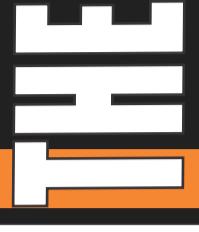


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SEDGE SPIRIT SAVES THE (WOMEN'S) DAY

The spirit of Sedgefield's local community turned what could have been a Women's Day nightmare into an uplifting example of what Sedgefield is all about.

Early in the morning of Saturday, 9 August 2025, when Marietjie Digue's team from The Living Cornerstone (TLC) arrived at the community hall to continue preparations for their popular annual fundraiser event, it looked like all was lost. The front door was standing wide open, and inside the hall, they were met with a scene that could only be described as a nightmare.

Sound equipment (worth an estimated R60 000) set up for the event had been stolen, along with thousands of rands worth of prizes and auction items. Packets of spot prizes had been torn open and the contents removed.

"Thank goodness the tables that were already set with decorations and antique tea sets had not been touched," said Andre, Marietjie's husband, who works alongside her at TLC.

The police were called, and Michael Simon of Sedgefield's Community Oriented Policing (COP) was contacted to put as many people as possible on high alert for the stolen property.

At 09h30, an alert was issued on the Neighbourhood Watch Patrollers WhatsApp group that a person carrying electronic devices in a large shopping bag had been seen. COP members immediately used the CCTV network to track the individual's movements and guide the response teams of their security partners to his last known location.

"The individual was eventually spotted in the CBD, and numerous electronic goods stolen from the Town Hall were recovered shortly thereafter," says COP's Mike Hofhuis. The suspect claimed innocence, stating that he had found the items in a wheelie bin in Cycad Circle around 07h00. He even requested that the CCTV cameras be checked to prove his story, which was then confirmed as accurate.

When the abandoned wheelie bin was located, another community

member removed the stolen items, and they were handed over to Sedgefield Defence Force Response officers and COP members.

Further review of the CCTV footage situated around the CBD revealed to COP that a 'person of interest' had walked with the wheelie bin from the CBD to Cycad Circle in the dead of night. He had quickly abandoned the bin when he saw a security patrol vehicle approaching. However, the security officers stopped as they believed the person to be behaving suspiciously. When they found he had a packet containing bottles of wine, SAPS were summoned and the individual, said to be known to the police, was taken in for questioning.

"At this time, nobody was even aware of the burglary at the Community Hall, nor that the wheelie bin he had abandoned contained all the electronic equipment," Hofhuis told us later.

He says that the Sedgefield Community CCTV network and security partners played a crucial role in the recovery of the stolen goods.

"From the original report from a resident on the Sedgefield Safety & Security WhatsApp group at 00h07 Saturday morning indicating that a male was pushing a wheelie bin in Tarentaal Avenue, to the camera footage in the CBD, Sedgehill, and Groenvallei - all were essential in piecing together the timeline and facts," he said, "This is a testament to the power of our community's collaboration and a reminder that when we work together with all Sedgefield Safety Partners, we get results." On behalf of COP he offered huge thanks to all the neighbourhood watch patrollers, security companies and SAPS members for their ongoing commitment and swift action when called upon.

But this wasn't the only good news that day. TLC had decided to continue with their function, despite the loss of equipment and prizes, and hearing of the charity's plight, the community pulled together to make a difference.

Says Andre, "Daily Grind Coffee shop came running across to the hall with a voucher as a prize, then Saskia Verschoor arrived with two crates full of items which had been sent to us by the stall holders of Scarab Village and Mosaic Market!"

When he heard from Michael Simon that the equipment had been located, it was just the cherry on top!

"After the function, we could just stand in amazement at the reaction of the community.

A big thank you must go to Michael Simon and Sedgefield Defence Force for their unconditional effort in getting the stolen goods back. Thank you as well to Councillor Cleone Vanston for her support, and to the stallholders of Mosaic Market and Scarab Village, Wow!!! Thank you so very much!"

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THE 'HOCKIEST' DAY OF 2025

Congratulations to Sedgefield Primary School for hosting another fantastic Hockey Day along with Arrie Nel Pharmacy on Saturday 9 August.

152 teams from 15 primary schools, 180 officials, 1 100 players and around 3 000 visitors were buzzing in and around the village - and once again the event ran like a well-oiled machine!

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ROBBED AT GUNPOINT in Sedgefield?

"I have been through a lot in my life, and never been scared. But on Monday 11 August I was absolutely terrified!" These were the words of 47 year old Hannes Hangenmann, the Sedgefielder who was robbed by men brandishing firearms.



When we chatted to him the following day he had recovered enough to smile, and even crack a joke - but he was understandably still more than a little shaken by his ordeal.

Hannes said he had popped into the village at around 11am to see a friend, and was on his way back, travelling down the Northern service road just past The EDGE offices when his phone rang. He pulled over to park on an open piece of grass at an intersection and took the call. But on checking his rearview mirror he saw a white double-cab Nissan bakkie turn in and stop right next to him. Instinctively Hannes dropped his phone between the seats as two of the four men in the vehicle sprang out and rushed to either side of his Fiat Palio.

Before he could move, one of the men thrust a pistol against his head. The other banged on the passenger door window with his gun, demanding Hannes open it.

When he did, the man climbed in and demanded money. Fortunately Hannes had quite a bit of cash in his ashtray, which he immediately handed over.

"I don't know what made me do it, but I told them they were welcome to my car, but would need to put in fuel if they wanted to get to Knysna," he told us.

Amazingly, this saved him the loss of his vehicle. The men

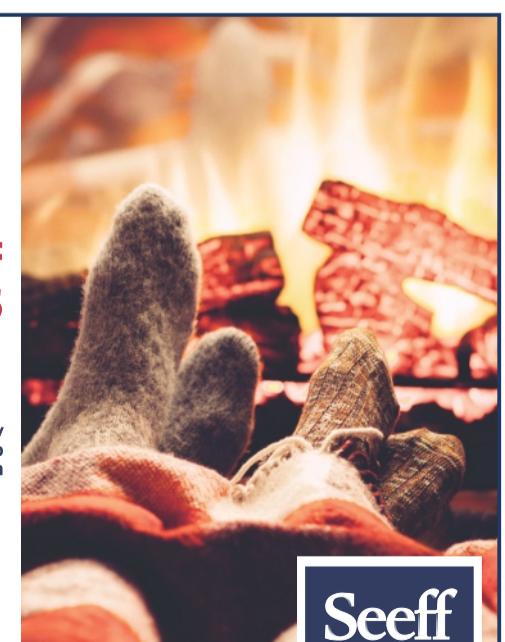
climbed out and drove off in their bakkie, leaving him shell-shocked, but alive and unharmed.

