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# ERF 1297 SAVED

At a Special Council meeting held on 30 September, the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) Council announced that since the controversial proposed development of Erf 1297 in Wilderness, a 30 hectare parcel of land commonly known as the Kleinkrantz Property had failed to pass its Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) , they had resolved to terminate the 99 year lease agreement between the district authority and the developer.

On the forefront of the lengthy battle to conserve this important environmental corridor is Wilderness and Lakes Environmental Action Forum (WALEAF), and Chair Melissa Dalton has issued the following statement on the recent council decision.

The WALEAF EXCO 1297 team has dedicated much time over the past three years towards protecting the last remaining corridor (coast-lakes-mountains) in Wilderness from a large “mix-use development” proposed across most of the property by Waterleaf Properties. Our vision for the property, which is owned by the GRDM, has always been one that promotes the best conservation outcome, which in our mind is the transfer of the property to SANParks (since it buffers the National Park) with the option to upgrade and renovate the existing dilapidated buildings occupying a development footprint of approx. 2.1ha.

We were not only concerned by the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT of the proposed development, but we had numerous questions around the ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES that led to a development lease agreement being signed in the first place, and without the proper public participation process.

Our concerns around the environmental impact of the development were noted in the DBAR process (2024), along with many other interested and affected parties, but in spite of much opposition to the development with its high environmental footprint, the decision regarding the EIA lay in the hands of the Dpt. of Forestry and Fisheries’ (DFFE in Pretoria). Had DFFE ultimately approved the EIA and permitted the development, WALEAF were committed to appealing the decision. However, we were advised by Leap ENVIRO on the 12 September 2025 that DFFE had rejected the EIA for the development proposal that LEAP had submitted on behalf of the developer.

DFFE’s decision was based on a number of reasons, and while we were happy with the outcome, we also understood that this decision taken by DFFE was not an automatic cancellation of the lease nor a guarantee that the lease would be cancelled. The decision around the cancellation of the lease was in the hands of the GRDM, having ownership of the land, and throughout the EIA process, we continued to communicate to the municipality our concerns as well as calling for the cancellation of the lease.

On 30 September, we were advised that, at a Special Council Meeting held at the GRDM Chambers, Council had taken a resolution to accept the recommendations on the Special Agenda to cancel the lease and initiate talks regarding the future of the property. My team is delighted with the decision.

We have stated on many occasions that once the lease is cancelled, we support the transfer of the property or as much thereof to SANParks, therefore the recommendation at the Council meeting to initiate talks with SANParks is also very encouraging and reflects the GRDM openness towards considering the best conservation outcome for this vital corridor.

There are a number of steps in the process before the future outcome of the property will be finalised and WALEAF will continue to monitor the process and engage with the relevant stakeholders to effect a positive environmental outcome. Until then, I would like to thank all those who

# IT’S OFFICIAL! CHOO TJOE TO RETURN

by Martin Hatchuel

The Outeniqua Choo Tjoe – the Garden Route’s and South Africa’s beloved steam train – is going to run again.

Alan McVitty, CEO of Classic Rail and Outeniqua Choo Tjoe said on Monday that his company has acquired all the necessary contracts – and has found the much-needed funding partners – to rebuild the line between George and Knysna, and to relaunch and run the train as a tourist attraction.

This after nearly 20 years of negotiations and disappointments.

“We plan to open the line in two phases – Knysna to Sedgefield and Sedgefield to George – and we expect the first phase to take about 12 months to complete. A Ceremonial Signature Event will be held to celebrate this landmark achievement made possible by a collaborative approach between Classic Rail, local businesses and Transnet Freight, so this isn’t an actual opening: we’re just sharing the good news with the public and the tourism industry that everything is on track and we are finally on our way.

With locomotives under repair in Gauteng, and carriages to be refurbished in George, the plan is to open a steam workshop along

the line, and to road haul the rolling stock to the Knysna-Sedgefield line to begin the first service

“We are kicking our project off by clearing the vegetation from the line so that we can properly examine and decide on which sections need repair. We will also have to survey the bridges as part of our front-end engineering,” said McVitty, adding that project and passenger safety is paramount.

