 2022/23 UPGRADE OF SEDGEFIELD BULK SEWER SERVICES**" and shall be delivered by hand into the Tender Box at the Contractor's site camp in Smutsville Sedgefield.

Telephonic, telegraphic, telex, facsimile, e-mailed or electronic applications will not be accepted.

In all cases the completed Pre-qualification Application Document shall reach the stipulated address not later than 12h00 on Wednesday, 28th June 2023. No late entries will be accepted.

Queries relating to issues arising from this document may be addressed to:

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Construction Manager: Cell: 078 397 5158 E-mail: tyanam@imvuconstruction.co.za
Employer's Representative: Cell: 060 998 6829 E-mail: constructiontenders@knysna.gov.za



SR&RA weighs in on the Municipal IDP

By Dr Andy Brough

An intensive campaign across Greater Knysna and spearheaded in Sedgefield by the Sedgefield Ratepayers and Residents Association (SR&RA) saw more than 2000 objections lodged in response to the Knysna Municipality Draft Medium Term Revenue & Expenditure Framework (MTREF) 2023-2024 Budget. Major concerns included the proposed hike in property rates (on average more than 32%), the fact that all rates (apart from sanitation) were way above targeted headline inflation and a proposed increase in operating expenditure (OPEX) of more than 12%.

The Municipal Manager, Mr Ombali Sebola, noted, "During the public participation process, the Municipality received a massive number of comments from ratepayers objecting to the property rates increase." As the SR&RA, we were not only objecting to the increase in property rates but also called on our members and the community to reject the budget outright.

Despite the pushback as residents spoke up in a united voice, the Council still passed an unfunded budget on 31 May 2023, which included the following:

- A 10% reduction in the rate in the rand calculation on residential properties and a 9% reduction in the rate in the rand on non-residential properties (a combined reduction of R 39

- million on tabled property rates)
- OPEX reduced from a 12% increase to 7%
- Salary bill reduced by R23 million
- Contracted services reduced by R14 million

Whilst it is worth celebrating the active citizenship of our community, the final property rates increase resulted in a 17,7% hike on average – still way above targeted headline inflation of between 4,7%-5,3%. This budget is tabled to support a municipality's strategic plan – the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). This IDP acknowledges that the economy of Knysna has shrunk, but this contraction in the GDP per capita is not factored into the rate increases. The province has expressed significant concerns over cash flow and debt collection and the sustainability of the budget. As of January 2023, the Municipality faced more than R326 million in arrears. The council should be spending more on repairs and maintenance relative to the growth of the asset base and the ageing assets; however, liabilities exceed current assets. Cash coverage ratios are of particular concern.

In an extensive analysis and critique of the IDP document, the SR&RA exco showed that this "plan" leaves much to be desired. We remain dissatisfied with the process of formulating this IDP and the decision-making behind the final strategic document. There are way too many glaring

omissions and gaps to reprint here, but significant findings include the following:

- The Municipal Manager acknowledges the "systematic collapse of the organisation, which requires "a complete overview of the organisational structure, the review of programmes, plans and policies and an assessment of our infrastructure"... stemming from "a lack of consistent leadership, lack of stability in the administration, and a general decline in the discipline and lack in planning and collecting of rates and taxes to support operations of the organisation."

- The tabled IDP has no financial plan with budget projections for at least the next three years.

- Collection strategies must be strengthened and benchmarked to 95%, thus improving cash flow.

- There are no key performance indicators and targets as required by section 41 of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA)

- There are no specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) strategic objectives.

- Only 58% of the current permanent posts in the organogram are filled. This begs the question of whether the organisational structure is too bloated or explains the overspending on contractors.

- Many of the data points used in the IDP are from four or five-year-old sources.

- Regarding the plan to

mitigate load-shedding, reference is made to the National State of Disaster declared to "address the social and economic effects of the electricity crisis". It is concerning that Council is so out of touch that it references a national policy that was terminated in April 2023. Additionally, the Municipality has no long-term plan to secure alternative energy. This has a significant impact on water networks and sewerage pumps.

- In the 2023 IDP, reference is made to the fact that a desalination plant still services Sedgefield. Is the council even aware that the plant has been out of commission for over five years?

- The Spatial Development Framework needs to be revised. Reference is made to a 2016 concession to reopen the Sedgefield-Knysna railway line. The Council should understand there has been no progress on this, and suggesting otherwise is disingenuous.

- Because the budget and the IDP are not correctly integrated, the human settlements plan also needs to be updated, as does the master plan for electricity, water, waste management and roads and stormwater.

We have raised these errors, omissions, and recommendations directly with the Municipal Manager, Executive Mayor, and ward councillors.

The SR&RA will continue highlighting issues in our quest to hold the council accountable for service delivery in Sedgefield.