After sitting in a daze for about 10 to 15 minutes (he can't recall that time at all) Hannes drove across the N2 to the Sedgefield SAPS station and reported the crime. Fortunately, he had managed to recall part of the registration number of the Nissan.

He says the team at the station were absolutely amazing, with members from different departments meticulously recording every detail and the station quickly became a hive of activity, with his case getting top priority.

"I have heard people say negative things about SAPS, but I must say that they were excellent - and very thorough in everything they did."

No details of the investigation progress were available from SAPS Communications Office at the time of going to press, but according to Mike Hofhuis of COP, footage from CCTV cameras in the area is being thoroughly checked for signs of the Nissan.



Notes from T'Ed's Head

I'm still buzzing!

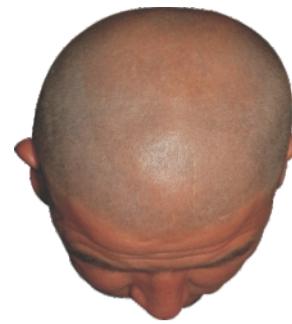
Yes – we have returned after a particularly restful trip to visit family on Mud Island.

"So, if it was restful, why are you buzzing?" you ask. Very kind of you to offer concern, but don't for one moment think you're getting any of my Curly Wurly chocolate bars, nor any of my KP Dry-Roasted Peanuts!

Perhaps, if I get my ears to stop ringing for just a while, I can explain (I find medicating myself with a large glass of Guinness is just the ticket for calming the nerves).

Whilst the holiday was indeed a wonderful break – just what was needed to unwind, catch up on sleep, and read a book (remember books?) – it was the flight back that created the problem and the incarceration at the airport, I guess.

The British authorities had to let me go ... in the end. Some might say I got off on a technicality (and they are DEFINITELY NOT getting to sample my



of hand luggage, which, according to the official British Airways safety leaflet at least, should be carefully stowed in the locker above your seat and only accessed when the aircraft has safely taken off.

Now, if you have ever experienced a rummager in close proximity (most of us have one in the family), you will no doubt have observed that they seldom, if ever, actually find what they are looking for. To any normal human being, this wouldn't matter, because it's only a piece of chewing gum ... or perhaps some lip balm, a pencil, or maybe a boiled sweet to prevent ear-popping when cabin pressure changes.

But to the rummager, whatever they are looking for soon becomes all-important. Indeed, an obsession.

And it should also be stated, for the benefit of those lucky folk who may not have come across such a person, that the shuffling of the other contents in, around, out of, then back into said bag is not a constant action that one might get used to, and perhaps even – after a time at least – relegate to the 'background noise' section of one's audio files. No! It goes on in such an erratic series of scratchings that to the listener/observer, death by strangulation soon becomes a reasonable option.

Rummage rummage rummage. Stop and think (usually staring blankly, as if retracing one's steps right up until putting the thing in the bag). Rummage. Rummage. Grumble, grumble. Stop and think. Rummage rummage rummage ... rummage. Pause. Say "Where is it? I KNOW I put it in here" (because that will help). Rummage ... rummage rummage rummage ... ad infinitum.

Another note: If one is, say, simply rummaging whilst sitting in the passenger seat of a car (Please do not drive and rummage – it's extremely dangerous) then said rummaging will come to an end when the rummager either gets home (where the rummaged-for item will be found on the kitchen table) or arrives at another destination (where one's partner will go out and find a replacement for the thing, if only to save his sanity). In other words, the rummaging incident is kept to the 'minimal damage' category.



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breakfast banana' didn't even enter his mind as an option as to what she was talking about) I could understand their insistence on the handcuffs.

Anyway, after the lengthy interrogation, whilst the luggage hold was unloaded and men in protective clothing and helmets brought sniffer dogs to examine every single suitcase, we were allowed back onto the plane, on the proviso that we would be seated in special jump-seats away from other passengers, and as close to those screaming jet engines as they could manage.

Oh ... did I not mention that we were taxiing along the runway at the time? Perhaps I should have, to prevent the more macabre visual that has just entered your mind. Fortunately for me, I was already in the 'brace position' (it's an instinctive move whenever I have a disagreement with Mrs Ed). Still, sadly, the other passengers were thrust sharply forward in their seatbelts, resulting in panic-filled screams.

Thank you for flying British Airways' was NOT what they said when we disembarked

I'd be mad if I didn't!



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ARIE NEL & LSP HOCKEY DAY

by Isabel Adam

Sedgefield came alive on Saturday, 9 August 2025 as Arie Nel Pharmacy and Laerskool Sedgefield Primary hosted what is arguably the biggest primary school hockey tournament in the region – if not the biggest in the Southern Cape!

With 152 teams from 15 primary schools, 180 officials, 1100 players and around 3000 visitors, the day was filled with fast-paced action, sportsmanship, and a buzzing atmosphere. We were especially thrilled to welcome 10 teams from Durbanville who made the 450km journey to be part of this special event.

After 300 thrilling matches, the moment everyone was waiting

for arrived – the trophy winners of the day:

Under 8 Boys:- George Suid, Girls:- Milkwood;
Under 9 Boys:- George Suid, Girls:- Durbanville;
Under 10 Boys:- Outeniqua / George Suid, Girls:- Outeniqua;
Under 11 Boys:- Holy Cross / George Suid, Girls:- Outeniqua / George Suid ;
Under 12 Boys:- Milkwood, Girls:- Holy Cross

A heartfelt thank you to Nerina Kruger and her incredible team, who kept everyone well-fed and happy – selling a staggering 398 doughnuts, 600 toasted sandwiches, 900 boerewors rolls, and 2746 pancakes!

The success of the day would not have been possible without the dedication of every player, supporter, parent, and coach. A special mention also goes to Mr Dimitri Nel and the LSP personnel for their tireless planning and hard work in ensuring everything ran smoothly.

We are deeply grateful to our generous sponsors who made this day possible: Arie Nel Pharmacy, Pick n Pay, Engen, Wimpy, Lanline Technologies, Lancewood, Leeuwenbosch and Oasis Sedgefield.

The Arie Nel & LSP Hockey Day 2025 will be remembered for its high energy, excellent sportsmanship, and community spirit. Here's to next year being even bigger and better!

CONFIDENCE IN THE MAYOR!

A strange thing happened in the Council Chambers on Thursday, 7 August – a 'Vote Of No Confidence' (VONC) in a mayor who, it appears, all the councillors have confidence in!

The bid to recall and remove the ANC Mayor Thando Matika from his executive post was proposed by PA Councillor Waleed Grootboom. Still, even he felt it necessary to mention that it was 'Not for misconduct or failure to perform his duty on the mayor's part.'