“It’s too early to start taking bookings, however all stakeholders and clients will be kept up to date via our social media platforms and regular updates on project progress being made, but of course early bookings are going to be the kicker if we’re going to do this successfully for the Garden Route Region and South Africa.

The rebirth of the Outeniqua Choo Tjoe will bring even more tourism to the Garden Route, with the positive spin off of much-needed sustainable job creation, and because of the company’s collaborative approach. Together with local businesses, every body will gain.

“In the meantime, please keep an eye on our website www.outeniquachootjoe.com and (on Facebook) @ClassicRail for news on the progress of the project.”

# WE’RE GETTING HIGH THIS SUNDAY



Sunday 12 October will see the skies above Scarab Village on the Western side of Sedgefield filled with kites of all shapes and sizes as international kites show off their flying talents. A spectacular family day is planned from 9.30am onwards (see program on page 7) with a mass kite fly, live entertainment, food stalls, kids games and so much more, all in aid of Masithandane’s School Bursary Scheme.

have come out in support of our endeavours, to my team who have put countless hours into R&D i.r.o this development application, and a very special thanks to Mr Michael von der Heyde – one of our Wilderness residents who has generously sponsored all the financial costs incurred by WALEAF throughout this process that has made getting to this point possible.

Updates on development in respect of Erf 1297 can be obtained from our website: www.waleaf.org.za.

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# Notes from T'Ed's Head

It's been 98 hours, 15 minutes and 27 seconds ... not that I'm counting.

I'm too busy grinning, to be honest.

This could be life-changing. World-changing even. And I am SOOOO grateful that a mere mortal such as I could be so fortunate. It's keeping me awake at night – but not in a 'How on earth am I going to pay that electricity bill' sort of way.

It's POSITIVE. I think I'm even sleep-smiling.

I apologise. Clearly, my current euphoria is causing me to ramble – which I'm sure you agree is not something I am inclined to do (or even when sitting upright).

Let me pull myself towards myself (ahhh ... that's better) and explain. The reason for my out-and-out joy is this ...

I shaved off my beard and moustache on Sunday. All gone. Clean as a whistle.

And Mrs Ed hasn't noticed.

Yep – I can feel the mental high-fives from all the men out there. Wonderful, isn't it?

She. Just. Hasn't. Noticed.

Nothing. Nada. Not even the slightest glimmer of 'something's different' recognition.

I suppose that for the benefit of any female readers of this column (my sister and the other two kind souls), I should ignore the danger of being labelled as a sexist and MANSPLAIN what I am getting at here.

You see, without ever wanting to diss my fellow XY 'chromosomers' (Hmmm – did anyone else notice that XY is half of SEXY? Just saying!) I have to say it's common knowledge that we males aren't well known for our 'noticing', are we? I'm sure you will agree that picking up on slight differences such as ... I don't know ... a new hairstyle, a recently tidied lounge, what colour the bride was wearing ... is not really our super-power.

And it never has been.

You would think that over the centuries we would have evolved, wouldn't you? Indeed, if there's ever been a case for evolutionary 'survival of the fittest', this is it. (with 'fittest' being the ability to run away).

But no – we haven't. Despite the countless eras man has spent on this planet, from cave to capsule one might say, we are all still useless at 'noticing', and share that same dread of the moment when we are usurped by our 'unnoticingness'. The long period of intense silence, followed (eventually) by our fairer halves pointing out something that has changed, and we HAVEN'T NOTICED.

"Ugh groink ug ug grunggrung Oik!" grunted the first cave-woman at her man fifteen minutes after he had stooped in, dragging the bloody back leg of a freshly hunted yak behind him, and failed to notice that the skinning tools had been relocated and rearranged on the MOSS side of the cave, the fur sleeping mat was a lighter shade of ochre, and all the bat guano from the last five winter months had been swept out.

To be honest, I think that's how the Ice Age started.

In fact, if one looks back in time, perhaps there are other extreme moments in history that were



catalysed by similar incidents. Perchance the 'War of the Roses' was initiated by King Henry VI back in 1455 simply because he had been desperate to get out of the castle (and away from the queen) after failing to notice (and perhaps comment 'how nice they are') the new vase of fresh roses on the banquet table?

