

TRAGIC ACCIDENT LEAVES COMMUNITY IN SHOCK

The horrific accident which took place on the N2 just outside Sedgefield on Monday, 26 May, has left 11-year-old local Emma-Grace Snyman in a critical condition, with a long journey ahead for her recovery.

The accident happened on the western side of town, just past the Engen Garage at the turn-off towards 'Montmere' (the road that leads to Outward Bound at the back end of Cloud 9). Emma and two school friends were passengers in a Daihatsu Sirion on their way to horse-riding. They were waiting to turn right off the highway onto the rural road.



Accident victim Emma Grace Snyman.

Visibility was low due to the wet weather, and a bakkie overtaking a large truck (which was driving in the yellow lane) ploughed into the back of the Daihatsu, pushing them into a stream of oncoming traffic. Several vehicles were involved in the dreadful carnage that resulted within split seconds, but it seems only Emma sustained serious injuries after being flung from the car.

Emergency services were deployed to the scene, and Emma was initially taken to a hospital in George before being flown to the Red Cross Children's Hospital in Cape Town.

She remains there over a week later, with her shell-shocked mother, Vanessa, staying as close as she can to her hospital bedside. The medical team is attending to her around the clock, meeting regularly to ascertain the best proactive and reactive treatment necessary and plan the way forward for the young girl. Yesterday (Tuesday, 3 June), Emma's father, Johnny, reported that whilst Emma had woken up and no longer needed a ventilator to breathe, she had not been responsive to the doctors.

"She is in a neck brace as her second vertebrae is displaced, and she will need plastic surgery as well as work on her broken jaw," the distraught man told us, "Her medical report mentioned 'A prolonged stay,' so we know this is going to be a long and life-changing haul for all of us."

Back in Sedgefield, with so many family members and friends desperate to do what they could to help, it was no surprise that two fundraising platforms were started simultaneously. The support has been phenomenal, with close to R400 000 raised to support Emma and her family in the days ahead.

"We are so grateful for all the support," says Johnny, "Whilst we remain fully focussed on Emma's short-term recovery at the moment, we also have to think of the long-term."

He explained that whilst the Red Cross Hospital treatment is not charged for, all funds raised will be channelled towards long-term care and therapy, which Emma will no doubt need on the road to recovery.

As a result of this terrible accident, a number of residents have come together to create a petition with the aim of making this intersection safer. While the document is still being finalised, it will soon be circulated for locals and visitors to sign before it is sent to SANRAL.

The petition will inform the road authority of things that urgently need attention/correction:-

- There is currently no dedicated lane for the Montmere turn-off.
- Leading up to the turn-off, the N2 centre line is dotted, which means it is deemed 'safe to overtake', which it clearly isn't.
- The speed limit is not evident along that stretch, causing drivers to feel they may speed up as they 'leave town'.
- The road signs for the turn-off disappeared some years ago when the road was being repaired. They have not been replaced.
- Signage pointing out that overtaking is prohibited and that a double lane section (for overtaking) is up ahead (up the hill towards the Pine Lake turn-off).

Once the petition is ready, it will be circulated for signatures. Johnny Snyman has asked that as many people as possible join the efforts to make this intersection safer. This, he hopes, might just prevent another family from suffering the same trauma.

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Situated on municipal-owned Erf 150, the Church Street shop 'Karatara Handelshuis' has been under the proprietorship of Hans Botha (Senior) and his family since 1989. It has become a well-loved local institution and is so much more than a grocery outlet. Folks often have courier parcels dropped off and picked up there, and residents are frequently given a bit of credit until they get paid. It has also been the official local post office since 1995, taking over that service when the original SAPO branch closed. "We stepped in so that people wouldn't have to travel to Knysna to get their pension payout," explained Hans' son, Hans Junior.

When asked what he thought about the sale of the property, he told us that the first the family had heard of the auction was when a customer showed him an advertisement on social media. "This was a huge shock to us," he said, "In the past, we had often asked the municipality if we could buy the shop. Now they didn't even inform us that this auction was taking place!"

When the Botha family contacted Ward 2 Councillor Cleone Vanston about this matter, she investigated and reported back that the municipality had not followed the correct procedures. Taking it to the Section 80 Finance and Governance meeting on 7 May, she successfully pleaded the case of the Bothas and frustration of the community, and the meeting unanimously recommended that the property in question be removed from the auction list.

However, when Hans later contacted Riley Auctioneers, they informed him that the municipality had given instructions to proceed with the auction and that it was set to happen on 21 May. "This conversation was only a few days before, so we had no time to raise enough capital," he said. The family went along to take part in the auction, but could not come near the highest bid.

The community is incensed at this move by the municipality, so much so that they called for a public meeting with the councillor at the shop on 28 May, and handed her a petition with over 450 signatures. She has agreed to take this to a Council meeting this Thursday (5 June), hoping it will guide the final decision on whether the auction's highest bid is officially accepted or not.



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On Friday 30 May Mark Willemse of Knysna Independent Movement (KIM) was elected unopposed as the Council Speaker of Knysna Municipal Council. This after the ANC's Mncedisi Skosana was instructed to relinquish both his Speaker position and his Ward 3 Council seat by the Western Cape Minister of Local Government, Anton Bredell.



Skosana, along with previous Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa and previous Deputy Mayor Alberto Marbi, had been found guilty of several breaches of the Code of Conduct for Councillors perpetrated on 16 September, 8 November and 16 November, 2022, the last of which was 'giving false evidence under oath and persisting with the falsities before another court'. According to the legal committee formed to investigate the case, this "constituted misconduct of the most serious nature" and warranted removal of all three councillors from office.

