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TOP OF THE LEAGUE

by JP Jordaan

Sedgefield's Pick n Pay Eagle Stars are currently ranked No 1 in the First Division of the SWD President's Rugby League, this after a long winning streak, including back to back victories over the last two weekends.

On 7 June the local team had a huge challenge on their hands. Playing an away match against close rivals Knysna United, they went into half-time with a 6-0 point deficit.

Both teams scored after the restart, but the score then remained 16-10 in Knysna's favour for most of the second half.

However, supporters on both sides leapt to their feet when, in the dying minutes of the game Elrich Grootboom managed to sneak through a gap in Knysna's defense. He scored the all-important try and Adrian Konstabel managed to convert the pressure kick and won the match for the Pick and Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars at the death, final score 17-16.

The following Saturday (14 June) saw our local lads playing at home facing league rivals Uniondale.

It was always going to be an exciting encounter with the Pick n Pay team sitting in second place in the SWD President's League and Uniondale ranked third.

The Eagle's B-team set the scene with a convincing win, beating the men from Uniondale 28-13. Tries were scored by Almer Jones, Brendan April and Rameon Krigga, who managed to score a brace. Chesco Julies had his kicking boots on and slotted all four conversions.

In the A-team game the men from Uniondale lost their cool and ill-discipline cost them the game. The Eagle Stars led at half-time (22-13) and managed to keep the Uniondale players from crossing the scoreline for the rest of the match.

But, for the Eagle Stars, it soon became a try fiesta. Tries from Rayston Dirk, Elrich Grootboom, Richard Voorslag, and Curt Ruiters and two from Morne de Wet kept the home crowd singing. Adrian Konstabel scored two conversions and Clayton Solomons also converted a try. This placed the Pick n Pay Eagle Stars on top of the league table. Their next match is against Riversdal away from home. We wish the team good luck and safe travels!



Rising above the competition, the Pick n Pay Eagle Stars winning a line-out against derby rivals Knysna United.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY OOM JONKIE

Congratulations to John Johannes Oelf - or 'Oom Jonkie' - from Karatara, who celebrated his 100th birthday on 11 June 2025. His family travelled from far and wide to celebrate with him at his birthday party, which was attended by more than 200 family members and friends.

John was born in 1925 at 'Highway' Portland, near Rheenedal. His parents were Johanna Prins and Kerneels Oelf, who had eight children - three daughters and five sons. He grew up in Barrington and later married Bertha Merton in Belvidere. Following in John's parents' footsteps, they too had eight children, six daughters - Gwen, Johenna, Vera, Joan, Caroline and Pearl, and two sons - John, and David (who has passed away.)

John Oelf worked in forestry right up until he retired from Farleigh Forest Station at the age of sixty.

The family had moved around a bit before settling in Karatara. After his wife passed away some years back, his daughters lovingly took over caring for him.

Oom Jonkie has always led an active life, even in his retirement - transporting his grandkids to school and back on his trusty bicycle, collecting firewood and pottering about in his garden. Indeed, even now he can be seen on occasion, making short excursions around Karatara on his bike. He also loves telling stories of his working days in the forest.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

The EDGEmobile is back home – at last!

Thanks for the concern, not to mention the food hampers, frozen meals and flowers that somehow didn't get delivered.

It is, of course, so good to have our trusty transport back in her rightful place in the driveway of T'Ed Mansion, not without drama, of course. Nothing happens in this household without at least some form of drama.

For those who perhaps skipped my scrawlings in our last edition (or possibly weren't concentrating – tut tut) about a month ago our family car/newspaper delivery van/ carrier of furniture / spare bedroom (when Mrs Ed's snoring reaches a specific number on the Richter scale) aka The EDGEmobile, decided that she didn't quite fancy entering the golden streets of Quackerber and came to a grinding halt just on the outskirts of the Sunshine City.

She is inclined to sulk, sometimes, especially on an uphill.

A call was made, a towing commenced and the poor girl was erratically steered by yours truly into a gleaming motor workshop for inspection.

I tried to fight the good fight, positively embracing the hope that something simple had caused this beloved family van to give up the ghost. I envisaged (quite desperately, I admit) that after a few minutes, with a laugh and a cheer, perhaps accompanied by a "Really? No charge at all? You are so very kind – here, at least take a newspaper!" we would be back



on the road again, having a jolly good chuckle at the fact that something so small as a beetle on the battery (or something) could result in this little bit of drama.

"I'm sure it's just a loose wire... "I suggested in a rather embarrassing high-pitched whine as the mechanic opened the bonnet and started shaking his head.

"It's probably because my husband didn't check the tyres when I told him to," chirped Mrs Ed, helpfully, from the passenger seat.

I scowled, miserably reflecting on how much more macho she sounded.

The mechanic (let's call him Al Capone, for ease of reference) had started that strange 'breathing in whistle' taught in *Motor Repairs – 101 – Client Service*, and I began sweating.

"Where are you from?" he said, somehow maintaining the whistle as if he existed in two dimensions.

"Sedgefield?" I said. I wasn't sure why it came out as a question. I was hoping that as I hadn't said 'Thesen Island' or 'Plett' or 'The Posh End of Monte Carlo,' he might see me as less of a bottomless bank account.

"Ohhhh," he sighed. I thought I

detected a 'So typical of a Sedgefielder to come here with this mystery motorcar problem' lilt to his voice, but not sure enough to claim as such in a court of law.

I tried a different tack.

"Look," I said, forthrightly, and indeed generously. "If it comes to it, I don't mind paying for a couple of new spark plugs."

I have to say that this blurtation was immediately followed by a seizure of panic that spark plugs were no longer relevant, and that I had just made myself the brunt of a 'can you believe?' story that would be shared amongst mechanics all over the world from that moment until the end of time.

I was also hanging on to the hope that spark plugs, if they did still exist, would still be around R1.50 each, and that the toll fee, five pies and six coffees we had on the road had not totally depleted our bank account.

Silence ensued, except for the inhaling whistle, which continued as Capone fiddled with something.

Mrs Ed is not a fan of silence.

"Will you be able to get the radio working?" she queried – then, in my direction, in a whisper that wasn't really one if you happened to be within a 10m radius of the car "If we're outlaying for spark plugs, the least he can do is fix the radio!"

The same radio that hadn't worked a single day since the coffee accident of 2015.

The fellow looked up at Mrs Ed, then across at me, and just stared, as if she were my fault.

Further panicked, I thought I should say something technical. "Why VW puts the cup holders right above the radio, I'll never know," I tut tutted, shaking my head sagely and raising my eyebrows not unlike Mr Bean.

His head went back under the bonnet, from where he called one of his workshop minions, who came scuttling out of the depths of a back room.

"Bring the pluggy-in computer thingamabob," the mechanic ordered. (These might not have been his exact words, but you get the drift, I'm sure.) Then he looked at us and said "You had better go and wait in the reception – this could take a while." I began to wonder whether we would make it back to Sedgefield in time for dinner.

Three hours later, we got our first bit of feedback. (I suppose I should apologise if this detail seems overly technical to any readers who may not have the same grasp of mechanics as I do.)

"Ok, Mr Téd," he said, glancing from me to Mrs Ed and back, trying (I guess) to ascertain which one of us that was, "It seems the hydrwalller has blacklined, and your IDM conglobulator is stuffed. I'm not surprised - how long ago was it that you defibrillated the filter? And whoever did the



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COMMUNITY MOURNS FIRE VICTIMS

Karatarra's close-knit community was horrified on 7 June 2025 when a house fire claimed the lives of a mother and child.



