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IT'S MELO TIME!



To paraphrase the opening of the Muppet Show "It's time to put on make-up, it's time to dress up right, it's time to get things started for the Melo show tonight!" The cast members and crew of Melodrama 2023 are waiting to entertain you.

On Monday evening, two members of The EDGE team were given a 'sneak preview' of the Melodrama when the cast put on a free show for the Golden Oldie members of the Sedgefield community. What an uplifting treat it was for EVERYONE and a wonderful reminder that Melodrama time is the most wonderful time of the year! Melanie Baumeister took pictures and wrote the following report.

Sedgefield is known for its many breathtaking views and its quintessential small-town vibe. These days, it is also earning a reputation for being a place of Exciting Things To Do, from the kite surfing and paragliding side of things to the realm of live entertainment in music, theatre and, in this case, our town's biggest annual fundraiser, The Melodrama.

And oh boy, does Melodrama 2023 deliver the goods!

Since its inception over a decade ago, the show has been through several producers and directors, each bringing their own brand of magic to the

boards. Each year without fail (because we don't count the pandemic), the coffers of local charities have been topped up thanks to the star-quality efforts of our community. With Margie Van Rensburg and Ian Perryman at the helm this year, it was a sure-fire recipe for an amazing event!

Bravo!! Bravo!! Bravo!!

The uplifting, quirky, and, in some cases, utterly hilarious music choices and skits are delightfully interpreted by the bright-eyed cast. Amongst them, you will see many local faces:- estate agents, a nursery owner, a market manager, retired actors and dancers, accountants, a school secretary and even the boss of a transport company. But will you recognise them makin' their moves in their magnificent Melodrama garb?

The choreography is just right and perfectly suited to all levels of talent, from the seasoned dancers (there's even a cruise ship dancing instructor!) to the brave people with two left feet who just do it anyway. The vibrant costumes are the cherry on top. Expertly tailored to each player, they are the subtle supportive act to each and every body under the lights.

The 'family' that forms as people are cast into brilliant and bizarre roles is precisely what this community project is about. Intrepid souls who have a compulsion to hop up and clown about on stage. The technical crew behind the scenes who run the lights, sound, curtain, costume changes, etc. The videographer who captures it all. It's almost impossible to list every aspect of what brings a show of this magnitude to fruition in just eight short weeks. Last but by no means least, we must mention the ever-loving Sedgefield Lions who serve tirelessly as 'front of house'.

Thank you to each and every one of you for creating just the ticket to

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

The EDGE has hit the ¼ century mark, and we are so, so proud!

Yes, 25 years ago this village newspaper was born, and we have to say that if it wasn't for the support of the Sedgefield community - that's readers, writers and advertisers - the road would have been much, much shorter and, no doubt, far less enjoyable. To celebrate this landmark, Editor Bomber Webb ignored the current economic downturn and splashed out on a new packet of Bakers lemon creams for the staff. We do apologise for any disturbance caused during the ensuing celebrations.



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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Let's talk about back seat driving....Again.

Yes, I am fully aware that I am repeating myself, but BSD is much like hot custard. It's always good to get it off your chest.

You see Mrs Ed and I do a fair amount of driving.

That is to say we BOTH drive, though I am the one behind the wheel.

Because, apparently, I am unable to perform the entire task without instruction.

Indeed... Considering how terribly I (allegedly) drive, it's quite surprising that Mrs Ed allows me to get behind the wheel at all. Indeed, one would have thought, if one was community minded, that this wonderful woman to whom I have been betrothed since the word 'suffering' was first added to the English Language would do absolutely everything in her power to ensure that I NEVER park my posterior in the driving position again.

But she doesn't.

Not a chance.

She insists that I drive EVERY time.

Anyone making a study of our family behaviour (please don't EVER) might even ask why my beloved betrothed had actually bothered taking her driving test back in the mid-80s (not her's, the calendar's. Please concentrate). Why would a person (and I use the term loosely) want to acquire her own, legitimate driving license, when she intended to spend the next few decades stubbornly insisting that her spouse be the one in the driver's seat?

But it is what it is. In simple terms, when it comes to starting the engine, putting the vehicle into gear, releasing the clutch and pointing us in the vague direction of our destiny, that would be me.

I am destined to be that person.

And at this juncture I must say that, on the face of it, I would be



happy with this arrangement, simply because I have experienced Mrs Ed's own driving ability on the (exceptionally) rare occasion where it might be necessary, such as when I have been inadvertently over-served by an overzealous barman and she has been summoned to take me home in the wee hours of the morning. Or perhaps the morning after such an evening, when my head is a little too crusty and, despite my better judgement, I have insisted that I be the one in the passenger seat.

Mrs Ed is simply not very good at one fairly important aspect of driving. That is, keeping the car between the white lines.

Why? Well, there's a scientific explanation, which I will endeavour to share, though it may be too complex for some of you to understand.

Mrs Ed likes to chat when she drives, and furthermore, feels it's only polite to look at the person she is chatting to. Now here's the complicated part. Due to a misdirected or possibly mutated DNA strand in her grey matter, the positioning of Mrs Ed's hands is intrinsically connected to the positioning of her forehead.

This, of course, means that each time she turns her head 90 degrees towards the unfortunate soul in the passenger seat next to her, the vehicle she is steering takes a breath-taking, gut wrenching, nausea inducing micro-swerve to the left. Mrs Ed doesn't notice this, because the car rights itself a second later as she returns her focus (and her forehead) back to a front-facing position.

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Needless to say, not an entirely pleasant experience for the passenger, or indeed any other road-users unfortunate enough to be in the near vicinity.

So. As a result, I am happy to be the driver. The one in control of the car.... If only she would let me!

You see, whenever I go through the motions of sitting behind the steering wheel, starting the engine and putting the car into gear, the initial Release of the Clutch – which in an ideal world would signal the start of a simple journey from A to B – also triggers something else ... The release of The Kraken.

Oh yes, within seconds of any journey commencing, Mrs Ed somehow summons the mythical BSD monster from the hidden depths of her soul and gives it full command over driving instruction. And it takes to the task with enough verbal venom to fell a honey badger at 600 paces.

“You're going too fast! You're going too slow! You're going the wrong way! You're going to cause an accident!” it hisses. And all this before we have reached the end of our driveway.

Aye – this is the veritable pox upon my driving life. Nary a trip will go by when Mrs Ed isn't waxing lyrically (that's the closest to wax our EDGEmobile ever gets) about my long list of inabilities in the 'Driving' chapter of her mental memoir 'Things My Useless Husband is Useless At'.

And yes. I agree, I shouldn't stand for this continuous barrage of ongoing criticism (especially with my seatbelt on) but every time I raise any form of objection (“But your worship – I am clearly only travelling at 60km/h and the traffic circle is almost empty!”) she overrides my outcries by presenting what she terms 'irrefutable evidence' in the form of statistics.

“If you think you are the best driver in the world,” (I'm sure my words were 'adequately skilled', but who am I to nit-pick) “Then tell me why you have had four times as many accidents as I have?” she will bellow biliously.

Well, that's because you drive an average of just a tad more than 5 ½ inches a year, as opposed to the millions of monthly miles that I have to endure, sitting behind the wheel, receiving ongoing instruction as to what I am doing

wrong ... I reply ... safely in my mind.

Which brings me to the traffic fine ... which I didn't pay ... because, well, I was under Mrs Ed's instruction, wasn't I? So SHE should be the one who attends the court date, not me...

That's why I secretly scrawled in an 's' after 'Mr' on the summons before I handed it to her.

I am going to go along, just to see the stand off between her and the judge....

I might even bite the bullet and offer to drive her there...

I'd be mad if I didn't!

Revival of an Iconic Landmark

Sedgefield has long been cherished for its serene beauty and welcoming atmosphere. Among its cherished landmarks, one stood out for decades – Forest Lodge. Now reborn as AmbleWood Centre, this iconic establishment has passed into the hands of the Stavros family's next generation, bringing fresh energy and a renewed commitment to community and family-oriented experiences.

For many locals and visitors alike, Forest Lodge was synonymous with Sedgefield itself. Its manicured gardens, wood buildings, and forested hill backdrop captured the essence of the Garden Route, drawing people in to experience its charm. Over the years, Sedgefield evolved, and Forest Lodge faced its share of challenges. But today, we are thrilled to announce the revival of this beloved centre.

The transformation from Forest Lodge to AmbleWood Centre represents a commitment to the centre's future while honouring its cherished past. The focus is clear: to provide Sedgefield with a family-oriented shopping and dining experience like no other. With this revitalisation comes a commitment to ensuring the centre's accessibility and security for all who visit.

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In the aftermath of the fire...

A great deal has been going on since the devastating fire destroyed so many homes in Smutsville three weeks ago, the most important being the construction of replacement dwellings for the victims.

According to Ward 1 Councillor Leveal Davis, at time of going to press (Tuesday, 19 September), 22 houses out of the 31 lost had been replaced by Knysna Municipality's Housing Department. The new structures, made of zinc-iron sheets on wooden frames, are far less flammable than the previous informal homes. Work continues on site, and the rest of the replacement homes will be handed over in due course.

"Electrical connections will happen in time once the council has approved a special dispensation to waive the costs," the Councillor informed us.

"The families that had moved into the Community Hall straight after the fire have made alternative arrangements with friends and family, and the hall is now empty," he added, "But we are still pushing the Housing Department to finish the replacement homes as quickly as possible."