Since these committee's findings were presented to council via Minister Bredell's offices, both Tsengwa and Marbi had both tendered their resignation, but Skosana had remained in office.

Dated 23 May, the most recent letter from Bredell's office









concludes, "It is critical to state that as a councillor, Councillor Skosana was obliged to perform his functions honestly, in good faith, acting, at all times, in a transparent manner and in the best interests of the Municipality, in order to ensure that the integrity and credibility of the Municipality is not compromised."

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Whilst Marbi's seat on Council was via the proportional vote

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(which means he was shortly replaced by another PBI Party member), the departure of Skosana and Tsengwa means that Knysna has two by-elections pending - Ward 8, due on 25 June and Ward 3, the date of which is still to be announced.

In the interim, Knysna's Council comprises eight DA councillors, five ANC, two each KIM and PA and one each EFF and PBI. Whilst the results of the by-

elections over the next month or so could bring changes to the majority in council, it seems more likely that the status quo will remain until the 2026 local elections. Whilst the DA currently has the most seats, even if they win one or both by-elections they will not automatically gain control of the council as they are no longer in a formal coalition with the KIM party.

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Talking Conservation Drie Valleyen

The Botmaskop Case - a warning sign for developers?

by Charl van der Merwe,
Environmental Ethicist
On behalf of Sedgefield
Ratepayers Association.

Botmaskop - a new lifestyle type development proposed for the outskirts of Stellenbosch surrounded by famous wine estates - has been ordered by the court to put a halt on proceedings.

The development had advertised itself as: "Perfectly positioned on the north-facing slopes of the Botmaskop Mountain, this once-in-a-lifetime spectacular nature reserve, presents unique breathtaking views of the surrounding nature to synchronise nature with lifestyle without ever sacrificing the natural habitat and fauna & flora, ... aimed at minimising the environmental impact while developing the biodiversity within its extraordinary ecosystem."

So why is the luxury residential estate on Botmaskop mountain not happening? A developer bought the 30.7-hectare farm in 2003 for R3.135-million and got permission to build a small resort with ten rooms, fifteen chalets, a gym, a pool, and a conference facility. This resort was never built and in April 2019, a new owner wanted to change the plan to build a residential estate with 67 units instead. However, the government said this was a significant change and required a more detailed application with public input.

Notice was given to the Interested and Affected Parties (IAAPs), including the

Stellenbosch Interest Group (SIG), which objected in October 2019. But in October 2020, the developer submitted a Part I Amendment to change the 2003 environmental authorisation for a gated residential estate. This application did not need public participation. The Department of Environment Affairs and Development Planning [DEADP] approved the Environmental Assessment as a non-substantive Part I application on 18 February 2021. The new environmental approval changed the 2003 decision from a "small mountain resort" to the "Fijnbosch Residential Estate" with seventy-seven homes and related infrastructure covering 36,282 square metres.

No IAAPs were notified, and SIG found out about this in May 2024 and applied for an interdict at the court. The judge, in her ruling mentioned that SIG found out three years later that the 2021 EA had been approved without public input, changing the project from the small mountain resort to a 77-home estate.

Judge Holderness heard the application and made a decision to stop any more work on the estate. She acknowledged that her choice would have big effects and could be expensive for the party that loses. She tried to consider the interests and harms of both sides. The judge pointed out that when a court looks at an interdict request, it does not decide who is right in the end, but there needs to be a good chance that the applicant's legal claim is valid and can be enforced.

"It is not a decision which I have taken lightly ... Whilst being sympathetic to the difficult

position in which Botmaskop finds itself, in my view the anticipated pecuniary loss to Botmaskop cannot justify the possible infringement of the SIG's (and the public's) constitutional rights." SIG contended that irreparable damage will be done to the environment, and that there will be no access for the community to Botmaskop if the development succeeds.

"Where constitutional rights are in issue, the balance of convenience favours the protection of those rights."

"I am of the view that in all the circumstances, the balance of convenience favours the granting of the interim relief sought, as if interim relief is not granted, the harm which will be suffered by SIG and the public more generally is likely to be significant and irreparable." She said concerned citizens' constitutional right to environmental safeguards trump the developer's claim of catastrophic financial loss.

Judge Holderness ordered that, until Part B of SIG's application is decided, Botmaskop and the eighth to thirty-second respondents cannot start any construction or work related to the residential estate. The judge mentioned that this temporary order does not take away Botmaskop's rights. If the full review does not succeed, Botmaskop can seek damages from SIG because of the order.

In the interim an iris, *Moraea anastasia*, once thought to be extinct, was found on Botmaskop and is now categorised as critically endangered. No development may happen where this category plant is found. A study in 2019 found no endangered species on Botmaskop, likely due to many exotic plants on site, also, the study was done in summer when most fynbos geophytes are not active. Studies bordering the site done by SIG also found other endangered species.

HOUSING CHALLENGES AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT UNDER FOCUS

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Ms Tandi Mahambhala, conducted an oversight visit to Knysna Municipality on Monday 26 May 2025. The deputy minister engaged with municipal leadership on the state of human settlements in the area and attended a title deed handover ceremony in Hornlee.

The visit began with a detailed briefing session where senior municipal officials, led by Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika and Municipal Manager Lulamile Mapholoba, presented an overview of Knysna's human settlements landscape.

The presentation outlined the scale of Knysna's housing challenges - an estimated backlog of 9,815 households, increasing at a rate of 3% annually. "Despite constrained funding and infrastructure limitations, we have continued to pursue innovative solutions," explained Mayor Matika. "These include upgrading informal settlements and progressing with several major pipeline housing projects across Karatara, Rheendal and Heidevallei."