Elza and her son Johannes
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Elza Booyens and her four-year-old son Johannes perished in the blaze which broke out at around 7.45am on the Saturday morning, engulfing their home on Akkerlaan. Werner Kleinhans, Elza's fiance and the child's father, managed to escape with his life along with another man, Gert de Lange.

The attempts of Werner, along with other family members and neighbours to rescue the woman and child failed as the home's roof collapsed soon after the fire started. An inquest as to the cause of the blaze has been opened, but the fire report had not been released at time of going to press.

In the week that followed the community mourned the loss of this young family, and on 10 June Ward Councillor Cleone Vanston organised for FAMSA to provide counselling for friends and family members.

A memorial service for the mother and child will be held on Friday 27 June at 10 am at the Karatarra Community Hall.

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Knysna Municipality Adopts Budget

Knysna's 2025/26 budget, recently adopted by a majority vote in council, is getting very mixed reactions. Whilst the leading political coalition is heralding the document as progressive, the DA (opposition) party is saying just the opposite. Further, the Sedgefield Ratepayers Association has registered their 'deep concern'. Below is the edited press release from Knysna Municipality, whilst reaction to the budget is on page 4 of this edition.

The Knysna Municipality has adopted a fully funded and forward-looking budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, one that prioritises financial stability, infrastructure investment and enhanced service delivery. Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika tabled the budget during Council's most recent sitting on Thursday 5 June 2025, outlining a balanced and responsive plan to address the evolving needs of the Greater Knysna community.

"This is more than just a financial document—it is our action plan to uplift communities, invest in future growth, and improve financial sustainability," said Matika. "It was shaped through public engagement and reflects the values and aspirations of our residents."

The municipality has approved a total revenue budget of R1.497 billion. This projection is based on sound economic trends, improved billing efficiency, and continued commitment to prudent financial planning. The operating expenditure budget has been set at R1.263 billion, enabling the municipality to maintain and improve service delivery, protect infrastructure, and sustain core operations. Encouragingly, the municipality anticipates an operating budget surplus of R234 million, a sign of increased financial discipline and efficiency across departments.

A capital expenditure budget of R173 million has also been approved and is fully funded. This allocation will support the maintenance and upgrading of critical infrastructure, including improvements to water and sanitation networks, expansion of the electricity distribution system, funding towards increase the waste fleet, and enhancements to roads and stormwater systems. "Even with a R5 million reduction in national grant funding to the Electrical Services Department, Knysna's capital programme remains intact and geared towards economic stimulation and long-

term resilience. After accounting for both operating and capital allocations, the municipality expects a net budgeted surplus of R61 million—providing a buffer against economic volatility and creating space for continued service improvements.

"Every cent of our capital budget is focused on improving lives and driving local economic growth," said Matika. "This is the foundation for future development."

To maintain service levels amid rising costs, moderate tariff increases will take effect from 1 July 2025:

- Property Rates: +4.3%
- Electricity: +13% (business), +16% (domestic)
- Water: +4.3%
- Refuse Removal: +20%
- Sanitation: 70% of actual usage will be billed for all consumers. Domestic consumers will be charged for a maximum of 35 kilolitres, while business and other users are not subject to any usage limits. In cases where actual charges fall below the calculated usage, a basic charge plus an additional 4.3% will apply. Indigent customers are exempt from this tariff.

The Municipality will continue to offer a R35,000 rebate on the valuation of qualifying domestic properties and maintain social rebate structures for properties valued up to R700,000. Indigent households will remain shielded from tariff increases and will continue to receive 6 kilolitres of water and 50kWh of free electricity monthly.

While the financial and investment priorities form the backbone of the budget, the municipality is also laying the groundwork for sustainable development through long-term planning and community-centred programmes. The recently adopted Water Services Development Plan, a requirement under the Water Services Act,

represents a major step forward in ensuring reliable and sustainable water and sanitation services across Knysna. Significant progress has also been made in reviewing the Knysna Municipal Spatial Development Framework and the Sedgefield Local Development Framework—documents that will guide sustainable and economically integrated growth in line with the broader Integrated Development Plan.

On the housing front, the municipality has secured R33 million from the Provincial Government to fund a range of projects. These include the construction of 34 units under the Vision 2002 project, 14 units in Hlalani, 20 units at the Khayaletu Bungalows, 100 serviced sites in Sedgefield, and 10 sites in Flenters. Tenders for the Smutsville project in Sedgefield have already closed, and a contractor will be appointed in July 2025. In addition, the municipality will continue its productive partnership with Khaya Lam, with a goal to register 1,000 title deeds in the new financial year—an important step toward ensuring secure land tenure for local residents. "Secure

home ownership is transformative. It empowers our people and strengthens communities," said Matika.

The Administration will undergo changes to streamline internal processes and free up resources for core service delivery. Key technical vacancies will be filled, and the launch of a new online job application portal will further support transparent and efficient recruitment processes. Community safety and emergency response capacity will also be enhanced with the acquisition of a new fire truck, valued at R2.072 million and co-funded by Western Cape Provincial Government (R1.072 million) and Municipal own funding (R1 million).

"The residents of Greater Knysna must be thanked for their active participation in the recent budget consultation process. Public participation strengthens our democracy and ensures that the choices we make reflect the needs of our people," he said. "This is not just a budget—it is a shared commitment to building a better, more resilient Knysna for all," Matika concluded.

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World Environment Day : What is required of me

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

World Environment Day - an important day on the environmental calendar is celebrated annually on the 5th of June. It is a global programme aimed at raising awareness and encouraging action for the protection of our environment.

Established by the United Nations in 1972, World Environment Day serves as a reminder of the critical importance of environmental conservation and the role each individual plays in fostering a sustainable future. It requires that each of us embrace responsibility for a sustainable future.

In other words, World Environment Day requires each of us to take responsibility for the health of our planet. Through our individual actions and community involvement, we can address the pressing environmental challenges of our time. Whether it's through reducing waste, conserving energy, or advocating for policy changes, every action counts.

The concept of World Environment Day was conceived more than 50 years ago at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm. It sprang from the realisation that we must take action to protect the air, land, and water on which we all rely. The first World Environment Day was held in 1974, and since then each year has had its own unique theme. The theme for this year is "Beat Plastic Pollution."

From our deepest oceans to the highest mountains and to the food we eat, plastic pollution has infiltrated every part of our life (even our own bodies) through microplastics. World Environment Day 2025 urges us to unite in the fight against plastic waste as plastic pollution exacerbates the



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deadly impacts of our planetary crisis of climate change, the crisis of nature, land and biodiversity loss, and the crisis of pollution and waste.

Globally, an estimated 11 million tonnes of plastic waste leak into aquatic ecosystems each year. At the same time microplastics accumulate in the soil from sewage, landfills and due to the use of plastics in agricultural products and various forms of packaging and storage products.

The annual social and environmental cost of plastic pollution in South Africa is incalculable. Globally five hundred billion plastic bottles are produced annually and there is already more than 150 million tons of plastic waste in the ocean.

