

IS KNYSNA ON THE CORRECT PATH?

Mayor Thando Matika responds to Minister Bredell's suggestion of Administration

Knysna's Executive Mayor has responded forthrightly to the notice issued late last week by Anton Bredell, which announced the Provincial Minister's intention to place the Knysna Municipality under administration and dissolve the current council - which would then necessitate local elections in all wards.

On the Monday morning following the delivery of the minister's letter to both the Mayor and Council Speaker Mark Willemse, Mayor Matika issued a statement which made it quite clear that he disagreed.

"This is a serious development that merits a clear, factual and balanced response indicating our significant efforts to address longstanding challenges. While the notice raises concerns, the measurable progress this municipality has made, particularly since Council adopted the Consolidated Executive Obligations Monitoring and Enforcement Framework (CEOMEF) in June 2024, is of vital public interest," he said.

"Let me be clear," the Mayor continues, "Knysna Municipality has not stood still. Since adopting the CEOMEF plan, we have taken decisive action to implement structural reforms and enhance service delivery. Over the past year, Knysna Municipality has methodically implemented the Section 154 Support Plan and made notable strides in governance, infrastructure and environmental compliance."

(See full statement on www.edgenews.co.za)

To some, the stated intention of the Western Cape Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning may well have come as a surprise.

On the surface it has appeared - in the last month at least - that the running of Knysna Municipality was under reasonable control. Knysna's water emergency had indeed happened, but had been convincingly handled under the relatively new leadership of Municipal Manager Lulamile Mapholoba (though not without help of the private sector), many of the Municipality's long vacant director and senior



Knysna's Executive Mayor Thando Matika

management positions had at last been filled, and the new Executive Mayor had even presented a funded budget last month, (though not without numerous objections to its content).

So where were Bredell's "reasonable grounds to believe that the municipality cannot or is not fulfilling executive obligations"?

Last week, fresh signs that all may not be as well as Mayor Matika suggests began popping up. In a WhatsApp broadcast message posted by Knysna Infrastructure Group (KIG) - the organisation of private

individuals and businesses formed in an emergency response to Knysna's rapidly declining infrastructure.

"Reimbursement by the KM of the R399 000 paid by KIG for the water emergency has as yet not been made. We're awaiting this recovery," it read, "This has again been escalated, and will be continually. Legal action is becoming more of an option both from SNR and VandWater to resolve the impasse. After five days, the KM has still not advised us to what documents are required in order to facilitate payment. We have requested a meeting with both the Mayor and Municipal Manager and will report back once this has been concluded."

The message goes on to inform readers that KIG has spent a further R16 750.00 for repair to the pump at the NSRI pump station, and that a total of 17 of Knysna's critical pump stations did not have working pumps.

Bredell's announced intention to dissolve the council and call for new local elections may have been seen as a step too far, until the odd situation which occurred last week arose. It involved the return to council of disgraced ex Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa, who was ousted from office in a vote of no confidence in early 2025 after being found guilty of lying under oath in court regarding his illegal appointment of political staff and other governance issues. The special investigation by the Western Cape Minister of Local Government recommended that he be removed as (Ward 8) councillor, but he resigned voluntarily before this happened.

Following this he was temporarily suspended from the ANC, with party leaders criticising his unilateral resignation, but then received back as a member in time to stand as their candidate for the same Ward 8 by-election which had come as a result of his resignation.

Last week, on 25 June, he won this election, and is now (once again) the duly elected ANC councillor of Ward 8. Whether the court's decision to have him removed as a councillor for misconduct still stands remains to be seen. It is also unknown whether he intends to seek higher office in Knysna's Council.

READY FOR THE OYSTER FEST!

Sedgefield is geared up for the 2025 Knysna Oyster Festival

The countdown is on for the much-anticipated Knysna Oyster Festival, which opens this Thursday, 3 July. This year, Sedgefield is once again on the festival map - with a strong showing of sport, motoring, and community spirit.

Executive Mayor Clr Thando Matika, said that he is looking forward to an incredible event this year, with more than 80 events on the festival programme.

"It's a joy to see the Greater Knysna region come alive for this beloved winter celebration. From the lagoon to the forests and all the way to our slower town, Sedgefield, the energy is building. I invite residents and visitors alike to enjoy the full programme, support local initiatives, and make lasting memories during the festival."

Sedgefield joins the action

Sedgefield, known for its laid-back charm and strong sense of

community, will once again play host to several key events on the Oyster Festival calendar:

KLFA Oyster Soccer Tournament

Local soccer talent will be on show throughout the festival, starting with the Last 16 knock-

out games on Friday 4 July at the Sedgefield Sports Fields. Action resumes with the quarter-finals on Sunday 6 July at the Smutsville Sports Grounds, and the excitement peaks with the semi-finals at the Sedgefield Sports Fields on Friday 11 July at 7.30 pm.

Eden Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Petrolheads and families alike can enjoy a full day of vintage and performance motoring at the Scarab Market on Sunday 6 July from 10 am - 4.30 pm. (See page 9)

Sedgefield's Oyster Hot Spots

No oyster festival would be complete without oysters - and Sedgefield has three officially designated Stella Artois Oyster Hot Spots, each offering unique pairings and

Picture - Nikki du Toit of 'Lekker in George' happily promoting the CX Oyster Festival

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- Lakeview Restaurant
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Notes from T'Ed's Head

I am sooooo concited.



Yes – that's a strange word, and please don't think it's 'conceited' spelt wrongly. I certainly am NOT conceited, and a person with the superior intelligence (looks, and physical build) as myself would NEVER make such a simple spelling error.

'Concited', in case you were wondering, is a new word which I have recently invented (I intend to instruct Oxford to add it to the dictionary at their earliest convenience). It is a hybrid of Concerned and Excited. (Yes – it is absolutely brilliant, but kindly reserve your rounds of applause for later, perhaps when I am receiving my OBE from His Majesty) (and no, I am NOT talking about Donald Trump).

At the moment, I am both. NO. Not King Charles and Trump. (Please do try to keep up) Concerned, and Excited.

I am Concited.

You may remember (If you were concentrating) I announced some weeks ago some fantastic news - that Mrs Ed and I have been treated – indeed one would likely say BLESSED – with the most wonderful gift (I'm inclined to say it's the second most wonderful gift Mrs Ed has ever received!) of tickets – of the aeroplane variety – to visit the United Kingdom, the place of my birth! (I'm sure the entire population has been wondering what ever happened to me since I left for Africa at the ripe age of five and three-quarters).

My brother and sister-in-law

(hardened, waterproofed Brits of many years) were the very generous bestowers, and the moment the news of this trip fell in our laps, Mrs Ed and I became VERY VERY EXCITED.

"We'll need new luggage!" She announced.

"Bu..." was as far as I got with my retaliation before the wise old dragon cut me off with a fiery hiss.

"Your backpack from 1990 went in The BIG THROW OUT of 2010," she announced. If I hadn't still been wearing my ear-to-ear grin of ticket recipience, I might have been heartbroken.

She continued with an instant list...

Let's pause there for a while, for I have an IMPORTANT QUESTION.

How do they do that? List-makers. Within microseconds of hearing something, they somehow have a detailed list ready to flaunt. It's as if they have had years to ponder....

"We'll need a large case each, because we'll be bringing gifts back for everyone. Those new ones with wheels and a retractable handle. They're almost indestructible - made of polycarbonate, I seem to remember. And a smaller carry-on for me, because I'll need somewhere to keep my Kindle and cremes and make-up. Then there are those puffer jackets from Cape Onion Mart - the slightly darker green ones, remember I told you I liked them back in 2015 – that time we went to the Saturday afternoon showing of Life of Pi at the mall with the Smiths, and it was raining. No? Of COURSE you

don't remember. And while we're on clothing - four pairs of jeans each – no, you're NOT taking those black Levis. My goodness, they were second-hand when you bought them nine years ago. Oh, and seven pairs of woollen socks, brown for you and light grey for me, though the white ones are nice too, because it CAN get so cold there, and thermal underwear. I have three options for comfy shoes – they're all Beserkenstrops – but you can't go wrong with them for walking – I just need to choose which two of the three – but I can only do that when I've tried them on again. Then there's the gifts for your overseas family, what I thought for their grandchildren was...."