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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.
5:30pm Sedgefield Striders Walking / Running time trials on road adjacent to Bowls Club. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays
6:30am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outide departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
12:30pm Social Bridge School at St Anthony's Catholic Church hall. 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 outide 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-2pm Scarab Craft Market
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in.

Every 4th Saturday
3pm or 4pm Garden Route Centre of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa. At Catholic Church, C/o Sysie & Flamingo St. Visitors welcome. Please call Peter 083 445 4634 to check meeting time and for more info.

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

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I've learned ...

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

by Andy Fooney

Dear Ed,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my friends for helping me during the time when George had his nasty fall about six months ago.

To everyone who took the time to drive me up and down to the George Provincial Hospital, as well as drive me around town. A special thank you to Paul Heinz, Belinda, Sheila, Rhuana and Dewald.

Thank you to everyone for all the well wishes. Grateful thanks to Lynn for the countless plates of lovely food she provided for us. George is back in our beloved shop Ann's Collectables. God bless you all.
 Ann

SEDGE ART SOCIETY

by Wendy Prall

In 1992 Bernard Roe and friends launched an exhibition of their work in the library hall (now the children's library). This proved popular, and the Sedgefield Art Society was formed.

We have monthly meetings featuring art-related projects, e.g., still life drawing, painting with watercolours, perspective etc.

At least once a year, we have exhibitions and sales of work in the Sedgefield Town Hall. We recently celebrated our 30th anniversary with a special exhibition.

Artists may join and benefit from the above for an annual fee of only R100.00.

We continue to welcome new

members to our monthly meetings and demonstrations and would like to invite them to exhibit their work at our various exhibitions.

There is currently an art exhibition, curated by Nicholas Leonard, at the RE/MAX Sedgefield Office. Nicholas has always been there for the Art Society, and we would like to thank him for his continued support.

Those wishing to join the Art Society are welcome to contact any of the following committee members for more information.

Carmen 074 145 0943



Jenny 071 372 3856
 Wendy 072 4323 377
 Janet 083 266 0723
 Patsy 073 256 6021

TLC SAYS THANK YOU

The Living Cornerstone held its annual celebrations evening on 26 May 2023.

The idea behind our celebrations evening is to hold an event to which we invite our stakeholders and individuals/ organisations to thank them for their support during the previous financial year.

This year's event was held at Mosaic Table Sedgefield and took the form of a Soup and Sherry evening.

Everyone enjoyed the



evening, and we look forward to the next one.

The following organisations contributed to the evening in various ways of sponsorship.

Super Spar, Sedgefield Pick n Pay, Mosaic Table, Eden Stretch Tents, Montecello, Oasis Water, Outeniqua Bakery

U3A - Boyhood experiences in the Transkei

At a General Meeting of the Knysna U3A being held in the DR Church Hall in Sedgefield on Thursday, 29 June, local lad Dave Barnes will enthral us with his experiences growing up in the Transkei and explain how his fluency in Xhosa shaped his career.

The doors open at 9 am when tea, coffee and biscuits will be served, and Dave's presentation starts at 10 am. All are welcome. Members of U3A pay R20 and visitors pay R40 towards the hire of the hall - plenty of parking available.

Dave Barnes, educated at Queens College Queenstown, Rhodes University, and the University of California, is a retired general manager who worked for De Beers and Rio Tinto.

He spent his boyhood in the Herschel district of the Transkei

and is fluent in Xhosa. He now lives in Sedgefield.

Dave's hobbies are hiking, swimming, and woodwork. He is a retired marathon runner, having completed over one hundred marathons and ultra-marathons.

He will talk to the U3A about his boyhood experiences in the Transkei and his interactions with Xhosa elders, which ultimately led to studies in Social Anthropology. He will also discuss his two novels, Xhosa Pearls and Jackal Bones, both set partly in the Tele River valley, which forms the international border between South Africa and the kingdom of Lesotho.



The novels were inspired by his early experiences and his time working at the Kleinzee Blue White diamond mine, where Xhosa men from the Tele Valley were employed as migrant workers.

End of the line for FreshStart

To friends and donors of FreshStart Smutsville SwopShop, It is with great sadness that we announce the termination of the FreshStart NPC and the Smutsville SwopShop project.

As many will know, the SwopShop, which operated from the grounds of the Smutsville Primary School, was forced to close temporarily during the COVID-19 lockdowns and was unable to re-open due to a number of issues. After the end of the lockdowns, when schools re-started, the project leaders tried unsuccessfully to re-open the Swopshop. The board and one of the founders of FreshStart have worked for over a year on changing the business model and finding ways to re-introduce the project. They have come to the conclusion that the organisation has run its course and that it is time to close.