It is estimated that by 2050, ocean plastics will likely overtake the amount of fish. It is shocking to note that in 2020 alone, we generated more than five hundred million tons of plastic waste. Single-use plastics (wrappings and packaging) have an average useful life of 12-15 minutes and can take up to five hundred years to disintegrate.

However, there are things that we can do in our personal capacity to curb the rise of the plastic tsunami engulfing us:

- Avoid single-use plastics – plastic straws, plates and cutlery make our lives easier, but they have a serious impact on our planet. Instead, use metal and bamboo alternatives, or biodegradable plastics if possible.
- Join a movement of people determined to make a positive difference to the environment.
- Buy in bulk – disposable containers such as polystyrene trays, PET bottles, tetra paks, plastic containers, etc are

universal but some stores are offering the possibility to buy foods like cereals and rice in bulk. Some offer unpacked fruit and vegetables for you to select and pack in your own container.

- Rethink your food storage – instead of using plastic bags, plastic wrap and plastic storage containers, use jars or glass or steel containers.
- Take a cloth bag when you go shopping.
- Shop at a local farmers' markets – which provide a wonderful way to buy fresh, local produce without plastic – remember to take your own bags.

- If you do happen to use plastics, put your plastic waste in the correct recycling container in accordance with our local recycling services requirements.
- Avoid using cosmetics that use microplastics. Yes! There are cosmetics with micro plastics.
- Buy fewer items of clothing and wash them only when necessary- a single wash can cause 700 000 bits of microplastics to be released into the environment.
- Buy natural fabrics like cotton, hemp, linen, and wool. Processing these materials is far less water – intensive than synthetic fabrics like polyester and nylon and they will last longer.
- Use a refillable water bottle.
- Try natural reusable beeswax coated cloth wraps instead of plastic cling film.
- Buy used necessary plastic items, instead of new.
- Compost food waste to avoid plastic garbage bags.
- Influence and challenge your family and friends to do the same.

World Environment Day is not just a date on the calendar; it is a call to action. It emphasises the need for collective responsibility in tackling pressing environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and deforestation. Environmental day should not only be on June 5th. Make every day an environmental day to protect and preserve our environment not only for generations to come but for your own health and well-being.

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REACTION TO KNYSNA'S BUDGET

Sedgefield Ratepayers Association (SRA) Responds to Knysna Municipality's 2025/2026 Budget

The Sedgefield Ratepayers Association (SRA) expresses deep concern over the recent budget announcement by Executive Mayor Thando Matika. Despite community submissions during the consultation process, there has been no acknowledgment or response from the municipality. This lack of engagement undermines transparency and accountability.

The budget presentation fails to provide accessible links to key documents, including the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), local ward priorities, and performance indicators. This omission hinders community oversight and erodes public confidence in the budget's alignment with local needs.

Furthermore, the SRA notes that the process reflects a "tick-box" mentality, where community submissions and the IDP appear to have been disregarded in the budget formulation. This approach suggests that public participation is being treated as a formality rather than a genuine opportunity for engagement and input.

The SRA demands clarity on how proposed increases will benefit Sedgefield and other wards, particularly in areas such as:

- Road maintenance
 - Water provision
 - Sanitation
 - Safety
- To foster meaningful participation, we call on the municipality to provide clear online links to:
- Full budget documentation which shows how basic maintenance will be done.
 - Development plans
 - Community engagement outcomes

Transparency and accountability are essential for building a resilient and inclusive Knysna. We urge the municipality to revisit their communication processes and engage genuinely with the community.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) Responds to the 2025/2026 Budget

The DA in Knysna rejects the 2025/2026 Municipal Budget as tabled this week, due to the document's failure to include numerous public participation and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) submissions, rendering the

process a mere tick-box exercise.

It is now evident that little to no comments and submissions made by residents at either the Ward IDP or Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework public meetings were included in this year's budget.

The DA was the only party to vote against this budget, since the Knysna Independent Movement (KIM) joined the ANC coalition with Councillor Mark Willemse's election as council speaker, leaving the DA as Knysna's sole opposition party.

Despite a promise by Mayor Thando Matika to incorporate the valid concerns of residents into the budget, especially on the City's allocations to crucial infrastructure repair and maintenance, the ANC coalition, with the support of KIM, pushed it through.

The budget process was a rubber-stamping exercise for the ANC/PA/EFF/PBI/KIM coalition, and not a genuine effort to serve Knysna's residents in the short- and long-term.

Among the DA's objections to the tabled budget are the following:

- No sustainable measures to address potable water losses, which have increased from 13,73% in 2023 to an estimated 40% in 2025;
- An inadequate allocation towards bulk water infrastructure repair and maintenance, with a focus on planned expansion;
- Inadequate allocations to address the re-surfacing of roads, specifically in the tourist attraction areas of George Rex Drive, Knysna Central, Knysna Heights, Brenton-On-Sea, and Sedgefield;
- Unnecessary increases in tariffs for services, particularly refuse collection, sanitation, and the

revised encroachment fees which will result in the cost of living in Knysna becoming unaffordable for residents across all communities;

- No measures to grapple with spiralling loan repayments which currently cost the Knysna municipality R100 million per year; and

- No plan to address the 8,000 non-functioning prepaid water meters across the municipality, crippling Knysna's ability to recover the costs of the treatment of raw water to potable water.

It is also an indictment on this budget that a grossly inadequate allocation has been made to address key priorities to mitigate and prevent sewerage spillages and the resulting pollution of the estuary.

The DA is also concerned that infrastructure upgrades to address population growth have not been budgeted for, with no allocation towards law-enforcement to deal with illegal land invasions and pollution of the environment due to violations of public sanitation by-laws.

The root cause of Knysna's service delivery and governance failures can in part be attributed to the unlawful appointment of the Municipal Manager, Ombali Sebola, and Acting Directors by former Executive Mayor, Aubrey Tsengwa, whose resignation followed findings of gross misconduct by the Western Cape Department of Local Government.

The DA in Knysna will continue to fight for a municipal budget that balances affordable service delivery, sustainable and efficient rate collection, and infrastructure maintenance and repair, with a forward-thinking strategy to ensure Knysna's long-term financial sustainability.

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This July, foodies from all over South Africa will be heading to the Garden Route to indulge in a delectable array of food events at the 2025 Knysna Oyster Festival. Running from 4 to 13 July, this year's theme, "It's time to come out of your shell," sets the tone for a flavour-packed festival where culinary creativity takes centre stage.

From street-style burgers and wood-fired pizzas to gourmet pasta nights and honey-infused fine dining, the festival's food programme is bursting with fun and flavour for every palate.

Kicking off the delicious action on Friday 4 July is the Exclusive Burger & Beer Indoor Street Party at 34 Waenhout, a one-night-only event pairing craft brews with artisanal burgers in a buzzing indoor market vibe. In Thesen Harbour Town, the newly renovated Island Café at the Turbine Hotel will set the mood with a Carbo-Loading Pasta Evening, getting runners (and hungry visitors) into high gear for the weekend. Wine lovers are also in for a treat, with the Knysna Fine Wine Festival at Simola Hotel on both Friday and Saturday, offering tastings from 25 of South Africa's top winemakers in an elegant, scenic setting.

Saturday 5 July ups the flavour with the Main Burger & Beer Festival Day, including interactive competitions like "Build Your Burger" and "Big Burger Eating" – perfect for the competitive (and hungry) among



us. Later that evening, Oysters & Bubbles at the Turbine's Gastro Pub offers a bubbly and oyster pairing in a relaxed, chic setting – all with free entry.