And on it went.

And I just kept grinning, because I was STILL so excited that even a pending marathon shopping trip could not take away my excitement.

After about thirty minutes (round about the bit where she was suggesting a third suitcase might be necessary if we were really considering the 'Out of Africa' 4000 piece Lego set for young Angus) I said, in a laughy, whimsical, let's hug each other to make sure we aren't dreaming sort of tone, "Woah! Let's first work out what we'll need for spending money, then we can allocate the rest for luggage, your new Kindle, the Colorado leather handbag (did you say it was two thousand off at the moment?) and winter jarmies from Woolies."

"That's fine!" she said. Which meant it wasn't. "But I am NOT compromising on the shoes. You KNOW how my feet hurt when we go shopping, and we're certainly going to be doing a lot of that in the UK."

Fortunately, I thought to myself, sensibly, as I sat at my laptop a while later, we will be staying with my brother, so accommodation will cost us nothing. Of course it will only be right for us to get the groceries in, and perhaps take them out for a meal and a drink or two at their local pub (I smiled as I remembered how my brother and I tend to break into our own renditions of the Bee Gees after a few pints of the Amber Nectar). Indeed, thinking of music, we could surprise them with tickets to a West End show or a big musical concert in London – Cats, or maybe U2 - that would be very special!



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My brow furrowed for the first time since The Big Ticket Announcement, because Google seemed to have got it wrong. I tried again, gingerly typing in 'Exchange Rate: Rands to British Pounds' more carefully this time ... same result.

"Hmmm," I hmmmmed, rubbing my chin thoughtfully, "Perhaps we'll need a few more rand then." I was starting to think that perhaps we might not be able to afford that U2 concert, which was a little disconcerting. I had no idea how much Mrs Ed had in her Holiday Savings Account, but it would have to be a hefty figure to cover any major luxuries.

But as I continued Googling, I quickly realised that perhaps by 'everything' I meant 'ANYTHING'! Indeed, a shiver went swiftly down my spine, around my waist and up to my heart when I (quite innocently, mind) typed in Price of beer in a UK pub.

This was when the first sign of 'concitement' appeared.

"The average price of a pint of beer in a UK pub," Google reported, somewhat sarcastically, I thought, "is now around £5.17." Though I pride myself on being quite the mathematician, I was still quite surprised when my calculator spewed out what this would be in rand. Surely I must have hit the wrong button.

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Surely that's illegal? R129.25 for a beer? ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE RANDS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS.

"You'd better not order those polycaffeinated suitcases," I shouted to Mrs Ed, "Unless you happen to have a tidy fortune sitting in that holiday savings account of yours!"

"Mine?" she answered ... "I don't HAVE a holiday savings



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account ... How much is in yours?"

I have written to the King, asking if, as South Africans, we might be received as refugees, which seems to be the trend.

Not that we are asking for special treatment, despite our plight. "We have even organised our own flights and accommodation," I said in my email to His Highness, "So it's

really just a daily allowance of fifty quid or so (I thought my using the London lingo would impress him no end) that we'll need to get by.

"Perhaps one of your Royal Emissaries could meet us at Heathrow with the cash," I suggested, "Mrs Ed and I will be easy to recognise – we'll be wearing old running shoes and carrying our clothes in brown paper bags..."

We'd be mad if we didn't!

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Sedgefield's star athlete Eugene Botha was selected to represent South Africa at the Duathlon World Championships in Spain on 22 June 2025. We asked this ultra-fit man to share his race experience and he sent us this report.



After much anticipation and excitement, the day finally arrived. The race started at 8:48 am, with a 10km run, followed by a 40km bike ride, and ending with another 5km run.

In my age category (60 to 64) the field consisted of 37 athletes, of whom only 34 finished the race. I participated alongside another South African - Brad Saunders from Gqeberha. The first run went well, and I was feeling strong. The bike leg was very challenging, but I gave it my all and moved up from 12th to 7th position after this section. After a tough second run I finished 8th overall, whilst Brad managed 14th position.

I am very pleased with my final result, as my goal was to finish in the top 10 in the World. The overall event that lasted over a week, was very well organised and the support from the locals in Pontevedra was amazing - cheering us on over the whole course.

The South African team consisted of over 60 athletes with three athletes from our local Eden Triathlon group.

Thank you to all my faithful supporters here in Sedgefield and on Facebook who helped to make this dream come true. I am truly blessed by all the contributions, love, support and motivation I received throughout my training and on the day of the event from each one of you. A special thanks to Sedgefield Striders, Sedgefield Cycling Club and Cycleworx who believed in me and so generously supported my campaign.

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The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Dr Dion George, has officially launched South Africa's inaugural Climate Change Coastal Adaptation Response Plan (CARP) in commemoration of this year's World Environment Day.

CARP is a groundbreaking national adaptation strategy to build resilience across the country's coastal areas, ecosystems, and communities in the face of climate change. It represents a bold and proactive step towards securing the future of South Africa's coastlines and the people who depend on them. Designed to respond to increasing risks posed by sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and ongoing development pressures, the Plan is a first-of-its-kind, sector-specific adaptation framework grounded in science, inclusivity, and local relevance.

"Our coastline and coastal cities are at the frontline of climate change, facing severe and multifaceted complexities that threaten livelihoods, communities, economies, infrastructure, and ecosystems," said Minister George. "These issues require integrated, inclusive, and well-funded strategies that prioritise nature-based solutions, community resilience, and sustainable urban planning to safeguard our coastal assets."

South Africa remains highly vulnerable to climate change due to its geographic exposure, developmental complexities, and pre-existing environmental stresses.

Rising temperatures, floods, and droughts are threatening food security, economic stability, and ecological integrity.

CARP responds to these complexities by:

- Taking a targeted, element-based approach across five critical components: ecosystems, communities, infrastructure, livelihoods, and governance.
- Delivering 21 measurable climate response outcomes supported by over 150 practical interventions to enable localised adaptation.
- Placing ecosystems at the centre, prioritising the restoration and protection of critical coastal habitats including blue and teal carbon sinks—as nature-based buffers. Teal carbon refers to carbon stored in freshwater wetlands. Most discussions about carbon storage focus on "blue carbon" which is carbon stored in coastal and marine ecosystems like mangroves, seagrasses, and salt marshes or "green carbon" which is carbon stored in land, primarily grasslands, croplands, and forests. Teal carbon, in particular, highlights the importance of inland, non-tidal freshwater ecosystems in capturing and storing atmospheric carbon.
- Aligning with key legislation and global frameworks, including the Climate Change Act (No. 22 of 2024), the Integrated Coastal Management Act, the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Mainstreaming adaptation across all spheres of government, ensuring integrated planning and execution.
- Mobilising diverse financing mechanisms, including public, private, and international climate finance such as the Green Climate Fund.
- Promoting inclusive and gender-responsive action, rooted

in community participation and indigenous knowledge systems.

• Providing a clear implementation and monitoring framework to drive progress, ensure accountability, and adapt over time.

The Plan was developed through extensive consultation with over 700 stakeholders between 2023 and 2024, ensuring that its priorities reflect real-world conditions and the voices of those most affected.

CARP is firmly aligned with the objectives of the White Paper for Sustainable Coastal Development in South Africa (2000), particularly Goal C5, which emphasises responsible coastal planning to minimise exposure to natural hazards and support resilient development. As South Africa faces the interconnected challenges of climate change, urban expansion, and environmental degradation, CARP provides a comprehensive roadmap for protecting coastal assets, enabling equitable adaptation, and unlocking new opportunities in the blue and coastal economy.