It was noted that annual housing delivery remains limited to around 100 units, with significant capital investment required to address bulk services and land acquisition. Officials also highlighted the growing pressures of in-migration and the need for increased support from provincial and national government to unlock stalled developments.

Matika highlighted the municipality's efforts to accelerate the Title Deed Restoration Programme. "We have faced delays due to historic planning issues, technical challenges and limited funding allocations," he said. "We did achieve a breakthrough with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between ourselves and the Free Market Foundation's Khaya Lam initiative in 2024. This has already enabled the delivery of the first batch of title deeds and aims to address a backlog of 1,600 title deeds by the end of 2025."

The Deputy Minister joined residents in celebrating the handover of more than 80 long-awaited title deeds in Hornlee.

"I am happy to receive my title deed after many years," said Juliana Danhausen from Hornlee. "Now I have something to leave behind for my children." Nozipho Skosona from Greenfields shared a similar sentiment: "I am very happy to finally receive my title deed. Now I know I have a house that belongs to me."

The deputy minister commended the municipality for its efforts under challenging conditions and reaffirmed the national department's commitment to working with local government to fast-track housing delivery and promote sustainable human settlements. She also commended the progress made in terms of SPLUMA compliance and emphasised the importance of reducing red tape to accelerate housing delivery and development approvals.

"The day served as a powerful reminder of what's possible when different spheres of government and civil society work together in service of the people," Matika concluded. "We remain committed to providing adequate access to housing in an inclusive, innovative, inspired Knysna."

REOPENING OF ISLAND LAKE - WILDERNESS SECTION OF GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARK

SANParks has announced that as of Friday, 30 May 2025 Island Lake in the Wilderness Section of the Garden Route National Park has reopened for all recreational activities. This follows the temporary closure on 7 March 2025, due to the detection of blue-green algal bloom bacteria.

According to a SANParks statement, recent water quality tests, supported by satellite imagery, have confirmed the absence of toxin-producing algal species in the lake,

deeming it safe for public use.

"The occurrence of the algal bloom is likely the result of several factors coming together - both environmental and other factors beyond the control or management influence of SANParks," the statement reads, "These include warm temperatures, reduced water inflows, and nutrient run-off from the broader lake catchment area."

SANParks will continue to conduct regular monitoring of the lake to detect any early signs

of changes in the water quality and algal composition. They do caution that whilst they continue to monitor, it is important to note that such events may recur in the future as a result of changing climate and increasing pressure on the surrounding landscape.

"We thank the public for their patience, cooperation, and understanding throughout this period," they say.

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G R RATEPAYERS CHALLENGE LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

The Ratepayers Alliance has announced that it is formally rejecting the 2025/26 Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) and associated Budgets put forward by the Garden Route District Municipality and the individual local municipalities within the Alliance's sphere of influence.

This according to a statement issued by Chairperson Jacques Wessels, on behalf of its 28 member associations across the region.

"Here's why," his statement suggests to members "You're being ignored".

Sedgefield's own Ratepayers Association stands in agreement. Chair Kevin Barnes says that the SRA has consistently raised Sedgefield's needs with the Knysna Municipality, highlighting concerns such as inadequate refuse management, law enforcement, water management, and road maintenance, but with poor results.

"One thing is clear: there's a disconnect between the ward priorities and budget allocation. Despite identifying and incorporating the top five ward priorities into the IDP, we don't see corresponding priority in the

budget. Furthermore, there is a lack of transparency regarding how Sedgefield's Ratepayers' contributions are being utilised, as we have been unable to obtain clear information on the allocation of our contributions to the Knysna Municipality's budget. The SRA remains committed to advocating for proper service delivery and transparency in municipal governance."

Clearly the Ratepayers Alliance sees this as a problem experienced across the board.

"Public participation has become a meaningless formality," Wessels' statement says, "Municipalities are holding public participation sessions, but not allowing any meaningful engagements nor listening. Your concerns, ideas, and needs are consistently brushed aside while bloated, inefficient budgets continue to grow."

He claims the Alliance members have tried everything to have their concerns taken seriously, but to no avail.

"Our member associations have attended public meetings, submitted written input, and even formally appealed to the Provincial Minister of Local Government. None of it has led to

meaningful engagements or any changes. The latest budget approvals once again ignored well-researched and reasonable input from residents." This, he complains, is not how a democracy should work.

"Municipalities have a constitutional duty to engage honestly with communities. Instead, public servants and politicians seem increasingly out of touch with the very people they're meant to serve."

Wessels says the Ratepayers Alliance stands for real consultation, transparent planning, and sustainable, zero-based budgeting that prioritises the needs and affordability of residents—not bureaucratic excess.

"By rejecting these flawed IDPs and budgets, we are sending the clear message that enough is enough," he states, "We will continue to push for accountability and real community involvement in decision-making."

He calls on all member associations to stand together to demand the respect, transparency, and service delivery that ratepayers deserve.

Introducing Dr Burnie Biddulph

Advertorial

I'm Dr. Burnie Biddulph, born and raised in Pretoria. My journey in medicine began at the University of Pretoria, where I graduated in 1996. After spending three years serving in public healthcare, I transitioned into private practice, where I've dedicated the past 25 years to providing private healthcare in Witbank, Mpumalanga.

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Brushstrokes

July 2025

The Sedgefield Art Society is pleased to report a successful Annual General Meeting, which saw strong attendance from members and supporters. The existing committee was re-elected and will continue to guide the society through another creative and engaging year.