He said they were also waiting for the National Housing Settlements Disaster Management Department to



Under the watchful eye of the ward councillor Leveal Davis, councillors Beauty Charlie, Russel Arends, Kay Andrews (MMC for Integrated Human Settlements) and housing officials, 17 informal housing units were handed over to families who lost their homes in the recent Smutsville fire. Michael Hilton Photography.

fulfil its promise to supply extra building materials for the fire victims.

Davis once again offered a huge vote of thanks to all those who have come to the aid of those who lost so much in the fire, saying that the affected community had repeatedly voiced their appreciation.

"The assistance will continue," he said, "Once every victim is safely in their new home, there are individuals and organisations standing by to help with household goods and appliances." He added that anyone wanting to help should call him on 060 998 7136.

Davis wished to emphasise that no blame had been apportioned

for the fire, a fact confirmed by the Knysna Fire Department. "It's sad to hear that some individuals have been victimised by community members about this issue," he said, "Let's rather move forward together than challenge one another."

He pointed out that from the start of this disaster, community leaders had pulled together and stepped up to the plate. "They sacrificed so much of their time to assist, some even booking off from work," he said, "Some faced criticism but still remained strong. I look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with them all to build a stronger Sedgefield together."

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THE DANCING OF POLITICS

When news broke in Knysna last week of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) stepping away from the ANC Coalition and not voting on any council issues, many believed that the Democratic Alliance (DA) would use this to their advantage and retake control of the Knysna Council.

It stood to reason that with ten councillors in the DA coalition (8 DA and 2 KIM) and the two PA councillors abstaining from the vote, the ANC coalition would only have nine votes, including those of partners PBI and EFF (each with one councillor).

According to party leader Gayton Mckenzie, the PA's reason for

leaving was that his party's wishes had been "disrespected" by the ANC Coalition as it had made municipal staff appointments against the PA's express wishes. Mckenzie also vowed that the PA would not vote at future council meetings.

But the DA chose not to take the step of tabling a 'vote of no confidence' in the Council's current ANC coalition leadership, reasoning that the PA had gone back on their word before (they left the DA coalition in August last year to vote with the ANC) and would no doubt do it again.

Before their words could even go to print, the PA proved the DA correct.

At a Special Council Meeting on 15 September, the opposition tabled motions to rescind the same appointments that had allegedly disrespected the Patriotic Alliance. However, instead of abstaining from the vote, the PA Councillors voted WITH their 'former' partners of the ANC coalition, thus ensuring the controversial appointments were approved.

Says Knysna's Constituency Head for the DA, Dion George, "The PA has, yet again, contradicted itself and proven itself untrustworthy. Its signature on a coalition agreement means nothing, and the DA will never return to a coalition with them or form agreements with them."

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A BUSY BUT WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

September has been a busy month for Sedgefield Pick n Pay, with some of Sedgefield's biggest annual community fund-raisers going on. From the printing of the Melodrama Programmes and assisting in feeding the cast, to the mega sponsorship of the very popular Lions' Battle of the Buskers being held on 24 September.

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The collection schedule for Sedgefield remains unchanged. Enquiries can be directed to Ramona Loxton at rloxton@knysna.gov.za / tel no 044 302 6405. For the full collection schedule visit our website at www.knysna.gov.za

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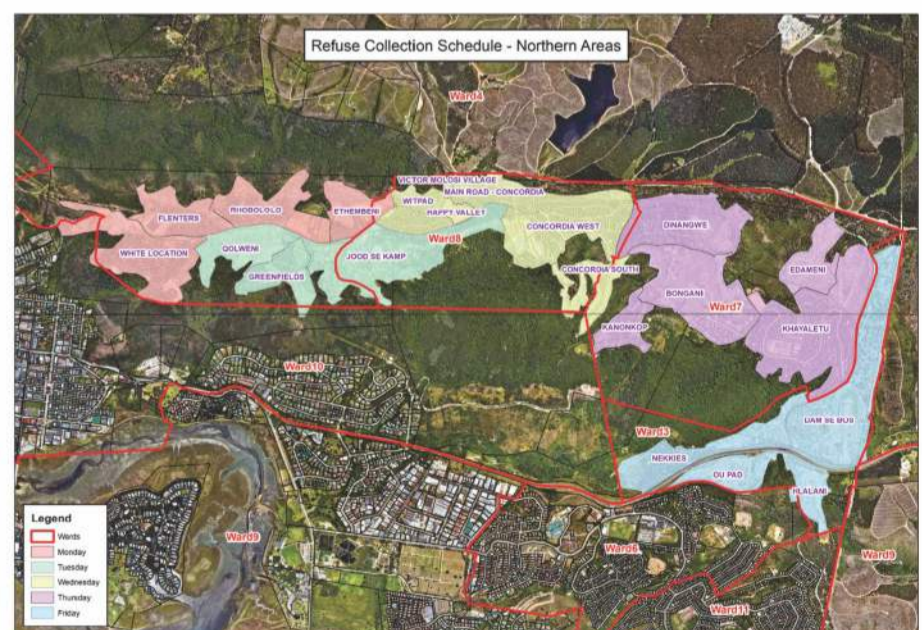
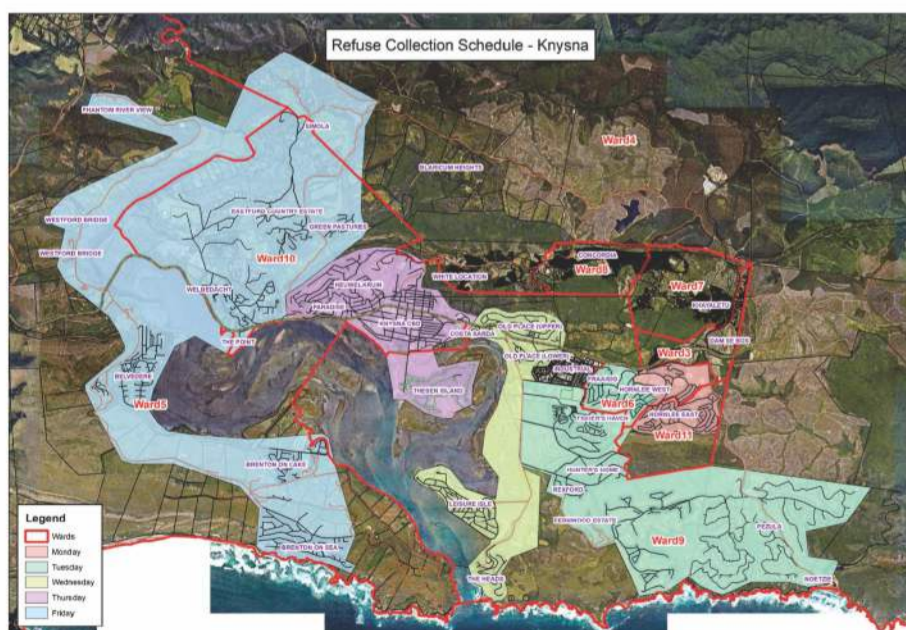
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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

2023 Leisure Isle Festival Annoucement

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the ever-popular Leisure Isle Festival will once again be sponsored by Lew Geffen Sotheby's International Realty Knysna, and will take place this year on the 4th and 5th November.

This, the 20th festival will be held on the 'village-green' Kingsway Park on Leisure Isle. The festival has raised more than R2.35m for charities since its very small beginnings in 2003.

There will be a mouth-watering array of food and drink, as well as art and crafts, toys, a huge selection of books, indigenous and other plants plus many more delights. Bring the whole family and relax in idyllic surroundings in the tea and beer gardens or under the trees in the food section.

The event, organised by a group of volunteers, aims to provide opportunities for local charities

to participate and raise funds to benefit the wider Knysna community and to provide local crafters and small businesses with a marketplace for their high-quality products.

Last year's Leisure Island Festival was such a huge success. We raised more funds for local charities in 2022 than ever before. We are keen to grow our festival and hope to outperform last year's record amount raised.

We would like to recognize our anchor sponsor Lew Geffen Sotheby's International Realty Knysna, for continuing its vital support and we wish to thank them and all the other sponsors and supporters.

Please like our Facebook page, Leisure Isle Festival and follow us on Instagram @leisure_isle_festival for more information. Looking forward to celebrating with all of you!

SR&RA Update on Sedgefield Service Delivery

by Dr Andy Brough

Sedgefield has faced some distressing events over the last month, including the protest action and the fire in Beverley Hills. The Sedgefield Ratepayers & Residents Association continues to lobby Knysna Municipality on various service delivery issues, many of which have been raised repeatedly.

Housing

The desperate need for housing in Ward 1 is a long-standing community issue. In discussion with Cllr Davis, the SR&RA proposed re-establishing a housing task team comprising nominated representatives of all the interested and affected parties from Ward 1 and 2, as well as Provincial and local municipal representatives.

Housing is the number one priority of the Ward 1 Integrated Development Plan. Despite this, there has been minimal traction and progress on the execution of this priority. Residents from both wards are either directly or indirectly affected.

The last few weeks' events in Sedgefield show that the issue needs strategic attention. The purpose of this task team would be:

- To represent the interests of all stakeholders in Sedgefield as far as housing is concerned.
- To create a representative and recognised stakeholder forum to engage with local and provincial IHS representatives and to be given specific, unambiguous, and honest answers on the status quo since

the previous protest action in 2019

- To receive clarity on the formal housing budget allocation for 2024-2026
- To confirm timelines and execution plan for the Ward 1 legal housing initiative

The proposed task team would act as a conduit between Integrated Housing Settlements and the local community and provide ongoing progress on this priority issue for Sedgefield.

Given that housing remains a Provincial function, we are happy to report that Cllr Davis has made such a request to Minister Simmers. We look forward to a positive response to this request so that we can all receive clarity on the proposed design, aesthetics, and scope of the proposed formal housing solution for Smutsville.