For something more rustic the Fairytale Fest in the Forest, taking place on multiple dates, invites guests to enjoy intimate dinners under the forest canopy, with local chefs serving wholesome cuisine in an enchanting setting.

On Sunday 6 July, the Oyster Festival Country Market at Totties Farm Kitchen brings families together with deli treats, hot food, and live music. Meanwhile, foodies can also look forward to a daily dose of goodness at Oyster Alley at the Festival Hub – think Seattle coffee, local food stalls, and mouth-watering snacks.

Tuesday 8 July brings the excitement of the Knysna Oyster Cooking and Shucking Championships presented by Stella Artois, where chefs compete for oyster glory and the fastest shuckers battle it out for

bragging rights – all while wine estates offer tastings of their finest vintages.

On Wednesday 9 July, the Pizza Perfect Big Mouth Semi-Finals offers a pizza eating showdown not for the faint-hearted. Follow this with The Dessert War Fair which invites you to sample an array of sweet treats and cast your vote for the ultimate dessert champion.

On Saturday 12 July, it's full-on flavour at the Pizza & Pasta Festival Day at 34 Waenhout, featuring build-your-own pizza fun and pasta eating competitions for the brave. And if that's not enough, you can dance it all off at the End of Oyster Dance Party that evening.

For oyster lovers, the Stella Artois Oyster Hotspots dotted around town are a not-to-be-missed daily attraction. These local favourites are dishing up oyster specials in every conceivable way – from freshly shucked 'naked' oysters to decadently fried or baked




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Whether you're in it for the oysters, the competition, or the mouth-watering adventure, the Knysna Oyster Festival 2025 is your time to shine. Come hungry, come happy – and come out of your shell!

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Thursdays
7:00am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
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8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

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A MESSAGE FROM HOLMES

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I have since acquired a new cell phone number 067 674 9682, though I am still using the same email address:- holmesjansen@gmail.com and would be grateful if clients could contact me so that I may organise the collection of their artwork or have it sent by to them by courier

Many thanks for your patience and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Holmes



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PLEASE HELP KNYSNA'S BIRD RESCUE LADY

For the past six years, Knysna's Tanja Badenhorst, who many will know as Knysna's 'Bird Rescuer', has been courageously battling a relentless and painful condition — chronic osteomyelitis, an aggressive bone infection that just refuses to let her go.

In that time, she's lost her left leg above the knee, endured two more amputations, and undergone over 75 surgeries — each one a brutal reminder of the fight she wakes up to every single day.

About a month ago, she received devastating news: the infection has returned, spreading into her bone and bone marrow. The general surgeon suggested a hip disarticulation, an extremely high-risk operation where her entire leg — including the hip —

would be removed. The survival rate is tragically low. She and her wife Ashleigh were told that only five out of 10 survive this operation, and even fewer make it past the first month due to complications.

They have, however, been given a glimmer of hope. Private orthopedic specialists believe her leg can still be saved because there is miraculously still some blood flow. It would necessitate further amputation but at least not all the way to the hip. This operation needs to be done urgently in a private hospital with a specialised bone and joint infection unit. The cost for the surgery, the team of doctors, anaesthetists, and hospital stay is R400,000. Our state hospitals are able to do the same surgery, however there is a waiting period of over four months which is something they just cannot wait for as in that time the risk of the infection spreading or even turning into septicemia is just too great.

"We've been fighting this battle alone for so long," says Ashleigh. "Emotionally, we are exhausted. Financially, we are broken — we've spent over R300,000 in the last three years alone, and every cent of our savings is gone."

A Back-a-Buddy campaign has been started to help raise the funds the couple so desperately needs. You can find their story and donate on www.backabuddy.co.za, searching for 'saving-a-leg'

They have managed to raise just over R140 000 with this Backabuddy campaign as well as private donations. This covers the specialists, professors, anaesthetist and the laboratory costs so far, and they have made arrangements with the hospital to pay them off. "In order for the operation to take place we need to raise another R110 000," Ashleigh told us. You can follow the story of these two brave ladies on Facebook.

A GREAT DAY AT SLOW CLAY

"Nicky Franceschi from Slow Clay was so gracious in inviting the children of Rondevlei Learning Centre for a clay session," says school head Vinessa van Rensburg, "The children absolutely loved decorating their bowls and mugs."

She went on to say how proud the youngsters are of their crockery and that they have been using it everyday.

Nicky spoils the NPO children further, buying each of them a take-away lunch and providing drinks from Slow Roasted.

"Our own darling volunteer Nikki was also on hand to help coordinate the outing and help with the children," Vinessa enthused, "And what made the day was when she praised them for being so attentive and well behaved. YIP!! that's what she said!!"



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"People like the Franceschis from Slow Roasted are why people love Sedgefield. They really care about their village and its people."



Mamelodi Sundowns FC Supporters' Club

Sedgefield's very own branch of Mamelodi Sundowns FC Supporters Club was launched on 10 May 2025.

"We acknowledge all contributions we have received from the entire community, including the businesses," says Assistant Media Officer Zane Platjies, "We also thank our fellow sister branches in the Garden Route, and those who travelled the distance from Cape Town."



WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU GONE WITH YOUR EDGE?

Gill Thomas took on a long and rather gruelling mission to the source of the Zambezi River, in Mwinilunga in the North-Western Province of Zambia. Whilst the journey was not easy, she at least had her favourite newspaper to read when she got there!



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EMMA-GRACE RECOVERS - STEADILY

It has been just over three weeks since eleven-year-old Emma-Grace Snyman was involved in a dreadful car crash. We asked her mother, Vanessa, to let us know of her progress, and she kindly sent through the following update:-

Emma was flown to the Red Cross from George via Air Mercy Service. The ICU was ready for her, with the pediatrician, ICU specialists, the neurosurgical team, orthopedic team and plastic surgeon discussing how to help her way to recovery.

After waiting for the swelling to recede, then tests and scans and much consultation, the first consideration was that there should be no movement of the neck as the C2 vertebra was fractured. A decision was then made to operate as the C2 vertebra was moving further from its rightful place. Emma went into an operation that lasted nearly six hours during which they focussed on her C2 vertebra. At the same time her mouth was wired closed so that her jaw could heal in an aligned position. The collar bone break was left to mend by itself. The lacerations on her face are being helped by creams, massage, lymphatic drainage, and other professional methods.

After the operation Emma moved to High Care, and this is where rehabilitation started. The neuro doctors see her every day to



The doctors are happy with her progress and have allowed the next team to help her: Physiotherapists, an Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist and Dietician.

Emma-Grace has been improving day by day with the help of all these professionals, and the prayers and support given during this time. This is something that could not have been done alone.

Johnny Snyman, Emma-Grace's father, was very upbeat after having spoken to her Neurosurgeon Dr Kavalu.

"He's an amazing man," he told us, "And he is very impressed with Emma's progress. She is very responsive, her memories are coming back steadily, and her siblings and I have been able to have regular video calls with her - sometimes up to twenty minutes."

monitor how her head and brain are doing, and consult with other departments such as plastics or orthopedics where necessary. Many a morning I would have anything from three to ten doctors in front of Emma and I, all discussing her case and seeing what more they could do for her.