A new initiative the society is proud to launch is a series of "Pop-Up" exhibitions to be held at Heritage Nursery, located just off the N2 at Heritage Bakery. These exhibitions will take place on the last Saturday of each month, the first event was held for Saturday, 31 May, from 9am to 3pm. Visitors can look forward to viewing and purchasing a variety of original artworks in a relaxed garden setting.

In addition, the society's next major group exhibition at Remax Sedgefield will open on Wednesday, 5th June at 6:00pm. The theme for this exhibition is "Nature", promising a rich display of interpretations by local artists. The public is warmly invited to attend the opening and enjoy an evening of art and community.

Looking ahead to the next monthly meeting, members and

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MINI-FESTIVAL FOR THEATRE LOVERS

Theatre lovers across the Garden Route can look forward to a mini-festival of four one-person shows written by master story teller Mike van Graan, an acclaimed playwright and producer, in Sedgefield from 20-22 June.

'To Life, With Love' featuring Radio Cape Talk's John Maytham, is a drama about a man in his mid-sixties who has been diagnosed with a dread disease and the choices that he makes about how he will live. The comedy-drama, 'I Can Buy Myself Flowers', performed by Erika Breytenbach, features an estate agent in her fifties, who entertains as she reflects on the ups and downs of relationships, children, professional life and her women friendships.

'So Over the Rainbow' performed by Rondo Mpiti-Spies is a multi-sketch satirical piece which provides sharp commentary on contemporary global and local

themes with much humour and insight.

A unique addition to the line-up is Mike van Graan himself who will be reading a selection of his own poetry, and have open discussion with the audience.

In July 2024, In Toto Retreat took the opportunity of staging My Fellow South Africans, written and directed by Mike van Graan and acted by the talented Kim Adonis, as they were travelling back from the National Arts Festival in Makhanda (Grahamstown). Two sold-out performances in the pop-up theatre venue and one complimentary show in the Smutsville Community Hall showed that Sedgefield had strong demand for this kind of entertainment.

In Toto Retreat owner, Roland Vorwerk commented 'the positive feedback after last year's performances led to conversations with Mike about bringing more shows to Sedgefield. This mini-festival includes two new shows that will be performed at this year's National Arts Festival in July as well as John Maytham's piece which premièred at ArtScape in Cape Town earlier this year.'

For Mike van Graan, the dream of creating a theatre circuit in the Garden Route that links venues, theatre producers and local promoters is being realised. Collaborations with Sasha Events in Knysna and the Community Market Theatre in George will also see performances in these neighbouring towns. Mike further elaborates: 'I recently decided to try to make my livelihood from theatre in particular, which requires me to have work that speaks to particular audiences (women are a key theatre market), is portable (can be played outside



of traditional theatres to ensure a longer period of income) and is inexpensive to tour (ie, one-person plays). This mini-festival brings all these elements together'

According to erstwhile theatre owner Melanie Baumeister, 'We are so lucky to have this high calibre of live entertainment made available to us by intrepid travelling artists and generous Sedgefield entrepreneurs! Theatre is an essential community experience - it gives us a shared story to build relationships on and have important discussions around issues and situations that affect us all. This range of genres is a great line up and the collaboration is reaching further than any other entertainment has done in Sedgefield for a very long time! Snap up your tickets, encourage friends, family and foes to come along for a fantastic foray into the timeless world of storytelling.'

The mini-festival consists of seven shows performed over three days and across three venues in Sedgefield: In Toto Retreat, the Sedgefield Community Hall and Smutsville Community Hall. Tickets are available on the In Toto Events page on Quicket. For out-of-town patrons, a mini-festival accommodation special is available for guests staying at In Toto Retreat.

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PUBLICLY SPEAKING

by Levael Davis

The Quest for Competence in Public Administration.

A typical municipality receives many applications for critical positions, but unfortunately, only a handful meet the minimum requirements, and even fewer have the experience needed for the financial challenges faced.

This scenario repeats itself across municipalities nationwide, where critical vacancies undermine service delivery and governance. The Department of Cooperative Governance reported that over 35% of crucial technical positions remain vacant in smaller municipalities, with engineering departments particularly negatively affected. Several responses were noted when Statistics South Africa inquired about the reasons for staff vacancies in municipalities. Some municipalities expressed uncertainty regarding the specifics of their personnel structure. Additionally, some had imposed moratoriums on filling vacant positions, while many others were still relying on outdated organograms that were scheduled to be updated following the local government elections.

The consequences of these vacancies are far-reaching and are becoming more prevalent.

Without competent engineers, infrastructure deteriorates, affecting everything from water delivery to road maintenance. When procurement officials lack expertise, tender processes become vulnerable to irregularities, and finance departments without qualified leadership struggle with budget management, often leading to incorrect billing, poor financial controls, erroneous revenue projections, and possible qualified audits. A domino effect occurs throughout municipal operations when Human Resources departments lack capacity and can't effectively recruit for other departments. When legal teams are understaffed, contracts go unvetted, potentially resulting in delays and extra costs. Also, when performance systems fail, accountability disappears, making consequence management difficult.

The reasons for these staffing problems are complex, ranging from competitive salaries in the private sector that draw talent away from public service to geographical location to political interference in appointments, which disrupts merit-based selection. Additionally, the skills pipeline from universities often doesn't match local government needs.

What also happens is that positions are filled with

unqualified or inept individuals, some have the minimum qualification but lack other skills to successfully execute their tasks or duties. The budget of municipalities gets bloated because consultants get paid to do the work officials should do.