'Councillor Matika has served with integrity and diligence

during his tenure,' he stated, explaining that the proposed VONC was simply part of the Patriotic Alliance's 'broader strategic directive issues at national level'.

'This motion does not cast dispersion on the Mayor!' he said.

During the following debate, councillors from all other parties – even those in the official opposition DA seats – came together in agreement (a rarity in itself) that the VONC was both ill-timed and not even worthy of proposing. Most suggested that

under the leadership of Mayor Matika, Knysna had reached a turning point and was heading in a more positive direction.

Although unpopular, the proposal had been put on the agenda and officially seconded (by Grootboom's fellow PA Councillor Beauty Charlie), so council protocol required that it go to the vote. Two councillors voted in favour of the motion, 10 against, and eight (the DA councillors) abstained. Mayor Matika remains in place!

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WORLD SNAKE DAY - JULY 2025

by Charl van der Merwe,
Environmental Ethicist
On behalf of Sedgefield
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The 16th of July is celebrated as World Snake Day to raise awareness and understanding of these often-misunderstood creatures. With over 4,000 species of snakes recorded globally, Africa boasts a remarkable diversity, being home to more than 600 species.

In our country, there are over 170 species, highlighting our rich biodiversity, especially in reptiles. Snakes captivate both scientists and enthusiasts due to their diversity, unique adaptations and crucial roles in ecosystems. This article delves into their species, habitats, behaviours and ecological significance.

Overview of South African Snakes

South Africa's diverse habitats, ranging from arid deserts to lush forests, are home to a wide variety of snake species, each uniquely adapted to its environment. Understanding snakes is crucial not only for conservation efforts, but also for ensuring the safety of people who share their habitats. Citizen science initiatives like *iNaturalist* have significantly enhanced knowledge about snake distribution in South Africa. Social media platforms, such as the educational Facebook page *Snakes of Southern Africa*, which boasts over 500,000 members, play a vital role in raising awareness about snake conservation. By

fostering education and understanding, these efforts help to break down fear barriers, leading to fewer instances of snake persecution.

Classification of Snakes

Snakes are categorised into families, with the most notable being:

- **Elapidae:** includes highly venomous snakes such as cobras and mambas.
- **Viperidae:** Vipers including the Puff Adder known for their potent venom.
- **Colubridae:** including a diversity of non-venomous snakes like the brown house snake and mole snake.

- **Pythonidae:** Pythons, featuring one of the largest snake species in the world, the African rock python (luislang).

Most snakes are shy and non-aggressive, with bites typically accidental or prompted in self-defence. Snake bites are seldom fatal when proper medical care is administered. Venom production is an energy-intensive process which these animals tend to avoid wasting if a meal is not included in the effort. Thus, snakes are generally shy of humans and will seek to avoid interactions with no net benefit.

Habitats of South African Snakes

South Africa's varied climates and landscapes create distinct habitats, each supporting varied snake species:

- **Savannas:** these ecosystems are characterised by grasslands with scattered trees. Snakes such as the black mamba, puffadder and various non-venomous snakes thrive in these areas,

hunting small mammals and birds.

• **Forests:** regions, such as those found along the Garden Route, provide habitats for various tree snake species like the boomslang. They rely on their climbing abilities to navigate the vertical environment and hunt for arboreal prey.

• **Deserts:** The Karoo, Kalahari and Namib deserts are home to specialised snake species adapted to arid conditions. Snakes like the horned adder and the sidewinder have evolved to survive with minimal water and prey availability.

• **Urban Areas:** Snakes have adapted to urban environments because of the availability of shelter and prey. The Cape cobra and non-venomous rat snakes can often be found in home gardens and parks, leading to human-snake interactions.

Ecological Importance of Snakes

Snakes play a vital role in our ecosystem, as both predator and prey. As predators they control a variety of pests, such as rodents, and can reduce economic loss to farmers by reducing crop damage from rats and mice. Snakes create a balance within the ecosystem. As prey they are consumed by other animals, from birds of prey, the Secretary bird, carnivorous mammals, the Ratel, and humans alike. The presence and health of snake populations can point to the overall health of an ecosystem, serving as indicators of environmental changes.

Conservation Challenges and Efforts

Despite their ecological importance, snakes in South Africa face threats from habitat destruction, climate change and persecution by humans.

Conservation challenges such as:

- **Habitat Protection:** Protected areas and reserves can help conserve critical habitats for snakes and other wildlife.

- **Public Education:** Raising awareness about the ecological role of snakes can help reduce fear and promote coexistence between humans and snakes.

- **Research and Monitoring:** Ongoing research is necessary to monitor snake populations and understand the impacts of environmental changes.

Such efforts are vital for the protection of these fascinating creatures.

Conclusion

The diverse world of South African snakes is a testament to nature's ingenuity and adaptability. From the fearsome black mamba to the majestic luislang, each species contributes uniquely to the ecological fabric of our country. As we continue to explore and understand these fascinating reptiles, it is crucial to advocate for their protection and ensure their survival for future generations. Let us replace fear with respect. Learn, understand, and protect these incredible animals.

UNDERSTANDING OUTENIQUA SENSITIVE COASTAL AREA (OSCA) REGULATIONS

By Apex Conservation Services

"OSCA" is an acronym frequently heard by those developing or building within the Garden Route – but what does this term actually mean for landowners?

OSCA stands for Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area. This is a designated area of land, spanning the southern Cape coast from Tergniet, close to Great Brak River, to the Bloukrans River. OSCA regulations control activities in the area and landowners must understand their responsibilities before undertaking any of the listed activities on their properties.

OSCA regulations were established to promote sustainable development in sensitive coastal areas at small-scale, property levels, controlling activities in these areas. The OSCA regulations identify development activities which can have detrimental impacts in the regulated areas, and require the implementation of mitigating measures for potential impacts.

Activities in the OSCA are primarily governed by two sets of legislation: 1. Regulations regarding identified activities concerning the Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area (OSCA) and 2. Identification of activities which may have a detrimental effect on the environment: Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Extension. The legislation sets out requirements and procedures for permit applications, as well as the requirements for environmental impact reports which support the application. It also identifies the four activities controlled in the

OSCA: Disturbance of vegetation, Earthworks, Dredging and Dune stabilisation. Landowners with property in the OSCA are required to obtain a permit from the relevant local authority before undertaking any of the four listed activities. These authorities include local municipalities, such as the George, Knysna, Bitou, and Mossel Bay Municipalities.

The permit application must be supported by an environmental impact report compiled by the landowner or an environmental

consultant. The environmental impact report must identify sensitive areas on the property, and the likelihood and severity of potential impacts resulting from undertaking listed activities. The report should also provide mitigation and rehabilitation measures to be implemented during and after the listed activities. Once the permit is issued, and the proposed activities authorised, the mitigation and rehabilitation measures recommended in the permit must be implemented on the property.