We believe that while it was operational, the SwopShop achieved its founding objectives, which included empowering people in Smutsville by helping children to help themselves. FreshStart created a platform for people from all walks of life to volunteer their time, energy,

resources and skills. Our leaders and volunteers were positive role models who encouraged good behaviour and created a safe environment where the children had fun and blossomed. We encouraged recycling and care for the environment.

FreshStart SwopShop, operated every Wednesday afternoon during school terms. Around 200 to 250 children exchanged recyclable materials for points and then traded these points for new and second-hand goods (clothes, shoes, toiletries, stationery, sports equipment, and toys). Donors provided these treasures in kind or cash.

We would like to pay tribute to the founders, Jennifer and Antony Tooley and Joy Diederichs, for their vision in starting this organisation, together with assistance and cooperation from Martie Rooi, Irene Grootboom and Rejoice



Gawie from Smutsville. We also acknowledge the enormous contribution made by Lida van As, the project leader and her family, who were all involved. Their time, effort, passion and commitment played a huge part in the project's success. We extend our appreciation to all the volunteers over the years for their selfless commitment and to our many donors for helping to sustain the project. Thank you to the Sedgefield and Smutsville Communities for embracing FreshStart and the SwopShop - we could not have achieved anything without you.

The Board of FreshStart

Location Location Location

Sedgefield Information hosts a professional movie location scout over three days in Sedgefield and its surrounds.

"When the Sedgefield Information office was approached through The Garden Route Film Commission to host JP Lieuvaux, an expert film scout, they jumped at the possibility of revealing the limitless potential that makes Sedgefield suited for film," stated manager Bronwyn Lloyd.

"In 2017, the filming of a reality show, Sports X, delivered an estimated contribution to Sedgefield's economy of approximately R2,01 million, so we're keen to welcome more productions to the area," says info manager Belinda Hobson.

JP visited specific locations to get a sense of the space and take notes and photos of the vicinity. A Sedgefield portfolio will be hosted on the GRFC website and shared with different production agencies as the briefs come in. A

huge thanks to the hospitality of Sedgefield Info members who hosted JP, Pelican Lodge Sedgefield, Myoli Beach Lodge, and Black Waters River Lodge.

Register at the GRFC website as a service provider: gardenroutefilmcommission.com

The Garden Route International Film Festival will take place in August 2023.

KNYSNA WINE FESTIVAL 2023

Enjoy the finer things in life on Friday, 7, and Saturday, 8 July 2023. Greater Knysna revellers are relieved to hear that the ever-popular festival will be held during this year's Knysna Oyster Festival.

The 17th Knysna Wine Festival will take place during the weekend of the famous Knysna Forest Marathon and will offer locals and visitors the opportunity to experience a vast range of delicious wines and gins while chatting with the vintners and distillers," said Belinda Hobson, co-owner of the event.

Hobson expressed immense joy and gratitude towards the festival's new vehicle sponsorship. "Just as good wine ages and improves with time, the Knysna Wine Festival plans to do the same with our new sponsors, Audi Centre George and BAIC Centre George, who share our dedication and passion in the pursuit of perfection."

This year's event takes place at the luxurious Premier Resort - Knysna Mooring, on George Rex Drive. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the picturesque Knysna region, this year's festival promises to be a truly unforgettable experience.

Attendees will be able to explore an extensive selection of exceptional wines from both local and international vineyards. Esteemed winemakers, sommeliers, and industry experts will offer their expertise and guide guests through an incredible journey of flavours and aromas. From crisp whites to full-bodied reds and everything in between, there will be a wine to delight every palate.

Every year the festival raises funds for communities in and around Greater Knysna, and this year a portion of the door takings will be donated to Sedgfield Animal Matters, a charity that specialises in rescuing and placing abused, abandoned and unwanted companion animals. The money will go towards their spay and neuter programme.

"The Knysna Wine Festival has become a cherished tradition that brings together wine enthusiasts, food lovers, and travellers from all over," says Bronwyn Lloyd, the festival's organiser. "We are thrilled to invite everyone to join us for another exceptional year, where we will showcase the very best of what our region offers in terms of wine. Prepare to be enchanted by the beauty of Knysna and indulge in an

unforgettable celebration of the senses."

Tickets for the Knysna Wine Festival 2023 are available online at webtickets.co.za and are available at Knysna and Sedgfield Information Offices. As the festival attracts many attendees, early booking is encouraged.

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For more information, email admin@knysnafestivals.co.za or contact 082 306 0509.

ATM FRAUD

Yet another local lady was conned by ATM fraudsters last week, Sunday - this time at the ABSA machine near Fijnbosch Coffee Shop. Fortunately, she was quick to cancel the card, so despite numerous attempts by the perpetrators, they were unable to extract money from her account.

The lady told us that she arrived at the ABSA ATMs and was about to use the right-hand one when the man standing at the one on the left informed her that her machine was out of order. As a result, she went and stood behind him until he had finished.