However, some municipalities are finding innovative solutions as several have partnered with local universities to create internship programmes specifically tailored to municipal needs.

These programmes have successfully retained many interns as permanent staff over time. Other local governments have implemented mentorship initiatives pairing experienced officials nearing retirement with recruits, ensuring knowledge transfer and continuity.

Professional bodies can play a bigger role in the recruitment process by helping municipalities verify qualifications and experience. A further suggestion could be the

establishment of regional talent pools where smaller municipalities share specialists, performance-based retention strategies, and depoliticised appointment processes for technical positions. The courage to appoint on merit rather than on connection is essential. When municipalities compromise on competence, they are ultimately

compromising on basic services.

There is a quest for public institutions to prioritise competence over convenience, as this will determine whether municipalities can deliver on their constitutional mandate or continue their slide into dysfunction, one vacant position at a time.

LIONS' NEWS

by Debbie Olivier

Last week the Lions' team, along with the very capable assistance of Melissa and Rashida from the Slow Town Meals kitchen, made and delivered 64 litres of soup for our first soup drive.

The soup was delivered and distributed via Ms Martie Rooi

the challenge of joining all the squares donated to Sedgfield Lions "Dare to be Square" project.

Of course this success would be impossible without the very generous locals who keep busy with their great knitting and crocheting talents. This project started four years ago and has grown yearly, so the help given by the Happy Hands ladies is invaluable.



and Pastor Gallant, and was received with appreciation.

Anyone wanting to donate any ingredients for our next soup day, kindly drop off at Wool n Things, or donate via our snapscan signs at various outlets in the village and use the reference "soup". Thank you!

The ladies from the Thursday morning Happy Hands group did themselves proud again this year. These ladies take on

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ALL LEARNERS: ENTRIES OPEN FOR THE 2025 ALLAN GRAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE

The 2025 edition of the annual Allan Gray Entrepreneurship Challenge (AGEC) is now open for entries for schools and learners across Southern Africa – and this year the legendary business competition offers even more action-packed games, prizes and opportunities for high school learners to pursue their business dreams.

“As the Challenge enters its ninth year in 2025, the mission to ignite entrepreneurial thinking among youth across Southern Africa – in more schools, more provinces, and even reaching learners in neighbouring countries like Namibia, Eswatini and Botswana – is getting more critical and more exciting,” says Marcel Manikum, Programme Lead of the Allan Gray Entrepreneurship Challenge.

AGEC plays a unique role in Southern Africa by focusing on early-stage entrepreneurial exposure - targeting high school learners and sparking curiosity through fun, gamified learning. Top students get the opportunity to pitch their business ideas live at the AGEC Summit to turn business plans into real ventures.

The Challenge is currently expanding in the Eastern Cape, Limpopo, North West, and KwaZulu-Natal, alongside continued work in Gauteng and the Western Cape. “These areas show untapped potential with rising interest from educators and district leaders. They also represent communities where entrepreneurial education can serve as a powerful lever for social mobility,” says Manikum.

Exciting new additions to the competition
AGEC 2025 promises to be even

more thrilling than previous years. The competition's goal is to shift perceptions about entrepreneurship, making it exciting, accessible, and relevant from a young age. Manikum explains: “Among the competition's new features, there is a brand-new high school game – with a deeper, scenario-based simulation that puts learners in the driver's seat of real-world business decisions. The popular AGEC digital platform is also faster, smarter, more mobile-friendly. It's designed to feel relevant, exciting, and easy to use.

Participants stand a chance to win exciting prizes, including cash and Allan Gray Unit Trusts! The final Business Pitch Challenge will reward the top

three students with incredible prizes, while the Allan Gray High School Game features a generous overall prize pool. Schools can also win a special prize for entering the most participants.

From small beginnings to a booming movement

“AGEC started as an online game to get students excited about business, and since inception, has grown into a full-on movement - with national competitions, hands-on tools for teachers, physical card games like Startup Shuffle, and even face-to-face pitching events,” says Manikum.

The big idea behind the challenge was to spark ideas,

build confidence, and help young people envision themselves as entrepreneurs while still in high school.

The 2024 competition saw more than 21 000 learners participating across four countries, with the Allan Gray High School Game being played over 200 000 times, equating to 70 000 hours of entrepreneurial learning. The competition in 2024 also provided training, that is accredited by the South African Council of Educators, to more than 800 teachers through partnerships with teacher unions (SADTU, NAPTOSA and SAO).

“For us, the growth has not been just about numbers – we're seeing very exciting progress in how young people are starting to think

differently about their future. Sparking their ambition is at the heart of Mr. Allan Gray's mission – to build a generation of problem-solvers, job creators, and confident leaders.

What learners say about the Allan Gray Entrepreneurship Challenge.

“Last year's competition showed a remarkable impact on our students - 95.2% agreed that entrepreneurship can drive community change, 94.8% say entrepreneurship skills are useful for life, even if you don't start a business, and 69.85% of learners believe they now have what it takes to start a business – many attributing their confidence to AGEC exposure,” says Manikum.

RARE MADE-IN-SA CARS AT SEDGEFIELD MOTOR SHOW

South Africa, which has been a global base for motor vehicle assembly for more than 100 years, has also seen several unique vehicles designed, developed, and built here. Some outstanding examples will be on display at the Eden Car and Motorcycle Show to be held at the Scarab Arts & Crafts Village in Sedgefield on Sunday, 6 July.

Two of them are outstanding examples of the world class products that come out of Jimmy Price's Hi-Tech Automotive facility in Gqeberha.

