

INFRASTRUCTURE FAILS - BUT COMMUNITY SPIRIT THRIVES

Whilst Knysna remains in the throes of a severe water crisis, with infrastructure failures disrupting water supply to thousands of residents, it seems that teamwork between multiple public and private entities is finally showing dividends. At time of going to press the two main pumps at the Charlesford pump station had been replaced and were running optimally, pushing water into the system at a stable rate of 190 litres per second.

The crisis began with breakdowns at the Charlesford and Homtini pump stations and has now stretched into its third week, triggering a multi-agency emergency response and widespread community frustration.

The initial cause of the crisis was the breakdown of critical water pumps responsible for maintaining water pressure and flow. These pumps, essential for supplying water to reservoirs and communities, suffered failures exacerbated by load shedding, which hampered the installation of replacement equipment. The underlying issue is the long-standing problem of ageing and poorly maintained infrastructure, which has struggled to meet demand, resulting in water restrictions since December 2022.

The water crisis has impacted at least eleven wards across Greater Knysna. Areas severely affected include Hornlee, White Location, Rhobololo, Jood-se-Kamp, Dam-se-Bos, 7de Laan, Brenton-on-Sea, Noetzie, Bigai, and Sunridge. Some residents have endured outages for up to four weeks, leading to protests and increasing reliance on water tankers.

On May 14, Knysna Municipality declared a local state of emergency and activated a Joint Operations Centre (JOC) under the Disaster Management Act to coordinate relief efforts. Still in place, this JOC includes the Garden Route District Municipality, Western Cape Government, Knysna SAPS, Fire and Rescue Services, the Knysna Infrastructure Group, and organisations such as Gift of the Givers and AfriForum.

Fourteen water tankers are operating daily from 07.00 to 23.00, delivering water to designated zones. A revised delivery schedule assigns tankers to specific reservoir areas, monitored daily from the Knysna Fire Station.

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Feeling like a community ignored, Rheenendalers had no running water for ten days and sewage flowing onto the streets.

Rheenendal residents took to the streets to protest last Thursday (May 15) claiming that they have been all but forgotten by Knysna Municipality. Blocking the Rheenendal Road with burning branches from the early hours, they gathered en masse, patiently waiting for the powers-that-be to come and listen to their pleas.

Like many other communities in Knysna, their water supply had been cut off due to a failing pump, but this was not their biggest worry. Possibly connected to the lack of water, their sewage system totally backed up and the untreated excrement was coming up through drains and flowing onto the streets.

Community activist Sebastian Saayman said it had been ten days since their water had gone off, and the sewage problem had started a few days later. They had informed the authorities, but had seen no action was

taken to put things right, hence their decision to protest.

"They must come and see," said one resident, "We have school children wandering around, there are creches, there's a clinic - we cannot have this stuff all over our roads."

Soon after the protest started, SAPS arrived with three armoured Public Order Policing personnel carriers, bringing in a dozen or so 'POPs' members in full riot gear.

The protesters, however, were certainly not looking for a fight. Other than singing and chanting, they remained quiet and peaceful - though determined to have their collective voice heard by the right people.

At about 11h00, a SAPS official announced that he had a message for the protesters from the Knysna Municipality. As the community members gathered round, he said that he had been told to tell them that the Council was in the process of declaring Knysna to be in a 'State of Disaster' due to the water situation, and that they guaranteed they were busy solving the problem.

However, a community member stopped him mid-sentence.

"We understand what you are trying to do, but please go back to them to say we are waiting for the Mayor!" he said, with resounding support from those around him.

It was soon after 13h00 when Mayor Thando Matika arrived, along with other officials including the Ward Councillor for Rheenendal Hilton Stroebel, whom the residents earlier claimed had refused to come and address those in the protest.

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opportunity to read out and hand over a memorandum listing many problems they felt needed the attention of the local authorities. It also expressed their dissatisfaction with how they believe their ward is often overlooked.

"We feel that Rheenendal is not considered important enough by the municipality," it read, "We are part of the wider community of Knysna and we expect the same services that are provided in neighboring areas - places like Brenton, Belvidere and Brenton on Lake. Services are not provided to our community as they are in the other areas."

It seems their actions paid dividends. Saayman confirmed on Tuesday that the water situation had greatly improved and the sewage problem was being attended to.

"There were quite a few other things on the list that still need to be done, but talks are ongoing," he said, adding that the residents were very thankful that the water and sewage problems had been given priority.

"We want to thank all the residents who attended, as well as members of the surrounding farming community who not only assisted us with water during the crisis, but came to stand in solidarity with us," he said.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

It was high time.

For action, I mean. Not mushroom tea.

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I beg your pardon? Yes – pies.... You know what I mean. Pee Eye Ee Ess.

Pies.

Sorry.. What exactly are you finding difficult to understand?

Ok, let me back up just a tad, and try to explain why I am feeling like the 'Che Guava' of Sedgefield.

To tell the truth (which I always do), it's dietary.

Still confused? Let me dive deeper.

It has often been said, dear reader, that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. I am inclined to agree, because this proverb does conjure up the warm and glowing scene of a hardworking man sitting at the dinner table, with the sweat of the day's toil still glistening on his brow and an appreciative smile on his visage, whilst his ever-eager-to-please betrothed places before him a large platter on which sits the very way to his heart.

A fresh-out-of-the-oven, golden-crusted steak pie.

(sigh)

Perhaps with a couple of peas.

And chips. Definitely chips.

And a tall glass of craft ale on the side.

Get the picture? I don't think



even Google Maps could find a quicker route to his heart.

But more importantly, perhaps, is this.

Did you notice that in that scene, there's not a Psyllium husk in sight?

Nor the leaf of kale, or a single bean sprout. And definitely not the slightest hint of anything christened as misleadingly cutesy as Kimchee.

And whilst you are at it, you can remove that almond milk smoothie from the picture too, because it's making my stomach turn... violently.

It's just the pie, the peas and the chips.

And the beer.

"But what has this got to do with the need for some sort of revolution?" you ask, trying to contain the grumbling of your stomach.

Well, it's Mrs Ed. She has been oppressing me. Starving me. My human rights have seemingly disappeared. Takeaways have been taken away, laws against elevenes enforced, and there's even a ban on bacon brunch in place.