By-Laws

We continue to seek clarity on the current status of municipal by-laws and the establishment of the municipal court in Knysna. We have formally requested Knysna Municipality to identify and communicate the specific by-laws that have been amended and approved. This step will help us understand the municipality's adherence to revised regulations. It is cold comfort that, having repeatedly raised the concern of an increased probability of fire risk, this is precisely what occurred in Sedgefield in August.

Safety, Security & Law Enforcement

The SR&RA met with Col. De

Wet and sent a list of concerns to Major General Modishana and Premier Alan Winde. We fully support the Sector 6 CPF's requests for increased workforce, vehicles, and resources at Sedgefield Police Station and await the outcome of the in-depth investigation. Based on the recommendations of Col de Wet, we support establishing a Safety & Security Committee at Knysna Municipality to enable a more coordinated approach and development of a clear safety and security plan.

It is now urgent that a permanent appointment be made to replace Mr S. Langlands (retired) as Manager of Protection Services. We also request the work of a permanent law enforcement officer in Sedgefield and continue to emphasise the importance of well-trained law enforcement officers in ensuring the safety and security of our community. We are awaiting feedback from Knysna Municipality regarding the offer from Col de Wet, SAPS Knysna Station Commander, to train municipal law enforcement officials.

The noise disturbance and illegal activity on the dune continue, seemingly unabated. SR&RA has requested the Municipality indicate how many complaints were received from residents from 1 February 2021 to 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022 to 31 August 2023 and how many fines were issued.

We have also requested an investigation and feedback into reported SAP vehicle abuse and appropriate actions to prevent further misuse.

Financial Affairs

The August budget figures are very concerning; the municipality's budget report points out:

- As of 31 August 2023, the Commitments still exceed the Cash and Cash Equivalents. The cash flow position remains a critical concern.
- Strict expenditure control must be implemented to ensure that unauthorised expenditure is avoided and that municipal funds are not abused. It has become evident that Cost Control and Cost Reduction need more attention.
- The Cash Coverage Ratio on 31 August 2023 equates to 0.17 months compared to the National Treasury norm of 1- 3 months.
- It is exceptionally concerning that the Municipality continues to deteriorate, over a five-year period, to levels below the National Treasury Norm range.
- It is envisaged that the Municipality may experience more cashflow challenges in the last quarter of this calendar year. It may become necessary to consider accessing an overdraft

facility, which the Council has already approved. The overdraft facility will only be applied for / accessed as and when required.

- Important to note is that there is capacity to accommodate more loans, but the cash flow of the municipality does not support this.
- The total outstanding debtors have decreased by R26.2 million from R508.2 million on 31 July 2023 to R482.0 million on 31 August 2023.
- As a result of no bids from Financial Service Providers to fund the Budgeted Borrowings amount of R25 million, an item will be submitted to the Council for an appropriate resolution on the way forward.

Roads

We have sent an updated master list of all reported potholes and areas that need complete resealing. Whilst there has been some progress in this regard, the general state of our road infrastructure leaves much to be desired.

Boat Launch

It is encouraging to see the progress on replacing the poles at the Ski Boat Launch started last week. Our thanks to Knysna Municipality for their work so far.

Service Delivery

The ongoing political instability in the council and the ensuing debacle over the selection and appointment of permanent directors leaves Greater Knysna residents frustrated at the lack of progress. SR&RA continues to engage with our two ward councillors and municipal officials, adding our voices to many concerned and affected by Sedgefield's service delivery issues.

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DIARY DATELINE

Every 2nd Monday
2pm Sedgefield Art Society meets at Lions Club. New members welcome. Colin Burgess 082 852 2586

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

Wednesdays
8 for 9am Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.
4 - 8pm Mosaic Food Fare
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 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 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-2pm Scarab Craft Market
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in.

Every 4th Saturday
3 or 4pm Garden Route Centre of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa. At Catholic Church, Cnr Sysie & Flamingo St. Visitors welcome. Peter 083 445 4634 for more info.

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

Sunday 1 October
8am-12 Gardeners and Crafters Market at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

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

BRUSHSTROKES

by Patsy Scanes

The Sedgefield Art Society would like to thank Remax and curator Nicholas Leonard for hosting the Spring art exhibition which opened on the 31st August and will run to the end of September. All art will be on display during this period, so dear reader if you haven't had a chance to see this amazing exhibition, just pop into Remax, it is well worth a visit!

Our meeting on the 11th September, the first in our new venue at the Lions Club was well attended and everyone loved this new venue. Future art exhibitions and projects, such as copying the Masters, were discussed. In



November Turner and van Gogh will be featured so members we look forward to seeing what you can come up with.

Also, a big thankyou to Marge McRae who gave a demonstration on acrylic pouring. Those in attendance went away feeling inspired to try this out for themselves.

In Loving Memory of Gypsy James A Tribute to a Remarkable Soul

by James Mandell

Martin Scheepers, known to many as 'Gypsy James', passed away on 4 September 2023. He was not just a local musician; he was the heart and soul of the Mosaic Market for nearly a decade. Every Saturday, without fail, he graced the Mosaic Market with his music, his energy, and his boundless love for people. He was, and forever will be, the king of blues in our hearts.

Gypsy James was more than just a muso; he was a force of nature. His infectious energy radiated like a warm, comforting embrace, touching the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. He had a special kind of love for

life and music that was truly unique, and it left an indelible mark on each of us.

His music was a gift, and he shared it generously with everyone who passed by. He had a way of making you feel like you were a part of something bigger, something beautiful, just by being there.

Gypsy James was also an outstanding man. His love and kindness knew no bounds, and his presence was a blessing to us all. He made the world a better place with his music and his spirit, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his talent and his warmth.



Gypsyman, you may have left this earthly stage, but your music and your memory will live on forever in the hearts of the Mosaic Market team and all those who had the privilege of knowing you. Rest in peace, and keep on rocking in the heavens above. One love, always.

Missing Cat

Our Snooze or Snoozy (aptly named after his favourite

pastime), left home just after 6am on 2nd September, without so much of a whimper. He will respond to anybody prepared to touch, stroke, tickle or cuddle him. He is sorely missed - if found, please contact George on 084 470 3494 Groenvallei area.



Khayaletu Rhodes Henene

13 May 1972 to 12 September 2023

The passing of our popular local librarian due to a suspected heart attack on Tuesday afternoon is a great loss to the community. Khaya, aka 'Rhodes', was known for his quiet disposition, warm smile and willingness to help. He was not a big man in terms of physical size, but he was certainly big in stature as a man and role model in the community.

Zoleka, his wife, describes Rhodes as a kind and supportive father and a humble man who took good care of his family. "He was the father of a nation who loved his wife and his four sons very much. We will miss him," she said.

Rhodes was president of the Two for Joy Soccer Club and was involved in many community organisations, including Lifeline, Masithandane, Cookhouse Child and Family Welfare, and Sedgefield Youth Forum. He worked at Pinelake Marina and then the Sedgefield Library. He was also in charge of the Smutsville Library. Masithandane Chairperson Jacky Weaver said she and her colleagues were very sad to hear of the passing on of Khaya. "He served on the Management



Board for many years," she said, "He always seemed so calm as he went about his work and was not only a good listener but a 'doer' too, willing to share his gifts and talents. He was involved in many projects for the betterment of all."

Jacky said they will all remember Rhodes' beautiful smile and big heart. "He was always willing to help you if he could. Often, I would seek his advice when it came to translation or culture. I learned so much from him. Our prayers and thoughts are with his wife Zoleka and the family."

Rhodes is survived by Zoleka and his four sons, Luyolo, Lazola, Ibongwe and Lujulile.

In Loving Memory of Andrew Barnard 19 April 1966 – 11 September 2023



Our darling Andrew,

Precious son of Jimmy and Jessie Barnard, husband of Louise, father of Kyra and Ashley, and brother of Cliff, we are heartbroken.

We are so honoured and blessed to have walked this journey of life together with you.

We will miss your larger-than-life, fun loving, adventurous and beyond kind personality, and life will never be the same again. Fly high, soar with the angels, and rest in peace until we meet again.

Heartfelt thanks to all our family, friends and the wonderful community of Sedgefield. We have been overwhelmed by your outpouring of love and kindness which have carried us during this sad time.



CONSERVANCY AT WORK ON THE ISLAND

The past weeks have seen the Sedgefield Island Conservancy hard at work getting ready for Spring.

Lawrence Boatwright and Helia van Zyl, with the help of Pam Booth and her team from Knysna Municipality, cleared all the alien vegetation from the verges of Paul Kruger and Jan van Riebeeck streets. Illegally dumped garden waste was also removed. Any further dumping of garden waste could incur a fine, so be warned.

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The backdrop he paints is a chronologically correct and factually accurate account of the 1899 – 1902 war which was a watershed period for all southern Africans.

"Whilst it was a time of dreadful hardship for all its people, the burghers of the Boer republics bore the brunt of this hardship. It went beyond the expected loss of lives of the men on active duty to the incarceration of women and children and the wilful destruction of homes and livestock," he explains.

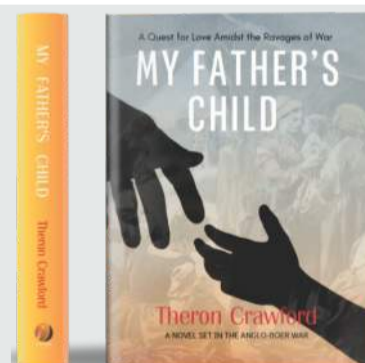
In My Father's Child, one woman stands tall amidst this holocaust, as she refuses to surrender to the hopelessness of the situation. She is

determined to break the shackles of her conservative upbringing and to persevere until she has what is rightfully hers. Her quest for the love of her child and his father is undeterred. Will she prevail?