They are the AC Zagato, which was known as a Perana Z-One concept car during its development but went into limited production wearing the AC badge from a fabled British company. Production began in 2009 and 25 were manufactured before production ceased the following year. It is powered by the 6.2 litre V8 engine that was fitted to the Chevrolet Camaro at that time.

The second car from Hi-Tech is the Rossion, a mid-engined sports car built for an American company as an evolution model derived from the British Noble M400. A total of 75 were made before the project was moved to the US. It has a twin turbo 3-litre V6 Ford Duratech engine and performance claims of 0-100 km/h of 2.8 sec. and a top speed of 314 km/h.

The Cape Town-built GSM Flamingo coupé, which was loosely derived from the GSM Dart roadster, proved a popular variant with 128 sold between 1962 and 1965. It was one of the first cars to have a bodyshell made of glass fibre. A 1964 model fitted with a Ford engine will be on display.

Another locally built sports coupe that will be at the Sedgefield show is the two-seater Puma GT which was built on a Volkswagen Beetle

platform and used Volkswagen engines. The design was like a Puma built in Brazil, but that car was built on the VW Karmann Guia platform, which were scarce in South Africa.

The South African Puma was originally built in Durban and launched in 1973 when it proved an instant success, with 357 cars sold in the first 21 months. Production moved around the country, finally ending up in Babelegi, near Pretoria. Production continued until 2019.

A little known fact is that Cyril Ramaphosa was a 50% shareholder in the company for a short period from 2006.

Two examples of the Puma will be on display at the show, a 1974 GT and a 1975 GT 2300.

The entry list also includes five examples of locally built Lotus 7 as well as Cobra replicas, powered by a variety of engines that make them all unique.

There will be several other rare models on display, but they were imported into South Africa.

One that is making its second visit to the Sedgefield Show is the Low Drag Jaguar E-Type that is coming from Cape Town. Last year Jaguar's iconic E-Type was the show's featured car model, and the Low Drag version was a highlight. The donor car was a 1972 E-Type Jaguar, and all the special bodywork was made by hand in the UK from aluminium. It is fitted with an incredibly special 6.8-litre fuel-injected quad-cam V12 Jaguar engine making it one of the rarest of all Jaguar E-Types, with only two produced.



Picture: - The AC 378 Zagato built by HiTech in Gqeberha

Another unique car that will be on display is the beautifully proportioned Italia that lives on the Garden Route. Designed by the famous Michelotti design house in Italy it used the chassis and running gear of the British Triumph TR3 sports car. A total of 330 of these good looking coupés were built in Italy between 1959-1962. It is now a highly prized model among collectors.

The French motor industry has been responsible for a host of innovations over the years. A good example is the Citroen Avant, which was produced from 1934 to 1957. It was the first mass-produced car with front wheel drive in the world, and it also debuted a semi-monocoque body, without a regular chassis frame. Four examples of this trendsetter will be on display, dating from 1937 to 1954 and this includes a scarce convertible model.

American manufacturers have had several notable car models over the years, one of these is the

Buick Riviera Boattail and a 1971 example will be on display at Sedgefield. Styled by GM's Bill Mitchell, it was one of the most dramatic shapes of its era, with inspiration coming from the design of classic speedboats, with a long hood, swooping curves, and tapered rear.

Besides these rarities there will be a host of highly desirable supercars and sports cars for visitors to view. They range from supercars from Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, and Audi (R8) to limited production sports cars such as Aston Martins, Jaguars, Morgens, and a Jensen.

The gates to the show will open at 10h00 on Sunday 6 July and close at 16h00.

The entry fee is R70 for adults, while there is no fee for children under 16. The Eden Car and Motorcycle Show is again part of the annual Knysna Oyster Festival, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to deserving local charities.

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SEDGEFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

18 July Lions
Mama Mia -Karaoke Party
9 August
The Living Cornerstone
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18 October
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15 November
Masithandane 'Anything
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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling
Club News



As from 4th June our
winter tabs in time will be
1.15pm to start at 1.30pm,
this will continue until the
end of August. The monthly
"shirts and skirts" will be
played on the first
Wednesday of every month
in future.

The men's mini league got off
to a good start this past week
and all our teams did very
well. Keep it up chaps!

The ladies and men's
nomination pairs final will be
played this week. Good
bowling to all involved.

For everyone out there, if you
think you would like to try
your hand at bowling we
welcome new bowlers and
complimentary coaching is
available to beginners.
Please visit the club on a
Wednesday or Saturday
afternoon.

That's a wrap, see ya'll "on
the mat"

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS, SHOWS HIKES, EXHIBITIONS

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Ladies' Golf Club Report

Friday, 23 May, was a
beautiful day for golf with
perfect conditions in every
way.

We played an IPS with a charity
drive bringing a tin from the
pantry as our entrance. Kay
introduced Esther to the club
which was great. We hope that
she enjoyed her game and will
be back.

Congratulations to Shannon
Nicol and Joy Herbst for
playing 2 under their handicaps
and to Elize Mackenzie-Blom
for playing 1 under her
handicap. Birdies went to Elize
Mackenzie-Blom on 15,
Wendy Mack on 13 and Ronnie
Maingard on 17. Nearest the
pin was won by Elize
Mackenzie-Blom.

Thank you to Brenda Howden
for providing the bottled fruit.
The overall winner was



Shannon Nicol on 38, second
Joy Herbst on 38 and third Elize
Mackenzie-Blom on 37. Super
results once again, well done
ladies.