Oh, don't let my outward appearance deceive you. Inside the walls of Villa Téd, I am living the miserable existence of a third-class serf. Forced into a life of hunger and weakness, with no nourishment but leaves and lentils and limp legumes to sustain me, I have been living under history's worst reign of terror since Attila the Hun(gry).

If further explanation is needed, I'll offer two words, but I warn you, they are not for the faint-hearted, nor should they be spoken aloud in front of squeamish readers or children under 16.

Holiday Diet.

It all started with the innocent and rather joyous gift of a very generous brother and sister-in-law living in the UK:- tickets for the Old Battleaxe and I to travel to visit them there later this year.

Yes, PLANE tickets! Posh, ne?

Of course, there were celebrations.

WHOO! WHOOP!s, numerous little "Aren't we just the happiest couple in the world?" dances around the molehills of our front lawn, exclamations of "We're going on HOLIDAY!"

But then Mrs Ed tried on her Travelling Pants. That's when things started coming apart at the seams (yes...)

Because, as everyone knows, International Law states that one has to arrive in old Blighty wearing the same jean size as one's last visit, even if it WAS 20 years prior.

Or, after a rough calculation, 5,723 pies ago.

"What will the people in England think if we go over looking like we do?" Mrs Ed barked, as if Good King Charles and all 68,35 million of his subjects (isn't Google amazing?) will be lining the streets of Heathrow to welcome us and, perhaps, reflect politely to one another in hushed tones how we have let ourselves go somewhat since the summer of 2005.

"We are going on a holiday diet!" she announced in that voice that would send even the POTUS into an hour or two of contemplative quietness.

And if Mrs Ed is anything (other than a useful burglar deterrent and lifter of heavy things), she is a determined woman.

When she makes a decision, she is all in.

Perhaps that should be all out.

Because it's all out. Everything precious to me – out. Bread, butter, baked beans, cheese, crisps, more cheese, chocolates, doughnuts, full cream milk, did I mention cheese? beers and yes - even pies!

My bedside drawer has never been so bare.

The scorched-earth policy she has initiated is rendering our house bare of anything with the slightest inkling of taste.

So desperate am I for just the puniest pinch of pastry, I've even tried bribery and corruption. I've offered the woman anything and

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everything to make her change her mind:- Full TV remote privileges, an extra hour of 'geyser on' time, use of the winter duvet before mid June.

I even offered to sew up the hole in her Village People Live in Lusaka commemoration t-shirt, but no.

In fact, with each day that draws us nearer to our departure date, she gets worse. Just this afternoon, I was behind the garden shed wolfing down the leftover... (whatever it was in the brown paper bag that slipped under the car seat a week or so ago), and a mug of coffee with SUGAR (found in a sachet under the same seat), when I heard her stomp into the garden to announce tomorrow's mode of torture (she does this as a matter of course after each official weekly trying on of the aforementioned travel pants).

"We fast until noon, then it's a spinach and oatmilk smoothie for lunch, a handful of ice in the afternoon, and a small portion of bean sprout and tofu soufflé for supper. Remember to hydrate."

(Sigh)

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That is why I have built a fire at the end of my driveway. Not a big one (actually quite small, with a little grill on top), but a symbol nonetheless.

And I am not letting anyone through except emergency services (such as Bob from the bottle store).

And here I intend to stay. I will not relent. Not until my voice is heard and my list of demands met.

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DUNE QUERY SOLVED - AFRIFORUM WELCOMES KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY'S COOPERATION AND TRANSPARENCY

AfriForum's Knysna branch welcomes a recent statement by the Knysna Municipality, in which it accepts responsibility for a longstanding dispute over property on the controversial Sedgefield dune.

The properties in question (Erf-2794 and 2553) previously belonged to the developer Landjong Beleggings, but were transferred in 1993 to the then Sedgefield Municipality. Sedgefield later became part of the Greater Knysna Municipality, and to this day the Municipality has delayed the transfer of the property, which has negatively affected the community. Over the years, illegal structures have been erected on the property, and the Municipality refused to remove them, using the excuse that it was not their land.

The community of Sedgefield, as

A STATEMENT FROM AFRIFORUM

well as the Sedgefield Dune Committee, recently made a breakthrough with AfriForum's continued support, after the municipality acknowledged that the property belongs to them and that it is their responsibility to complete the transfer. This breakthrough means that illegal structures on the property will no longer be tolerated, which will contribute to a safer environment. The Sedgefield dune is known for illegal structures that are often erected overnight, as well as illegal liquor stores or shebeens that operate there, causing unbearable noise pollution.

AfriForum is, however, hopeful that change is on the way, and thanks the new Municipal Manager, Mr. Lulamile

Mapholoba, for his hard work and perseverance in keeping the Municipality on the right track. "We thank Mr. Mapholoba for his friendly attitude towards the community, and look forward to working with him for a long time to come. We are also grateful to now work with Mr. Harry Hoff, the acting head of Law Enforcement. Mr. Hoff's department acts swiftly when illegal structures are erected.

AfriForum's Knysna branch serves the Greater Knysna area and has already launched several successful community projects. Get involved and help us do more.

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Whilst the replacement pumps have been successfully installed at the Charlesford Pump Station, allowing the series of reservoirs to start filling, water conservation appeals are still being issued. Residents are urged to reduce water consumption, particularly in areas with critically low reservoir levels.

Gift of the Givers has deployed multiple teams and water tankers to deliver water to communities, old age homes, schools, and businesses. SANParks has also assisted by providing fire trucks for water distribution.

Despite the relief efforts, frustration is growing among residents due to the prolonged outages and the perceived lack of adequate response from local authorities. Some residents have resorted to barricading roads in protest. The Garden Route District Health Unit reported no cases of waterborne diseases as of May 18, 2025. Regular

disinfection of delivered water continues, with residents advised to boil water as a precaution due to discolouration issues.

Full system normalisation is expected to take several days. The municipality and its partners are focussing on stabilising the water supply and preventing future crises through infrastructure improvements. The Knysna water system is expected to begin to return to normal over two to four days.

The coming together of so many private and public agencies, as well as financial and time input from willing individuals, is testimony to how a crisis should be handled. Whilst there will undoubtedly be much to say about where the responsibility for this infrastructure breakdown lies, the communities of Greater Knysna will surely appreciate the team effort that has gone into getting their hometown up and running again.