History lessons aside – what I am trying to say is that on a scale of one to ten, the average husband will score an unimpressive 2¾ when it comes to the elusive art of Noticing Things.

And what I should also point out is that I, T'Ed, am not the average husband. No. Tested on the same scale, I believe I would score a 0, – and would only reach that level if minus figures were unavailable.

Please don't get me wrong – I am not putting myself down. I am simply aware that whilst my brain is busy considering EXTREMELY IMPORTANT things – such as whether Pres T intends to invade and occupy Scotland, or if Rowan Atkinson really HAS popped his clogs, there is no valuable brain RAM left for noticing that Mrs Ed's eyelashes happen to be .375micron longer after a visit to the beautician, or a small section of the upstairs bathroom wall has been painted Cirrus Cloud White when it used to be Parmigan Feather White, or that I have had the same small smear of Bovril down the right side of my jaw for an entire morning.

But despite the cause of my Acute Unnoticing affliction being so admirable, I am seldom cut any slack, as it were, on the frequent occasion when the subject comes up.

She, clearly annoyed: "You didn't even notice, did you?"

Me, leaning back and pretending to study her intently, whilst actually looking over her shoulder for a potential escape route: "Well, I was just wondering about how the shutdown of the American government might affect the economy of Sou ...."

She, rudely interrupting with hands on hips: "I can't believe it! Sometimes I think I'm just wasting my time!"

Me, with a slightly yellow, high-pitched quaver to my voice: "And did you hear that there's that huge meteorite hurtling through space that actually MIGHT be a spaceship?"

She, mono-brow flexing into a pre-attack stance: "It's a TOTALLY DIFFERENT LOUNGE SUITE. YOU'VE BEEN SITTING ON IT FOR OVER AN HOUR AND YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED. IT'S BLUE AND DRALON, AND OUR LAST ONE WAS BROWNDENIM ...."

Me, in absolute panic: "Have you done something new with your hair? It looks lovely ...."

So, you will imagine that when YOURS TRULY makes the MAJOR, LIFE-CHANGING decision, to shave off the beard moustache duo that have made him look so dignified and dashing for THE PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS, and Mrs



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Ed has not even the slightest hint of noticing this ABSOLUTELY HISTORICAL change in the appearance of her husband of 34 years for ... let's see ...

101 hours, 7 minutes and 3 seconds ...

... I might just feel ... oh, I don't know ... deliriously happy, over the moon, and perhaps, JUST perhaps, a teeny-tiny little bit self-righteous.

*I'd be mad if I didn't!*

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# ADMINISTRATION ORDER OVERTURNED BY NCOP

On Friday 26 September National Council of Provinces (NCOP) overturned the Provincial MEC's notice to dissolve the Knysna Council and put Knysna Municipality under Administration.

This news was received with much relief by the majority of the council, particularly Knysna Executive Mayor, Thando Matika "Strong representations were made to the NCOP Select Committee during their visit on 23 September," he said, "I am grateful to the Chief Whips of nearly all political parties, as well as civil society organisations, who opposed this move. The NCOP dismissed the notice and advised that more support be given."

He cautioned, however that this reprieve certainly did not mean it was back to 'business as usual' for Knysna's local government.

"This is not a free pass – it is a call to action," he said in a statement issued soon after NCOP's announcement.

Warning that the ruling had come with a directive to Council to address specific matters, he laid out a 14-day turnaround strategy, a 30-day visible action plan and a 3-month intervention program. He believes these plans will stabilise urgent service delivery challenges within 14 days; demonstrate visible improvements in 30 days; implement sustainable interventions within three months; and strengthen innovation, accountability and public participation.

His statement highlighted that important interventions will

include establishing a service delivery "war room" chaired by the Executive Mayor; activating a 24/7 hotline and WhatsApp reporting tool; deploying emergency repairs task teams; initiating a stakeholder partnership forum; and an emergency repairs budget reallocation from the Operation Expenditure Budget.

Clearly NCOP's vetoing of Provincial Government's order to put Knysna under administration has not been welcomed by all – the Democratic Alliance being the most vociferous in its objections.

DA Western Cape Provincial Minister Anton Bredell condemned the decision as political interference which he said undermined efforts to save Knysna.