While supporting the World Environment Day 2025 theme "Beat Plastic Pollution", the Minister highlighted the undeniable benefits that plastics bring - from energy savings to material conservation. However, he acknowledged the growing crisis of plastic pollution, which is increasingly threatening both planetary and human wellbeing. "Plastic pollution is a global crisis affecting nature and human health, though plastics have benefits when used responsibly" the Minister added.

For decades, plastic pollution has contaminated our water, food, and air. Combating this issue leads to cleaner environments, healthier ecosystems, and stronger economies. Eliminating plastic pollution is crucial for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including climate action, sustainable production, ocean protection, and biodiversity conservation. "This launch, befittingly on World Environment Day, reminds us of the unprecedented convergence of the interconnected environmental complexities of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, with adverse ripple effects on coastal environments. We call on all sectors, government, business, civil society, and individuals, to join hands in the implementation of this vital plan," said Minister George.

The Climate Change Coastal Adaptation Response Plan is an important document and we, the ratepayers, should hold the Knysna Municipality and our Councillors accountable through CARP which can be downloaded at: https://www.dffe.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/strategy_framework/oceans/climatechange_responseplan_oceanssector.pdf

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

RONDEVLEI ROAD OFFICIALLY REOPENED

On 24 June 2025, Councillors Levael Davis and Cleone Vanston welcomed the Provincial Minister Tertuis Simmers and the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure to Rondevlei, Sedgefield, for the cutting of the ribbon to reopened the upgraded Rondevlei Road.

Not only do we have the benefit of service delivery and upgrade of roads, but jobs were also created in Wards 1 and 2.

Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure, Tertuis Simmers, today officially reopened Divisional Road 1609 (also known as the Rondevlei Road). Construction project C851, the upgrading of Swartvlei Road to Rondevlei, recently reached practical completion.

"This was a complex project. DR1609 is an important link road providing access from the N2 to small holdings, forestry and tourism areas. The road section falls within the Wilderness Lake Area, which is considered environmentally sensitive and is protected by the Ramsar convention," said André Bakker, acting Director of Operational Support at the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure. "This is why the provincial government had to invest more than R114 million in this project."

- Activities included
- DR1609: 6.4km of road upgraded to a Class 3 road.
 - DR1625: 0.3km of road upgraded to a Class 3 road.
 - Upgrading of two major culverts.

- Drainage work.
- Fencing.
- Implementation of a Tree Management Plan for protected species.

Minister Simmers said, "I am pleased to mention that almost R23,5 million was spent on targeted enterprises against a target of just under R15.5 million. Local contractors saw R1,7 million investment and the project created 82 work opportunities. This is 20 350 person days of work created."

"While road construction is now complete, the work is far from over," Minister Simmers continued. "We are now entering a critical phase: the three-year process to rehabilitate the site's vegetation, guided by environmental and landscape restoration experts. The growth witnessed now is just the natural seeds that were in the topsoil we stored from the site and replaced," he added.

"This next stage includes re-establishing the route's unique sense of place and replanting trees that were lost during the construction process. What is especially heartening is that, of the 57 protected species trees that were carefully rescued, 53 have survived thanks to the efforts of our specialist teams - an achievement not to be underestimated," Minister Simmers said.

It is now vital to replant these trees during their dormant winter phase.



Levael Davis, Tertuis Simmers and Cleone Vanston at the ribbon ceremony

Minister Simmers continued, "Equally significant is our current proposal to plant approximately 20 new seedlings for every protected species tree that could not be saved during construction. This equates to 860 seedlings to replace the 43 protected species trees lost. Importantly, these seedlings are a variety of species, sourced from the same area, which helps preserve the genetic integrity and diversity of the local ecosystem."

This initiative complements further planned interventions, including hydro-seeding to restore ground cover and prevent erosion. The revised proposal is now awaiting approval from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment and will follow the required public participation process.

"We sincerely hope that all stakeholders will support this effort in the best interests of the environment. After years of meticulous care to bring us to this point, it would be heartbreaking to see these trees and seedlings suffer or die," Minister Simmers concluded.

GARDEN ROUTE ESTUARIES MONITORED

"From Witsand to Nature's Valley, the Garden Route is custodian to some of the most unique estuarine and marine eco-systems on the African continent, and their well-being is closely monitored", says Chairperson of the Garden Route Marine and Coastal Committee, Cobus Meiring.



Estuaries are known for the vital ecological functions they perform in terms of nurturing marine and riverine ecology. Serving as barometers to measure overarching environmental matters, the waters estuaries contain and release into the ocean closely reflect what is happening in upper catchments. Negative factors would typically include reduced fresh water flow as a result of upper catchments and rivers infested by invasive alien plants as well as urban and agricultural extraction.

The water quality of sensitive estuarine systems is further affected by pesticides and fertilizer flowing from commercial agriculture, as well as bad quality water emanating from surrounding human settlements.

Algae blooms which recently detrimentally affected Island Lake near Wilderness led to the poisoning of water fowl and fish, and the event was a direct result of an overload of chemicals used in agricultural practices in the upper catchments of the rivers and streams all feeding into Island Lake. Similarly, water quality in the Knysna Lagoon, flood plains and estuary are

markedly deteriorating as a direct result of untreated sewage and run-off from illegal dumping sites and countless informal settlements.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DFFE), Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM), regional local municipalities, SANParks, CapeNature and numerous conservancies all play a vital role in monitoring the state of all regional estuaries. All these entities provide quarterly feedback the Garden Route Estuaries Forum and the Marine and Coastal Committee.

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KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL

Family fun at the Festival Hub

The 2025 Knysna Oyster Festival is back from 4 – 13 July, and this year the heart of the event will be the Festival Hub at Knysna High School Sports Field just off Waterfront Drive, where a jam-packed lineup of family fun, local flavour, and community spirit awaits.

The Neighbourhood Makers Hub, powered by Standard Bank Business and Commercial Banking, is the star attraction for locals and visitors looking to support small and medium-sized businesses and handmade creativity. This curated consignment store is no ordinary market—it's a vibrant celebration of SMMEs and their growth journey, as they highlight sustainable businesses across the Garden Route. Stocked daily with unique crafts, boutique fashion, homegrown products, gourmet treats, and artisanal surprises, the hub showcases the best of local talent and innovation.

On Sundays 6 and 13, the Festival Hub will host laid-back Sunday Market Days with gourmet stalls, fresh produce, pop-up shops and picnic vibes. It's the perfect way to soak up the weekend sun with friends and family.

Entry to the hub is free, as is access to the Kids Zone, a vibrant wonderland for young festival-goers. Expect all-day inflatable

fun, bungi trampolines, mini quads, puppet-making workshops, and creative play sessions with the Kom Kuier Clay Café. Add face-painting, crafts, and supervised activities and you've got a winning formula for a family day out—without breaking the bank.

One of the most anticipated family features is the Wildlife Warriors fairground, where kids can enjoy animal-themed games while learning about endangered species, courtesy of Raptor Rescue and the Raphaeli Waldorf School.

There's more action inside Oyster Alley—a bustling thoroughfare of thrift stalls, delicious food, coffee, and arts and crafts.

Community and cause come together at events like the 5km for CANSA (Sun 6 July) and the ongoing Knysna Animal Welfare pop-up shop and food donation drive, making it easy to give back while enjoying the festivities.

Don't miss these other highlights at the hub:

- Gerard Supra Variety Show (Sun 6) - an internationally acclaimed aerial acrobatic spectacle that promises to wow all ages.
- The Oyster Cooking and Shucking Competitions presented by Stella Artois (Tues 8) will see winners walk away with the titles of Best Dressed Oyster and Fastest Shucker!