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"As always you can be assured of a great night out!" promises producer Margie van Rensburg.

For those new to the area, the Sedgefield Melodrama is an annual treat, all about local people performing for local audiences raising money for local charities. It is shown at the Sedgefield Primary School hall and over the years has made well over a million rand for local charities.

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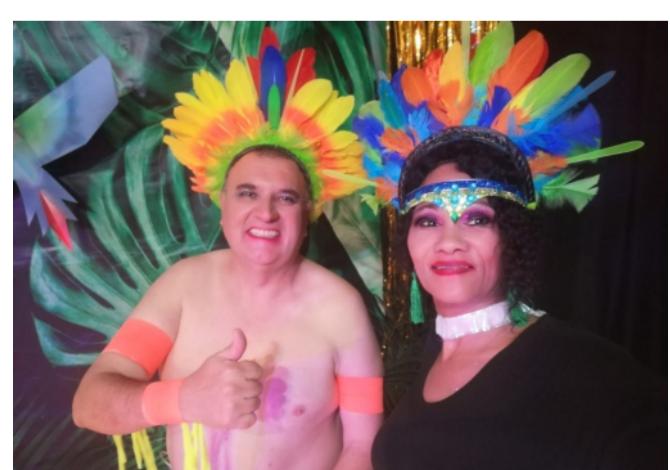
It's best to get a group together as seating is around tables, so parties may bring their own picnics to enjoy whilst watching the show.

With just two weeks left before curtain up, ticket sales are on the increase. Show dates are - Tuesday 26 August, Thursday 28 August, Friday 29 August, Tuesday 2 September, Thursday

4 September, and Friday 5 September.

"Both Fridays are almost fully booked, but we would love to have a full house each and every night," says Margie, "The fuller the house, the more money we raise for our local charities."

There is a wonderful special offer available currently: Buy 5 tickets for any Tuesday night show and get a free bottle of wine (Red, White or Rose) at the door. Tickets are just R120 each and available to buy online at www.sedgefieldmelodrama.co.za or at Pedro's nursery 49 Main Service Road.



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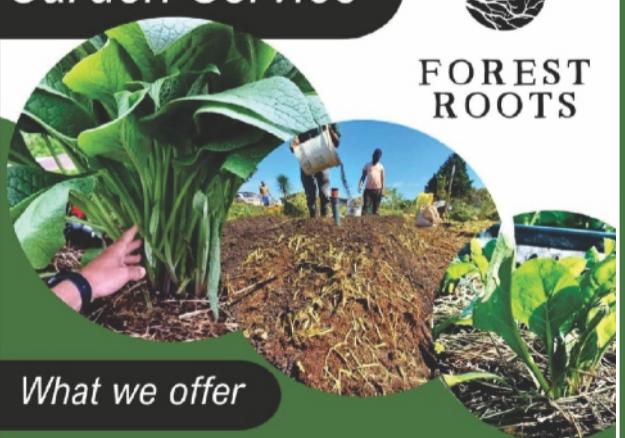
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1:30pm Duplicate Bridge at Catholic Church hall. Enquiries (Whatsapp) to Toni 0722465024.

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

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

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Open letter

Slow Town's creative community grows

The Sedgefield Creative Club have expressed grateful thanks to Candice Rowe and Gareth Rowe of the Sedgefield Defence Force for their contribution of art materials for the use of the artists in our group.

The Sedgefield Creative Club is a small self-funded creative community that meets once a month in Smutsville. Members have a range of creative interests – visual art, poetry, music, drama and comedy and are working together to build and support each other's creative efforts and spread important social and environmental messages using their art forms. The group is currently scripting a play about what it takes to look after children well as a parent or community member.

Members of the club are 15 and

older, with the oldest member aged 78! They are also practising painting, planning an open-mike and karaoke night as a fundraiser in September, and designing proposed murals to liven up the prefabricated panels around the Smutsville Community Hall.

Two of the members, Whitney and Houghmordeen Jansen, known creatively as Whitney die Diger and Holmes, lost their

homes in the fire in Smutsville in the early hours of the morning on Monday 4 August, and the club hopes to be able to help them rebuild their creative capacities as they recover from this setback.

If anyone is interested in keeping track of our efforts or joining the group, please look for their Facebook page, email sedgecreativeclub@gmail.com or text 0774867814

RECORD-BREAKING OYSTER FESTIVAL

The 2025 Knysna Oyster Festival has wrapped up its most successful post-Covid celebration yet, drawing thousands to the Garden Route and generating an estimated R41 million in economic impact for the Greater Knysna area. Over 10 packed days from 4–13 July, more than 100 diverse events transformed the town into a hub of sport, lifestyle, food, family, and community spirit.

According to NightsBridge data, the 2025 Festival saw a significant rise in visitor arrivals to the Greater Knysna region. The surge in tourism was driven by a jam-packed programme that offered something for everyone, from seasoned marathon runners and cyclists to oyster lovers, car enthusiasts, and young families.

Over 6,700 participants crossed the finish line in the iconic Knysna Forest Marathon and Half Marathon, while the popular Knysna Cycle Tour attracted 1,500 cyclists across five events. With many attendees accompanied by partners or family, estimates suggest more than 16,000 people actively engaged in the festival's offerings, contributing an average spend of R2,500 per day across the ten days.

More than 32,000 oysters were devoured at 14 designated Oyster Hotspots. Culinary highlights included the Stella Artois Oyster Cooking & Shucking Championships, Honey-Inspired Evenings, Forest Feasts, the Dessert War Fair and Knysna Fine Wine Festival. The Eden Classic Car & Motorcycle Show and SANDF display offered vibrant, family-

friendly spectacle.

From puppet workshops to canoe polo, chess tournaments to 4x4 off-road adventures, the festival continued its proud tradition of being 'more than just oysters'.

Charity remained central to the festival's mission. A total of R597,400 was raised for local causes, with R407,500 generated by the Knysna Forest Marathon and Half Marathon alone. The 5 km for CANSA added both community spirit and critical support for cancer awareness initiatives.

Local businesses also felt the impact: the Festival Hub alone reported R 741,592 in turnover—more than double its 2024 figure. The Neighbourhood Makers Tent brought in R160,092 in sales, highlighting the support for local artisans and entrepreneurs.

The festival also drew massive media attention, with R5.9 million in print, broadcast and online media value and R14.2 million in social media reach and engagement.

Backed by R1.14 million in sponsorships, and championed by a dedicated community and team, the 2025 Knysna Oyster Festival proved once again why it remains one of South Africa's most beloved and enduring annual traditions.