As she stepped forward and put her card in the machine, she noticed he

had left his slip behind. When she called him, he returned, leaning over her to take it.

"I think in one quick movement he must have hit 'cancel' on the machine and somehow taken my card because as he left, the screen changed," she told us.

As the man walked off, she tried to continue her transaction but realised something was up. As she attempted to retrieve her card, a man queuing behind her stepped forward to assist. She only realised later that he was more than likely part of the scam.

"The machine instructed me to put in a 10-digit code - and he advised me to put in my PIN. He then leant forward and pushed the last number another five times," she said, "He must have been watching me put the numbers in."

Eventually giving up on the machine, the lady decided to call the bank emergency number to report what had happened. Following their instructions, she used her phone banking app to stop the card, learning later that the perpetrator(s) had tried seven times to withdraw money.

COUNTDOWN TO CURTAIN UP



Planning and preparations for one of Sedgfield's most loved fundraisers are well underway and in the capable hands of Producer Margie Van Rensburg and Directors Ian Perryman and Janice Gibson.

Auditions will take place on 22 June at 7 pm in the Laerskool Sedgfield Primary School Hall. Anyone unable to attend on that date is encouraged to contact Ian to make alternative arrangements to audition.

This year, we would like to encourage singers, musicians and dancers to contact Ian to collaborate where possible. Ian can be emailed at ianf.perryman@gmail.com. Melodrama has been an annual Sedgfield fundraiser since 2009, with the proceeds donated to local charities. This much-loved production has some familiar Sedgfield faces doing all sorts of lip-synced songs, dances and skits that keep the audience in fits of laughter, giving them a great night out.

Tickets will go on sale on 18 July and will be available from the Sedgfield Tourism office at R150 per ticket. There will be six shows altogether, held on September 19, 21, 22, 26, 28 and 29.

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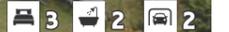
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Knysna Oyster Festival 2023

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In just over two weeks, the annual oyster-filled extravaganza, the 40th Knysna Oyster Festival, gets underway from 30 June to 9 July. Brace yourself for some adrenaline-pumping action and get ready for an exhilarating 10 days of sporting entertainment!

The Knysna Cycle Tour promises two epic days of mountain biking on 1 and 2 July. This event is where the real MTB heroes come out to play! If you're a rider looking for a challenge, get ready to conquer the 48 km Green Route or the mind-blowing 80 – 85 km Red Route on day one and the 42 km route on day two through the scenic Knysna indigenous forest - favourite rides of the Knysna locals. Races start at the bottom of Simola; from there, it's a wild adventure through the breathtaking forest.

On Sunday, 2 July, the Knysna Toyota Fun Enduro will feature three or five timed stages of technical, downhill terrain to get your heart racing. Stages vary in length from 400 to 1200, and you'll be cruising through the legendary Knysna Forest, enjoying the thrill of riding on jeep trails and contours.

With new routes and breathtaking scenery, the **KnysnaX Trail Series Winter Run** on 6 July promises an exhilarating experience for all participants. This year the event will introduce an exciting 25 km route designed for serious trailblazers seeking an adrenaline-fueled challenge. Don't miss your chance to

conquer the trails like never before! A new 6 km fun run will appeal to the entire family. Children accompanied by adults are welcome on this scenic trail run that includes spectacular bridge crossings and mesmerising Knysna railway scenery.

The Oyster Better Ball Championship invites you to gather and indulge in a day of golf at the prestigious Knysna Golf Club, renowned as one of the finest facilities on the Garden Route. On Friday, 8 July, experience the thrill of a unique twist on the traditional better ball format. Prepare for a day filled with friendly competition and remarkable moments. Don't miss out on this official Knysna Oyster Festival event!

The Houtkapper Trail Run calls trail running enthusiasts to immerse themselves in an extraordinary adventure through the enchanting forests that inspired the renowned works of the late Daleen Matthee. The run, taking place on 9 July, offers three routes of varying lengths and difficulty. Runners will have the privilege of exploring iconic locations, including Krisjan-senek, the Daleen Matthee memorial, and the legendary Daleen Matthee Big Tree—an awe-inspiring 880-year-old yellowwood tree.

Choose from the 15 km and 27 km routes, designed to challenge intermediate to experienced trail runners while unveiling the hidden gems within the heart of

the Garden Route National Park. Prepare to be captivated by breathtaking single tracks and exhilarating terrain suitable for trail runners of all skill levels. Beginners are also welcome to join the fun with a more accessible 9 km route tailored to their enjoyment.