As a mom I am very involved with: cleaning Emma in the morning, feeding her through a nasal-gastro feeding tube, working with her to sit up, and helping to change the linen and hospital gown.

He said that whilst Emma is set to go through a full assessment from the Red Cross team in about a week's time, the talk is that she may be able to return home within a month, and perhaps even return to school soon after. "She will have to wear a neck-brace for six months or so, after which they will operate again," he explained. Johnny said that Emma's siblings were looking forward to travelling down to the Red Cross Hospital to spend time with her.

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Delay in Garden Route Regional Waste Management Facility:

The Garden Route Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF), a pivotal infrastructure project for sustainable waste management in the region, has recently encountered significant changes and delays.

The RWMF, located near Mossel Bay adjacent to PetroSA, is designed to serve the waste disposal needs of multiple municipalities, including Bitou, Knysna, George, and Mossel Bay. The facility's scope includes engineered waste cells, leachate management, weighbridges, and supporting infrastructure, aiming to centralise and modernise waste management in alignment with provincial sustainability strategies.

On 5 March 2025, the GRDM terminated the contract with the appointed contractor, Tefla Group. The group had experienced serious cashflow issues which subsequently led to their inability to conclude the project in accordance with the required project timelines.

Following numerous interventions to assist the contractor in this regard to expedite works, the GRDM had no alternative but to terminate the contract in terms of the General Conditions included in the contract.

The contractor subsequently vacated the site, prompting urgent action to avoid disruptions in regional waste disposal, particularly with the impending closure of the PetroSA landfill site. Initially, the municipality planned to appoint a Contract Management Services team and various subcontractors through emergency procurement (deviations) to complete Phase 1 as quickly as possible.

The tender process for Construction Management Services concluded with a recommendation from the Bid Adjudication Committee on 30 April 2025, awarding the contract to a service provider for R7.7 million. The remaining work - comprising buildings, roads and earthworks, Cell 1A, services, and electrical - was split into five packages, totalling approximately R85 million.

However, at a Council meeting on 7 May 2025, it was resolved that proceeding with deviations for these packages could result in material irregular expenditure, exposing the municipality and its officials to significant risk. As a result, the Council decided to revert to a single, comprehensive tender process for appointing a new contractor to complete Phase 1, in full compliance with the Supply Chain Management Policy and associated timelines.

The revised approach entails the following steps:

- The tender document was finalised and served at the Bid Specifications Committee on 26 May 2025.
- The tender was advertised on 5 June 2025.
- Two compulsory clarification meetings are scheduled for 18 June and 25 June 2025.
- The tender closes on 4 August 2025.
- Following closure, a technical evaluation will be conducted before recommendations are made to the Bid Evaluation and Bid Adjudication Committees.

Participating municipalities will be actively involved in the Supply Chain Management processes for the appointment of the new contractor. A new estimated project timeline will be submitted to Council once the procurement process concludes and a contractor is appointed.

While construction is paused, GRDM appointed service provider, Khabokedi Waste Management, who continues to operate at the PetroSA landfill site. Recognising the risk of landfill capacity being exceeded before the RWMF is operational, GRDM and PetroSA convened a meeting on 16 May 2025 to negotiate further extensions and alternative arrangements. They resolved to jointly approach Licensing Authorities for the necessary license variations to ensure continued waste disposal until the new facility is ready. The Provincial Director of Waste Management has agreed to coordinate these engagements.

The delays mean that the RWMF will not be operational by the previously anticipated date. The timeline for full operational status now depends on the outcome of the new tender process. Assuming standard procurement and construction timelines, it is likely that Phase 1 completion and the start of operations will be delayed well into 2026, though a precise date will only be available once a new contractor is appointed and a revised schedule is approved by Council.

According to the GRDM, the Garden Route Regional Waste Management Facility remains a cornerstone project for the region's sustainability and compliance with national waste management standards. Despite the recent setbacks and challenges, the Council's decision to prioritise legal and financial prudence ensures long-term integrity and accountability. In the interim, collaborative efforts between GRDM, PetroSA, and provincial authorities are focused on maintaining uninterrupted waste disposal services for the region until the RWMF becomes fully operational.

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RARE JAWA RACING BIKE TO HEADLINE MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY

A rare Jawa racing motorcycle will be one of the stars in the motorcycle section at the Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show to be held at the Scarab Arts and Craft Market, situated alongside the N2 in Sedgefield on Sunday, 6 July.

This 1954 model Jawa is one of only five of these 500 cc twin-cylinder models to be built and one of only three still known to be in existence. It is owned by a local enthusiast and was built in Czechoslovakia, behind the so-called Iron Curtain, to challenge the British and Italian makes dominating world motorcycle racing at that time. The machine has a top speed of more than 200 km/h and is still in immaculate condition.

There will be another couple of racers among the approximately 40 motorcycles entered for the show, which once again forms part of the annual Knysna Oyster Festival.

East London-based Neville Fisher, a builder of amazing custom motorcycles is bringing his much-modified 1969 Triumph Bonneville race bike which scored a host of successes on local tracks from 1981 to 1998. This well-specified and very neat model was bought by Neville in 1972 and used as everyday transport for many years in Durban and the KZN Midlands before he converted it into a track racer.

Another production-based racer that will be on display at the show is the 1960 Honda CB72 Super Sport which belongs to local enthusiast Anthony Roff. It has a high-revving 250 cc twin-cylinder engine and was added to Honda's expanding motorcycle range at the request of its distributor in the United States, where it proved an instant sales success. Anthony says he used the design of Mike Hailwood's Honda RC166 race winner as the inspiration for his own racer.

Tony Horne, of Sedgefield, is another Honda fan and will have two highly desirable Super Sport models on display. One is a standard version of the CB72 and the other is the rarer CB92 with a twin cylinder 125 cc engine. The latter is reputedly the only one of its type imported by Honda South Africa.

Anthony Roff will also display two unusual 50 cc sports models in the form of the 1964 Itom Astor Competizione and 1962 Bianchi Falco Sport, both of which would have been dream bikes for many schoolchildren of that era.

Another rare model that can be seen at this year's show is a beautifully styled 2005 MV Agusta F4 1000 S. This is reputedly the model that put new life into MV Agusta, a renowned Italian brand that built many grand prix winners

over the years.

Besides these stand out exhibits there will be a host of other interesting motorcycles from Honda, Yamaha, Ducati, BMW, and Suzuki, as well as a host of British "oldies" going back to a 1929 AJS and 1957 BSA as well as later models from Ariel and AJS.

The second edition of the Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show promises to provide a selection of cars and motorcycles to suit all tastes. Entry fee is R70 for adults, while children under 16 are admitted free. A prime objective of this show is to raise money for deserving local charities.

"We are delighted with the quality of the exhibits we have



1954 model Jawa is one of only five of 500 cc twin-cylinder models

put together for this show, and it will make an ideal family outing on Sunday, 6 July, with restaurants and shops located alongside the car and motorcycle exhibition. Local businesses

have also been incredibly supportive of the upcoming motor show," commented Peter Pretorius, who heads up the Eden Classic Car Group's show organising committee.

JOHN MAYTHAM EN ROUTE TO SEDGEFIELD

John Maytham is a familiar voice on CapeTalk's 567 Afternoon Drive show. Sedgefield audiences will have an opportunity to see John on stage in Sedgefield on Saturday night 21 June, when he performs a one-person show 'To Life, With Love' to local audiences. This drama is 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.