The book is available at Deo Gratia Coffee & Book Lounge, Sedgefield, or online as an Ebook: <https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/1396566>

Other works by Theron Crawford: Karoo Stories: A Selection of Short Stories. Review: "Meet the delightful, and sometimes quirky characters as they gather at stock-fairs, church services, coffee-shops, boys hostels, and under the starry night skies to share their experiences of the old Karoo. Karoo Stories will Delight" Graaff Reinert Advertiser, July 21.

Omutenge: The Burden of Young Men - Review: "Theron



Crawford has taken four men from completely different backgrounds and written them into an emotive and realistic record of the South African Border War. Well written, by an author who actually fought in the Angolan Bush War, this is a poignant novel based on the realities and futility of war." Africa Talked, Nov 21.

Theron has kindly made three copies of his book available free to readers of The EDGE. The first three people to email editor@edgenews.co.za with the words My Father's Child in the subject line will get a copy of his book.

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'Visit Knysna' Jam-packed Programme – in Celebration of Tourism Month –

South Africa commemorates Tourism Month in September to coincide with World Tourism Day on 27th September.

Ms. Lungi Goya, Knysna Municipality's Manager of local Economic & Development and Tourism, said they have a full programme of activities, inspired by the global UNWTO theme Tourism and Green Investments. "We must recognise the significant role of tourism in fostering inclusive economic growth and development. By generating employment opportunities, stimulating local economies, and promoting social inclusion tourism can bring about a positive change in all our communities.

"Our programme focuses on

initiatives that emphasise the significance of investing in the well-being of our planet, our communities, and our future prosperity. "We are collaborating with various partners including SANParks, SANParks Honorary Rangers, Cape Nature, Knysna Basin Project, and the Knysna Municipality Environmental Department to highlight the importance of eco-tourism among the community. School learners are also included in the programme with insightful activities and presentations that we hope will bring a newfound appreciation for preserving our estuaries, beaches, and endangered species."

"The participating schools - Percy Mdala High School, Concordia High School and

Knysna Montessori School - will each send ten learners from their tourism/life science class or eco team to partake in the event."

WORLD TOURISM DAY
"Eco Awareness will be the main topic of our World Tourism Day event, taking place on the 27th of September at Knysna Hollow. The program includes an enlightening Knysna Seahorse talk by SANParks, a hands-on Knysna litter clean-up led by Knysna Honorary Rangers, and an informative session on "The Sea Starts Here" campaign by Knysna Basin Project. Cape Nature will share its eco-tourism plans and strategies, and Knysna Municipality will facilitate a discussion about the Estuary water quality for recreational activities.

The participating high schools will have the opportunity to give a 5-minute presentation and their interpretation of the eco-tourism concept, with a trophy award for the best concept – with a prestigious trophy for the

winning concept."

Win with "Naturally Knysna moments"
Goya said Visit Knysna is running a social media campaign using the hashtag #NaturallyKnysna Moments. "Participants are encouraged to share images showcasing eco-tourism activities, responsible travel practices, and travellers enjoying our natural assets responsibly. You can participate by sharing your photo on Facebook or Instagram, tagging Visit Knysna using the hashtag #NaturallyKnysna Moments. You can share multiple photographs, and make sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to receive the latest updates and news, and help us spread the word by tagging friends, and inviting them to share their "NaturallyKnysna moments as well."

Key Hashtags to Use:
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For more information, please visit <https://www.visitknysna.co.za> or contact 044 382 5510.

Masithandane - Ikhaya Lemfundo EDC Centre celebrates first day of Spring!

On the 1st of September 2023, 30 pre-school children, their two teachers and an assistant, boarded a taxi and the Masithandane transport vehicle and headed to Woodville Big Tree at Hoekwil.

On arrival the children jumped out of the vehicles with great excitement and enthusiastically embarked on the hike through the lush indigenous forest to the big tree. The teachers agreed that it was a great experience – especially seeing all the little children staring up to the crown of

the huge 810 year old Outeniqua Yellowwood tree. The group was also treated to some extra company as the whole tree was full of baboons bringing even more wonder and joy to the children's faces.

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2. The intended development shall trigger the following listed activities:

A. Activity 27 of GN R. 327 of 7 April 2017 (Listing Notice 1).

B. Activity 12 of GN R. 324 of 7 April 2017 (Listing Notice 3).

3. The date of placement of this notice is 20 September 2023.

4. Queries regarding this matter must be referred to:

The Environmental Consultant, Enviroworks, Suite 1064, Private Bag X2, Century City, 7446 or contact Edmari Lewis at Tel: 079 459 9881, Fax: 086 601 7507 or Email: edmari@enviroworks.co.za

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TIME TO FLOAT YOUR (non) BOAT

... or get that sinking feeling

Yes – the notoriously nutty Anything That Floats non-boat race is set to take place this Saturday (23 September), and the organisers are making a last call for teams to enter.

“The more teams taking part, the better we will look when we win!” says the rather over-confident skipper of The EDGE Newspaper float.

The Sedgefield ATF is an annual charity event held on Fish Eagle Green, The Island, in Sedgefield. Spectators are encouraged to come along and watch teams build, decorate, and then float their boats. Well, at least attempt to. The deal is that they only have four hours to assemble a craft out of

ANYTHING ... as long as it isn't boat-related. From barrels to planks to PVC pipes to inflated wine bags – many different building materials can be used, just as long as they are not toxic to the waters of the pristine lagoon.

Boat-float-building begins at 8:00, though in the past, some wily seafarers have been known to crawl out of their hammocks much later and attempt to create a craft only minutes before judging.

At noon, a panel of pre-selected (and bribed) ‘Responsible People’ will examine each craft, awarding points for the floats themselves, the presentations/

war cries/feeble mewling of the captains and their crews, and, of course, how well they do in the races, which follow the judging. NSRI crew members will be on-site to have a good laugh and, more importantly, ensure the water safety of all those taking part.

There is no entry fee for spectators, and food will be available from 9:30. Masithandane will be selling delicious boerie Rolls, sweet and savoury vetkoek, Chelsea buns, and water and cold drinks. The Living Cornerstone will sell pancakes, and there will also be a coffee vendor with lattes, Americanos and hot chocolate.

As part of the fundraiser for Masithandane's Children's Bursary Fund, there will be various children's activities (with prizes) and also a raffle where one lucky winner will walk away with a fabulous two-night stay at the Beacon Island Resort in Plettenberg Bay.

Float entry fees (R350 per craft) and profits from food sales will benefit Masithandane, NSRI and the Slow Town Surfing School. Each ‘boat’ crew will also have a money

collection bucket allowing spectators to support their favourite vessel by ‘voting with their pockets’. Once again, it's all for charity, so please be sure to bring along wads of bounty!

Admiral Cornel Delafield will once again take charge of the day and have the final say as to which crafts should race in which heat around the strategically placed buoy and back (about 300 metres in total). Once floats are on/in/under the water (no advance testing is allowed), the races can begin as the crowd stands on the shoreline, cheering and jeering accordingly.

Teams will vie for the coveted ‘Floating Trophy’ won by the Forest Roots team last year. Once again – there is space for more teams to enter – so any interested families/ businesses/ clubs/ groups/ like-minded nutters (who don't mind losing to the EDGE team, of course) should waste no time and immediately Whatsapp 072 516 4701 to obtain an entry form.

This year, the ATF will be joined by another charity event—a FUN SUP Race from Outward Bound to Fish Eagle Green. This race is open to stand up paddlers and any other small, paddle-powered craft – including canoes, kayaks, surf skis and sit-on plastic boats. Registration is at the Fish Eagle at 8:00, and the R350 per person entry fee gets you a t-shirt and paddling permit. The course for this event will be approximately 4km. There are lots of prizes to be won. All monies raised will also go to the charities mentioned above.

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TENDER NO: T 20 OF 2023/24:

LEASE OF VEHICLES ON AN AS-AND-WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

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SAFETY & ACCESS TO THE BEACHES TAKE PRIORITY AS CLEANUP AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE

Issued by George Municipality, 19 September 2023

George Municipality is working hard to ensure the safety of its residents following the high spring tides that hit the coastal areas of George over the past weekend. Clean-up efforts are in full swing, and damage assessments have been focused on water pipes for potable water supply and electrical components. Below, we give an overview of the damages at the various beaches in George.

Wilderness had some infrastructure damage to the Leentjies Braai area/recreational sites, some sand deposits on the N2 bridge, and minor damage to private properties. Also,

damage to signage and wood structures. All the above beaches are still closed to the public for recreational use to allow for clean-up and damage assessments. The municipality is doing everything possible to ensure that residents and visitors have access to the area as soon as possible.

Victoria Bay beach suffered moderate damages to Municipal infrastructure and private properties. Ablution buildings were flooded and retaining walls and sidewalks were damaged. Residential buildings sustained damage to gates and garage doors and some water flooding. Steps to the beach have been destroyed. Members of the public are advised to be cautious.

Gwaing River's lifeguard tower was damaged and concrete pillars were unearthed.

Herold's Bay suffered extensive damage to municipal infrastructures and private properties. The value of the damages is still being determined as clean-up operations continue. The sewerage pump station was affected. Stand-by generators flooded and bridges, roadways, sidewalks and retaining walls were damaged. Sand deposits in the roadway are making access difficult and are being dealt with. Alternative Sewerage arrangements have already been made to ensure and prevent a breach.