Thanks to Elize Mackenzie-
Blom for donating delicious
fudge for our Swizzle prize
which went to Shannon Nicol. A
very warm welcome home to
Almarie Mead and Linda Evans.
Lovely to see Almarie at the

close of play.

Look forward to seeing you all
at Val's coaching on Sunday.
Thanks to Almarie for co-
ordinating this and to Jannie
Smit for permitting it. Thanks
once again to Christina Coetzee
for doing the scoring and Clare
Garner for sorting out all of the
finances. All greatly
appreciated.

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost Tasted -
Franschoek Cellar La Cotte
Mill Chenin Blanc 2024

The bottle has a very traditional,
yet quite attractive front label.
The back label offers concise and
descriptive info about the wine
and the cellar. Abv.12,5%.

It is a clear wine, with a light lime
colour and a few legs visible.
This Chenin has a very
distinctive nose with no flaws.
WG experienced aromas of
greenish pineapples, nectarines,
crisp apples and geranium
flowers.

It is a medium bodied, well
balanced Chenin with slight
acidity. Flavours of apples and peaches came through.
The wine has a medium long mouth feel with the taste of apples and
nectarines left in the mouth.

The Wine Ghost sees it as a good buy in the price range R90 - R110.
It can be enjoyed on its own, or paired with grilled fish and salads.

In Vino Veritas till next time.



SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB

Thur. 15th May.
Equal 1st. Shirley & Gail P. 56.2%
Gail F & Carol
3rd. Ann & Maryke 50.0%

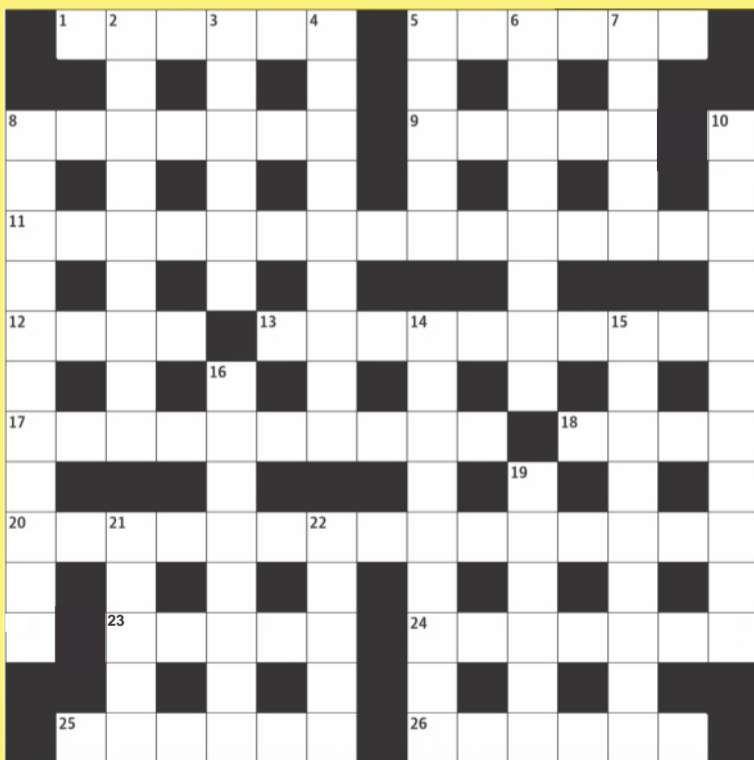
Thurs 22nd May.
1st. Ann & Jeannie 66.7%
2nd. Carol & Gail P 57.5%
3rd. Diana & Maryke 53.7%

Thurs. 29th. May
1st. Karen & Gail F 78.3%
2nd Carol & Terry 76.6%
3rd Brian & Clive 71.6%

TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

- What you say is catching when you have tea. (6)
- Revealing a disproportional share. (3,3)
- I am inside to register the idea regarding a position at the hospital. (7)
- Fix support for the pair in the second run rising. (5)
- Potential leader might use this for his uniform. (7,8)
- One poses badly for birds. (4)
- Fruit's family sounds somewhat appealing, though perhaps accident prone. (10)
- Not here twice for sympathy. (5,5)
- Mark would add nothing towards the award. (4)



- Either mentions a stupid reason to unselfishly work together. (6,2,1,2,4)
- Fixes drugs for external use on nose initially. (5)
- Runs noting accented greeting postscript. (7)
- Tells America something. (6)
- Cut to the part you waved goodbye to someone. (3,3)

Down

- Sound off, cutting a bit from the melody. (3,2,4)
- Fist and teeth come together. (6)
- Results following a bad school lesson. (9)
- Star goes on a bit of an ad-lib

- rant. (5)
- A half-wet, new source of old fuel. (5,3)
- Those all for having children. (5)
- Payment to authorities for what we heard could nail land down. (8,3)
- eg Wow, Madam! Nurses run level with Bob and Eve. (11)
- Irish fliers off to a singular point, oddly enough. (3,6)

Across: 1. Paramedical 9. Cheaper 10. Tweenie 11. Desperado 12. Pasta 13. Cafe 14. Montenegro 16. Cohabitant 19. Stow 21. Arras 22. Unheard of 24. Slavish 25. Purcell 26. Magistrates
Down: 1. Peers of the realm 2. Rupee 3. Marcato 4. Detroit 5. Creeping 6. Longsightedness 7. Acidic 8. Legato 15. Abashing 16. Coarse 17. Touches 18. No hyper 20. Waffle 23. Afrit

- Dismissed from the team just as the game started. (6,3)
- Blue tent re-erected for seedy narcotic trade. (5,3)
- Not out, Red Grandma's nemesis turns on the water source. (6)
- I'm upset, having bumped into this fellow. (5)
- Monster shirt consumerism in dwellings. (5)

THE SPORTS EDGE

Gear up for the Knysna Oyster Fest!