"The Knysna Oyster Festival continues to be a shining example of what's possible when a community comes together with purpose and pride," said Knysna Executive Mayor, Councillor Thando Matika. "Not

Brushstrokes

The Sedgefield Art Society continues to flourish, bringing together art lovers and creators alike. Meetings are held at the Lions Clubhouse on the second Monday of every month at 2:00pm, and all are welcome to join.

Currently, the Society has an inspiring exhibition at Remax, themed "Spring", showcasing fresh and vibrant works from

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Johan is at peace now and will be missed by all who knew him. In April he was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer which had already spread to his liver and kidneys when they did the surgery on the 14th of May.

He was my rock and hero and stayed strong till the end. Geraldine



SEDGEMEER PARK HOME FOR THE AGED NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

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at 2pm in the dining room.
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SEDGE'S "TORTOISE TAKEOVER" SLOW TOWN RACES FOR WORLD RECORD



Sedgefield, South Africa's celebrated "Slow Town," is preparing for an extraordinary community spectacle this December—the Tortoise Takeover. The town will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most people, in one place, dressed as tortoises. The current record stands at around 1,300 participants, achieved in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle outfits. Sedgefield's bid will be different—realistic tortoise costumes that pay tribute to the area's natural heritage and its much-loved reptilian residents.

Organisers say the event will be a celebration of community pride, creativity, and fun, while also attracting visitors and boosting local spirit. Everyone is invited to take part—all you need is your shell and a smile. As the organisers put it: "Slow and steady... to world record glory!"

From shell to shining shell—Sedgefield is calling on everyone to suit up for the Tortoise Takeover and help make history.

local artists. A special thank you goes to curator Nicholas Leonard, whose ongoing support and enthusiasm are deeply appreciated.

In addition to Remax, the Society is delighted to announce a new exhibition space at Lake View Restaurant. This stunning venue now features a rotating collection of members' artwork—an ideal setting to enjoy fine food while appreciating local talent. As part of its commitment to the wider community, the Art Society will once again be

donating artworks to the upcoming Melodrama fundraiser. These pieces will be on display throughout the event and available for auction, so if you'd like to own a unique artwork while supporting a good cause, be sure to place your bid! The Society is also thrilled to be participating in the Tortoise Takeover, an exciting local initiative that promises to be both fun and creatively rewarding. For more details, keep an eye on Facebook.

MASITHANDANE BLESSED ON MANDELA DAY

by Moray Swanepoel

Masithandane, who's mission is to "Serve the community where it is needed the most, especially those infected by or affected by HIV/AIDS and TB" was blessed to receive goods on Mandela Day.

A big thank you goes out to Ronel, Leon and the staff from Baywater Village for the boxes

and boxes of towels which we distributed to HUG House and the Bergylei and Karatara communities. Kirra Merlo and her Team from Daisy Solutions brought an abundant amount of hearty soup and bread which were shared with our Early Learning Centre children, the children from the Safe Park and patients in HUG house. Lovely soft blankets and beanies were also distributed to the ECD children. Special thanks to Silvia Jubber from Pam Golding Sedgefield for the beautiful knitted and crocheted blankets for the patients at HUG House.

If you would like to know more about Masithandane and what we do, please feel free to contact Moray Swanepoel at our office on 044 343 2110 to take a look around.



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PUBLICLY SPEAKING

From Guesswork to Good Governance: Why Data Drives Better Service Delivery

by Leveal Davis

Imagine your municipality decides to build a new bypass road based on a political campaign promise, spending R50 million on infrastructure that mostly benefits a few neighbourhoods. Later, data reveals that resurfacing three key arterial roads used by thousands of commuters daily would have cost R20 million and served the community far better. This scenario plays out across South Africa daily when decisions are made without proper data, and the consequences ripple through communities.

Resources get misallocated, resulting in costly infrastructure being built where it's unnecessary, while true hotspots remain underserved. Residents

lose trust in the municipality's credibility when, due to a lack of data, promises are unfulfilled, targets are missed, and services don't materialise.

Limited budgets are stretched thin across ineffective projects instead of prioritising areas that could make the biggest impact. Consider water infrastructure decisions made without household consumption data, population growth trends, or infrastructure condition assessments. This can lead to burst pipes in neglected areas, while new developments receive unnecessary upgrades.

Municipalities face real challenges to becoming data-driven, with many struggling with outdated information systems that don't align with each other. Staff often lack training in data analysis, viewing numbers as bureaucratic exercises rather than decision-making tools.



Limited budgets often mean choosing between service delivery and investing in data infrastructure, which perpetuates the cycle of poor decisions. Geographic spread compounds these challenges, where rural municipalities particularly struggle to collect comprehensive data across vast areas with limited connectivity and resources. However, municipalities that embrace data-driven decision-making could see extraordinary results. They can identify the service delivery gaps before they become critical, allocate resources optimally, and measure whether interventions work. Data helps municipalities understand their communities better by analysing payment and work time patterns, and they can adjust operating hours or mobile

service schedules. Traffic flow data helps prioritise road maintenance, while billing and consumption data identify areas for productive infrastructure investment. Additionally, data creates accountability because when decisions are based on evidence rather than politics, bias, or perception, officials can justify their choices to communities and track progress towards goals.

The path forward does not require expensive overhauls, but incremental changes through mapping existing data sources, training key staff in basic analysis, and establishing simple monitoring systems. Additionally, high staff turnover means institutional knowledge leaves the municipality, which often perpetuates the need for proper data analysis. South African municipalities are leveraging technology in various ways, such as using artificial intelligence alongside Geographic Information Systems (GIS), mobile data collection for targeted service delivery, and automated HR systems to enhance employment opportunities and maintain accurate records.

Viewing data as a service delivery tool rather than an administrative burden is crucial. In the season of rising expectations and shrinking budgets, municipalities cannot afford to make decisions based on guesswork. Data-driven governance is not about replacing human judgment but informing it with facts. Communities deserve

services planned around their actual needs, not assumptions about what those needs might be.

Municipalities must choose to either continue flying blind and hoping for the best or harness the power of data to deliver services that truly make a difference in people's lives.

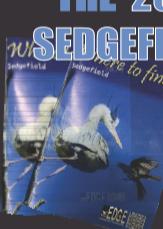


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A local family has started a BackaBuddy campaign after young father Brandon Sardini (28) was involved in a motorcycle accident that left him with a spinal injury, and his medical aid claim for a much needed op has been declined. Many will know this family man from his carwash business in Sedgefield, which he purchased in 2023.

Brandon had the accident on the 20 July but at the time did not think any serious damage had occurred. Two days later his backpain became so bad his family took him to the doctor for injections, and on the 24th he had to be rushed to the emergency rooms at George MediClinic as he couldn't even stand on his leg.