Anyone who's ever run the legendary **Knysna Forest Marathon** knows that this isn't your average run but an extraordinary experience of immersing yourself in the depths of the mystical Knysna Forest, surrounded by awe-inspiring views of the estuary and the iconic Knysna Heads. As you push through those last few kilometres, the stunning scenery will be your motivation and reward. This trail run, planned for Saturday, 8 July, is like no other in the world, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that'll leave you breathless and begging for more.

Experience the beauty, adventure, and camaraderie of the Knysna Oyster Festival. Whether swinging a golf club or conquering the trails, these events promise to create lasting memories in one of South Africa's most stunning destinations.

So, mark your calendars, gather your adventurous spirit, and prepare to have a whale of a time at this year's Knysna Oyster Festival.

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WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY AND THE GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 33 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003 that Knysna Municipality ("the Municipality") intends entering into a waste disposal agreement with the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) for disposal of waste at the GRDM Regional Waste Disposal Facility, for a period of ten (10) years from effective date. The waste disposal agreement will impose financial obligations on the Municipality for a period longer than three (3) years covered in the annual budget for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Notice is further given in accordance with section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000 that:

- The local community and other interested parties are invited to submit comments or representations to the Municipality in respect of the proposed contract. Such comments or representations must reach the Municipality by 17 July 2023, via electronic mail on the email address or delivered by mail to the address details provided hereunder.
- Copies of the draft waste disposal agreement and information statement related to this agreement and the Municipality's obligations in terms of the waste disposal agreement are available for inspection at the location listed below and will also be accessible on the Municipality's website on www.knysna.gov.za and may be viewed during office hours at the Community Services Directorate, 5 Clyde Street, Knysna, 6570.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE MARKED AS: REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT: SECTION 33 PROCESS

- Further details for clarity may be requested via email to Miss Ramona Loxton on rloxton@knysna.gov.za or on telephone number (044) 302 6405

Persons who are physically disabled or unable to write but need to participate in the process may submit their properly marked comments and/or representation verbally at the Office of the Community Services Directorate in Clyde Street above, where they will be assisted during office hours by Miss Ramona Loxton, to transcribe their comments and/or representation.

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Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 33 van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur, No. 56 van 2003 dat Knysna Munisipaliteit ("die Munisipaliteit") voornemens is om 'n afvalverwyderingsooreenkoms met die Tuinroete Distriksmunisipaliteit (GRDM) aan te gaan vir wegdoen van afval by die GRDM Streeksafvalverwyderingsfasiliteit, vir 'n tydperk van tien (10) jaar vanaf effektiewe datum. Die afvalverwyderingsooreenkoms sal finansiële verpligtinge op die Munisipaliteit lê vir 'n tydperk langer as drie (3) jaar wat in die jaarlikse begroting vir die 2023/2024 finansiële jaar gedek word.

Kennis word verder ooreenkomstig artikel 21 van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels, No 32 van 2000 gegee dat:

- Die plaaslike gemeenskap en ander belanghebbende partye word uitgenooi om kommentaar of versoë aan die Munisipaliteit in te dien ten opsigte van die voorgestelde kontrak. Sodanige kommentaar of versoë moet die Munisipaliteit teen 17 Julie 2023 bereik, per elektroniese pos op die e-posadres of per pos afgelewer word by die adresbesonderhede hieronder verskaf.
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WARMING WINTER CUPPAS TO EASE COLD AND FLU SYMPTOMS

Rooibos is one cuppa you need to stock up on this winter to help boost your immunity as the temperature drops.

The homegrown tisane has been used to help ease and provide protection against colds and flu for generations. Its ability to support the immune system in fighting viruses enhances the body's natural defence system, giving you a leg up this winter.

Adele du Toit, a spokesperson for the SA Rooibos Council (SARC), says Rooibos' warm liquid will not only alleviate a sore throat and ease congestion, but its antibacterial properties could aid in preventing and easing colds and flu symptoms. "The tisane is packed with polyphenols that help to remove free radicals from the body, which are detrimental by-products of cell metabolism that cause inflammation and disease. Researchers attribute Rooibos' healing effects to the unique combination of antioxidants in the tisane that helps boost immunity and protects the body against cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other metabolic conditions.

"Ancient cultures have long claimed the use of food as

medicine. Spices and herbs, like Rooibos, can help protect us from many common ailments, and their use is becoming more popular among nutritionists and alternative healers. Every day new research confirms much of the ancient wisdom surrounding spices and herbs."

Adele says adding honey and warm spices to Rooibos will further bolster the immune system.

Below are some spices, also purported to have healing properties, which can be steeped with Rooibos to make a healthy, warming winter brew:

Cardamom: Both green and black cardamom help to boost immunity, but research suggests that the black pods are especially effective at alleviating colds, dry coughs, and other respiratory issues.