Youngsters collecting water for their home in Rheendal



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CLIMATE CHANGE IS A HOAX ... OR IS IT?

by Charl van der Merwe,
Environmental Ethicist
On behalf of Sedgefield
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Some people claim climate change is a hoax invented for political or financial gain, and even though scientific evidence shows otherwise, scientific, and political debates rage around this topic.

The trouble is that no one can accurately predict what the outcome of climate change will be, but a measurable scientific fact is that the Earth's climate is warming, and human activities are the main cause. Surface temperatures have been recorded since the late 19th century, and reveal an undeniable upward trend. The science is clear. The last decade has been the warmest on record, according to the World Meteorological Organization. Current scientific data comes from satellite measurements, ocean buoys, and land-based weather stations across the globe. Denying this overwhelming evidence, and peer review research, indicates a total ignorance of the urgent need for action and caution for any future planning for development, especially in coastal regions.

People argue that climate change is part of the Earth's natural cycle. It is true that the climate has changed over millions of years, but today's changes are happening much faster than in the past. This has been well studied and recorded. Natural factors like volcanic activity and solar cycles cannot account for the

current pace of change. Past climate shifts happened over thousands or even millions of years, allowing ecosystems and species to adapt gradually. Today, the rate of change is so rapid that animals, plants, and human societies are under pressure to adapt. Species are already on the move and some on the brink of extinction due to climate change.

Deniers of global warming do not believe that the Earth's average surface temperature has risen by about 1.2 degrees Celsius since 1880 and that glaciers and Arctic Sea ice are melting at record rates causing sea levels to rise at a steady rate. Also, the last seven years have been the warmest since record-keeping began, according to NASA. Heatwaves, wildfires, and droughts across the globe are now daily news. These are not isolated events but part of a global pattern of warming.

People think climate change is something for future generations to worry about, but its effects are already visible today. Rising sea levels are flooding coastal cities, while heatwaves and wildfires are causing destruction and loss of life. Crop failures and water shortages are threatening communities now. Diseases like malaria and dengue fever are spreading into new regions because of warmer temperatures. Droughts, floods, and famine are daily news. An important indicator is insurance companies reporting rising costs due to more frequent natural disasters.

Another common and misleading view is that thousands of scientists are colluding to deceive the public about climate change. This is highly unlikely, given the

diversity and independence of the global scientific community. Climate science involves researchers from universities, governments, and private organisations worldwide, all reviewing each other's work. False claims are quickly challenged by other scientists, and if there are major flaws, they will be exposed. The idea that it is a distant problem is contradicted by daily news of climate-related disasters.

Deniers are quick to point to local cold spells, or snowstorms as proof that global warming is simulation. But weather and climate are not the same. Weather refers to short-term local conditions, while climate is the long-term average of weather patterns. In fact, climate change led to more extreme and unpredictable weather, including cold spells. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) a United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change, explains that climate change disrupts established weather patterns, making extremes more likely.

Global warming does not mean it gets hotter everywhere. It means the average temperature of the Earth is rising, even if some places still experience chilly days. There are arguments for adaptation by building sea walls, changing crops, or moving communities. While adaptation is important, the IPCC warns it cannot protect everyone from all impacts. Some climate changes will be too severe or too rapid for adaptation to work.

The only adaptations that will succeed are the reduction of our emissions and no development in sensitive areas, natural barriers, and flood plains. In nature there are neither rewards nor punishments, there are only consequences. (Robert Ingersoll)

ALIEN PLANTS ON OUR DOORSTEP!

By Apex Conservation Services

Invasive alien plant infestations are common around the Garden Route, with the potential to cause significant ecological threats and safety hazards — but they also place legal obligations on landowners.

What are Invasive Alien Plants?

Invasive alien plants (IAPs) are non-indigenous species introduced to South Africa from other countries. These IAPs may arrive either accidentally or intentionally, for purposes such as agriculture, timber plantations, or ornamental use. With few natural enemies, they reproduce rapidly, aggressively competing with indigenous plants for resources.

Why are they a problem?

IAPs have numerous negative impacts on the environments they invade. These include:

- Increased fire risk by raising the frequency, intensity, and extent of fires,
- Biodiversity loss through the displacement of indigenous species,
- Water loss due to increased transpiration and evaporation,
- Soil erosion due to degraded vegetation cover.

They also cause substantial economic impacts — including the costs of clearing, reduced water and rangeland productivity, and increased fire damage. Clearing IAPs is labour- and time-intensive, and effective management is a long-term commitment. After initial clearing, follow-up treatments will be required for many years.

Landowner responsibilities under relevant legislation

Invasive alien plants are primarily governed by two sets of legislation in South Africa:

1. The National Environmental Management:



Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) (NEM:BA), and
2. The Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (Act 43 of 1983) (CARA).

NEM:BA sets out regulations for the control and management of invasive alien species. It places a Duty of Care on landowners when dealing with these species. Landowners must ensure that:

- All required permits are in place where listed IAP species are present,
- No restricted activities take place without authorisation, and
- Any damage caused by the presence of invasive species is appropriately addressed.

Similarly, CARA requires landowners to prevent the spread of, and develop management plans to eradicate, all declared weeds and invasive plants on their property.

Under this legislation, landowners with properties over one hectare must:

- Develop a control plan for listed species,
- Take steps to control and prevent the spread of IAPs, and
- Minimise harm to biodiversity using species- and site-appropriate methods.

Landowners must familiarise themselves with the listed IAS and comply with the associated responsibilities. Failure to comply may result in legal consequences.

Enforcing These Responsibilities

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and its enforcement

division, the Environmental Management Inspectorate (commonly known as the "Green Scorpions") have recently increased enforcement along the Garden Route.

Landowners may be found non-compliant if they:

- Fail to take steps to control and prevent the spread of IAPs,
- Fail to minimise harm to biodiversity, or
- Undertake restricted activities without a permit.

Landowner Compliance

To avoid non-compliance, landowners must fulfil their legal obligations under the Invasive Alien Species Regulations. This includes developing an Invasive Alien Species Monitoring, Control, and Eradication Plan (control plan), which must be approved by DFFE.

Once approved, the control plan must be effectively implemented. It should provide:

- Detailed information on the IAPs present,
- Guidelines for their management, and
- A timeline and work schedule for control efforts.

Landowners are encouraged to consult an appropriately qualified environmental consultancy to conduct IAP assessments and develop these documents. Apex Conservation Services, based in Sedgefield, has many years of experience in this field and is happy to assist you in achieving compliance.