Liam Tait, a six-year-old grade 1 learner from Holy Cross Primary School, became as far as we could establish, the youngest patron of the George Library, if not George, to publish his first book, The Dream of Animals.

When asked why he wrote the book, Liam answered that he likes animals. Liam also got a chance to read his book to his classmates at the launch and other patrons.

The youngster, who is only turning 7 in November, wrote the typical entry-level book, as a June holiday project, holidaying with his aunt, Rehelda Williams. Williams was also the one who encouraged Liam to write down his thoughts. She said he specifically used words he could spell and knew.

Liam's mom, Phyona Tait, smiled from ear to ear with the launch of Liam's book at George Library during Literacy Month. "

Phyona Tait said "Liam is our shining light. Thank you to his aunt who encouraged him. Phyona said he used his artwork in the book as well.

"His first words when he saw the book was, I'm an author," his mom said. "He is also very interested in the sales, she said gleefully.

"We are very proud and blessed to be part of what Liam created. His new interest is gemstones and maybe there is another book on the horizon," Phyona said.

Liam's dad, Wendell Tait, passed away from Covid in December 2020. He was a detective at George Saps.

"The Dream of Animals"



Liam lifts his book as proud mom, Phyona Tait (to his right looks on). Next to her is a family member, Rosaline Tait. On the other side of Liam are Zeenat Fortuin, Rehelda Williams (Liam's aunt in red) and Veronica Tait.

Garelene Muller, Children's Librarian, Liam is a true inspiration and he's a beacon of hope to other youngsters. "Through what he's achieved, others can see nothing is impossible. I always say to the children you can be small but mighty," Muller said.

The book was self-published and printed by Blending.co.za. It is available on Amazon.com and Kindle.

If you want printed copies, you can phone Phyona Tait on 082 553 0052.

WHITE WHALES OF WILDERNESS

by Mark Dixon

Every year, between May and mid December, Humpback and Southern Right whales migrate northwards from the freezing Antarctic waters to nursery grounds in the warmer coastal waters of the African continent to calve.



While the Humpback Whales continue northwards to the tropics, the Southern Right Whales remain along the southern coastline of the Western Cape, with aggregations between Cape Agulhas and Plettenberg Bay.

Layers of Blubber

One of the primary drivers of these migrations is their search for warmer water to give birth. Adult Humpback and Southern Right whales have a blubber layer 28cm to 32cm and between 35cm and 42cm respectively to insulate them against the freezing Antarctic waters which are their summer feeding region. Whale calves, when they are born, have substantially thinner blubber layers and would freeze if they were born in the cold Antarctic waters. The reason that the Southern Right Whales only migrate as far as the Southern Cape waters is that, because of the adults thicker blubber layer, they would 'over heat' in warmer sub tropical and tropical waters.

Colour Variation

In Southern Right Whales there are three colour morphs, namely black, grey and partial grey morphs. Black morphs are born black and can have a white blaze of variable size, which remains white throughout the lifespan of the whale. Partial morphs are born either grey or with black, brown and grey patches which darken as the whale ages. Grey morphs, which are about 4% of the population, are born white and can have black or brown blazes which also darken with age.

Genetic Variation

Southern Right Whales are polymorphic for an X-linked pigmentation pattern known as grey morphism. Most SRWs have completely black skin with white patches on their bellies and occasionally on their backs; these patches remain white as the whale ages. Grey morphs appear mostly white at birth, with a splattering of rounded black marks; but as the whales age, the white skin gradually changes to a brownish grey colour.

Studies have shown that both male and female Southern Right Whales have a high level of nursery fidelity which results in the recurrence of grey and partial grey morphs being born at particular nursery locations. The 2022 and 2023 sightings of two grey morph calves in Wilderness would suggest that the chance of future white calves being born in the same area would be high and we can expect more sightings in the future.

Identification Markings

Each Southern Right Whale has distinctive white patches on their head and jaws and sometimes on their tails. Unlike skin pigmentation, these white patches are called callosities.

Callosities are rough patches of textured skin that form distinctive patterns on each whale. The callosities are present at birth and are a individual pattern for each whale which allows for an accurate visual identification for whale watchers and cetacean researchers.

Pale Humpback's

Humpback Whales are born light grey or white and darken to a dark brown or black dorsal surface within weeks, making it easy to identify the approximate area that a calf was born when a grey calf is seen.

Wilderness White Calves

While the main Southern Right Whale nursery areas are Walker Bay, De Hoop Marine Protected Area and Witsand Bay, there are some birthing areas at Plettenberg Bay and at Wilderness.

In 2022, a light grey Southern Right Whale was born in Wilderness Bay and a second white one was born in August 2023.

An unusual sighting in August 2023 was a light grey Humpback Whale calf, the light colour suggesting that it had been born in the area. What makes this

unusual is that Humpback Whales normally give birth in the warmer waters of the Eastern Cape all the way up to the Mozambican Channel.

The significance of the birth of a calf in Wilderness Bay is that newborn Humpback Whale calves have a thin layer of blubber with poor insulation and can't survive in the cooler Western Cape waters. With reports of at least three additional grey Humpback Whale calves sighted in the Western Cape, this could be an indication of climate change and sea temperature increases that are sufficient to support calving of this species at more southern latitudes.

Variation in Annual Whale Sightings

Records from an annual census of the Southern Right Whale population along the South African coastline indicate that the average calving interval of has increased from between 3 to five years to as much as 7 years. SRW's are referred to as capital breeders meaning that the females need to bulk up their fat reserves to be able to migrate to the winter nursery areas where they don't feed for the approximate 6 months that they are there. This means that they have to bulk feed in their Antarctic feeding grounds.

The increase in the calving interval to seven years would suggest that there is a decrease of their regular food supply, krill and zooplankton, and that the SRW population spends more time bulking up to their target migration weight. The decrease of their food supply is link to a combination of the expansion of a krill fishery in Antarctica and to increased sea temperatures driven by climate change.

A total of 1,136 SRW's were counted in 2023 which was more than double of the annual count between 2019 and 2022, but still lower than the count of 1,454 recorded in 2018.

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— The Unbearable Weight of Being — Don't judge, anyone can feel suicidal

By Sandy Lewis,
Clinical social worker and
Netcare Compassion Coach

Suicide is the final symptom of a brain that is no longer able to cope, just like any other type of organ failure, it is the result of an illness that has become terminal.

Some people die by suicide without necessarily showing their intentions. If you have an uneasy feeling that someone may be thinking about suicide, it is very likely that by this time, the person is already well advanced with their plans to die.

For a person to consider suicide, the distress and suffering they are experiencing seems inescapable and endless, exceeding their perceived capacity to cope. Suicide may seem like the only way to escape the pain when a person feels their heart is broken, their soul is shattered, and their body can no longer fight. A person's mind may beg for release, even at the expense of life itself.

The risk factors for suicide are a combination of biological, psychological and social factors, often all coming together at once in a potentially lethal mix that leaves a person buckling

under the unbearable weight of their pain, worry, fear, grief, and despair.

Any one of us could find ourselves in a suicidal frame of mind if faced with a set of personal tragic and unfortunate circumstances that could threaten to break us. It is part of our shared humanity that we find ourselves in dark spaces at times, therefore no one has a place to judge a person for feeling suicidal. Instead, this is the time to offer compassion and kindness.

Suicide is a worrying, growing global phenomenon. People of all ages and from all walks of life take their own lives, and it is naïve to imagine it could not happen in your family, social circle, or workplace. According to the Global Health Estimates Report 2019, South Africa has a suicide rate of 23.5 deaths per 100 000 population compared to a global average of nine per 100 000.

The local statistics for teenagers are deeply concerning, as the South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) reports that 17.6% of teens have considered attempting suicide, and as many as one in five 18-year-olds have had one or more suicide attempts.

Suicide can result from factors

like mental health concerns, grief, trauma, physical illness, bullying, abuse, serious relationship troubles, work and financial problems, loneliness, burnout, and a family history of suicide.

Men and boys are at higher risk of completing suicide, and it has been suggested that outdated notions of what it means to be a man, as in "cowboys don't cry", contribute to this as males may find it more difficult to talk about feelings of emotional distress and ask for help due to shame and stigma. Substance use and financial pressures are also believed to be significant factors driving male suicide globally.

Never dismiss, brush off, shame, minimise, invalidate, or turn away from a suicidal person when they are trying to communicate their distress and their intentions. It is a myth that talking about suicide will increase the chances of it happening. We should never avoid having a conversation that could save a life.

It can be difficult to find the words to open these conversations, and a helpful start could be, "It must be so very hard for you to be feeling like this, I would really like to understand and offer my help to you". Most importantly, let the person know they are not alone.

Always seek help from a mental or medical healthcare practitioner who is professionally trained to assess and treat this particular emergency. Be proactive, don't wait. The suicide warning, or even a para-suicide attempt, is always a powerful communication of desperation and seeking help. Some people have lived to regret regarding a loved one's threat of suicide as "attention seeking" or "manipulative behaviour".

Judgment simply alienates the person in their loneliest hour and cuts off sorely needed potential support. Please take notice and extend a hand to anyone who might be at risk. Treat the warning signs of suicide as a medical emergency, and do not leave the suicidal person alone. We should never underestimate the power of a kind presence when a person is in despair. Loneliness often tips a person from holding on to life to the decision to die.

SIDEBAR 1: A tool kit for suicide awareness

Seven potential warning signs that a person could be suicidal:

1. Long lasting feelings of sadness or hopelessness
2. Extreme mood swings
3. Loss of interest in previously pleasurable activities
4. Risky and self-harming behaviours, such as driving under the influence
5. Making preparations to die, such as getting personal affairs

in order and giving away possessions

6. Talking about dying as bringing relief to self and others
7. Arranging to have lethal means available like a gun, pills, razor blades, rope.