Cinnamon: Chinese and Indian medicine has used cinnamon to treat various conditions. It's known for its ability to help relieve cold and flu symptoms and soothe sore throats. It is rich in polyphenols that boost the body's natural immunity and is antiviral, antibacterial, and antifungal. Soak a cinnamon

stick in Rooibos with a few drops of honey two to three times a day to clear a sore throat.

Black pepper: Many traditional Indian drinks contain black pepper because of its expectorant properties and soothing effects on stubborn coughs and colds. It contains vitamin C, antioxidants and is antibacterial. It's also said to keep the winter chills at bay and will help strengthen your immunity and guard against respiratory infections and chest congestion.

Cloves: This spice is a potent anti-inflammatory, often used to help soothe coughs, sore throats, sinusitis and other common cold and flu symptoms. It's also an expectorant, which will help to loosen mucus in the throat and oesophagus, making it easier to cough up.

Ginger: Known and used worldwide as a herbal cold treatment, this root is sure to warm you up. Antioxidants and other nutrients in ginger, combined with its antiviral, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties, will help ease a sore throat and other cold symptoms.



Turmeric: This powerful all-in-one spice is anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antifungal, antiviral and antiseptic and is a trusted cold and flu fighter among traditional healers. It also bolsters the immune system and supports healthy joint function.

Du Toit says with more viruses in circulation during winter, it's important to make the right additions to your diet.

"Combining these spices with Rooibos will help boost immunity and is far tastier than conventional cold and flu medicine. Most spiced-Rooibos blends can be found in supermarkets or retail pharmacies."

For more insights into Rooibos' health benefits, go to www.sarooibos.co.za

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1. Each Samurai Sudoku puzzle consists of 5 overlapping "classic" 9x9 Sudoku sub puzzles.

SAMURAI **SUDOKU**

6 2 7 5
5 3
3 9 8 7 9
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1 2 6
7 5 2
4 7
9 3 5 4 5
8 7 2
9 3 5
7 8
8 4 5
7 4 2 5 8
8 4 1
9 3 4
8 4 9 3 4
3 2 4 1
7 4 1

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

BLANKET DRIVE BLESSING

Isobel Cockcroft has again chosen to bless others with her beautiful crochet work. Isobel spends hours each year creating beautiful blankets.

Every spare moment she has, she sits and crochets, creating colourful thick blankets for those in need. Thank you so much, Isobel, for your generous donation of no less than ten lovely, warm blankets to kick off The Edge's Annual Blanket Drive.

Joy from The Edge seen handing over Isobel's beautiful blankets to Marietjie of TLC.

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SEDGE GENTS' GOLF

1/6/23

Abraham Lincoln said, "You can't fool all the people all the time." Abraham Lincoln never worked for the Weather Bureau.

The largest field of golfers of the year arrived for what was predicted to be a windless, sunny day only to be swamped by drizzle resulting in several teams withdrawing from the day's Individual Stableford competition. Among these was Terry Savage. But he can be excused because after completing 11 holes, he'd accumulated only a miserable 10 points earning himself the new

nickname of "Mista Puttagain". He said that as there was no point in turning the water into wine, he retired from the fray to go home and complete his autobiographical guide to golfing entitled "How to Line up Your Fourth Putt".

Despite the rain, the standard of golf was generally pretty good, as the following stats will show. In first spot was Pierre de Villiers with 40 points. He was followed by Dave Herbst with 37 after a count-out with Willem de Villiers. Then came Derek van Zyl and Henry Crowther, both with 36 points. Wine was also won by Bill Craig, Brian Stewart and Des Munro, all with 34.

It was later revealed that the sudden change in weather was due to a special request to the weather gods from our Captain. Apparently, he asked for a good



old Scottish day because he believed that the I.P.S format would allow too many players to win wine. Unfortunately, his evil plan backfired.

8/6/23

With all the current drama around us, we are reminded that the quietest place in the world is the complaints department at the parachute packing plant.

The loudest person at the golf course today was Des Munro, who had the good fortune of drawing Peter Heath in the Betterball Medal Competition. Peter has a handicap of 22 plus,

caused mainly by his errant driving.

He has been in the water so often that he recently had his ball retriever regripped. However, strangely enough, he had a really good game, thus enabling Des to partake in the best fermented anaesthetic of the day when the two returned the best score of 46 points. Also in the wine were Hans Anema and Len Moutl, missing out by one point. In third spot was Rudy Bosch with 43, followed at a distance by Steve Blom and Theo Pelsler.



NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING CONTRACTS

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

TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIER NAME	REASON FOR AMENDMENT
T 22 of 2020.21	Analytical Services for the Greater Knysna Area for a period of three years	A.L. Abbott	Contract extended until 30 September 2023 to allow the finalisation of the bidding process
T 06 of 2020.21	Supply, delivery and servicing of chemicals for a period of three years	Various Suppliers	Contract extended until 30 September 2023 to allow the finalisation of the bidding process
T 10 of 2020.21	Appointment of Service Providers to Design, and Place Advertisements in Local, Provincial and National Media	Various	Contract extended until 30 September 2023 to allow the finalisation of the bidding process
T 01 of 2016.17	Provision of banking services – Fuel management system	Nedbank	Contract extension until 31 December 2023 to allow the finalisation of the bidding process
T 48 of 2021.22	Short term insurance	Kunene Makopo Risk Solutions	Contract extended until 30 September 2023 to allow the finalisation of the bidding process
T 63 of 2018.19	Provision of security services	GAP Management	Contract extended until 30 September 2023 to allow the finalisation of the bidding process

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

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS

Written comments or representations on the proposed amendments can be submitted on or before 16h30 on Thursday 29 June 2023 to S Fourie at sfourie@knysna.gov.za or visit the Knysna Municipal Website at www.knysna.gov.za – Do Business – Contract Management. Persons who cannot write may contact the SCM Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing

MR OP SEBOLA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



NOTICE OF ADOPTED 2023 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 25 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act No.32 of 2000), that the Final 2023 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of Knysna Municipality was adopted by Council on 31 May 2023.

Copies of the 2023 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) are available for public information at <https://www.knysna.gov.za/government/important-documents/integrated-development-plan/> as well as at all Municipal Offices.

All enquiries with regard to the adopted 2023 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) can be directed to the IDP office for the attention of Mr C Chordnum at cchordnum@knysna.gov.za or alternatively at mdp@knysna.gov.za Knysna Municipality, PO Box 21, Knysna 6570. Tel. 044 302 6376.

Persons, who cannot read or write, may contact the IDP office or their nearest Municipal Office for assistance during normal office hours.

NOTICE OF APPROVED 2023/2024 MTREF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 18 (1) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations that the Annual budget of Knysna Municipality for 2023/2024 was approved in a meeting of Council on 31 May 2023 and is available for viewing by following the link to the Municipality's website:

<https://www.knysna.gov.za/government/important-documents/budget-and-related-documents/> as well as at the Municipal Offices and Libraries at Sedgefield, Rheenendal, Karatara and Knysna.

All enquiries with regard to the adopted 2023-24 Budget can be directed to the CFO at cfo@knysna.gov.za or/and Budget office at budget@knysna.gov.za Knysna Municipality, PO Box 21, Knysna 6570. Tel. 044 302 6463.

MR OMBALI SEBOLA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



THE SPORTS EDGE

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Thousands head to Knysna for 38th Forest Marathon

With 7 000 athletes already signed up to experience the magic of the SPAR Knysna Forest Marathon, the 38th running of the Garden Route race is shaping up to be a memorable one.

The marathon (42.2km) and half marathon (21.1km) events, renowned for taking participants deep into the forest and offering breathtaking views of the estuary and Knysna Heads, will take place on July 8 this year.

"We are expecting runners from all over the country, including the Western Cape, Gauteng and Eastern Cape," organiser Baily Neill said. "So many people are drawn to the race because about 90 per cent of it is run through the forest."

Entries have already exceeded last year's total of 6 500, telling the story of how popular the marathon has once again become in the wake of the pandemic.

Since the lifting of restrictions, runners, joggers, and walkers are incredibly keen to be outdoors again, according to Neill. "While initially cautious, they now relish every opportunity to test themselves in events such as these."

At the heart of the 2023 event is its tradition of benefiting others. Beneficiaries this year are the Vermont Old Age Home, Loeriefhof Old Age Home, Knysna Epilepsy Centre, and Sinethemba Youth Development Centre.

Besides the four charities, many others benefit too.

"We involve people in the Knysna community by having them assist on the weekend of the event," explained Neill. "From helping on the field to helping at the water tables along the route."

Also, historically, many participants leave their clothes at the start to be donated to local communities.

"You can imagine the difference it makes with a couple of thousand people leaving their clothes behind," Neill said.

SPAR regional advertising manager Roseann Shadrach said the Group has been looking to support an event in the Southwestern Districts for a while, and the Knysna Forest Marathon aligns beautifully with its ethos of healthy living and enjoying the outdoors. "Customers in Knysna are huge supporters of the SPAR brand,

and given the marathon is now in its 38th year and we are celebrating our 30th in the region, partnering with the event was a no-brainer," she said. "We are very excited to be part of this iconic event."

Neill said the event was not simply a run in the forest but a "whole experience".

"It's about having a break away in Knysna. Yes, the race is definitely a bucket list item, but it's also about spending time in a beautiful town."

Those performing on the day will not miss out either as a variety of cash prizes have been

made available by the organisers.