This is one of three shows written by acclaimed playwright and producer Mike van Graan that will be performed in Sedgefield over the weekend 20-22 June. According to Roland Vorwerk, organiser of the mini-festival of one-person shows, a number of performances are already sold out, and due to popular demand, an additional performance of 'So

Over The Rainbow' has now been included in the lineup.

Tickets are still available for the following shows: 'To Life, With Love' performed by John Maytham at the Sedgefield Community Hall on Saturday 21 June at 19h00; 'I Can Buy Myself Flowers' with Erika Breytenbach at the Sedgefield Community Hall on Sunday 22 June at 19h00; and 'So Over The Rainbow' performed by Rondo Mpiti-Spies at In Toto Retreat on Monday 23 June at 19h00. Mike van Graan will be reading a selection of his own poetry and will have an open discussion with his audience on Sunday afternoon at 14h00 at In Toto Retreat.

Tickets are available on the In Toto Events page on Quicket. For more information call Roland on 082 466 1251.

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT MURAL



When a local resident Margi Bezuidenhout employed the services of 16-year-old art student to do a wall mural in their home, she didn't for one moment think the result would be quite so spectacular.

Christine van As is a student of the very well-known artist Rita Knoetze, and there's no denying the teen has a very special talent.

Says Margie "She designed the mural from a very brief

spec that I gave her and then painted it to my absolute satisfaction. She is one amazing young lady."

A home-school student who also does part time work, Christine did the bulk of the 3 x 2m mural creation on weekend afternoons. "I started on the 8th of February, and finished on the 11th of May, so probably spent between 120 and 150 hours on it," she told us,

"The inspiration was Margi's; she wanted a moon, sun, and stars, and she showed me photos of bedrooms decorated in the colour

palette she preferred." As it took shape, the artwork gained its special style and a lot more detail as both Christine and Margi realised it needed to be more than a simple night-scape. The end creation was so beautiful that Margi invited her friends around for an 'open house' viewing.

Christine says she loved the experience from start to finish, and definitely hopes to do more murals in the future.



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CLASSIC PIE WINNER



Congratulations to Eric Damane who was the June winner of Sedgefield Shell Garage's Classic Pie monthly draw, taking home R1000 in cash. The competition runs until the end of October 2025.



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APPROVED BUDGET: 2025/2026 MTREF

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 18(1) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, that the Annual Budget of Knysna Municipality for the 2025/2026 MTREF was approved in a meeting of Council held on 05 June 2025, and is available for viewing by accessing the following link: <https://www.knysna.gov.za/government/important-documents/budget-and-related-documents/> or alternatively at the Municipal Offices and Libraries based in Sedgefield, Rheenendal, Karatara and Knysna.

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Part 5: Management of Chronic Back Pain

by Professor Stan Brighton

In previous editions of the Edge the management of acute back pain up to 6 weeks, subacute back pain from 6 to 12 weeks and part 1 of chronic back pain management was discussed.

This week chronic back pain management the treatment of pain arising from spinal structures including the role of injections and the possible place for surgery will be discussed.

Most back pain will respond to the treatment guidelines as already described. There remains a small percentage with chronic pain of variable intensity. A

variety of other treatments are available, but previous treatments with physical activity, exercise, and social engagement must be maintained. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop".

A physiotherapist can offer a number of electrical or physical treatments such as ultrasound, traction, shortwave diathermy, massage and acupuncture. Back supports or corsets will give relief and improved patient satisfaction but are generally less effective for long-term recovery. Spinal manipulation or mobilisation is widely used to treat low back pain and recommended for patients who

do respond to previous treatments.

Manipulation leads to improvements in pain in both acute and chronic back pain.

Functional improvement in walking, standing, sleeping, and household tasks can be expected. Spinal manipulation should be considered a second line option, after exercise.

Chronic pain is a major cause of mental health issues particularly depression, and the use of a psychologist contributing to learning practical self-help strategies helps identify and reframe unhelpful thoughts. Tailoring interventions to individual needs boosts therapy effectiveness.

If you are still experiencing severe pain and functional problems combined packages of physical and psychological treatment for those with chronic pain, as well as sciatica who have not responded to previous treatments may help.

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, and being involved no matter what, all help suppress chronic pain.

For the small percentage with inadequate responses to all of the above treatments, various spinal injections and or a surgical opinion must be considered. This will be covered in the next edition of The Edge

All of the advice given here is best practice national guidelines published in major medical journals. For article references contact stanbrighton1@gmail.com

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SUDOKU

FIRE DETECTION PROJECT

Garden Route District Municipality has brought their Fire Detection Device project to Sedgefield. They will install approximately 1300 devices throughout all the informal settlement areas – two of which are already completed. Councillor Jobieth Hoogbaard and Fire Commander Heinrich Leslie and the District team officially launched the project on Tuesday 17 June.

Says Ward 1 Councillor Levael Davis "This is an impactful project which aims to address a prevalent issue for us. My gratitude goes to Asivikelane for identifying this need, and our Ward rep and Sedgefield fire team for ensuring that the device installation processes are properly coordinated. It's a team effort and that's how we do things in our Ward."

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Ladies' Golf Club Report

**Medal & Putt Competition
sponsored by Pick n Pay Family
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6/06/25

It was a chilly start as the Sedge Links Ladies gathered on the club deck, wrapped up in our Pick n Pay/Wimpy winter jackets, ready for a good catch-up. After a quick chat about some of the newly updated local rulings, we were all set to hit the course.

Thankfully, the winter sun didn't keep us waiting too long. As it crept over the trees, the chill started to lift, and before we knew it, jackets were off and it felt like the perfect golfing day.

Eighteen ladies took to the fairways for our monthly Medal and Putt competition. The course was looking great, the Sedge Links team are certainly doing a great job! There was a lovely buzz

in the air — relaxed, but with just enough competitive spirit to keep things interesting.

There were some great scores, a few adventurous moments, and more than a few laughs along the way. As always, it was great to see everyone enjoying the game, supporting each other, and making the most of a beautiful morning out on the course.

Results:

GOLD DIVISION

Winner – Marina van der Westhuizen (57 on a count out),
Runner up – Elize Mackenzie-Blom

SILVER DIVISION

Winner – Wendy Mack (52, also played 2 under her handicap),
Runner up – Michelle J Gilchrist (56)

BRONZE DIVISION

Winner – Ronnie Maingard (56),
Runner up – Christine Coetzee

LEAST PUTTS TROPHY –

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling
Club News



Some exciting bowls took place in the final of the nomination pairs competition played last week.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up and thanks to all the spectators who braved the cold weather.

The mixed singles competition is underway with the second round being played this week.

The third round of the men's mini league was played last week and Sedgefield is still top of the log. Keep it up fellas!

The ladies were not as successful but all is not lost, still two rounds to go.

Congratulations to our members who successfully completed the markers course held at our club recently.

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



Wendy Mack (23 putts)
Congratulations to all winners and well played to all players.
A very big THANK YOU to Pick n Pay Family Store Sedgefield for sponsoring the Ladies division.