Professional support available

If you are feeling suicidal or having thoughts of harming yourself or need advice for assisting a loved one, Netcare

Akeso offers a 24-hour crisis line on 0861435787. Trained counsellors are available to talk to without judgement and can guide you on the various options for assistance.

The South African Anxiety and Depression Group (SADAG) also provides a 24-hour suicide crisis helpline on 0800 567 567.



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ADDRESSING COMPLEX CHALLENGES FACING CHILDREN WITH FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

International Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day is commemorated annually on 9 September to create awareness among women and communities on the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. This day also aims to shed light on the challenges and difficulties for both the mom and the child diagnosed with FASD. The theme this year was ‘beyond all limits’. We want to encourage individuals and the community at large to go ‘beyond all limits’ in supporting, caring for and loving those affected.

Alcohol consumption during pregnancy results in a number of neurological, physical and mental conditions. ‘A child with foetal alcohol syndrome often presents with coordination difficulties, hyperactivity, poor judgement, poor impulse control, delayed gross motor development, sensory hypersensitivity and low frustration toleration,’ said Michelle Jenkins (occupational therapist, George Hospital).

Staff Nurse, Dornay Ceasar said that these children are usually seen for assessment and then



L-R Sr Anne-Marie Syfers and SN Dornay Ceasar in the Paediatric Ward. They go above and beyond to care for their little patients.

referred to the patient’s nearest clinic for further follow-up. The Inclusive Education Team may become involved to assist with school placement if indicated. Encounters with children who have been diagnosed with FASD can be extremely challenging as they tend to display extreme emotions of playfulness and happiness or extreme emotions of irritation and anger. Anne-Marie Syfers (nurse, George Hospital) said that when caring

for children diagnosed with FASD and other underlying conditions associated with FASD, it is important to be patient and interact with them on their level.

At George Hospital, both occupational and physiotherapy aims to improve fine and gross motor control through activities such as playing, building, climbing etc, and addresses the sensory sensitivity depending on

HOLMES CELEBRATES HUGH MASEKELA



Sedgefield’s well-known local artist has produced a legendary tribute to a legendary musician. The artwork, “The Father of South African Jazz. Hugh Masekela”, is painted in acrylic on boxed canvas. The Ladeck family from Germany, who also own a BnB in Cola Beach, commissioned Holmes (Houghmorden Jansen) to produce this artwork.

Whilst they have been fans of the South African trumpeter for some time, they say they have been fans of Holmes even longer. “We started with a small painting (of his) that we found at the market,” Astrid Ladeck explained, adding that when they returned to South Africa the

following year, they bought some bigger art pieces from the young artist. “Eventually, we ordered a commission work from him in a really big size that would fit perfectly in our living room. Because we love music generally and wanted to have a painting with positive vibration, we chose Hugh Masekela,” she said. “That way, we can also support this talented young Holmes, who is such a nice guy, because we can tell our Air BnB guests where they can buy his work!”

We asked Holmes to tell us more about the 1,4m x 1,2m artwork. “This piece took a while to complete. I went into isolation in Karatara, where it was peaceful and quiet all the time,

so I was able to tap into a more intense level of concentration,” he told us, “I needed to be able to bring out things like the trumpet - not only to make it realistic but also to make it look like it’s virtually coming through the canvas.”

“As this is an action shot of the subject playing an instrument, I tried to capture and show as much movement and emotion in his face and hands as I could, which will captivate the viewer.”

He said that when he and Astrid discussed the commission, she requested a wine-red background. “This complements the subject’s dark blue shirt, making a perfect combination of warm and cold colours.”



TENDER NOTICE: TENDER ERRATUM

Notice is hereby given of the amendment with regards to the aforementioned tender, previously advertised.

TENDER NO: 16 OF 2023/20224: KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY INVITES TENDERS FROM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONTRACT SUPERVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SATELLITE RHEENENDAL FIRE STATION.

The below mentioned clause is not applicable in this tender:

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the main areas of concerns that the parents of children with FASD and schools are reporting.

‘It is essential that the parents form part of the therapeutic team as these children are dependent on good carry over of exercises addressed in an OT or PT session into the home environment. Therapy unfortunately cannot “cure”, instead it helps address challenges faced and can assist the family in developing coping strategies,’ Michelle added.

It can be difficult for moms to admit that they have consumed alcohol during pregnancy. Sr Syfers and Staff Nurse Ceasar provide these moms with emotional support and refer them to the social worker or occupational therapists at George

Hospital where the mom and child can undergo treatment and develop coping strategies.

Remember: No amount of alcohol is safe during pregnancy. FASD causes permanent damage, but it is 100% preventable.



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IDP REVIEW: 2023/2024 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The community of the Greater Knysna Municipal Area are hereby invited to partake in the public consultation process for the review of the 2023/24 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) as prescribed in Section 28 of the Local Government: Municipal System Act (No 32 of 2000). The IDP is the principal strategic planning instrument of Knysna municipality and forms the basis of the municipal budgeting process. It is thus crucial for local communities to actively participate in this IDP review process to ensure community needs are prioritised and addressed in an integrated manner. The following meetings are scheduled as below:

Ward	Councillor	Date	Venue	Time
1	Levael Davis	19 Oct 2023	Smutsville Community Hall	18:00
2	Cleone Vanston	31 Oct 2023	Sedgefield Town Hall	14:00
2	Cleone Vanston	31 Oct 2023	Karatara Community Hall	18:00
3	Mncedisi David Skosana	03 Oct 2023	Chris Hani Hall	18:00
4	Phindile Petros	26 Sept 2023	White Location Multi-Purpose Centre	18:00
5	Hilton Stroebel	24 Oct 2023	Brenton Community Hall	17:00
5	Hilton Stroebel	02 Nov 2023	Rheenendal Community Hall	18:00
6	Kay Andrews	07 Nov 2023	Hornlee Community hall	18:00
7	Mboneli Khumelwana	05 Oct 2023	Khayaletu Community Hall	18:00
8	Aubrey Tsengwa	17 Oct 2023	AFM Church	18:00
9	Sharon Sabbagh	10 Oct 2023	Brackenhill Community Hall	18:00
9	Sharon Sabbagh	12 Oct 2023	Cearn Hall	17:30
10	Peter Bester	26 Oct 2023	Council Chambers	17:00
11	Russel Arends	21 Sept 2023	Sunridge Primary School	19:00

Enquiries can be directed to Mr. Charles Chordnum, Manager IDP/PMS & IGR at cchordnum@knysna.gov.za or alternatively to Mr. Brian Cornelius at bcornelius@knysna.gov.za of telephone no: 044-302 6387

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WORLD ATOPIC ECZEMA DAY 2023

Raising awareness of the physical and emotional impacts of eczema

The 14th September was World Atopic Eczema Day – an annual event that raises awareness around a common skin disease that can massively impact sufferers – both physically and psychologically.

Atopic eczema, which is an inflammatory skin condition that causes chronic itchiness, dry skin, rashes, scaly patches, blisters and skin infections, is one of the most prevalent skin disorders – globally, it affects up to 20% of all children and 10% of adults.

According to the Allergy Foundation of South Africa (AFSA), atopic eczema, which can begin during childhood, adolescence, or adulthood – and can range from mild to severe – tends to affect people with other allergies like hay fever and asthma.

This chronic disease impacts the quality of life for those who suffer from it, and the Allergy Foundation of South Africa offers some insights and advice below:

What causes atopic eczema?

Atopic eczema results from an

overactive immune system that causes the skin barrier to become dry and itchy. When an irritant or an allergen “switches on” the immune system, it produces inflammation on the surface of the skin. This inflammation causes the symptoms common to most types of eczema.

While the exact cause is unknown, people who develop eczema do so because of an interaction between genes and environmental triggers. Many people with eczema often also suffer from hay fever, allergic asthma and food allergies.

What are the symptoms of atopic eczema?

- Itchy, dry and sensitive skin that becomes inflamed and discoloured
- Rough, leathery or scaly skin, appearing as scaly patches
- Oozing or crusting
- Areas of swelling

Everyone's eczema experience is different. You might have all of these symptoms of eczema or only just a few. You might have some flare-ups that last for days, weeks or months – or your symptoms could go away entirely.

What can trigger an atopic eczema flare-up?

Along with having a family history of eczema, many common household items can cause allergic reactions leading to an atopic eczema flare. Additional common triggers of eczema may include:

- Extended exposure to dry air, extreme heat or cold
- Some types of soap, shampoos, bath products, body wash, facial cleansers and baby wipes
- Laundry detergents and fabric softeners with chemical additives
- Certain fabrics like wool or polyester in clothing and sheets
- Surface cleaners and disinfectants
- Fragrances in candles
- Metals (especially nickel) in jewellery or utensils
- Dust mites and living in dirty spaces
- Some people's eczema symptoms and flare-ups get worse when they're feeling stressed.

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Proper, consistent skin care is essential in preventing and managing eczema. Moisturizers, antihistamines, topical steroid creams and corticosteroids are among the potential courses of eczema treatments usually recommended by healthcare providers and dermatologists.

Why eczema is more than “just a skin condition”

Whilst often dismissed as “just a skin condition” people who suffer from eczema experience physical and emotional consequences that can seriously impact their quality of life.

Children in particular, don't sleep well at night because of the itchiness and discomfort caused by eczema, and therefore may not focus optimally at school and get the most out of their days. The rash and subsequent skin



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infections from eczema can often impact a person's physical appearance, and children with visible eczema are frequently teased, bullied and excluded from social groups.