Get ready to move, groove, paddle and pedal – the 42nd Knysna Oyster Festival is back from 4 to 13 July, bursting with thrilling sporting events for every age and ability, whether you're a seasoned athlete, weekend warrior, or just looking for a fun family outing.

The festival sporting calendar is jam-packed with iconic favourites and new adventures that span forests, mountains, roads, waterways, and even wine farms – all set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Garden Route.

Hit the ground running

Lace up for the legendary Knysna Forest Marathon & Half Marathon (5 July) – a must-do event that winds through the mystical Knysna Forest. There are still entries available for the Full Marathon.

The Houtkapper Trail Run on Sunday, 6 July, with its forest magic and mountain air awaits! This event offers three distances, each winding through the lush indigenous forests and singletrack paths of Krisjan-sen-Nek. It's one of the festival's most iconic off-road runs – and your perfect excuse to get a little muddy in the name of fun!

For a slightly more relaxed experience, join the 3 km Family Adventure Walk at Blackwaters River Lodge on Friday 4 July. If you'd rather spectate than participate, there are two soccer tournaments to look out for: the KLFA Soccer Tournament and the Street Soccer Tournament, as well as the SWD Touch Showdown touch rugby tournament, the Mini Hockey Tournament and Netball Tournament.

Join the 5km for CANSA (6 July) or bring the whole family for the festive RAP Knysna Colour Run (12 July) – it's fitness with flair!

Continue your festival fitness journey at the Simola Sunset Wine Run (10 July). Or push your limits with the KnysnaX Trail Series Winter Run (10 July) and the Choo-Tjoe Ultra Trail Run (13 July) following the historic railway route.

Pedal power

Saddle up for one of the festival's most exhilarating sporting spectacles – the Knysna Cycle Tour! Spanning three epic days, this year's action kicks off on Friday 11 July with the three-day forest Enduro and Criterium Rides and continues on Saturday, 12 July, with mountain biking adventures through the scenic forests around Simola – choose from 86 km, 56 km or 30 km routes. On Sunday, 13 July, it's time to hit the tarmac with road races starting from Waterfront Drive, including thrilling kids' races. Sign up now if you're chasing a podium or just pedalling for fun!

Make a splash

On 5 July, the Canoe Polo Tournament will bring fast-paced, team-focused action to the Knysna Waterfront. The Harbour 2 Heads Lagoon Challenge, on 13 July, is a spectacular 12 km or 24 km canoe race through Knysna's sparkling waterways.

Game on!

Try something different with the Padel Challenge at Simola Country Estate or sign up for the Oyster Betterball Championship, 11 July, at Knysna Golf Club. Think fast and team up for The



Amazing Race – Knysna Style, 9 July, a clue-cracking adventure around town. And don't miss the Knysna Sports Fair, 10 July – an energetic celebration of youth sport and community fitness.

These are two 5 km Saturday Parkruns which are community-focused, and open to all ages and fitness levels. They start

and finish at the Knysna High School Sports Field, part of the Festival Hub.

Join the action and be part of the festival whether you're actively participating and competing or just cheering from the sidelines.

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SEdge TENNIS NEWS



The Tennis Club's monthly Ladies Doubles Challenge was held on 23 May. Michelle Lutener who always organises a very successful and enjoyable 12 player tournament, once again emerged the winner and struck a winning pose for the photo! Well done ladies!

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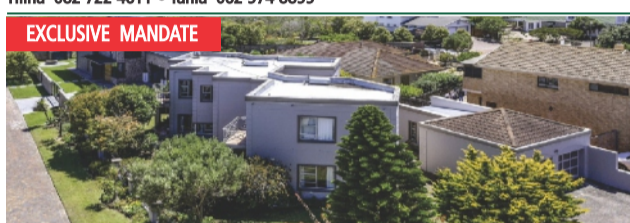
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4 June - 17 June 2025
● Full Moon 12 May 2025

| Day | Low Tides | High Tides | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| Wed Jun 04 2025 | 04:59 16:41 | 10:45 23:26 | 07:28 | 17:27 | 13:32 | 01:03 |
| Thu Jun 05 2025 | 06:03 17:53 | 11:56 | 07:28 | 17:27 | 13:56 | 01:59 |
| Fri Jun 06 2025 | 06:51 18:46 | 00:18 12:54 | 07:29 | 17:27 | 14:19 | 02:54 |
| Sat Jun 07 2025 | 07:30 19:27 | 01:01 13:39 | 07:29 | 17:27 | 14:46 | 03:51 |
| Sun Jun 08 2025 | 08:04 20:04 | 01:39 14:18 | 07:30 | 17:26 | 15:15 | 04:48 |
| Mon Jun 09 2025 | 08:37 20:38 | 02:15 14:52 | 07:30 | 17:26 | 15:50 | 05:48 |
| Tue Jun 10 2025 | 09:10 21:13 | 02:49 15:24 | 07:31 | 17:26 | 16:30 | |
| Wed Jun 11 2025 | 09:41 21:47 | 03:23 15:56 | 07:31 | 17:26 | 17:19 | 07:46 |
| Thu Jun 12 2025 | 10:14 22:23 | 03:58 16:29 | 07:32 | 17:26 | 18:14 | 08:41 |
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| Sat Jun 14 2025 | 11:23 23:42 | 05:11 17:41 | 07:32 | 17:26 | 20:18 | 10:14 |
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