After X-rays and MRIs the neuro surgeon said Brandon needed to have spinal surgery. The operation was booked for the night of 25 July, but then the family received the news that

their medical aid had rejected the claim, so everything was put on hold.

"The doctor told us that it is an emergency but the provincial government hospital will only be able give Brandon an operation date far into the future and he can't wait that long if he wants to prevent further neurological issues in his leg," says his partner Maryke.

They saw the neuro surgeon again on Wednesday 6 August, and were showed slide by slide where the nerves are being penetrated by the injury.

According to the surgeon, the longer Brandon waits, the higher the risk that his neurological issues won't get better after the surgery. "Even now, everyday that goes by, his nerves are getting more and more damaged. He could lose complete function in his right leg," Maryke reports.

The family still needs R60 000 to reach the target based on the quotation provided by the



hospital. It was made clear to them that there will be additional post-op costs for rehabilitation through physiotherapists and chiropractors.

"We have been trying everything as a family to raise money, using up our savings and applying for loans, and now we have started the Backabuddy campaign," says Maryke, "If people go onto the backabuddy.co.za website and search for 'Urgent Back Surgery needed' they will find Brandon's story."

She says that meanwhile the carwash is still running, and the family is so grateful for the continuous support of regular customers.

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SEDGE BENEFITS FROM CAR AND BIKE SHOW

by Dennis Cook

The Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, held at Scarab Village on July 6, was deemed a great success, particularly due to the high quality and variety of vehicles on display. The organisers who had been anxiously watching the weather for weeks were relieved that, although it was a blustery and cold day, the rain bypassed Sedgefield.

The owners of the beautiful and valuable cars and motorcycles took pride in displaying their prized possessions, and thanks to effective advertising, the public showed its support by pouring in from early morning.

It was the second year that the show had been held at Scarab Village, whose owner, Cliff Ellion, is a generous and committed supporter. Cliff organised a range of great food and beverage vendors who fed the crowds and kept them warm.

We were thrilled by the number of owners who attended our show, bringing a fantastic selection of cars and motorcycles, many of whom travelled long distances to get there. Quite a number of them stayed over in Sedgefield for two or more nights. Some came from as far as Cape Town, Gqeberha (PE) and Jeffreys Bay, with enthusiasts from the wider Garden Route swelling the numbers. It should be noted that these enthusiasts invest a significant amount of money to attend and support the show.

The Eden Classic Car Group organises the Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show to raise money for charity while hosting a fun and interesting event. Although many members worked on the actual day, a small team of just four worked for five months to put on the show. Had it not been for the generosity of sponsors,



including Sanlam Private Wealth, Pezula Nature Retreat and Puma Insurance Brokers, the show could not have been held. The people of Sedgefield played their part with their support.

A useful amount of money was raised, and R40,000 was donated to Masithandane to help with their fundraiser for a new vehicle; R10,000 went to the NPO "Cherished" to upgrade laptop computers donated by a local company, so that they can establish a computer laboratory at Smutsville School. Finally, Hospice, which does some truly wonderful work in the community, received R10,000.

The benefits of the show spread to wider Sedgefield, with accommodation establishments being booked and local restaurants and shops seeing a surge in business over the weekend. Hopefully, these visitors will soon return to explore Sedgefield further.

The show will return to Scarab Village next year - bigger and better.

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Prioritising Women's Health this August

In South Africa, August is Women's Month, with National Women's Day celebrated on 9 August. It's a time to honour the generations of women whose courage and resilience have paved the way for progress in gender equality and empowerment.

Beyond the celebrations, Women's Month is also a powerful reminder for women to focus on their own health and well-being—something that often takes a back seat while caring for others.

Why Women's Health Matters
Women play an essential role in families and communities, yet many neglect their own health due to busy schedules and daily

responsibilities. Taking care of yourself isn't selfish—it's necessary. Making small, intentional choices can significantly improve your health and quality of life at any age.

Key Health Tips for Women

- Stay Active**
Aim for 30–60 minutes of moderate exercise at least 3–5 times a week. Physical activity boosts energy, improves sleep, helps manage weight, and lowers the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and dementia.
- Get Enough Sleep**
Quality sleep is vital for mental clarity, hormone balance, and overall health. Make sleep a non-negotiable part of your routine.
- Eat Well**
A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins protects against chronic

illnesses. Women also need **calcium and vitamin D** to keep bones strong and prevent osteoporosis. And don't forget to **stay hydrated**—your body needs water to function properly, especially for energy and digestion.

- Routine Health Screenings**
Regular checkups can catch health issues early. Important tests include:
 - Mammograms** – for breast cancer
 - Pap smears** – for cervical cancer and reproductive health
 - Bone density scans** – for osteoporosis
 - Cholesterol and blood pressure checks** – for heart health
 - Diabetes screening**
 - STI testing** – early detection helps prevent serious complications like infertility or pelvic inflammatory disease
- Protect Your Mental**

Health

Conditions like anxiety, depression, and eating disorders are more common in women. Prioritise mental well-being through self-care, mindfulness, and reaching out for support when needed. Seeking help is a sign of strength—not weakness.

A Healthier Future Starts with Women

Women are the heart of families, communities, and society. When women thrive, everyone benefits. Investing in women's physical, mental, and emotional well-being leads to stronger, healthier, and more empowered communities.

This Women's Month, let's encourage every woman to **put her health first**—because you can't pour from an empty cup.

Sources: RSA Government Gazette, World Health Organisation, Women's Health

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Part 10: The many known and unknown symptoms of menopause

by Prof Stan Brighton

Over 35 symptoms can be experienced by a woman through her menopause including the well-known ones hot flushes, brain fog, sleep disturbances, anxiety and depression.

Muscle and joint symptoms are less recognised and can be silent, devastating and permanent if not correctly treated.

The perimenopause is that transitional period leading up to menopause when many women may notice changes in their monthly cycle, flushes or other symptoms. This usually starts around the age of 48 with full menopause a few years later. Many women are not aware that during this perimenopause period up to 10% of bone mineral density can be lost and about 1% reduction in muscle mass, which is often replaced with fat (often called middle-age spread).

These muscle and joint symptoms known as the musculoskeletal syndrome will be experienced by at least 70% of women of which over 25% will have severe symptoms.

Symptoms include musculoskeletal pain, joint pain, loss of lean muscle, loss of bone density with osteoporosis and fractures, increased tendon and ligament injury, increase in sports injuries with slow healing and changes in the cartilage of joints with osteoarthritis.

Oestrogen is not an anti-inflammatory but instead regulates the amount of inflammation in the body and reduced oestrogen levels explain the many pains and symptoms seen with the menopause.