"The decision of the NCOP has effectively put the Municipal Council back in charge of its own recovery and implementing support measures offered by the National and Provincial Government," he said, "Council's track record has shown that it is unable to correct its self-inflicted governance failures, which is causing raw sewage to flow into streets, homes, nearby waterways and the Knysna estuary, posing severe health and environmental risks."

"The Provincial Government's hands have now been tied," he continued, "No intervention by it will be successful when the political parties making up the Knysna governing coalition, effectively have a veto right through the NCOP"

Sedgefield's Ratepayers Association has also expressed

disappointment, citing numerous failures of the Municipality with regards to Sedgefield's infrastructure, service accountability and law enforcement.

"The residents of Sedgefield are increasingly alarmed by the persistent failures and mismanagement within Knysna Municipality. Despite repeated assurances, key services remain inconsistent, reactive, and poorly managed, leaving the community frustrated and forced to escalate issues just to be heard," said Chair

Kevin Barnes, "Sedgefield residents will not stand by quietly. We demand urgent intervention to restore proper service delivery, enforce the law, and rebuild trust between the Municipality and the people it serves."

Mayor Matika has acknowledged serious service delivery challenges in water, wastewater and refuse management, but insists that progress has been made since he took office in February, .

He cautioned residents not to

expect quick fixes. "Many of our problems stem from old and crumbling infrastructure that will cost millions to replace. We are engaging National Treasury mechanisms such as the Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) to secure funding for large-scale projects."

The Mayor met with senior management on 30 September to demand detailed short-, medium- and long-term plans to address these challenges. He added that officials must also acknowledge their responsibilities, as they are a

key pillar in the local government structure.

"A customer-centred approach must form the foundation of our collective response to these challenges. The focus should shift from obstacles; we must be able to see beyond them and be innovative in our thinking," he said. "Consequence management will be enforced and staff will be held accountable."

He thanked residents, business leaders and civic organisations for their support.

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# Talking Conservation Drie Valleyen

## Understanding my role in the environment

by Charl van der Merwe,  
Environmental Ethicist  
On behalf of Sedgefield  
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**Have you ever reflected on your moral relationship with the natural world? It challenges us to consider how our actions affect the environment and, in turn, how the environment impacts our lives. This relationship is not about conservation; it is about recognising our responsibilities toward the ecosystems that sustain us. Picture the earth as a vast, interconnected web, where every action we take sends ripples through this web. How can we ensure that our actions strengthen rather than damage this web?**

To live “environmentally conscious” one must establish an ethical framework for yourself that guides your interactions with nature. This framework will help you navigate complex decisions, such as whether to prioritise economic growth over ecological preservation. Having a moral compass in a world where industrialisation often surpasses environmental concerns, becomes essential. An ethical environmental approach encourages us to ask questions like: What is our duty to future generations? What is our duty to our natural environment? How do we balance human needs with the health of our planet? Additionally, environmental ethics highlight the importance of recognising the intrinsic value of nature. They invite us to see the environment not merely as a resource to exploit but as a living entity deserving of our respect and protection. This perspective prompts a shift from a human-centred view of the world to one that embraces a more complete approach. For instance, consider the plight of endangered species. The ethical question arises: do we have a moral obligation to protect them, even if it means sacrificing some of our own conveniences? This is where the heart of environmental ethics lies, urging us to consider the broader consequences of our actions.

In addition, environmental ethics often cross with economics, politics, and social justice as they foster a sense of stewardship and responsibility. This challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature, urging us to act not just in our own interests, but in the interest of the planet and its diverse habitats and inhabitants. As we navigate through the complications of daily life, let us remember that every choice

we make, whether it is the products we buy, the energy we consume, or the policies we support, has ethical implications. By embracing an environmental ethical approach, we can contribute to a more sustainable and just world for ourselves and generations to come. Our actions (or inactions) carry significant moral weight.

Have you ever stopped to think about how your daily habits affect your environment? We have an enormous impact on our environment; we are constantly shaping the world we live in and determining the fate of countless species. The choices we make, big and small, echo through ecosystems, influencing everything from air quality to biodiversity. Each time we choose convenience over sustainability, we contribute to a cycle that can lead to environmental degradation. It is a tough thought, but our actions today shape the world of tomorrow and we must be aware that the consequences of our actions are not always immediate.