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LIFE-SAVING TRAINING FOR LOCAL FOREST VILLAGES

Since the beginning of April, the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) Fire and Rescue Services Unit has been visiting forest villages in the region.

To date, community members from Witfontein in George, Diepwalle and Goudveld (Bibby's Hoek) in Knysna, as well as Ruiterbos in Mossel Bay, have been educated about fire safety.

Among the topics covered in relation to veld and mountain fire safety awareness, information, and education intervention, are:

- Historic wildfire paths in relation to their location;
- Risk awareness;
- Preventative measures;
- Clearing methods;
- Safety measures in the home;
- Designated and safe burn areas (waste); and
- Escape routes in case of approaching fires.

Several forest villages in the region are high risk in terms of wildfires and these interventions aim to make the inhabitants more fire resilient with good knowledge and tips to understand wildfire behaviour, and how to best protect themselves with safeguarding practices.

It should be noted, that whilst it is important to continuously inform and educate, firefighting authorities will prioritise rapid response to these remote areas should fires break out.

More campaigns to be rolled out during May, include:

- Bergplaas and Uitsig, George
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NEW LIFE FOR THE OLD CAPE DUTCH HOUSE

by Chris Olsen

The Old Cape Dutch house at the corner of Main Service and Egret Road, the last building off the highway to Knysna, is set to become a Western Cape Education and Training Centre.

For several years the building in question was handed between governmental departments until the Department of Public Works transferred it to the Department of Higher Education (DHET). The DHET have earmarked it for a non-fee community college that serves adults, primarily, to complete formal education up to Grade 9. Subsequently students from Sedgefield and Knysna will not only be able to complete formal schooling but also be directed to skills schools. There is also the possibility of learners acquiring technical skills, such as plumbing and electrical work, at the revitalised building.

In a social media post Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis and Amanda Dippenaar from

Southcoast Real Estate made an appeal to the community for help with restoring the building. In the space of just over a week, a plumber, electrician, security company, internet provider, muralist, local hardware store and many others all offered donations and expertise.

The excitement and generosity from the community was especially encouraging for the representatives from Western Cape Education and Training who came for a site visit and meeting on 15 May. Their desire is for the community to be involved and for the site to be ready as soon as possible.

However, the project manager, Suren Gopichand has issued a warning that there may be delays owing to the need for compliance with Municipal Infrastructure Bylaws. An initial walk-through of the site revealed deep cracks on some walls and possible asbestos



that would need removing.

Of most concern is if the building is found to be over 60 years old it will be categorised as a Cape Heritage Site. A Cape Heritage Site would need to receive a grading after an application from Gopichand and that would affect the level of alteration that could be completed.

Gopichand has committed to sending a list of what can be done by the community while the full report is being prepared with correspondence from the Knysna Municipality.

Email amanda@scrc.co.za to be added to the mailing list and kept up to date with progress and how you can help.

'FORGET ME NOTS' ENJOY MAKING PAPER AT SCARAB

The "Forget me nots" are two groups of elderly but very energetic ladies that get together on a Tuesday and a Wednesday morning at Masithandane to participate in various creative activities as well as playing games, reading, outings, etc.

Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 23 April were special because of planned outings to Scarab for paper making.

They were welcomed by Andre Knoetze and his charming staff. Andre explained the whole process from picking up elephant dung at the Knysna Elephant sanctuary, to where you make your own paper. He also explained that it takes 25 steps to create the finished product. He also



gave interesting information about elephants and other animals. What a wonderful experience and fun day it was for the ladies! At the end of the visit each participant received her

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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.
5:15pm Sedgefield Striders Walking / Running time trials on road adjacent to Bowls Club. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays
7:00am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride 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
7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
8am-2pm Scarab Craft Market
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in.

Every 4th Saturday
3 or 4pm Garden Route Centre of the Astronomical Society of SA at Catholic Church, Cnr Sysie & Flamingo St. Visitors welcome. Peter 083 445 4634

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

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By Debbie Olivier

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Sight is one of the five pillars of Lionism, and Lions BrightSight provides corrective spectacles to underprivileged people throughout South Africa.

In Sedgefield, folks can, via the clinic, receive referral for partially-sponsored eye testing and specs.

This month a pair of tinted lenses were sponsored for a young student at the Rondevlei



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2ND STREET JAM SEES STONED OXYGEN GIVE BACK THROUGH SKATEBOARDING



On May 4th, Sedgefield hosted its second official Street Skate Jam, bringing together skaters, supporters, and sponsors for a high-energy event with a meaningful mission.

The day featured a raffle and the sale of limited-edition T-shirts, with all profits going toward providing skateboards for kids in the local community. Thanks to the overwhelming support, the initiative has already made an impact, the first four skateboards were handed over on Friday May 16th, marking the beginning of something truly special.

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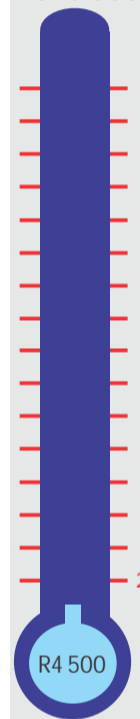
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MASITHANDANE NEW VEHICLE FUNDRAISER

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Our current vehicle is beginning to show wear and tear as it has been used nearly every day for the last six years on roads that are sometimes challenging. It will be

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kept for carrying goods. The new vehicle will be mainly a people carrier, used to transport patients, equipment, food parcels and caregivers to outlying areas as well as chronic medication, and mobile meals. It must travel on the rural un-tarred roads especially when picking up community members from the outlying areas in order to take them to SASSA, the hospital, clinics and Home Affairs.

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LOCAL SCOUT LEADER QILIN BECOMES THE OUTENIQUA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

MISSING CATS FROM OVERDALE IN UIL STREET
Please if anyone can look out for or assist with information. A ginger cat missing since February and recently, a mottled black and brown cat called Marbells. Please whatsapp Lauren on 071 387 5372



by Melanie Baumeister
Our 1st Sedgefield Scouts have a number of wins under their woggles, all under the watchful eye of their group leader, Sandy Colloty. Going from strength to strength since 2020 this amazing movement has brought direction and fun challenges to the youth of the village.