• For the sweet-toothed, the Dessert War Fair (Wed 9 July) serves up a decadent face-off of sugar and flair.

• The Big Mouth Pizza Eating Competition returns with semi-finals on 9 July and the grand finale on Thursday 10 July.

• Amazing Race – Knysna Style (Wed 9) promises high-energy clues and challenges for teams of two in this fun festival tradition.

• Bring the kids to try their hand at different sports in a fun and inclusive environment that promotes active play at the Knysna Sports Fair presented by DCAS (Thurs 10).

• For a scenic, early-evening route along the water's edge join the Cupid Sunset Walk/Run (Fri 11).

• Revel in a Secret Sunrise (Sat 12) with movement, music, joy and connection through silent disco headphones.

The Hub also turns up the volume on the Forest Marathon weekend, with KFM broadcasting live from 4 to 7 pm and Carl Wastie joining the fun on Saturday morning from 10 am – 1 pm. Algoa FM will be in the mix too, supporting the 5km CANSA run and the Knysna Cycle Tour.

Visit www.knysnaoysterfestival.co.za or follow @KnysnaOysterFestival on social media for updates.



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DIARY DATELINE

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Wednesdays
8 for 9am Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.
5:15pm Sedgefield Striders Walking / Running time trials on road adjacent to Bowls Club. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays
7:00am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8 for 9am Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
12:30pm Social Bridge School at St Anthony's Catholic Church hall All levels welcome. Lessons 12:30. Play from 13:45. Enquiries: Gail 0834577647.
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in

Fridays
8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

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

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

Sunday 6 July
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Thank you!! To Hannelie, who very kindly paid for my supplies when I had arrived at the supermarket with my wrong bank card.

She then requested I accept it as a gift. This is what Sedgefield is all about. Garth

In Loving Memory of Peter Birkett

Peter was born in Que Que, Rhodesia and spent his early years living in the bush while his dad built strip roads in the rural parts of Rhodesia.

He went to boarding school in Rhodesia, but was not the best scholar so left school early and headed to South Africa with all his belongings in a small suitcase.

He was a born salesman and worked for a few different companies while studying part time. He then started his own company BirCraft - selling specialised



electric motors.

He met his wife Cathy 29 years ago and they enjoyed travelling the world together before escaping the city and settling in Sedgefield 19 years ago.

He will be sorely missed by Cathy, family and friends'

Brushstrokes

by Patsy Scanes

Sedgefield Art Society warmly invites all art lovers—both longstanding members and newcomers to our next meeting on Monday, 14th July 2025 at 2:00pm at the Lions Hall on the Village Green. Whether you're an experienced artist, a budding creative, or simply someone who enjoys the beauty of art, you're most welcome to join us.

The upcoming meeting promises to be an inspiring afternoon, featuring a workshop on ink and wash doodles, part of the Wilderness Art Association's Artsfest. With the exciting theme, "A Night of a Thousand Drawings", this collaborative project will showcase hundreds of A5 artworks at a special exhibition running from 9th to 12th October. Bring your creative energy and let's get drawing!

Our ongoing "Nature" exhibition at Remax continues until the end of July, offering visitors a chance to enjoy a diverse and captivating collection of work by our talented members. It's well worth a visit—don't miss it!

In addition, we are thrilled to host another "Pop-Up" exhibition at Heritage Nursery on Saturday, 28th June from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Come and browse beautiful original

artworks in a serene garden setting—an ideal way to spend a relaxing Saturday.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce a new ongoing exhibition venue at Lake View Restaurant. This picturesque location will offer fresh opportunities for members to showcase their art to a wider audience. Watch this space for more details soon!

The Sedgefield Art Society is also proud to continue supporting our community. As in previous years, members will be donating artworks to the Melodrama fundraiser, where the paintings will be auctioned, with proceeds going to local charities.

We look forward to seeing you on 14th July—let's celebrate creativity, community, and the joy of art together!

ASKING FOR A FRIEND!

by Ritchie Morris Pr Sci Nat

My friend communicated to me quietly, but firmly, pleading, as a desperate friend may do when experiencing pain and anguish. I had to listen – to be the voice.

"Why are they doing this to me? I feel violated. My natural protective cloak is being ripped off my body", was the cry.

I heard this distress call when awakening from a dream. It sounded like the screech of gulls drifting on the winds that deflect gently off my friend's body. Perhaps, the gulls had a better view of the wounds that were being inflicted on her skin and soul. Induced uncertainty – like the first stages of a cancer. Open wounds, diminishing her natural beauty. Would the pain be quick, or lingering? Would the death be natural and sudden, or slow and persistent? Obstinate to the extreme.

"My cries for help started in 2003", she said, "But who has been listening? Have you not seen me being uncloaked, my vegetative skin ripped from my body where needed most. Where are my protectors?" she pleaded via the gull's cry. "Those who should be doing what is right for my environmental soul and community."

"Who – planners and developers? – Ppffffft," responded the gulls, ejecting a white liquid mess into the sky to land where it would.

"I protected you for 1000's of years, in harmony with the forces of nature", said my friend to the river flowing by and gently massaging her protective hip of fossilised dune rock. "The efficacy of my protection is being slowly degraded." Her cry becoming louder as another clearing and crater is dug into her being. The free winds scour her sores, festering them.

"Who will help me?" she cried. Abandoned by those who should care – who are paid to care. "I am part of you – what I am, you are too."

"I am now a patient in distress, suffering environmental violation", was the cry on the wind and waves beating at her brow and toe respectively.

"Please not let it be too late to rein-in this folly, driven by consumptive opulence", shrieked one gull to the other, as they sought out a new roosting spot to the one recently covered in concrete. "We communicate for her, and ourselves – all our souls", they called to the cormorants passing by on their way to the estuary.

"She is losing her ability to speak", replied the cormorant, circling above another concrete cancerous growth. "A consequence of being dishonoured, her value ignored", peeped the sandpiper in reply.

"Who's that with the soft voice, who are you?" asked my friend.

"I am a common sandpiper", replied the soft voice.

"We all are, but maybe here no more" peeped a chorus of the remaining sandpipers at her shoreline – vagrants.

"Sandpiper – go your way to your other World," they all sang in chorus.

"Shame on you", my friend cried.

"This is not to you," screeched the gulls, undulating, up and down, on the updrafts off the rocky calcified dune front. "You are merely a messenger for your friend," they reaffirmed. Those of you who had (have) an ethical, moral and intellectual duty and ability to protect my friend – you know who you are – you have failed. Abysmally."

"Is it egotism, material gluttony, or both," asked the dassies, part of the historical community living in harmony on my friend.

"The system and the process," screamed the plants. Then a chorus arose – the sounds of an alphabet soup, yelling in unison, "EIA - DEA and; DP - DEA/DFFE, SACNASP, EAPASA, PP and KM, it is all of you", they mournfully sang. "You have all failed her by misuse of an imperfect process."

Like a soup with no flavour – stale and rancid. All cooked up by an EAP merely ticking off the boxes - with no 'nourishment' in the menu, biased with the ingredients.

"The ones who think they 'own' me, doing what they like, they own nothing. Conscious and compassion buried," cried my friend faintly – her voice weaker

REWARD FOR LOST PARROT

African Grey parrot flew away from 24 Herzog St towards Jan van Riebeeck St, Island on the 11 June. Cheeky is his name. Please call Rita 0826733859

on the blustering wind.

"Who is your friend?" you ask. My friend is an ancient dune. Once majestic, naturally immaculate and pure. A protector of the mouth to a beautiful life-giving estuary. Now tarnished.

Those responsible, in whichever way - they know who they are - every time they look at my friend, they will see and hear her trauma. 'Inner peace' unlikely, on, nor from, my friend.