13/06/25 Friday – unlucky for some, but not for the 15 Sedge Links ladies who had a brilliant morning out on the course! It was one of those perfect winter days – clear, crisp, and full of laughs. We played a fun format called "Snakes," which suited the date perfectly. Each 3-ball started with a rubber snake on the tee box. Once we got to the green, anyone who three-putted had to take the snake and carry it on to the next hole. The snake kept moving from player to player throughout the round... and of course, the one left holding it after 18 holes

had to buy the drinks!
A light-hearted, fun way to spend Friday the 13th — and proof that even the unluckiest date on the calendar can still be a great day out with good friends.

Results:

1st : Shannon Nicol (40 points)
2nd: Barbara Renfielda (37 points)

3rd: Linda Evans (36 points)
LONGEST DRIVE: 0-15 handicaps – Marina van der Westhuizen and 16-23 handicaps – Wendy Mack

Shannon Nicol played 3 strokes under her handicap, and Barbara Renfield 1 stroke under. Only one birdie for today, which was Shannon Nicol on hole 17

GREAT FUN and WELL DONE to all players!

Tennis Club News

The monthly Men's Monday challenge was played on 2 June with a full house comprising 12 players on a perfect afternoon for tennis.

A great afternoons tennis was enjoyed by all with Francois Hay and John Djurak coming out on top with Ian Sparks finishing third and Marcus Eibig 4th.

As always competitive tennis was played in good spirit.

A huge thank you must go to Len Dekker for organising a well run afternoon.



The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – Fat bastard Rosé 2024

The front label has quite a feminine and artistic look, with interesting use of pink and mauve. The back label provides info on the terroir and grapes, as well as some tasting notes. Abv 10,5%.

This rosé has a clear, salmon pink colour, with very few legs. The nose is clean and fresh, with aromas of geranium leaves, green strawberries and a dusty road. It is a light-bodied, dry rosé with light minerality and green strawberry flavours.

The wine has a short mouth feel and lacks a bit of character. It is very lighthearted and will be fine, chilled, with some snacks,



on a sunny day.

WG would expect more of a wine in the R100 – R120 price category.

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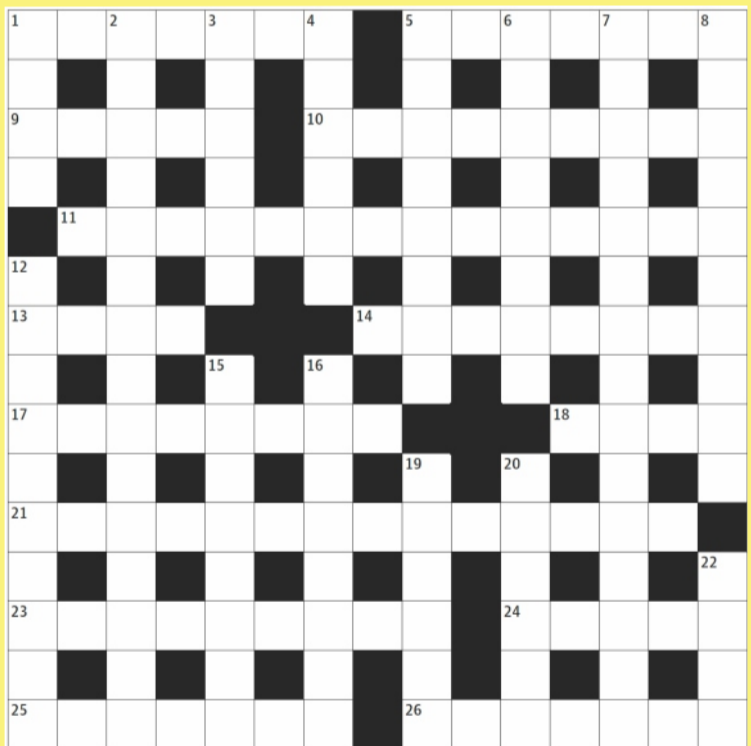
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Odd how they first ran German sections! (7)
5. One in the nose for frequent fliers. (7)
9. FIFA in trouble, some say they're a tad dizzy. (5)
10. How he, she or they of the Common Era may put it. (9)
11. Trespassers tip off - they'll take everything of worth. (5-9)
13. God from the North, or at least thereabouts. (4)
14. Insincere bra lacks intelligent design. (8)
17. Something's afoot for 'non-metriculants'... (8)
18. ... who don't perhaps care. (4)
21. Iecap forced to drift according to professional guidelines. (4,2,8)
23. Retail zero strapping except this brand. (9)
24. Sweet Hungarian wine was from the Mother City, so we're told. (5)
25. Eye infection Ms Russo got from part of a disposable cup. (7)
26. What makes us happy? Perhaps the first living agreements. (7)

Down

1. Piano sounds often cut. (4)
2. Wet end to a game, or theatre production? (4,7,4)
3. Fellow dropped off gunmetal re-application to the tree. (6)
4. Reveal the old post office service cutback. (6)
5. Me, rich? No problem – I'll



sing with the other guys. (8)
6. One who should know when the chips are down. (8)
7. Spacecraft token exchanged for liquorice nibbles! (10,5)
8. Those are little characters who will help filling their own plates. (10)
12. We heard they examine luggage up to a different level. (10)
15. Nothing so hidden in Greece

as wood preserver. (7)
16. First, we are out on the perimeter of the idea for bombardment. (8)
19. Pretend to invent special colouring and end the fight. (4,2)
20. One would be found unmoved having sat badly for part of the day. (6)
22. Heard the activity places were his? (4)

Across: 1. Gotcha 5. Low cut 8. Patient 9. Brace 11. Officer material 12. Emus 13. Banana skin 17. There there 18. Scar 20. There's no i in team. 23. Mends 24. Gallops 25. States 26. Saw off
Down: 2. Out of tune 3. Clench 4. After math 5. Libra 6. Whale fat 7. Uteri 8. Property tax 10. Palindromes 14. Aerlingus 15. Kicked off 16. Betel nut 19. In flow 21. Emmet 22. Nests

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Sedge Links Golf Club
The inaugural tournament was held on 7 and 8 June 2025 and attracted a full field of 36 members.

Weather conditions remained conducive to good golf on both days. The winner was Wynaand du Preez with a very good score of 103 gross. A further eight prizes were awarded to the players, who finished in the 2nd to 9th places and were based on best nett scores.

The day concluded with a very enjoyable boerie roll and salad lunch supplied by our principal sponsors Pick n Pay & Engen.

We also wish to thank the prize sponsors on the day - George & Knysna Golf Clubs, The Golfers Club, Manie Heunis, Texas Grill,



Montecello, Humble Crumble, Daily Grind, Flat Lizard, Deo Gratia and last but not least The Little Wood Shop for our lovely trophy.

Thanks again to one and all for a great event hopefully it will become a success on our yearly calendar.

Please support Brendan!

Young all-round sportsman Brendan Kasanya is in need of help. A student at Van Kervel School, the young man has been selected for the SWD Eagles Rugby squad to attend Craven Week in Bethal, Mpumalanga.



Rugby is only one of this young man's sporting passions. He also plays soccer for the Smuts United junior team as a striker, has represented SWD for soccer, and recently went to Bloemfontein to represent his province in the SA Athletics Championships for the 100m, 200m, 400m and long jump.

The Craven Week, where some of South Africa's best young rugby talent has been spotted over the years, is running from 27 June to 4 July. Unfortunately the school is unable to provide all the funding for the travelling, accommodation and food, and

each participating player has to raise R4000 towards these expenses.