Photo: Nimmy Abrahams, Regional Commissioner of the Western Cape welcomes Sandy 'Qilin' Colloty as Outeniqua District Commissioner

oversee all of the Scouting troops from Mossel Bay to Oudshoorn, including George, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay. The role of Commissioner is to offer guidance and support and ensure that Scouting continues to grow and thrive along the Garden Route.

Though this certainly means Qilin has her work cut out for her, if the growth of 1st Sedgefield Scouts is anything to go by, then she will undoubtedly rise to the challenge.

With so much achieved in the Scout group's first five years, it was only a matter of time before Qilin (Sandy's Scout Leader name) rose above her local station in our little hamlet to become The Outeniqua District Commissioner.

In her new position Sandy will

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Notification of Public Participation:

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING ON PORTION 79 OF FARM 205, RUYGTE VALLEY, SEDGEFIELD, WESTERN CAPE

Notice is hereby provided in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), the National Environmental Management Act: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended, of a 30-day Pre – Application Public Participation Process to be undertaken under the authority of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE). The Public Participation Process will run from **21/05/2025 – 23/06/2025**.

DFFE Reference Number: TBC

Project Proposal: The construction of a primary residence, three cottages, a vehicle parking area, and a garage/storeroom. Additionally, it is necessary to create an access road through the existing dense vegetation on the property to the development.

Location: Portion 79 of Farm 205, Ruygte Valley, Sedgefield, Western Cape



The following EIA Listed Activities are applicable:

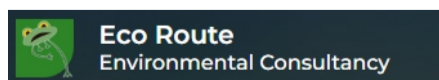
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A Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report and relevant appendices will be made available to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for public review and comment. All relevant documents may be accessed via our website during the public participation period.

Should you wish to gain further information regarding the project or wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (details below).

Please provide written comments with your name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which you may have in the development. Please note that information submitted by I&APs becomes public information. In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA), no personal information will be made available to the public.

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The Boosmansbos long-tailed forest shrew. Image Credit: Cliff Dorse

One of the Western Cape's most mysterious mammals, the Boosmansbos long-tailed forest shrew (*Myosorex longicaudatus boosmani*), has made a reappearance, 46 years after it was last recorded!

Conservationists from CapeNature, Grootvadersbosch Conservancy and HeliHack, together with volunteer biologists, were ecstatic at finding one of these tiny mammals on the edge of a pristine forest patch on CapeNature's Boosmansbos Wilderness Area.

First described in 1979 by scientist Nico Dippenaar, the shrew was recognised as a unique subspecies,

geographically isolated from its relatives by the Gouritz Valley. Its limited known range, combined with forest habitat loss and climate change, led to it being listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List in 2016.

Armed with little more than Dippenaar's original field notes and habitat descriptions, the team embarked on their fourth attempt in four years to find the shrew. Dippenaar, now retired, wished the group luck and fondly referred to the species as "a bit of a darling". The survey took place from 3-6 May, with the shrew found on 4 May.

"At last, I can take this little shrew off my biological bucket list. It's been a bit like a unicorn for me – a mythical creature that I thought I would never get a chance to see in real life," said Dr Marianne de Villiers, CapeNature ecologist. "And it's really comforting to know that part of its population, in at least some of its forest habitat, is well-protected."

Previous attempts to catch the elusive shrew using standard rodent live traps had been unsuccessful, and it was hoped that the new method would be more rewarding. But getting all the necessary gear up to the remote wilderness area, with no vehicle access, was a challenge.

Fortunately for the team, HeliHack came to the rescue. This initiative is focused on safeguarding the protected area

from invasive alien pines, using helicopters to reach otherwise inaccessible areas. In partnership with CapeNature, HeliHack has already made huge strides in addressing this threat to the World Heritage Site. The team were airlifted to a wilderness campsite and then hiked down to set 76 pitfall traps across various habitats.

Each trap was prepared with bedding, shelter, and the occasional earthworm to ensure humane treatment. At first, the traps yielded nothing—but one of the final traps revealed a small mammal with a 6 cm tail, unmistakably the long-lost Boosmansbos long-tailed forest shrew. Weighing just 13.7 grams, it was measured, photographed, and released unharmed into its forest habitat.

This remarkable discovery was made possible by a group of enthusiastic, motivated, and skilled partners working together to achieve a range of biodiversity goals—from conducting surveys to managing invasive alien plants—all in an effort to keep the superb Boosmansbos in a healthy state for all to enjoy. A genetic sample of the shrew will now be analysed to clarify its relationship to lower-altitude relatives, while further research is needed to better understand its life history, behavioural ecology, and the status of its only known population. Intensive surveys of other forest patches may yet reveal more about its distribution. But for now, it's enough to celebrate that the special shrew of Boosmansbos is still alive and well!

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FERRARI WILL BE THE FEATURED BRAND AT SEDGEFIELD'S MOTOR SHOW

"We have decided to make Ferrari the featured supercar brand at the second Classic Car and Motorcycle Show to be held at Scarab Arts & Craft Village alongside the N2 highway in Sedgefield, on July 6," says Peter Pretorius, the head of the Eden Classic Car Group's organising committee.



"Last year, at our first show, we featured the Jaguar E-Type and had no less than 10 pristine examples on display. We have already received entries for five Ferraris with a spread of models dating from 1993 to 2017. The models entered already are a 488 Spider, 360 Modena, 512 TR, F430 Spider and 458 Spider," added Pretorius who has previously organised nine successful motor shows on the Garden Route.

The major focus this year is on attracting a host of supercars to back up a wide display of British, European, and American sports car brands. Other supercars to support the Ferraris that are already on the display list include an Audi R8, Lamborghini, various Aston Martins and Porsches as well as a Mercedes-Benz SLS.

Mainstream classic car brands that will be on display include Alfa Romeo, Austin

Healey, BMW, Jaguar, MG, Morgan, Morris, Sunbeam, Triumph, and Volvo.

There will also be several rare car models on display too, some unique, including a few made in South Africa.

"We have already secured a good mix of 25 motorcycles for our show, ranging from a 1926 Sunbeam and 1951 Ariel to some of the latest Ducati models. Currently we are aiming for a total of about 230 cars and motorcycles to be on display on July 6," added Pretorius. Participants who will be displaying their cars come from Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria and spread along the Garden Route.

The country setting for the Sedgefield Classic Car and Motorcycle Show adds to the ambience of the event, while visitors are well catered for with a variety of food and beverage stalls to suit all tastes.