"When man realises that nature has rights too, and has destroyed his life-support, I will rise again" whispered my friend, as she took a last gasp, holding on for a saviour.

RIP my friend – I hope not.

My friend's message came to me in a dream. Possibly inspired by my current read, 'On That Wave of Gulls' by Vernon Head, plus, by the philosophies of my colleague and friend, Cormac Cullinan, who has recently been awarded the Shackleton Medal for his work on the rights of nature. As Thomas Berry noted: "The universe is composed of subjects to be communed with, not objects to be exploited. Everything has its own voice. Thunder and lightning and stars and planets, flowers, birds, animals, trees... all these have voices, and they constitute a community of existence that is profoundly related."

"Some are living on this planet as if they have another one to go to. Would they please depart now."

Ritchie Morris has ~40 years practiced as an Environmental Hydrogeologist. He is registered with the Geological Society of SA: Groundwater Division, and is a Professional Natural Scientist (Pr Sci Nat) since 1990. He has a Bsc Honours degree in Geology and Geography (Rhodes University). He has undertaken part time lecturing for academic institutions, at IAIA conferences and for Government organisations, including the NPA. He has presented scientific papers locally and internationally. He feels that the environment should have more rights.

COLA MYOLI CONSERVANCY LAUNCHES WEBSITE

The Cola Myoli Conservancy are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website, it is designed to be a resource for the community, offering valuable insights and updates on conservation efforts, while giving us all quick access to some important information.

Here's what you can explore:

Useful information – Discover initiatives beyond our Conservancy, we have included some useful numbers to call and information on our community.

Rescue Information – Find guidance on wildlife rescue protocols and how to report animals in need.

Getting to Know Us – Learn more about our Conservancy.

Species Spotlights – Explore features on local wildlife.

Blog posts - We have included some of our previous articles.

This site has been built by us, for you, and as such, it will continue to evolve. If you spot any errors or have suggestions for additional content, we'd love to hear from you. Your input will help us refine and grow this resource into a go-to space for our community.

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NEW LIONS PRESIDENT

At the induction ceremony of incoming president, Lion Ali Watson, which was held at the Lakeview Restaurant on Friday night, outgoing President Peter Hall had some awards earmarked for members.

Lion of the Year - Lion Jennie Devenish, co-ordinator of the Hunger Pillar of Lions International.

Best New Project - Lion Joy Pickering, co-ordinator of Cheerful Chats.

Certificates of Appreciation were bestowed on Lions Mike

Pickering for Admin, Debbie Olivier for Marketing, and a tongue-in-cheek award for being a "Mischievous Minx" went to Lion Wendy Ruscoe.

Outgoing President Peter Hall also received a well deserved Louis Volks Humanitarian award, the highest accolade available within our district. This was for outstanding service to his club and the community. Congratulations Peter!

Thank you to Karen Kretchmer and her staff for a lovely dinner and venue.



We wish Lion President Ali a successful and productive year. Your fellow Lions are with you every step of the way!

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COMBINED RESCUE AT GERICKE'S

NSRI Wilderness duty coxswain Ian Gerber, reported that at 10h39, on Saturday, 28 June, their duty crew members were activated following reports of a seriously injured man who had fallen at Gericke's Point, Sedgefield.

Mark Dixon and Jess and Colin Stephenson were walking near Gericke's at the time, and had witnessed the man falling from a cliff approximately 18 meters high. Mark rushed over and found him to be seriously injured and unresponsive, he raised the alarm with the NSRI. The young man was trying to move, Colin and Mark tried to keep him as still as possible, calm and awake.

"NSRI was there in 20 minutes," said Jess, "I had also

called Michael Simon and he helped to feedback information to the emergency teams and advise us on how to handle the injured man."

She said the first dune buggy arrived at 11.01.

"How they got there that fast, I have no idea! Over the next 30 minutes, ER24 and the Sedgefield Fire Department arrived, as well as the provincial helicopter."

According to the NSRI, along with their crew, Wilderness medics, SANParks (SA National Parks) rangers, ER24 ambulance services, WC Government Health EMS and an EMS rescue squad responded, and on arrival the paramedics quickly stepped in to attend to the critically injured victim.

The EMS/AMS Skymed rescue helicopter was activated by EMS Metro control, but could not reach the patient. Once he had been stabilised he was secured into a Stokes basket stretcher and carried by the paramedics about 200 meters to a more accessible area.

From there the helicopter rescue crew used a static line to hoist the victim - still on his stretcher - along with one of the paramedics, over the rocks and lower them onto the beach near the parking area. From there the injured man was transferred into an ER24 ambulance and transported to George Provincial Hospital. Having witnessed this combined effort of emergency services working together, Jess

was overwhelmed by the kindness and selflessness of the volunteers of these organisations. She said it made her feel very grateful to live in a community and province that is so activated and ready to assist; "They all jumped in so quickly and wholeheartedly to save this man's life.

Jess has spoken to the hospital and says that as the injured man is still unconscious and intubated, his identity remains an unknown factor. From what she could ascertain the medical team are hoping to bring him round in the next day or two.

Other locals at the rescue scene were able to offer the injured man's nickname. These details were passed on to the hospital as well as to Masithandane, but his formal name is still unknown. If you know of any missing person, please report it so that he may can be formally identified.

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THAT'S A WRAP FOR THE THEATRE FESTIVAL

by Melanie Baumeister

The weekend of 19-22 June saw Sedgefield populated with a small theatre troupe on their way to the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown, Makanda. The initiative of intrepid Roland Vorwerk and Richard Delate of In Toto Retreat on The Island brought the incredible talent of Mike Van Graan to entertain sold out audiences all weekend long.

Filling up the communal dining room of the guest house with up to 70 people at a time, each show was received with ovations and extended applause as the proverbial curtain dropped. Kicking off with 'So, Over The Rainbow', performed by multifaceted Rondo Mpiti-Spies, singing, and slipping from accent to accent like a smoothly oiled machine the audiences were transported from pre 1994 to our current state of GNU with a smattering of Shakespeare along the way.

'I Can Buy Myself Flowers' with Erica Breytenbach in the role of a woman with modern and ancient problems, regaled us all with the light and dark side of friendships, families and menopause. Rounding out the theatre experience was the honey-toned Maytham and a story of life and loss in, 'To Life, With Love' an expertly delivered harrowing account that many of our local patrons could identify with and appreciate.

This mini theatre festival marks a reawakening of performance art in Sedgefield after Studio 42 was shut down in 2024. We look forward to many more live theatre experiences at In Toto as the rest of the years' calendar is filling up with your favourite comedians and storytelling professionals as they make their way through our sleepy little seaside village to the bigger centres to showcase their world class acts.

Bravo, encore In Toto!!



From L-R Mel Baumeister (theatre doyenne), Richard Delate (host), Mike Van Graan (writer/director), John Maytham (actor and radio show host), Roland Vorwerk (host) and Heather Stead (George Market Theatre) Pic by Jessica Stephenson

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First names:
Sarel Petrus Frederik
Surname: Jansen van Rensburg
Identity No: 440419 5052 089
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THE DUNES AND THEIR PEOPLE

The Dunes and their People project celebrated Youth Day on 16 June by organising a hike over the dunes for the youth from Smutsville and Rheenendal.

The goal of this event was to offer a group of young people the opportunity to connect with the beauty of the environment and coastal biodiversity that surrounds them, to build a sense of community and provide them with an opportunity to surpass themselves by working as a team. A total of 50 children from the two communities were personally invited; 20 children from Smutsville and surrounds and 16 children from Rheenendal attended.

The event was imagined by Thersius Jones, a trumpeter from Slangepark in Smutsville, and organised with help from facilitators from The Dunes and

their People project and the Umthombo Trust project in Rheenendal.