Whatever impact we have, we are dismantling a complex web of life that has taken eons to develop. This leads to a crucial question: Do we

have the right to exploit natural resources without considering the long-term consequences? By analysing the potential outcomes, we can navigate the murky waters of morality and make informed choices that balance economic benefits with environmental preservation. Our view must be to evaluate not just the economic costs, but also the environmental costs and benefits, which will lead to a more holistic approach. We should never argue that the economic benefits outweigh the environmental damage as this must raise the question: are we sacrificing our health, the health of our planet, for short-term gains?

In summary, the impact of human actions on the environment is real and complex. It challenges us to rethink our choices and encourages a deeper understanding of our moral responsibilities. As we face pressing environmental issues, it is crucial to engage in conversations about how our individual and collective actions can lead to a healthier planet. After all, the world we leave behind reflects the choices we make today. Ultimately, understanding and embracing an environmental ethical framework is about fostering a sense of stewardship and responsibility towards both humanity and the environment.

## SPREADING KINDNESS THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF OUR COMMUNITY

by Adrienne Bartlett

**One of the things that continually amazes me about this (not so small) town of ours, is the way the community rally together whenever there is a request for help.**

Whether it's supporting the Melodrama annually, which brings in much needed funding for various charities in Sedgefield, or the good Samaritans who make, and distribute food three times a week to numerous people on the poverty line, or the caring souls who make sandwiches every school day, just to make sure the little children get something to eat on a daily basis.

I could literally fill a book with all the goodness that flows through this town.

However today I want to talk about our ocean, and the work that is being done locally to keep our beaches clean.

There are a various organisations in Sedgefield whose mission it is to look after the fauna and flora of our beautiful area. They work on a voluntary basis, because they have a passion, and want to make a difference.

Cola Myoli Conservancy, The Island Conservancy, Revive Sedgefield, the Strandloper Project, Apex Conservation and



many more do it without expectation. Please forgive me if I've missed someones name off the list.

The Coastal Beach Clean on 20 September was well supported as always, but I was very interested to meet a young man named Slade, who is quite well known in the surfing fraternity of the area.

I would like to tell you more about this modest, kind, young man.

Slade works with a group of children from Smutsville, who call themselves the 'Slow town surfers', and he had brought his group to the beach to join in the fun.

Slade started working with children from Smutsville as far back as 2016, through an initiative started by Lyle Katzen and his wife from AfroVibe backpackers. After five years Lyle went on to explore other things, but Slade decided to continue the program on his own.

Once a week, usually Friday, he takes the children to Buffalo Bay where the surf is more gentle for young and new surfers. Once they've spent an hour or two in the sea, they are given a hearty lunch, donated by another good Samaritan from Sedgefield.

Slade relies on donations to help with his club, however he adds

# International Coastal Cleanup Day



**On Saturday, 20 September 2025 Apex Conservation Services, together with Eden Surfriders Association hosted a Coastal Cleanup along the Garden Route to celebrate International Coastal Cleanup Day. ?**

There were a total of twelve zones spanning 25km where cleanup teams were involved, including coastal areas located from Victoria Bay to Goukamma Nature Reserve and Sedgefield lagoon.

This event was supported by a total of 165 participants, collecting a total of 71 bags of rubbish with a combined weight of approximately 197 kg. ?

The day started off with teams meeting at each zone where they were given an introduction to coastal pollution, plans for the day and the aim of the coastal cleanup. ? These teams were located at Victoria Bay, Wilderness, Kleinkrantz, Swartvlei, Myoli Beach, Goukamma Nature Reserve and Sedgefield Lagoon. ?

Teams then undertook a quadrant survey to identify the different types of rubbish present. ? A total of 10 quadrants of 2x4m were drawn at the highwater mark, rubbish was identified within each of these, and different types of rubbish were separated. ?

There were a number of different types of rubbish found in these quadrants, including both larger pieces of rubbish and microplastics, which were dominant across all sites. ? Often a less obvious source of pollution, micro-plastics are small pieces of plastic which pose a huge threat to marine life.

Once the quadrant results had been recorded, the teams at each zone then started on their coastal cleanup, walking along the beach and lagoon and surrounding areas collecting rubbish. ?