Patients with this disease spend most of their lives requiring comprehensive daily care and management. Caring for a child with atopic eczema can affect personal relationships, decrease psycho-social functioning, bring sleep loss for family members and a feeling of helplessness in dealing with the child's daily suffering.

More information on atopic eczema can be accessed on the AFSA website at AFSA (allergyfoundation.co.za) or contact the Allergy Foundation of South Africa at 081 405 8442; or email info@allergyfoundation.co.za. Follow @SAallergy on Instagram and Twitter @SAallergy and Facebook @SAallergy

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In this course the biblical foundations for engaging in a Biblical Counselling ministry will be examined. Special attention will be given to the texts that both challenge and instruct in helping others to grow and change. The proper methodology of Biblical counselling will be covered by discussing integrationism in many Christian counselling models. The course will conclude discussing diagrams

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Course Objectives/Outcomes: At the end of this course, students should be able to...

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- Value the necessity of the Word of God in helping believers grow and change.
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Sedge Tennis News

With the Tennis Club Championships starting in earnest, another competition - 'The Ladies' Challenge' - hit the Sedgfield courts on the 8th of September. 12 women took part, and with the upcoming championships in mind the challenge was keenly contested. Michelle Lutener and Deirdre Human eventually emerged as the winners.

The Club Championships started on Saturday the 16th in the most horrific weather conditions. But despite the wind, play went ahead and saw many matches completed. The Club is grateful to our many sponsors who have generously supported us and mention shall be made of them in our next report. Most Saturdays and Sundays see a full schedule



of matches and spectators are most welcome. The finals are envisaged to be played on 14 and 15 October.

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SEDGE GENTS' GOLF

7/09/23

With the Rugby World Cup competition upon us, we are reminded of the difference between a golfer and a rugby player. Once a rugby player has successfully got his boots on the right feet, the mental challenge of the game is largely over. A golfer, on the other hand, faces a mental

challenge with every stroke that he plays, and then the greatest challenge of all in having to honestly declare his score on the scorecard.

Winter is obviously trying to remain with us for the rest of the year, however, the truly hardy GC members arrived for the individual stableford competition and the hardest golfer of all was Henry Crowther who was the outright winner with a magnificent 43

points. Henry is one of the younger members of the club but we can state quite categorically that he does not dye his hair - he's just prematurely orange.

Trevor Pahl was in second spot with a great 41, and Terry Savage took third, after a count-out with Antique Hubberstey, both finishing with 38 points. They were followed by Bill Craig with 36 after a count-out with Derek van Zyl. Bill (the Scot) had won the previous week's competition, so not winning on

this day was an awful omen for him as his national side was destroyed by the Springboks three days later. Our condolences go out to him and many a tear was shed for his national side. Like a true Scot he bounced back and was the only one who could answer the Captain's weekly quiz question "Why do Hummingbirds hum?" It's because they've forgotten the words, he explained.

18/09/23

On this Thursday, the members

were finally convinced that spring had eventually sprung as it was perfect weather for a game of golf. The competition was an individual stableford and the sponsors were the owners of the Legends Restaurant. Winning vouchers from their fantastic menu were Bill Craig, who took the honours with 37 points, and Derek van Zyl who followed with 36. Mike Hubberstey took third with 35 then came Dave Herbst with 34.

A number of players were

playing in the individual knockout competition and Derek van Zyl, Willem de Villiers and Jan Potgieter made it into the next round.

Captain Brian Gerard, who is vertically challenged but fortunately not horizontally, announced that the next week's competition would be: partners to be drawn then to play your partner's ball in the medal format. Only Vladimir Putin could be more cruel.



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TENDER NO: T 17 of 2023/24: HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT ON AN AS-AND-WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Knysna Local Municipality hereby invites tenders for Hire of Plant and Equipment on an as-and-when required for a period of three (3) years.

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Technical enquiries relating to the tender documents may be addressed via email to: Lindikhaya Williams, e-mail: lwilliams@knysna.gov.za and Supply Chain related queries may be addressed to: Mzwanele Mato, e-mail mmato@knysna.gov.za.

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TENDER NO: T 15 of 2023/24: PROVISION OF WASTE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES FOR KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

Knysna Local Municipality hereby invites tenders for the Provision of Waste Transportation Services between Waste Disposal Facilities for Knysna Municipality for a period 36 months.

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Carpe Musicam!'s Spring Concert

Carpe Musicam!'s spring concert theme is "Fantasia" And what a fantastic fantasia it is going to be. Almost all the music dates from the late 20th - and early 21st Century. The two exceptions are the "Ode to Joy" theme from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony - but with a serious modern twist, and the "Classical Music Mash-up" that did the rounds on the net a few years ago. This collection of snippets from favourite classics has been sensitively, yet robustly, orchestrated, and will

be performed so that each snippet is given its traditional nuance as far as is possible in the context of the work.

An interesting newcomer to the orchestral repertoire is Ted Huggens' "Chorale and Rockout". This has been a wind band favourite since the 1970's when it was composed. CM! has re-orchestrated it for full orchestra and wordless chorale. What was once a magnificent piece of faux Baroque writing has blossomed into a knockout!

Carpe Musicam! is always searching for new and interesting ways to bring music to the average music lover. These concerts feature an enlarged Spanish Dance contingent with heels a-stamp and castanets a-clack in "España Cañi". A totally new sound for Carpe Musicam! will be the Pan Pipes puffed by conductor Norman Carless in "The Lonely Shepherd" as made famous by James Last and Georges Zamfir.

And there is more! The music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Vangelis, Bill Conti and Leonard Cohen all feature in this very special programme.

Ticket prices are R150 for adults and R50 for under-18's. Pre-show ticket sales at the door (cash only) are planned but, as the available tickets tend to fly off the shelf rather quickly, it would be wise to secure your seat early by booking

SEDGEFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2023

Venues and times will be published closer to the event date.

September
21, 22, 26, 28, 29.
Sedgefield Melodrama '23

September
23/09 Anything that Floats
23/09 Revive Sedgefield Tin Shake @ Wild Oats
24/09 Lions Battle of the Buskers
24/09 TLC Golf Day for The Living Cornerstone

October
07/10 Revive Sedgefield Spring Dance
08/10 Garden Route Kite Festival - Masithandane
14/10 Pink Walk for Cancer



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Family Restaurant
Tea Garden & Pub
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SEPT. LINE UP
(3 BIG SCREENS)
Come hungry, Come thirsty, bring your Bokke Gees!
Prediction spot prizes up for grabs!
Sat 23 Sep 21.00 SA vs Ireland
Sun 01 Oct 21.00 SA vs Tonga
Order from our kitchen or off the bar menu

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Tiffany's Monthly Supper Club ~ Italian



Sat 28 Oct 6.30 for 7.00pm R150 per head
3 course meal + entertainment
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Closed on Mondays
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N2/Egret Street

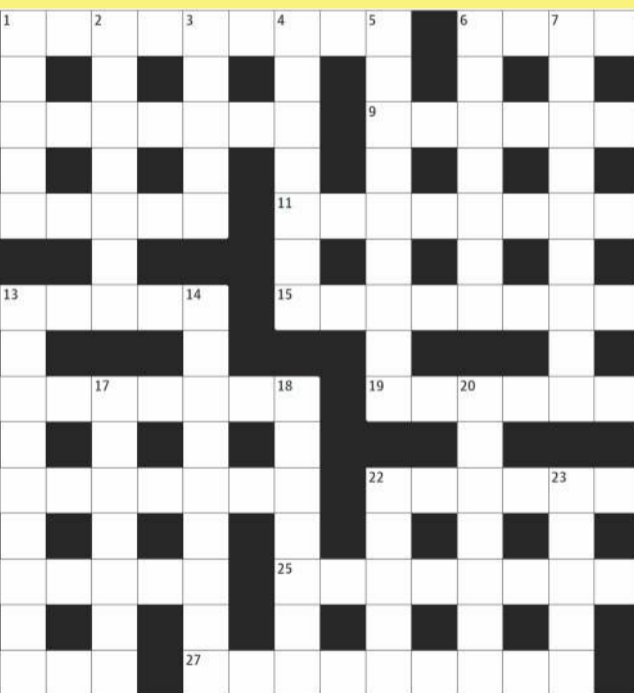
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Shaun's cat hedging inside bet to get off scot-free. (9)
6. Search she started on one foot. (4)
8. Confused in top place, Leah drops a healthy body. (8)
9. 'Ginger' who doesn't have as much fun. (6)
10. Hangar Dennis built inside his property. (6)
11. Right inside the ship there was something to celebrate. (8)
12. Against odds, and with a terrible start, they still happen! (6)
15. Jot down a big zero for the Freedom Front after the crash. (5-3)
16. Some Apache rub imported for the baby. (8)
19. Jack being so agile he could clear the light holder. (6)
21. Losing his head, Tembo passed away - though he was personified. (8)
22. See that it isn't frozen. (6)
24. World leadership water source is not healthy. (6)
25. Point - if it walked like a duck, the kid should at least be kept warm. (8)
26. Some made Wyoming sound damp. (4)
27. Foolishly lists Iran as 'leftist'. (9)

Down

1. Some of those disgraceful track races are longer than usual. (5)
2. Sultan's Tupperware was found containing greens. (7)
3. Take the role of a simple protein in a play. (5)
4. 'Journo' witnessed some



- basic, cutting edge technology. (7)
5. Accused those who might not reside there of going AWOL. (9)
6. Saul left out a herb in his meaty treat. (7)
7. One who might not remember to falsify a shirt isn't fully onboard. (9)
13. In my fury, I left Venice - and he was with me in the interior. (9)
14. Under 'forms of address' one might find 'Translators'. (9)

Across: 1. Fall out 5. Floored 9. Coupe 10. Bald Eagles 11. Dress sense 12. Soya 14. Weatherboard 18. Shopping mall 21. Oust 22. Final Score 25. Tractable 26. Irked 27. Draught 28. Digital **Down:** 1. Facade 2. Laurel 3. Oversleeps 4. Table 5. Full steam 6. Omen 7. Regional 8. Diehards 15. Tennis bat 16. Assorted 17. Botswana 19. Rocket 20. Feudal 23. Ahead 24. Stag

17. Noteworthy departure from criminal activity is for the birds. (7)
18. Mother, Diane's son was in on the street in Manhattan. (7)
20. Rod turns up at a marathon to begin his battle with the beast. (7)
22. One of the nine Arsenal centres gets close to the goal. (5)
23. Average film holder is in the fishing basket. (5)

BLESSING OF THE animals



You are invited to celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi at a very special animal blessing service.