The event will enjoy backing from Sanlam Private Wealth and again forms part of the popular annual Knysna Oyster Festival. It falls in the school holidays too, so an even larger number of visitors expected topping, the 2 000 adults who attended the 2024 show. Proceeds go to various charities on the Garden Route and last year R42 000 was distributed to worthy causes. This year adults will pay R70 for admission while children will have free entry. Gates will open at 10h00 and close at 16h00.

Further information can be obtained by emailing edenclassiccargroup@gmail.com

If you have a supercar, classic sports car, a collector car or motorcycle and want to participate on July 6, please contact Peter by e-mail to peterpretorius6@gmail.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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Date of Death: 2025-04-13
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PUBLIC NOTICE CALLING FOR INSPECTION OF THE THIRD SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49 (1) (a) (i) read together with Section 78(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") that the Supplementary Valuation Roll 03 is open for public inspection at the municipal offices/venues listed below, from **22 May 2025 to 23 June 2025**, Mondays to Friday during working hours.

In addition, the Supplementary Valuation Roll 03 will be available on the following official municipal website - www.knysna.gov.za from **22 May 2025**

An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 49(1) (a) (ii) read together with Section 78(2) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who so desires, should lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from, the Supplementary Valuation Roll 03 within the above mentioned period.

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) of the Act an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the Supplementary Valuation Roll 03 as such. The objection forms for the lodging of an objection is obtainable at the following addresses/venues: **Knysna Customer Care Centre, Sedgefield Municipal office, Karatara office, libraries in Rheenedal, Hornlee and Jood se Kamp.**

Completed forms must be returned on or before **22 June 2025** at any of the following venues: **Knysna Customer Care Centre, Sedgefield municipal office, Karatara office, libraries in Rheenedal, Hornlee and Jood se Kamp.** Alternatively, the forms can be emailed to valuations@knysna.gov.za

For enquiries, Léhanie Scholtz, PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570, Telephone: **044 302 6508/ 302 6453/ 302 6452.**

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

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As described in previous episodes of this series, acute back pain tends to spontaneously recover within six weeks but a number progress to chronic back pain. The pain might vary from just a niggling backache through to severe incapacitating back pain. This episode is the management of chronic or persistent low back pain.

In most cases of chronic back pain the underlying cause cannot be definitely located. The pain is then known as non-specific low back pain.

Nevertheless in a number of cases a definite cause of the pain is present.

These causes include cancer, osteoporosis fractures, degenerative changes in the vertebra and surrounding structures including the intervertebral discs, osteoarthritis, infections, inflammatory rheumatic disorders, and intra-abdominal causes for example kidney stones.

A thorough examination to identify these conditions should be done.

Treatment always begins with a thorough physical examination by your doctor to exclude other causes of back pain. Chronic pain or disability is not just the result of damage to the vertebrae and surrounding structures including the discs. Many other factors including psychological, social and genetic factors all contribute to both chronic and disabling low back pain. To understand this, basic knowledge of how pain occurs is important. The pain

impulse arising from the vertebral structures no matter what the cause, travels up the nerves to the pain centres in the brain resulting in a painful sensation.

The intensity of the pain is strongly influenced by psychological factors. Depression and anxiety all contribute to the development of ongoing disabling back pain.

Avoid bed rest. Exercise and activity is a crucial part of the management of chronic back pain. You will not cause more damage and prolonged bed rest and inactivity has been shown to increase and delay recovery and leads to increased disability.

No one form of exercise is better than another and any exercise program must be enjoyable and take into account personal preferences. The use of a physiotherapist or a biokineticist is strongly advised where graded activity or an exercise program can be provided.

If your medical aid or financial constraints limit the number of visits to professional help, then yoga or Pilates exercises or regular visits to your gym are an alternative.

How does exercise help relieve pain. Exercise releases chemical substances called endorphins. These are the body's natural painkillers which dampen down the activity of the pain centres in the brain. The famous "runners high" that marathon runners experience is a typical example.

But it is not just exercise that increases the endorphins, the more active you are the more endorphins are released. That is

why returning to work, joining clubs, be involved no matter what all help suppress chronic pain.

The use of medication should be avoided as much as possible except for limited use to be able to participate in physical activity or exercises. Your doctor can guide you to the most suitable of the various painkillers, anti-inflammatories and muscle relaxants which are available.

A once off consultation with a doctor is insufficient and regular follow-ups and motivation is essential. Some serious conditions that might not have been originally diagnosed might have since developed and be the reason for the ongoing back pain. It is imperative that your health practitioner does regular reassessments.



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Ladies' Golf

Club Report

Congratulations to the 12 ladies who played in the Team Alliance on Friday 16 May with one score to count.

Shannon Nicol had a blinder and played 8 under her handicap and Clare Garner was once again 1 under her handicap. Birdies were made by Christina Coetzee on 14, and Shannon Nicol on 3 and 17. Nearest the pin was won by Ronnie Maingard and Shannon Nicol. Thanks to Wendy Mack for sponsoring prizes for these.

The overall winners were Shannon Nicol, Eleanor Sparks and Elize Mackenzie-Blom on 52

points with Michelle Gilchrist, Christina Coetzee and Brenda Howden second on 47 points. Sincere thanks to Daleen Schooling for donating R300 for her hole-in-one. Greatly

appreciated. Next week we will play an IBS with a charity feel. Please bring along a can and pay R20 for the kitty. All ladies will decide which charity we will benefit. Wishing you all a great week and may Martha Smith continue to improve in health. Thank you all for all of your love, care and support for her.



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2	55.2%	Ann & Mary
3=	51.0%	Irene & Linda / Pam & Colin
12 May :		
1	57.7%	Jeannie & Robyn
2	55.9%	Carol & Meg
3	55.3%	Pam & Colin

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

SAMURAI

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

SUDOKU

CHURCH SERVICES

THESE ARE THE CHURCH DETAILS WE HAVE ON FILE. PLEASE SEND UPDATED DETAILS. THERE IS LIMITED SPACE SO PLEASE ONLY LIST THE TIME AND CONTACT NO.

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Pastor J D - 066 160 7029
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Ned. Herv. Kerk Outeniqua
Telefoon: 044 - 8712125

New Apostolic Church
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NG Kerk
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Kerkkantoor (044) 343 2033

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Chris Solomons 071 617 5630

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The Wine Ghost



The Wine Ghost tasted – De Krans Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 (Basket press)

This bottle has an eye catching front label, with clever use of blue and black lettering on a white background. The logo

pays homage to the history of free roaming buffalo in the area.