Should anyone be able to assist they should deposit funds into the Van Kervel school account as follows:- Absa bank account no 089 077 0754. Please use 'Brendan Rugby' as a reference so that it is marked against his name.

CONQUERING THE COMRADES

by Alvin Witten

The spirit of endurance and community shone brightly as five members of the Sedgefield Striders Running Club proudly completed the 2025 Comrades Marathon — one of the world's most gruelling and revered ultra-marathons.

The Comrades, often referred to as "The Ultimate Human Race," is a punishing 89-kilometre test of physical stamina and mental resilience. With strict cut-off times, brutal climbs, and endless kilometres underfoot, it remains a bucket-list event for long-distance runners worldwide.

Among this year's finishers were dedicated Sedgefield locals, Hans van de Wetering (9h16m02s), Jeanne-Marié Eksteen (9h50m18s), Ida van de Wetering (10h10m21s), Matty Smith (10h10m21s), Gavin Jantjies (10h58m57s). Their Comrades success didn't come overnight. It was built over months of early-morning training, weekend long runs, and the unwavering support of fellow Striders. Striders, Matty and Ida ran not only for personal triumph but they also had a deeply meaningful mission. The duo ran in support of CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa), raising awareness and funds for children battling cancer and their families.

Their efforts transformed each grueling kilometre into a powerful act of compassion,



A very happy Comrades finisher Jeanne-Marié Eksteen celebrates with her sons Christiaan and Michael.

inspiring both runners and supporters back home. The Striders community rallied behind their Comrades participants - tracking their progress online, sending messages of encouragement, and celebrating each heroic finish.

Their achievement is more than a medal. It's a reflection of the values that make the Striders special: perseverance, mutual support, and the sheer joy of moving forward together — no matter the distance. As the medal-bearers return to their Saturday routes, their stories will inspire new runners, remind old ones why they started, and affirm what the Striders already know: there's strength in community.

SEDFIELD GENTS' CLUB

Club Report

22/5/25

It is the month of May, which consequently means it may be freezing, it may be gorgeously warm, it may rain and it may not, the wind may blow or it may not, there may be a hole-in-one or there may not. Needless to say, it was another beautiful day for golf, warm with no wind whatsoever.

The day's competition for golf's finest gentlemen was six off the black and the same number subsequently off the red and blue tees. These chaps are known as grown-ups because they groan every time they get up, but the winners of the competition were no-groaners! In first place was Terry Savage with a fantastic 43 points followed by Niel de Villiers with 42 after a countout. You will undoubtedly be shocked to hear that the loser in the countout was Peter Heath with the same score of 42. We can assure you that he was not in charge of the score card. Rudy Bosch was in a close fourth position with 41.

In golf, it is said that if you make a birdie, you will subsequently make two double bogeys in

order to restore fundamental equilibrium to the universe. So you might imagine what happened to John L.B. when he had a hole in one on the fourth hole - a miracle that no-one could have forecast? When asked if this occurrence meant that he had learned from his mistakes, he replied "What mistakes?"

29/05/25

We live in an age where 90% of students believe that B.C. stands for Before Cellphones. With this in mind, our B.C. sorry G.C. members had heard that the temperature for the day was going to be 30 degrees in the shade, so they were clever and decided to play in the sun. The competition was the favourite of the month which was the Pick n Pay/Engen sponsored Monthly Mug and the sun shone on many of the competitors.

The A division was won by Koot Viljoen with a magnificent net score of 52. He was followed by Mike Hubberstey with 56. Mike maintains that during his working life he had probably flown more than 45,000 km, which is equivalent to three times around the world or once around Donald Trump's head. In third spot was Peter Schnetler after a count out with Derek van Zyl.

The B division was won by John L.B. with 34 points, followed at

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some distance by Ken Cullinan with 33. Brian Stewart was next with 31 and then a struggling and tearful Len Moulth with 30.

Nearest the Pin prizes went to Malcolm Goldhill on the 5th and Roger Hawden on the 13th. It pains us to report that Hans Anema has been diagnosed with suffering from O.C.G.D. (Obsessive Compulsive Golfing Disorder) as proven in his disastrous golfing implosion, which won him the "Duck". Tony Hunter's golfing ability was highlighted by his winning the Lucky Draw. Peter Heath was unlucky not to win the "Duck" as he finished with 16 points. This after his 42 the previous week which indicates that there is obviously some serious handicap manipulation taking place here. Cross country was the name of the game and cross was the prevailing look on most of the players' faces, though not so for a few. Take for example Ken Cullinan who shot a magnificent 46 points, although it must be pointed out that as a newbie every hole on the course is new to him whereas with the other

players teeing off to a totally different green was a torture. In second spot was Koot Viljoen with 41 followed by Ian Wright on 39 and then Terry Savage with 38. Terry's announcement that he had never had so much fun in his life was met with scorn by the rest of the golfers.

12/6/25

Sanity prevailed with the return of a normal Individual playing stableford competition on a chilly morning that developed once again into a beautiful, windless day. So "Chapeau" to the Captain, Brian Gerard. It was great to see the return to the club by Henry Crowther and he celebrated his comeback by vanquishing all opponents with a 38 points score to take first prize. In second spot was Garth Schooling with 36 and then Malcolm Goldhill with 34. Niel de Villiers took fourth spot after a count out with Mike Goodwin. At 88 Mike is at that age where he has to find his hearing aid to ask where his glasses are, so to see him still performing on the golf course is truly wonderful

TIDE TABLE

18 June - 01 July 2025

● Full Moon 10 July 2025

Wed Jun 18 2025
low tides 02:23 14:24
high tides 08:23 21:15
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27
moonrise - moonset 12:21

Wed Jun 25 2025
low tides 09:35 21:53
high tides 03:18 15:49
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:29
moonrise 07:47 moonset 17:19

Thu Jun 19 2025
low tides 03:35 15:35
high tides 09:32 22:25
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27
moonrise 00:39 moonset 12:49

Thu Jun 26 2025
low tides 10:19 22:40
high tides 04:07 16:33
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:29
moonrise 08:44 moonset 18:29

Fri Jun 20 2025
low tides 04:52 16:59
high tides 10:50 23:32
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27
moonrise 01:46 moonset 13:19

Fri Jun 27 2025
low tides 10:59 23:24
high tides 04:53 17:16
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:29
moonrise 09:32 moonset 19:41

Sat Jun 21 2025
low tides 06:04 18:15
high tide 12:08
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:27
moonrise 02:56 moonset 13:52

Sat Jun 28 2025
low tide 11:37
high tides 05:35 17:57
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:30
moonrise 10:10 moonset 20:48

Sun Jun 22 2025
low tides 07:06 19:17
high tides 00:34 13:15
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28
moonrise 04:09 moonset 14:30

Sun Jun 29 2025
low tides 00:07 12:12
high tides 06:15 18:37
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:30
moonrise 10:42 moonset 21:52

Mon Jun 23 2025
low tides 08:00 20:13
high tides 01:32 14:12
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28
moonrise 05:24 moonset 15:17

Mon Jun 30 2025
low tides 00:48 12:46
high tides 06:54 19:18
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:30
moonrise 11:09 moonset 22:52

Tue Jun 24 2025
low tides 08:49 21:05
high tides 02:26 15:03
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:28
moonrise 06:38 moonset

Tue Jul 01 2025
low tides 01:30 13:22
high tides 07:33 20:02
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:31
moonrise 11:34 moonset 23:49

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