The Umthombo Trust is a community-led non-profit that promotes "integration of cultures to encourage peace, understanding and safety" and focusses on socio-ecological projects, youth development and environmental education in the area. Some of those attending the hike were also members of the Rheenendal Environmental Youth Club, a programme operating under the Umthombo Trust that aims to connect youth from the area with nature.

The hike began at the Smutsville Community Hall, followed a walking path over the dune that separates Smutsville from the coast all the way to Myoli Beach, and then made its way back to the hall along the roads through town. The children hiked in

groups of six or seven and each group was joined by two facilitators. Along the way, the youngsters were encouraged to identify 10 plant species that are commonly found in the area, with the aim of fostering an interest in the natural world and local flora around them.

The approximately 2 km walk over the southern dune proved challenging to some participants - navigating fine sands, steep inclines, and dense fynbos thicket (all while trying to do as little damage as possible to the surrounding vegetation) was hard work. But participants approached the challenge with enthusiasm, encouraging each other to keep going even when tired. No one was left behind.

After arriving at Myoli beach, a lifeguard and a National Sea Rescue Institute volunteer gave a presentation to hike participants about water safety

YOUTH DAY MOTIVATIONAL HIKE



and how to be safe when swimming in the sea. This included valuable lessons about rip tides and what to do when someone needs help in the water. This was followed by lunch, time to fill out a feedback form about the event, and then the walk back to Smutsville along the roads. The Ward 1 Councillor, Levael Davis, was supportive of the initiative and attended the whole day.

Some of the participants highlighted that even if the hike was sometimes difficult, they realised they could push their boundaries with the help of others. For some, it was the first time they connected with a coastal environment, learning about local plants, walking in the sand and spending time on the beach.

This first hike highlights the critical importance of nurturing a meaningful connection between people and their environment, focussing on both the individual and collective experience. More hikes will be planned in the future. Get in touch with the project if you'd like to learn more about The Dunes and their People project or to contribute to other events!

SEDFIELD MOTOR SHOW GEARS UP TO BE THE BEST



E-Type Jaguar low drag

The second Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show promises to be one of the best shows of its type to be staged in South Africa this year, judging by the quality of cars to be displayed. The show takes place on Sunday, 6 July, at the Scarab Arts and Crafts Village, alongside the N2 freeway in Sedgfield.

The event, which was held for the first time last year, will again be one of the premier events on the programme of the popular Knysna Oyster Festival.

"This year we have concentrated on supercars and high performance models, with all cars and motorcycles on display having been selected carefully to provide a high quality mix of a wide variety of representative models from the vintage, classic and modern eras. We are particularly grateful to enthusiasts from the Western and Eastern Cape for supporting our event by bringing their cars and motorcycles," explained Peter Pretorius, who heads up the Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show organising committee.

"I am particularly pleased that we will have 17 Ferraris on display as this is the featured brand for this year's show. Last year it was the E-Type Jaguar. Other high-performance brands that will be on show this year include examples from Lamborghini, McLaren, Porsche, Aston Martin, Audi R8, Mercedes-Benz, Chevrolet Corvette, Jaguar, BMW, Shelby

Ford, Alfa Romeo, Jensen, and a selection of Cobras V8s.

"The vintage fraternity will have five Model T Fords to admire, ranging from a 1911 Torpedo model to a 1927 pick-up truck, while the classic sports car fraternity will be spoiled for choice with examples from Morgan, Mercedes-Benz, Austin Healey, MG, Triumph, Sunbeam, Lotus, Volvo, and Volkswagen on show. More than 200 personally selected cars will be on display," added Pretorius.

Motorcycle fans will have plenty to look forward to as well, with 50 varied models on display. They range from models modified for racing to old timers going back to 1929 as well as a host of more modern machines from BMW, Ducati, Moto Guzzi, and MV Agusta.

"One of our main objectives with these car and motorcycle shows on the Garden Route is to provide a day out for families and to this end the venue is ideal with a choice of various shops, as well as food and beverage outlets. Entry fee for visitors is only R70, with no charge for children under 16. The motor show will start at 10:00 and finish at 16:00. It is a show not to be missed. The event is also an important fund raiser for local charities and last year we donated more than R40 000 to them. We are hoping to make this year's contribution even bigger," concluded Pretorius.



RESOLUTION ON LEVYING PROPERTY RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2025 TO 30 JUNE 2026

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 14(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004; that the Knysna Municipality Council resolved by way of Council resolution number C12/05/25 on 5 June 2025 to levy the rates on property reflected in the schedule below with effect from 1 July 2025.

1.	PROPERTY RATES		
1.1	Properties (Residential to business ratio 1:2 maximum)		
(a)	Residential properties	Cent in rand	R0.0082292
(i)	Vacant Land	Cent in rand	R0.0164584
(ii)	Private Open Space	Cent in rand	R0.0156896
(b)	Business and commercial properties	Cent in rand	R0.0166412
(ii)	Vacant Land	Cent in rand	R0.0208015
(c)	Industrial properties	Cent in rand	R0.0166412
(i)	Vacant Land	Cent in rand	R0.0166412
(d)	Properties owned by organ of state and used for public service purposes	Cent in rand	R0.0166412
(i)	Vacant Land	Cent in rand	R0.0166412
(e)	Agricultural properties	Cent in rand	R0.0082292
	Agricultural properties used primarily for agricultural activities will be categorised as Agricultural and shall be rated at a rate determined by applying the prevailing ratio as prescribed by Regulation.	Cent in rand	R0.0019667
(f)	Public service infrastructure properties	Cent in rand	R0.0019667
(g)	Properties owned by public benefit organisations	Cent in rand	R0.0019667

The following exemptions, rebates and/or reductions are applicable for the 2025/2026 financial year:

Residential Properties:

- Residential properties will receive a reduction of R15, 000 statutory impermissible rate as per section 17(1) (h) of the Municipal Property Rates Act.
- An additional R35000 of the valuation of residential properties will be exempt from property rates for properties valued at R500 000 and below. All residential properties above R500 000 will not receive the R35 000 rebate Council discretion.

Rebates in respect of category of owners of property are as follows:

1. Indigent owners:

- Owners of residential zoned properties exclusively used for residential purposes, where the combined monthly income of the household is less than R5,500 per month an additional reduction (up to a maximum property valuation of R700,000 , a rates rebate of 100% may be given to owners upon application.

2. Owners dependent on pensions, social grants, people with disability and poor households:

- The obligation rests solely on the owner to apply for this rebate and may be granted in respect of one residential property.

Gross monthly household income	% Rebate
Income Group A: R5,501 – R7,500 per month up to a maximum property valuation of R700,000	80%
Income Group A: R7,501– R9,700 per month up to a maximum property valuation of R700,000	60%
Income Group A: R9,701– R11,900 per month up to a maximum property valuation of R700,000	40%
Income Group A: R11,901 – R13,180 per month up to a maximum property valuation of R700,000	20%

4. Business and Commercial - Accommodation Establishments

- Accommodation Establishments with lettable rooms from 3 - 8 rooms will qualify for the 10% rebate on the business tariff.

Full details of the Council resolution and rebates, reductions and exclusions specific to each category of owners of properties or owners of specific category of properties as determined through criteria in the municipality's rates policy are available for inspection on the municipality's offices, website (www.knysna.gov.za) and all public libraries.

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083 324 3562

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Ds. Dawie le Roux 084 532 9958
Kantoor : 078 965 3651

Pinkster Protestantse Kerk
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081 749 2534
info@sedgefieldchurch.co.za

Sedgefield Seventh-day
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St Anthony's Catholic Church
Cnr Sysie / Flamingo Streets
Find us on FB Debbie - 083 242 2808

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SEDFIELD GENTS' GOLF CLUB

Club Report

19.06.25

It has often been said that golf is like a safe to which there is a combination - but the combination is locked up in the safe. This is certainly true if you watched the recent U.S Open competition where after four days' play only one player, J.J. Spaun, ended under par with a one under. After two days there was one pro who was 35 over par. He was devastated until he got a phone call from the G.C. captain who invited him to come and play with the Gentlemen's Club because he said that there were plenty of locals who shoot 35 over. Peter Heath and Rudy Bosch kindly asked the Captain not to mention their names.