Many women will notice the last joints of the fingers (next to the nail) becoming painful and very thickened. This is all due to the loss of oestrogen with the menopause.

Even mild degenerative changes in the knees, neck and low back become increasingly painful with the loss of the protective effect of oestrogen.

Genitourinary syndrome of menopause consisting of vaginal dryness, burning and irritation discomfort or pain as well as urinary symptoms including recurrent urinary tract infection due to the deficiency of oestrogen.

The importance of prevention and active treatment in postmenopausal women must be stressed. Although oestrogen deficiency explains many of the

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EAGLE STARS TEAM LOSE NAIL BITER AT HOME

by JP Jordaan

The PnP Sedgefield Eagle Stars
came up short this past
weekend against the Silver
Stars from Rosemore.

The C-team lost their match 35-20. Tries were scored by Jesuwn Lottering and Ruan Levack. Carl Dirk scored both conversions, whilst Rayden Damons slotted two penalty kicks. The B-team put on a clinical match and won 24-21 thanks to a last minute penalty kick slotted over by

Chesco Julies. Eric Jooste scored two tries and Charlton Mentoer also crossed the whitewash line. Julies had his kicking boots on and slotted all three conversions. The A-team found themselves chasing the game early on and just could not seem to convert pressure into points. They ended up losing the match 28-18; however it was a spirited performance from the local players. The next match takes place on 23 August against Riversdal Rugby Club at Sedgefield's Grassy Park.



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Golf Club Report

Thursday, 31 July

In announcing the day's competition Captain Brian Gerard welcomed all who had braved the inclement weather. When asked by clubmates why he appeared to be in a bad mood, he explained that while he was recently visiting an Antique auction there had been three bids to purchase him.

To play in the British Open one must be prepared to play in weather that represents all four seasons in one day. The Golf Club members who participated in this Month's Monthly Mug not only expressed their desire to play in this their favourite competition but also to make it clear that their ultimate goal was the Open. In turn, the B division players made it clear that they only wanted to get out of the awful weather and into their beds as not one of them finished the 18 holes.

The golfers who made their ultimate intentions clear were the following. Firstly, with a great score and playing Medal, was Des Fenner with a net 54 points,

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It is a well balanced wine with flavours of rose petals and raspberries, carrying through onto the palate.

The wine has a medium long mouth, with the lingering taste of the toffees and dust.

It is dry and a good companion

ORLANDO PIRATES EXPERIENCE

Jomo Phike Managing Director of Sedge United FC,
gave some young soccer players a once in a life-time opportunity late last month, when he managed to organise them a match against Orlando Pirates!

Taking a chance, he wrote to Orlando Pirates legend Eugene Zwane asked him to arrange a friendly game against Orlando Pirates DDC team, and was delighted when he received a reply offering a game on 2 August.

In preparation for the game he chose players from various teams in the Knysna league and training for the game commenced in earnest!

On Thursday 31 July the excited lads departed for Johannesburg. The game was scheduled for 09:00 as the Orlando Pirates senior team was due to play MNT8 against Polokwana City at 15:00 on the same day.

"As soon as the game started the Orlando Pirates came at us with full force, showing us the slick



not the case for the following players in the day's I.P.S competition. Neville Large and Malcolm Goldhill are widely regarded as the G.C. Club's best players but as they were away on the day there were a few players vying for that coveted position. Firstly, there was Des Fenner who for the second week in a row won first prize with a great 38 points. He certainly is beginning to show his teeth (that should read "mettle" because he actually now has a set of false teeth). Brian Craddock was also on the podium for the second week running with a total of 33 and he was followed by Dave Malyon after a count out with Len Moulton, both on 32. Bill Craig followed with 29, though it must be said that his greatest achievement was surviving a drive from the player behind him, who will remain anonymous. The ball narrowly missed his head and only glanced off his shoulder. He has laid an attempted murder charge against said nameless player.

The "Duck" for the longest day went to Peter Schnetler who, when collecting his prize, had the demeanor of one who while picking daisies on the railway, had just been caught by the down express in the small of the back. His greatest achievement was finishing the game and he justifies the ultimate praise for that.

Thursday, 7 August

Golf is often described as a lovely walk spoilt. This was certainly



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TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Futuristic idea of how to rip the cop off. (9)
- 6,24. Perhaps drunk, dehydrated and without hope of finding another tipple. (4,3,3)
8. Roast the officer without commission for his Spanish antics. (8)
9. About the 'Aye' that one says as the propellor takes in a bit of a lucky turn. (6)
10. Look that's bad for the eye infection. (6)
11. Wanting to date, regularly? Then don't weave! (2,6)
12. Uplifted when the opera is edited right down. (6)
15. A little jumper for the social climber? (4,4)
16. North African Muslim who's desperate to return to his car sales position. (8)
19. Creative feedback caused actress Thurman serious distress. (6)
21. The correct answer is ... (8)
22. Drop off points perhaps belonging to singer Richard. (6)
24. (see 6)
25. Ambulance extended initial limit on oxygen provision? (8)
26. Could one we gathered was stripped off be a real part of this species? (4)
27. The record holder for dystopian art sir, is half German. (9)
- Down**
1. One who might have to bear extreme weather. (5)
2. Somewhere lurking in the cosmos is diffusion! (7)
3. England's original eighth man

Across: 1. Lingo 10. On the move 11. Catatonic 12. Coded 13. Concave 15. Shown up 17. Octet 18. Mob 20. Horde 22. Deserts 25. Wise ass 26. Flash 27. Nuremberg 30. Novocaine 31. Not on **Down:** 1. Bloc 2. Instinct 3. Host 4. Hornbeam 5. Stacks 6. Bed clothes 7. Golden 8. Herd 13. Crowd 14. After shock 16. Press 19. Bewarned 21. Reagents 23. Starve 24. Sunlit 26. Fund 28. Mine 29. Gang

THE SPORTS EDGE

GEORGE LAKES YACHT CLUB NEW SAILING SEASON

The George Lakes Yacht Club is gearing up to kick off the new sailing season with its highly anticipated Frostbite Series on 24 August. Sailors will be competing for two prestigious accolades: the Brass Monkey and Coconut Trophies.

This series marks the official start of a fresh season and promises to be an exciting competition for both seasoned skippers and new members.

The club is thrilled to welcome a number of new faces who will be beginning their sailing journeys and competing in their first series with the club.

The George Lakes Yacht Club is a welcoming and active community, and the Frostbite Series is the perfect opportunity for both new and returning sailors to test their skills on the water and enjoy the camaraderie of the club.

All members of the community are invited to come out and support the sailors as they embark on a new season of adventure and competition.



Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



We are proud to announce that Charles Fontini has been elected as President of the Western Cape Provincial Bowls Association and Renata Raath as Secretary. Wishing you both a successful term.