In the men's and women's marathons, the podium finishers will receive R5 000, R3 500 and R3 000, respectively. The top three in each category in the half marathon receive R4 500, R3 500 and R3 000. Cash prizes will also be awarded in the various age categories for both distances.

The venue will sport an expo, beer tent and entertainment for kids.

Visit www.knysnaforestmarathon.co.za for general and entry information.

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News

This week we have a "plethora" of bowling news, so no chit-chat and straight down to business.

Firstly, congratulations to the new members that have taken a huge interest in the club. A big thank you to Debbie & Sally for the garden and pathway; it looks fantastic. To Felicia for sorting out the library, which has been moved with the trophies to the back of the clubhouse, making room for the dart boards.

CLUBHOUSE – The refurbishing of the clubhouse is complete and looks very swish and snazzy. Well done, and a big thank you to all those involved. We sure are one of the smartest clubs in the district. Now to start the darts competition?



LADIES MINI-LEAGUE – WINNERS

Congratulations to our ladies for winning the mini-league (see photo). Well bowled to all the players. This competition was started by Beryl (Leisure Isle Bowling Club) for novice bowlers and experienced skips to give them a chance to play at other clubs in a competition.

MIXED SINGLES – Down to the quarter-finals, Two ladies are still there, so come and support them. We need to win

this (dirty tricks are permitted). Results to follow.

NOMINATED PAIRS – List on the board. The closing date has been changed to 5 July, plenty of time to enter. Don't wait to be asked; enter your own team.

Club Competitions are good fun, so come along and put your name down.

Ladies' Golf

Friday 2nd June 2023

Today 15 ladies were ready to play our Medal and Putt game for May.

Looking "spiffy" in our red club shirts and new sponsored winter jackets, we set off on a misty Friday morning.

The results were as follows:

GOLD DIVISION

Winner: Marina van der Westhuizen (nett 59)
Runner up: Charlene Blacker (nett 59) Count out with Marina

SILVER DIVISION

Winner: Wendy Mack (nett 63)
Runner up: Sylvia de Moor (nett 63) count out with Wendy

BRONZE DIVISION

Winner: Kandy Grieve (nett 62)
Runner up: Martha Smith (nett 63)

LEAST PUTTS TROPHY

Martha Smith (27 putts)

BIRDIES

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14 JUNE - 27 JUNE 2023

● Full Moon 03 July 2023

<p>Wed Jun 14 2023</p> <p>low tides 07:12 19:20 high tides 00:42 13:17 sunrise 07:32 sunset 17:26 moonrise 03:44 moonset 14:44</p> <p>Thu Jun 15 2023</p> <p>low tides 07:55 20:04 high tides 01:30 14:05 sunrise 07:33 sunset 17:26 moonrise 04:48 moonset 15:18</p> <p>Fri Jun 16 2023</p> <p>low tides 08:34 20:44 high tides 02:14 14:48 sunrise 07:33 sunset 17:27 moonrise 05:53 moonset 15:56</p> <p>Sat Jun 17 2023</p> <p>low tides 09:09 21:20 high tides 02:55 15:26 sunrise 07:33 sunset 17:27 moonrise 06:56 moonset 16:39</p> <p>Sun Jun 18 2023</p> <p>low tides 09:44 21:55 high tides 03:33 16:01 sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27 moonrise 07:56 moonset 17:29</p> <p>Mon Jun 19 2023</p> <p>low tides 10:17 22:29 high tides 04:10 16:34 sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27 moonrise 08:50 moonset 18:23</p>	<p>Tue Jun 20 2023</p> <p>low tides 10:49 23:04 high tides 04:45 17:06 sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27 moonrise 09:37 moonset 19:21</p> <p>Wed Jun 21 2023</p> <p>low tides 11:22 23:40 high tides 05:20 17:39 sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27 moonrise 10:17 moonset 20:20</p> <p>Thu Jun 22 2023</p> <p>low tide 11:55 high tides 05:54 18:14 sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28 moonrise 10:52 moonset 21:19</p> <p>Fri Jun 23 2023</p> <p>low tides 10:18 12:31 high tides 06:30 18:52 sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28 moonrise 11:22 moonset 22:16</p> <p>Sat Jun 24 2023</p> <p>low tides 01:02 13:10 high tides 07:09 19:37 sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28 moonrise 11:48 moonset 23:13</p> <p>Sun Jun 25 2023</p> <p>low tides 01:52 13:55 high tides 07:55 20:33 sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28 moonrise 12:12 moonset -</p> <p>Mon Jun 26 2023</p> <p>low tides 02:54 14:53 high tides 08:54 21:39 sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:29 moonrise 12:37 moonset 00:09</p> <p>Tue Jun 27 2023</p> <p>low tides 04:11 16:09 high tides 10:08 22:47 sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:29 moonrise 13:02 moonset 01:06</p>
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