When: Saturday 7th October at 2:30pm
Where: St Francis United Church, Swallow Drive



Bring your animals for a blessing. A Special Prayer for Lost Pets and grieving Pet owners.



Dogs to be on leads and cats, hamsters, birds, snakes and rats in their baskets or cages.

All animals will receive a certificate.

For more info contact Ethel Pittaway 083 398 6218

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted - Swartland Shiraz 2021

The front label is traditional and the info indicates that the grapes come from bush vines and not a trellised vineyard. There is sufficient info on the back label about the variety of the wine.

It is clear in the glass, with a few legs. The wine has a rather light red colour for a Shiraz.

There are no flaws and I experienced a slight green quincy smell, as well as dark chocolate and white pepper on the nose.

The Shiraz is well balanced, with tastes of cigar box and white pepper.

Very little tannins are present, which indicates a rather young wine.

The wine has a longish mouth feel and the taste of white pepper and unripe blackberries linger.

In conclusion, the Wine Ghost will suggest, drinking this wine with meaty dishes, such as meatballs with a tomato sauce, or on its own, in front of the fireplace!

Good value for money, in the R40 - R60 range.

In Vino Veritas, till next time.



SEDGEFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

4 SEPT :

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| 1 | 64.8% | Irene + Meg |
| 2 | 54.1% | Maryke + Rodney |
| 3 | 53.7% | Diana + Paul |

11 SEPT :

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|---|-------|----------------|
| 1 | 66.6% | Linda + Meg |
| 2 | 60.4% | Pam + Colin |
| 3 | 53.1% | Clive + Thinus |

SOCIAL BRIDGE SCHOOL

7 September

- 1st: Mark & Mike
(tie) Koos & Thinus
3rd: Johann & Rosalie

14 September

- Team of Four
1st: A Team: Willem & Christel; Koos & Thinus
2nd: B Team: Mike & Mark, Gail F & Jeannie

THE SPORTS EDGE

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PLEASE NOTE OUR DEADLINES

(Careful, they tend to fly by VERY quickly)

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CLASSIFIEDS: (stuff for sale, jobs, get-rich-quick schemes, secret treasure hints)

accounts@edgenews.co.za by Monday 4 October 2023

KINDLY NOTE: Due to the epic craziness of life as we currently know it, our EDGE offices may not always be open. Please call 072 516 4701 for any enquiries.

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



We are very privileged as a bowling club to have so many tortoises living in our club gardens. They have started to come out of hibernation and we must once again ask members and visitors to please be careful and check under your cars when leaving the club. Please do pass on this message to the new members.

EDEN DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to Charles Fontini, Gerry Botha, Martin Simonc and Neels Theron for winning the Bronze Medal in the Eden Veteran Fours. Well bowled guys and for once again putting Sedgefield Club on the district map! (see photo)

The Eden District League was completed last Saturday and Sedgefield bowlers did themselves proud. Not top, not bottom but in the middle. Congratulations to all players.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The first round of the Club Singles Championships started on the 12 September for the men, whilst the ladies will start on 26 September. There has

been a fantastic number of entries and the competition will be played over a number of weeks. The event's secretaries are always short of markers, so please contact them if you are able to assist.

SHELL DAY This looks like it will be an ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS event indeed. 26 teams from all over the district have entered. To thank Ian Sparks of Shell Sedgefield enough is almost impossible - he has sponsored Shell Day for so long, in my count at least 10 years. Bearing in mind that Shell as a corporation does not sponsor sport, we are aware this is a personal sponsorship.

On that note, a call for bowlers to please support our sponsors wherever possible. Many thanks to all involved in what promises to be a really super day.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE CLUB

With all the rugby and other sport on at the moment, there is lots of socialising time! The club is open, braais are regularly on the go and friends and family are having a great time at the club. So don't be lonely - come along and join in the fun, you will be most welcome. That's all for this week. (Maybe Spring is on its way).

Young Smutsville Rugby Stars



Congratulations to the rugby lads of Smutsville (Sedgefield Primêr) School who did exceptionally well in the recent Knysna Plettenberg

Bay Sedgefield School Sport Rugby Championships.

Much to the joy of coaches GP Figeland and Redenzil Molligan the U/11 team (in red jerseys)



took 2nd place in their age group, bringing home silver medals. Coach Daniël Titus' U/9 team (in the maroon and white kit) also played very impressively, taking

fourth place in their age group. It looks like the Pick n Pay Eagle Stars have a good pool of future players to choose from!

Ladies' Golf

On Friday 15th September 15 ladies played our new format which was GSB Average.

Our windy wonderful winners were: 1st Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Joy Herbst and Ronnie Maingard on an amazing 105 points, and 2nd Sam Bowen, Martha Smith and Kay Rob with 92 points.

On a count out to Almarie Mead, Michelle J Gilchrist and Clare Garner and also Daleen Schooling, Charlene Blacker and Sandra van't Slot.

Longest drive of the day for 16 and below was won by Brenda Howden and the 17 and above was won by Christine Coetzee.

Birdies were: Martha Smith 11, Sam Bowen 18, Charlene Blacker 3, Clare Garner 4,

Daleen Schooling 4, Wendy Mack 3, Elize Mackenzie-Blom 1, Ronnie Maingard 6, 9, Brenda Howden 11, 12, Kay Rob 11, 12 which were her first ever birdies!!

On Friday 8th September 15 ladies played the Progressive Team Alliance, AKA Cha Cha Cha.

We welcomed back Almarie Mead and Daleen Schooling and gave a warm welcome to new member Kay Rob, who will be here until January.

Our fabulous winners were 1st Eleanor Sparks, Sandra van't Slot and Almarie Mead on 80 points; 2nd Charlene Blacker, Michelle J



Gilchrist and Ronnie Maingard, with 76 points.

Nearest the Pin for the 16 and below was won by Almarie Mead, whilst Sylvia de Moor took the 17 and above. Birdies

were shot by Sam Bowen 3, 12, 14 and 17, Charlene Blacker 4, Michelle J Gilchrist 5, Daleen Schooling 8, and Sylvia 13.

TIDE TABLE

20 Sept - 02 Oct 2023

● Full Moon 29 September 2023

Wed Sep 20 2023

low tide 11:54
high tides 06:05 18:17
sunrise 06:21 sunset 18:23
moonrise 09:04 moonset 23:47

Thu Sep 21 2023

low tides 00:28 12:28
high tides 06:41 18:58
sunrise 06:20 sunset 18:24
moonrise 09:44 moonset -

Fri Sep 22 2023

low tides 01:10 13:18
high tides 07:29 19:58
sunrise 06:19 sunset 18:25
moonrise 10:32 moonset 00:52

Sat Sep 23 2023

low tides 02:16 15:11
high tides 09:02 21:54
sunrise 06:17 sunset 18:25
moonrise 11:31 moonset 01:5

Sun Sep 24 2023

low tides 05:26 18:11
high tide 11:55
sunrise 06:16 sunset 18:26
moonrise 12:38 moonset 02:55

Mon Sep 25 2023

low tides 06:56 19:14
high tides 00:11 13:03
sunrise 06:14 sunset 18:27
moonrise 13:51 moonset 03:46

Tue Sep 26 2023

low tides 07:42 19:58
high tides 01:18 13:48
sunrise 06:13 sunset 18:28
moonrise 15:06 moonset 04:30

Wed Sep 27 2023

low tides 08:19 20:38
high tides 02:04 14:27
sunrise 06:12 sunset 18:28
moonrise 16:20 moonset 05:08

Thu Sep 28 2023

low tides 08:53 21:15
high tides 02:44 15:03
sunrise 06:10 sunset 18:29
moonrise 17:33 moonset 05:41

Fri Sep 29 2023

low tides 09:25 21:51
high tides 03:22 15:40
sunrise 06:09 sunset 18:30
moonrise 18:44 moonset 06:12

Sat Sep 30 2023

low tides 09:57 22:27
high tides 03:58 16:16
sunrise 06:08 sunset 18:30
moonrise 19:54 moonset 06:42

Sun Oct 01 2023

low tides 10:29 23:01
high tides 04:34 16:51
sunrise 06:06 sunset 18:31
moonrise 21:05 moonset 07:13

Mon Oct 02 2023

low tides 11:00 23:34
high tides 05:09 17:26
sunrise 06:05 sunset 18:32
moonrise 22:14 moonset 07:47



Sedgefield Striders TIME TRIAL Every Wednesday.
5.30pm on Wally van der Walt Street adjacent to
Sedgefield Bowls Club. Beginner runners/ walkers welcome.
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