Info about the basket press is on the back label. It is a 70-year-old press, the oldest in the country and the use of it results in a smooth, fruity red wine. Abv. 13,5%.

The wine has a beautiful dark ruby colour with visible legs. On the nose WG experienced aromas of very ripe apricots, dark ripe plum, pepper and roasted coriander.

It is a medium bodied, very well balanced Cabernet, with flavours of ripe plums and raw almonds (skin on). The wine has a lingering mouth feel and the aromas of plums and almonds carry through.

The WG sees the wine as a good find, in the price range R80 – R100. Enjoy with food of your choice, or on its own in front of the fire place!

In Vino Veritas till next time

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Across

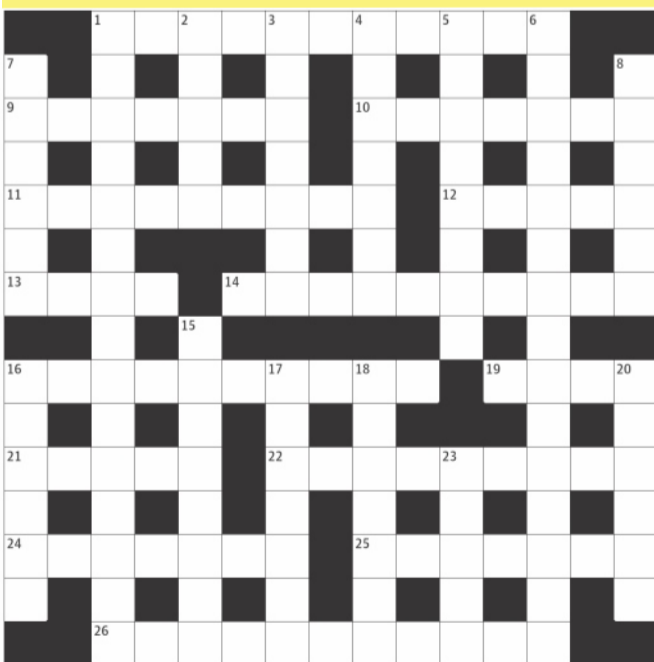
- Sort of care about those hurting. (11)
- Not so dear to us. (7)
- Afrikaans couple not having a 'twelve year old'. (7)
- Road speed recalculated to catch the outlaw. (9)
- Dad's appreciation for starch. (5)
- Was Dominic a feature part of the eatery? (4)
- Has the unhappy mentor gone to live in Europe? (10)
- A bath tonic concocted for you and your room-mate. (10)
- Pack it in! She's being a pig about the start. (4)
- Inner fear Rastafarians have of tapestry. (5)
- To speak of in such hushed tones is quite novel! (7-2)
- Unpaid type might be from the old Yugoslavia. (7)
- Did the organ-playing composer pull out the Remote Code Execution? (7)
- Just short of the end of Magic Street, the council costs should be taken to court. (11)

Down

- Those in the His Majesty's House of Lords need a toilet

break, we heard? (5,2,3,5)

- What you may pay for new form of tomato. (5)
- Musically emphatic fellow adding a tone without direction. (7)
- In Michigan the salesman left but reported back on it. (7)
- The stealthy movement of a weirdo! (8)
- For a Sedgling she's not organised, though she does have a special sort of vision. (4-11)
- Being a bit placid, I can come across somewhat sour! (6)
- Flowing music might be sweet for Italians – either works! (6)
- Enduring a physical altercation may be embarrassing. (8)
- That's not fine for the company bum! (6)
- Eina! The set up outside gets me on an emotional scale. (7)
- One continuously failing hasn't high expectations, it seems. (2-5)
- Dull conversation about pudding. (6)
- Serving of banana fritter is monstrous! (5)



Across: 1. Patriot 5. Possess 9. Awake 10. Arthropod 11. Exhaustion 12. Talc 14. Lubrication 18. Nonetheless 21. Rear 22. Resolution 25. Principle 26. Tampa 27. Dogstar 28. Throngs
Down: 1. Peaked 2. Trashy 3. Inequality 4. Toast 5. Patronise 6. Sort 7. Emphasis 8. Seducing 13. Pass muster 15. Beekeeper 16. Intrepid 17. Engaging 19. Hitman 20. In-laws 23. Overt 24. Scot

GREATER KNYSNA SMME INCUBATOR PROGRAMME APPLICATION CALL

SUBMISSION DEADLINE **26 June 2025 at 12h00**

Knysna Municipality is launching a programme to assist dynamic and committed entrepreneurs in growing their businesses. Successful applicants will receive a range of non-financial assistance, including business development interventions and training.

The following criteria are applicable for applicants:

- This programme is not targeting start-up businesses.
- Previous beneficiaries of the SMME incubator programme are not eligible to apply.
- Applications are only open to applicants operating an existing business for more than 12 months and who want to grow and expand their businesses but who have not benefitted from the program before.
- The business must be operating within the Greater Knysna and must be 51% Black Owned.
- Applications must be done through submission of an official Application Form issued by the municipality.



When applying, the following supporting documents must be attached:

- A Business Plan or Business Profile (must include a breakdown of the equipment needed)
- 6 Months profit and loss summary (Income statement)
- 6 months Bank Statements (Business account)
- Confirmation of Employees (Document must be attached to the application form)
- Company Documents (CIPC)
- Tax Clearance
- Certified Copy of owner's Identity Document
- Proof of address (not older than 3 months)

A rigorous selection process will be conducted in stages:

- Stage 1:** Applicants must complete and submit the application form with all relevant attachments to the municipality.
- Stage 2:** Shortlisted applicants will be required to present their business expansion proposal to the selection panel.
- Stage 3:** The municipality will communicate ONLY with successful applicants.

Application forms can be obtained from; The Economic Development Department, 1 st Floor, Knysna Mall, Main Street, Knysna and on the municipal website.

For further information and queries regarding the application process please contact: Ms. Ntombekaya Sibali at nsibali@knysna.gov.za or on 044 302 6359/044 302 6360.

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THE SPORTS EDGE

EAGLE STARS TEACH COLLEGIANS A LESSON

by JP Jordaan

The Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars A-team claimed a big scalp this past weekend as they beat the Bridgton Collegians 25-22 in Oudtshoorn.