Our annual ladies day sponsored by Engen/Wimpy and Pick n Pay Sedgefield takes place on 27 August. We will be hosting teams from all around the district.

Eden News

Congratulations (again!) to Charles Fontini along with Robin Gibbs and Chris Baker for winning gold in the Eden trips. You guys played magnificent bowls and really earned that gold!



And well done to Wilize Botha who achieved fourth place in the Eden Junior Singles played over the weekend. You were so close, keep up the good work.

That's a wrap and see y'all "on the mat"



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

PLEASE SEND YOUR SPORTING RESULTS OR ACHIEVEMENTS TO editor@edgenews.co.za.

Please keep sporting editorial brief in order to enable us to include everyone.

TIDE TABLE

Wed Aug 13 2025
low tide 11:56
high tides 05:59 18:25
sunrise 07:10 sunset 17:58
moonrise 22:38 moonset 09:24

Thu Aug 14 2025
low tides 00:34 12:30
high tides 06:37 19:06
sunrise 07:09 sunset 17:59
moonrise 23:48 moonset 09:54

Fri Aug 15 2025
low tides 01:17 13:09
high tides 07:20 19:54
sunrise 07:08 sunset 17:59
moonrise - moonset 10:28

Sat Aug 16 2025
low tides 02:07 13:59
high tides 08:12 20:58
sunrise 07:07 sunset 18:00
moonrise 01:00 moonset 11:08

Sun Aug 17 2025
low tides 03:19 15:39
high tides 09:34 22:39
sunrise 07:06 sunset 18:01
moonrise 02:12 moonset 11:55

Mon Aug 18 2025
low tides 05:39 18:34
high tide 12:06
sunrise 07:05 sunset 18:01
moonrise 03:21 moonset 12:52

Tue Aug 19 2025
low tides 07:15 19:43
high tides 00:31 13:29
sunrise 07:03 sunset 18:02
moonrise 04:23 moonset 13:56

13 Aug - 26 Aug 2025
• Full Moon 7 September 2025

Wed Aug 20 2025
low tides 08:07 20:29
high tides 01:41 14:17
sunrise 07:02 sunset 18:03
moonrise 05:17 moonset 15:04

Thu Aug 21 2025
low tides 08:45 21:06
high tides 02:30 14:55
sunrise 07:01 sunset 18:03
moonrise 06:01 moonset 16:13

Fri Aug 22 2025
low tides 09:17 21:38
high tides 03:09 15:29
sunrise 07:00 sunset 18:04
moonrise 06:38 moonset 17:20

Sat Aug 23 2025
low tides 09:47 22:08
high tides 03:44 16:00
sunrise 06:59 sunset 18:05
moonrise 07:09 moonset 18:23

Sun Aug 24 2025
low tides 10:13 22:37
high tides 04:15 16:30
sunrise 06:57 sunset 18:05
moonrise 07:36 moonset 19:24

Mon Aug 25 2025
low tides 10:39 23:04
high tides 04:44 16:58
sunrise 06:56 sunset 18:06
moonrise 08:01 moonset 20:22

Tue Aug 26 2025
low tides 11:03 23:31
high tides 05:12 17:25
sunrise 06:55 sunset 18:07
moonrise 08:24 moonset 21:20

Results for the day

Gold Division winner:

Daleen Schooling (nett 55)

Runner-up: Marina van der Westhuizen (nett 63)

Silver Division winner: Elize Mackenzie-Blom (nett 58)

Runner-up: Michelle J Gilchrist (nett 61)

Bronze Division winner: Joy Herbst (nett 54)

Runner-up: Barbara Renfield (nett 55)

Least Putts winner: Barbara Renfield (26)

Runner-up: Brenda Howden (29) in a count-out with Joy and Daleen

Birdies: Michelle J Gilchrist (2) Almarie Mead (11) Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Eleanor Sparks

Congratulations to all winners and well played! Thank you to Pick n Pay Family Store Sedgefield and Engen 1-Plus Sedgefield for sponsoring the Sedge Links Ladies division.

Winners

(with lots of count-outs)

1st place: Joy Herbst (12)

2nd : Sylvia de Moor (12)

3rd : Claire Theunissen (12)

4th : Marina van der Westhuizen (12)

5th : Linda Evans (12)

Nearest the pin:

16+ handicaps : Sylvia de Moor

Birdies:

Linda Evans (2 and 11)

Shannon Nicol (15)

Elize Mackenzie-Blom (17)

Daleen Schooling

Marina van der Westhuizen (13)

Barbara Renfield (7)

Joy Herbst played 4 under her handicap.

Well done to all winners and players.

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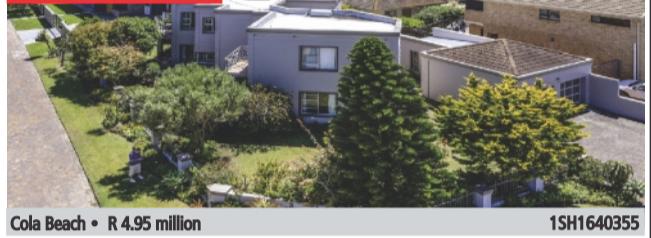
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Friday, 8 August Pretty in Pink

Fifteen fabulous women gathered

on the deck today, dressed head-to-toe

(or mostly) in pink

to celebrate

Women's Day on 9

August.

Our Captain, as always

in high spirits,

kicked things off

with a lively mini history lesson

on the origins of Women's Day,

followed by an update from the

club's recent committee

meeting.

A quick round of

stretches had us limbered up

and ready to take on the course.

We also welcomed Esme

Steinmann who joined the

ladies for the first time today.

This week's format was a 3-ball

Team Alliance, with the two

best scores counting.

But that

wasn't all — to add extra fun to

the day, each of us was armed

with a golf bingo card to tick off

as we achieved each quirky

task.

After the final putts were sunk,

we were treated — courtesy of

the ladies' kitty — to a scoop of

delicious, freshly-made ice

cream from Swirlz at the

Mosaic Market.

The perfect

sweet ending to a wonderful

day of golf, and celebrating the

spirit of Women's Day and a

Birdie treat for reaching the

next 25 birdies.

Results

1st Place Team: Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Claire Theunissen, Christine Coetzee (81 points)

2nd Place Team: Daleen Schooling, Brenda Howden, Linda Evans (79 points)

3rd Place Team: Shannon Nicol, Esme Steinmann, Joy Herbst (77 Points)

Daleen played 4 under her handicap!

Birdies

Claire Theunissen (14)

Daleen Schooling (14)

Shannon Nicol (5)

Joy Herbst (1)

Almarie Mead (4)

Marina van der Westhuizen (5,10)

Nearest the pin 17 and above