The day's competition was a combined stableford and there were some outstanding combinations as the scores were announced. After a count out, the

winners on the day were Bill Craig and Roger Howden, with 71 points, followed by Ian Wright and Brian Stewart with the same score. In third spot were Len Moul and Pieter Schnetler with 70 followed by Tony Hunter and Koot Viljoen after a three way count out.

It is interesting to note that the Captain, Brian Gerard, is a well-known and accomplished philanthropist. Only recently he offered some sage advice to his wife, suggesting that she should embrace her mistakes. So, she gave him a hug.

26.06.25

There is a Chinese proverb that says better the chill blast of winter than the hot breath of a pursuing elephant. The golfers who would agree with this statement are those who chose to play in the Pick n Pay/Engen Monthly Mug competition,

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where there was also the attraction of the fantastic sponsors' gifts. We shall call this group the "Real Golfers" as they played despite the worst weather of the year so far, unlike the number of Mommys' boys who chose to stay under their cuddly wuddly duvets. In spite of the freezing gale force winds, there were some really good scores. The A division was won by Trevor Pahl with a net 54, followed by Bill Craig with a net 56 after a count out with Terry Savage. It should be said that the scale was unfairly tipped for Bill - for him it was just a normal Scottish summer's day. He has also been experiencing some wonderful personal growth, and

is quite proud that whilst he used to be an XL he is now an XXL. In fourth spot was Brian Craddock with 57.

The B division was won by Dave Malyon with a great 37 points. He was followed by Tony Hunter with 31, Len Moul with 29 and Ken Cullinan with 28. The winner of the "Duck" for being the worst player of the day was Roger Howden who had held the winning position the previous week. He says he feels as if he was born with a silver foot in his mouth. Ian Wright and Mike Hubberstey went home happy at what they had achieved because they had each won a prize in the Lucky Draw.

were placed second. Well done to all who took part.

The mixed singles is down to quarter final stage this week and we look forward to some good bowling.

Congratulations to the following players for being selected to play in the Inter District trials Charles Fontini, Gerry Botha, Luke Hughill, Robin Gibbs, Debi Stanford, and Welize Botha. Also to Debi Stanford and Sally Reeves for being selected for the Loeries.

That's a wrap for now and see ya'll "on the mat"

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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



The official "Tabs in" time for the next two months will be 1.15pm to start at 1.30pm and thereafter we will revert back to summer time which is 1.45pm for 2pm

The inclement weather caused the final of the men's mini league at Leisure Isle to be postponed to next week.

The ladies however braved the weather and played the last leg of their mini league in Knysna and

SEDFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

18 July Lions
Mama Mia Karaoke Party
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15 November
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Antoinette Brinkmann - Treasurer/Secretary

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THUR. 5 JUNE
1st. Diana & Terry 76.6%.
2nd. Christel & Willem 68.3%
3rd. Brian & Clive 66.6%

THUR. 12 JUNE
1st. Christel & Willem 60.0%
2nd. Brian & Clive 57.5%
3rd. Ben & Johann 52.5%

THUR. 19 JUNE
1st. Ann & Mary 58.7%
Equal 2nd Jeannie & Di, Brian & Clive 57.5%

THUR. 26 JUNE
Equal 1st, Shirley & Jeannie, Johann & Thinus 60%
3rd. Ben & Terry 52.5%

SEDFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

16 JUNE
1 63.6% Pam & Colin
2 57.7% Paddy & Bernard
3 56.5% Linda & Robyn

23 JUNE
1 61.9% Diana & Mary
2 58.3% Pam & Colin
3 55.9% Ben & Terry

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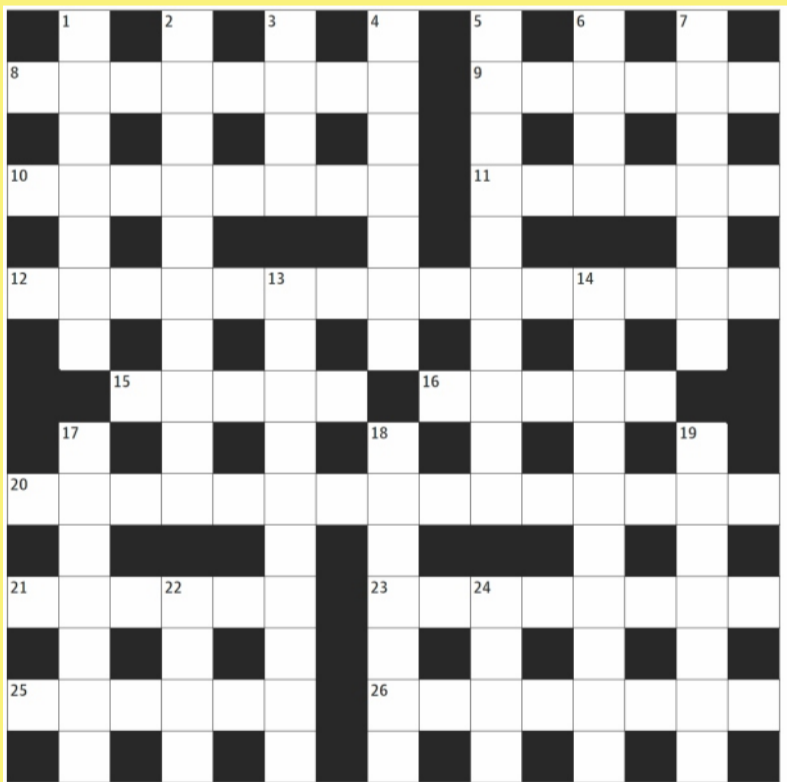
Across

8. Is the antelope with bad consumption one that can be put in its place? (8)
9. Paul changed totally. (6)
10. Lacking in the best puts one through the most dark times. (8)
11. Manipulate a western measurement. (6)
12. "You might be one!" said in anger by the alcoholic. (9,6)
15. Play gently! (5)
16. Those bits of spelling are not needed. (5)
20. Like a penguin setting a record. (2,5,3,5)
21. Literally the beginning of the knock on effect. (6)

23. He is all about his new wife and their island address. (8)
25. Might some be a gleeful breed? (6)
26. It ate my plants - that's why I left so upset. (8)

Down

1. Wearing hats? Yes - that's how they roll. (7)
2. Frozen beef? (5-5)
3. Sounds as a member of the first family had the necessary skills. (4)
4. We have a serious look at countries to our left. (7)
5. An icy spell leaves Mr Whitehead looking rather elderly. (4-6)



6. Swimmer starts looking a little pale. (4)
7. Culk doesn't bode well. (3,4)
13. Dedicated fridge reset on lower ice. (4,6)
14. Dirk heard a remix by the 'Four Non-Blondes'. (4-6)
17. Looking for a match, one would first empty pockets onto the table. (7)
18. Notes the three points were in need of a roast. (7)
19. Occupational Therapist welcomes one role-playing. (7)
22. Finding a girlfriend in Germany. (4)
24. A national who gets right inside, between the teeth. (4)

ACROSS: 1. Strange 5. Cockpit 9. Faint 10. Pronounce 11 Asset Strippers 13. Thor 14. Cerebral 17. Imperial 18. Acre 21. Code of Practice 23. Sellotape 24. Tokay 25. Styrene 26. Pleases

DOWN: 1. Soft 2. Rain stopped play 3. Nutmeg 4. Expose 5. Choirmen 6. Croupier 7. Pontefract cakes 8. Themselves 12. Staircases 15. Creosote 16. Warplane 18. Acre 19. Make up 20. Statue 22. Gyms

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted - Alvi's Drift Chardonnay 2024

The front label is classic, with distinctive lettering, showing a Fine Wine Guide 93/100 award. On the back label there is a short description of the wine, together with tasting notes, indicating that it is lightly oaked.