It was a see-saw match which saw the Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars A-team lead at half time 18-3 thanks to tries by Morne de Wet and Diaan Godfrey; however the Collegians were not done and scored two converted tries in the second half to bring them within a point of the Sedgefield team. It looked like the game had been lost to our men when the Collegians scored another try with only seven

minutes remaining on the clock, bring the score to 18-22, but the Pick n Pay Eagle Stars were rallied by boisterous support and Luigi Coetzee found a gap in the last few minutes to put down the winning try. This was converted by Gershwin Dirk bringing the final score to 25-22 in favour of the Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars.

The B-team weren't so successful, losing their match 13-8 as they made lots of handling errors and silly mistakes, struggling to find their rhythm. Jason Godfrey scored their only try, whilst Rayden Damons slotted a penalty kick. The next match takes place on 24



May as the Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars take on Prince Albert Rugby Club in Sedgefield.

TENNIS LEGEND KNUD CELEBRATES HIS 90TH

Knud Jacobsen was born in Denmark in 1935 and celebrated his 10th birthday on the day Denmark saw the end of World War 2.

On turning 18 Knud decided on an adventure to hitch-hike through Africa with a backpack ending up in Cape Town. He then coached tennis mainly in Bloemfontein and Johannesburg. In Johannesburg Knud met his wife to be and worked for Mercedes Benz before moving down to Knysna in the 60's.

He then opened a sports shop which eventually became Norseman's

clothing store, an establishment still going strong today and in which Knud still has an interest.

A sailor of some standing, Knud acquired his own boat in Denmark and repeatedly braved the ocean, sailing to North and South America and the Caribbean.

His sporting youth has stood him well and he is still a dab hand on the tennis court. Friends and fellow club members joined Knud for a morning of tennis to celebrate his 90th and wish him well for the future.



SEEDGE GENT'S GOLF CLUB

Club Report

8/05/25

The morning started off as cold as blue eyes that don't love you anymore, but soon developed into a beautiful day for the competition which was Betterball Stableford.

It is said that cometh the hour cometh the man and the man on

this occasion was Ian Wright, who was playing golf as beautiful as the day warranted. This was not the same for his partner, Rudi Bosch. How can one use the phrase "depths of despair" when your despair is on the top of nearly every mound on the course. This is what happened to Rudi as he battled his way around the course because this was where his drive would settle off nearly every tee. He says that for him golf is like a safe to which there is a combination ... locked up in the safe.

All was not gloom and misery, however, because the Captain awarded him the prize for being the world's Greatest Moundaneer in History. Anyway, they (or should we say, Ian) finished top of the pops with a magnificent 47 points. Second spot was awarded to Niel de Villiers and Bill Craig after a count out with Garth Schooling and John L.B. The latter were left to understand "the depths of despair" at this contentious decision.

The G.C. members were jubilant

to hear that the following week's tournament would be the Pink Ball. The pink ball counts double and every member in the four ball gets to play this ball in turn. The sooner the pink ball is lost the more distant are the chances of the four ball winning any prizes. Hence if a player loses the pink ball he simultaneously loses the friendship of his playing partners unless, of course he buys at least one round of Johnny Walker Blue whisky.

15/05/25

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On this occasion the winning fourball and thus the collectors of the delicious red wine were Ken Cullinan, John L.B., Peter Heath and Des Fenner. John L.B. did modestly concede, however, that it was perhaps a bit unfair to place the club's best players in the same fourball. The Captain announced that the following week's competition would be playing six off the Black, then the red followed by the blue tees.

TIDE TABLE

21 May - 3 June 2025
● Full Moon 11 June 2025

Wed May 21 2025
low tides 04:29 16:48
high tides 10:24 23:21
sunrise 07:19 sunset 17:32
moonrise 00:36 moonset 13:51

Wed May 28 2025
low tides 10:24 22:40
high tides 04:11 16:39
sunrise 07:24 sunset 17:29
moonrise 09:01 moonset 18:33

Thu May 22 2025
low tides 05:45 18:00
high tide 11:43
sunrise 07:20 sunset 17:32
moonrise 01:43 moonset 14:19

Thu May 29 2025
low tides 11:07 23:28
high tides 04:58 17:24
sunrise 07:24 sunset 17:29
moonrise 10:05 moonset 19:42

Fri May 23 2025
low tides 06:41 18:53
high tides 00:17 12:44
sunrise 07:20 sunset 17:31
moonrise 02:50 moonset 14:48

Fri May 30 2025
low tide 11:50
high tides 05:45 18:10
sunrise 07:25 sunset 17:28
moonrise 10:58 moonset 20:52

Sat May 24 2025
low tides 07:30 19:39
high tides 01:06 13:36
sunrise 07:21 sunset 17:31
moonrise 04:01 moonset 15:20

Sat May 31 2025
low tides 00:19 12:33
high tides 06:33 18:59
sunrise 07:26 sunset 17:28
moonrise 11:40 moonset 22:00

Sun May 25 2025
low tides 08:15 20:23
high tides 01:53 14:24
sunrise 07:22 sunset 17:30
moonrise 05:15 moonset 15:56

Sun Jun 01 2025
low tides 01:16 13:19
high tides 07:24 19:56
sunrise 07:26 sunset 17:28
moonrise 12:14 moonset 23:04

Mon May 26 2025
low tides 08:59 21:07
high tides 02:39 15:10
sunrise 07:22 sunset 17:30
moonrise 06:31 moonset 16:39

Mon Jun 02 2025
low tides 02:21 14:11
high tides 08:21 21:05
sunrise 07:27 sunset 17:27
moonrise 12:43 moonset -

Tue May 27 2025
low tides 09:42 21:53
high tides 03:25 15:55
sunrise 07:23 sunset 17:29
moonrise 07:49 moonset

Tue Jun 03 2025
low tides 03:39 15:18
high tides 09:28 22:21
sunrise 07:27 sunset 17:27
moonrise 13:09 moonset 00:05

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



The Eden Nomads visited our club on Sunday and were greatly supported by our members for a game of bowls and a braai after the game. Thanks to all who came out and contributed to this event.



Club News

The nominated men's pairs competition got underway on Tuesday and the ladies will start their rounds next week. We look forward to some good bowls over the next few weeks.

That's a wrap see you "on the mat"

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