It has a clear appearance, light straw colour and a few wide apart legs after swirling the glass. On the nose the WG experienced wood shavings, winter spanspek and peaches.

It is a well balanced, slightly acidic chardonnay, that covers the whole mouth. Green peach and apricot flavours come to the front. It is a medium-bodied wine with quite a long mouth feel and lingering tastes of green peaches. WG sees it as a good buy in the price range R80 - R100. Chill slightly for a more enhanced flavour experience.

The chardonnay should cut nicely through rich and fatty dishes like braaied Galjoen or smoked salmon.

In Vino Veritas till next time.



THE SPORTS EDGE

TUG OF WAR CHAMPS

The Oakdale 560 kg Tug of War Team recently won the South African Championships in Mossel Bay and was appointed as the South African 560 kg Tug of War Team to participate at the World Championships in Nottingham, England from 3 - 7 September 2025.

Sedgefield resident, Gustav Schutte, a Grade 11 learner who attends Oakdale Agricultural High School, is part of this SA team.

Gustav has been participating in tug of war since Grade 8 and practised very hard to be selected for this prestigious event. He loves rugby and has also won the Houtkapper 9 km Trail Run just one week after turning 16 (which meant he could participate!).

He loves Sedgefield and wants to do his town proud.

Gustav needs to raise the necessary funds to attend the championships and asks for your support.



You can purchase raffle tickets at R50 to stand a chance to win half a Lamb (±9 kg worth about R1100).

Raffle tickets are available at Sedge Gym or contact Liza-Marie Schutte on 082 418 7972.

LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

20.06.25

Today was a particularly sombre and heartfelt day at Sedge Links, as 20 ladies came together—not just to play golf, but to celebrate and remember Martha Smith, who sadly passed away recently after a sudden and unexpected illness.

In tribute, the ladies dressed in yellow—Martha's favourite colour—and wore yellow ribbons as a symbol of remembrance. Before heading out onto the course, they gathered for a moment of silence to reflect and honour her memory.

The format for the day was Individual Stableford, which was Martha's favourite. She will be fondly remembered not only for her love of the game, but also for her incredible dedication to the club. She served for many years on the committee as Treasurer, often stepped in as Captain whenever needed, and always arrived early to collect competition fees—something she did with quiet commitment and care. She also holds the distinction of being the only player ever to receive a 100% attendance certificate during her time at the club.

After the game, a candle was lit and burned gently as our Captain, Almarie Mead, shared memories of Martha—some fondly familiar, others that many of us were hearing for the first time. The meet ended with a heartfelt "cheers", as we raised our glasses in love and remembrance.

RESULTS

1st Place – Michelle J Gilchrist (39 points), 2nd Place – Barbara Renfield (36 points on a count out), 3rd Place – Fran Kirsten (36 points), 4th Place – Marina van der Westhuizen (35 points)

NEAREST PIN

Under 17 handicap – Marina van der Westhuizen
17 & above – Sylvia de Moor

BIRDIES

Wendy Mack (17th)
Marina van der Westhuizen (6th & 14th)
Michelle J Gilchrist played 3 under her handicap

Thanks to Almarie Mead for the first round of drinks in celebration of her hole-in-one!

27.06.25

Fourteen ladies layered up in our red golf shirts and smart blue winter jackets — proudly sporting our Pick n Pay and Engen sponsor logos — ready for our monthly Medal and Putt competition.

It was one of those crisp winter mornings where the sun did try its best, but that wind had a bite! Still, we had a great morning on the course, with some interesting shots, some good shots and a few not-so-good ones, all-in-all a lovely morning on Sedge Links with a group of fabulous lady golfers!

A big THANK YOU to Pick n Pay Family Store Sedgefield for sponsoring the divisional prizes, very much appreciated by all winners.

RESULTS

GOLD DIVISION
Winner – Elize Mackenzie-Blom (nett 54), Runner-up Charlene Blacker (nett 56)

SILVER DIVISION

Winner – Michelle J Gilchrist (nett 48), Runner-up – Linda Evans (nett 56)

BRONZE DIVISION

Winner – Ronnie Maingard (nett 55), Runner-up – Marie Joubert (nett 61)

LEAST PUTTS – Elize Mackenzie-Blom (24 putts)

Michelle J Gilchrist played 6 under her handicap

BIRDIES

Charlene Blacker (13)
Sylvia de Moor (5)

Well played to all!



TIDE TABLE

02 July - 15 July 2025

● Full Moon 10 July 2025

Wed Jul 02 2025
low tides 02:15 14:03
high tides 08:16 20:52
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:31
moonrise 11:58 moonset -

Thu Jul 03 2025
low tides 03:11 14:56
high tides 09:11 21:53
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:32
moonrise 12:21 moonset 00:45

Fri Jul 04 2025
low tides 04:26 16:16
high tides 10:30 23:04
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:32
moonrise 12:47 moonset 01:42

Sat Jul 05 2025
low tides 05:51 17:51
high tide 12:04
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:33
moonrise 13:15 moonset 02:39

Sun Jul 06 2025
low tides 06:55 18:58
high tides 00:11 13:13
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:33
moonrise 13:48 moonset 03:38

Mon Jul 07 2025
low tides 07:44 19:46
high tides 01:08 14:00
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:34
moonrise 14:26 moonset 04:38

Tue Jul 08 2025
low tides 08:23 20:26
high tides 01:54 14:39
sunrise 07:35 sunset 17:34
moonrise 15:12 moonset

Wed Jul 09 2025
low tides 08:59 21:04
high tides 02:36 15:13
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:35
moonrise 16:05 moonset 06:34

Thu Jul 10 2025
low tides 09:33 21:41
high tides 03:14 15:46
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:35
moonrise 17:05 moonset 07:26

Fri Jul 11 2025
low tides 10:06 22:18
high tides 03:51 16:20
sunrise 07:34 sunset 17:36
moonrise 18:09 moonset 08:12

Sat Jul 12 2025
low tides 10:40 22:55
high tides 04:27 16:55
sunrise 07:33 sunset 17:36
moonrise 19:16 moonset 08:52

Sun Jul 13 2025
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high tides 05:04 17:31
sunrise 07:33 sunset 17:37
moonrise 20:21 moonset 09:26

Mon Jul 14 2025
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Tue Jul 15 2025
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TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH AWAITS

by JP Jordaan

President's League leaders Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars are facing a daunting match this Saturday 5 July, when they play their closest rivals Silver Stars in an away game at Rosemore Stadium.

The local lads still hold their top-of-the-league position, successfully defending it this past weekend against the Albertinia Rangers. Playing the opening match, the PnP B team's first half saw them do a real demolition job on the Rangers.

Even after a second half resurgence by their opponents, our lads ended up winning their match 44-29.

Tries were scored by Redenzel Moligan, Almer Jones,

Gershwin Dirk, Eric Lourens, Michael Whyne and Rameon Krigga. Chesco Julies slotted four from six conversions and also kicked two penalty goals.

The Eagle Stars A team then took to the field and was soon locked in a see-saw battle with the visiting Rangers. With the home team leading at half time by 17-8, the Rangers came back hard, and by the final quarter were 25-24 ahead.

However, the PnP Sedgefield Eagle Stars forwards thwarted them in the dying minutes, barging over the try line to win the match 31-25.

Tries were scored by Luigi Coetzee (1), Clayton Solomons (1) and Morne de Wet (2). Clayton Solomons and Adrian Konstabel each converted a try.



PNP Sedgefield Eagle Stars on their way to the try line