Once the rubbish had been collected, this was weighed and disposed of. ?

A number of key indicators of plastic pollution on the beaches were collected in 5L bottles. ? This included a 5L bottle with cigarette butts, sucker sticks, and earbuds, and another 5L with bottle caps and lighters.

At the end of the day we handed out prizes from the lucky draw, which included a getaway in

Hoekwil sponsored by Mountain Magic, a voucher sponsored by Joplins Steak Bar, as well as caps from Apex Conservation Services. ? Participation prizes were also handed out to participants who had gone the extra mile! ?

Says Bruce Taplin of Apex “We are grateful to everyone who gave of their time and energy to help in this event, specifically Eden Surfriders Association, the Oystercatcher Surf Club, Slow Town Surfers, The Strandloper Project and dabosy for joining us in making this event possible. ? We would also like to thank SANParks for providing us with the bags that we used to collect rubbish, and their Biodiversity Social teams for their involvement in this event.”

“We hope that this coastal cleanup event helped create awareness of coastal pollution, especially the threats that microplastics pose to our coastal systems and marine life.”

For more information on the Coastal Cleanup, or any further enquiries about their environmental conservation work Apex Conservation Services may be contacted on 072 754 7656 ? Email: [bruce@apexconserv.com](mailto:bruce@apexconserv.com) ? Web: [www.apexconserv.com](http://www.apexconserv.com) ?

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## BOU EN VOLHOU WEEK: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES IN KNYSNA & SEDGEFIELD

Last week, the community-driven initiative Bou en Volhou Week took place across Knysna and Sedgefield, marking a milestone in local civic engagement. From road repairs to thought-provoking talks and vibrant community discussions, the week highlighted what can be achieved when people come together to improve their environment and build a stronger, more united community.

The initiative was led by AfriForum's Knysna branch, alongside its sister forum, Kaapse Cape Forum. Both organisations cited that it was aimed at investing in the community's future.

"By bringing together diverse cultures and communities, the Bou en Volhou week emphasised the importance of local action in addressing ongoing challenges. Waiting for the municipality to address long-standing issues is no longer an option — it is

community-driven solutions like these that will ensure sustainable, long-term change," said Knysna AfriForum's Vice Chair Rethea Lombaard.

Local volunteers, including AfriForum Youth, Neighbourhood Teams, and Kaapse Forum management, joined forces to tackle multiple projects aimed at improving road safety, environmental sustainability, and community pride.

The most visible - and perhaps welcome - project of the week was the road improvements done in both Knysna and Sedgefield. In Sedgefield, volunteers began preparing the surface and, later, laying down the tar along a section of Kingfisher Drive, enhancing road safety for the entire community. At the same time, the Knysna Team focused on painting speed bumps and repainting road markings in key areas like Long Street, ensuring better visibility

and safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

"But it wasn't just about the roads," says Rethea, "In addition to the physical improvements, the community's spirit was further strengthened with the launch of the recycling initiative. Locals now have the opportunity to sign up and, in return, the AfriForum Knysna team will collect their recyclables and deliver them to the correct processing facilities. This initiative aims to promote sustainability and encourage environmentally responsible behaviour within the community."

The Bou en Volhou Week culminated on Saturday evening with a community event at which attendees were treated to speeches by two influential figures: Kallie Kriel, the Chief Executive Officer of AfriForum, and Ernst van Zyl, AfriForum's Head of Public Relations.

The evening focused on the theme "The AfriForum Perspective of South Africa and the USA." Kallie and Ernst shared their views on the political landscape in both countries, touching on the importance of intercultural respect, community activism, and local governance. Their insights sparked deep conversation among the audience about the current challenges faced in South Africa and how the AfriForum approach helps empower local communities to take control of their future.

Earlier in the week, a community meeting in Sedgefield provided an opportunity for locals to come together and discuss key issues impacting the area. The discussion covered a broad range of topics, including updates on the local dune restoration project, the role of

the Fourth Sphere of Government, and the importance of intercultural respect in building a united community.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the meeting was the engagement in working together," Rethea reported, "Residents voiced their thoughts on how collaboration between diverse community groups, local government, and AfriForum can lead to tangible progress. There was a strong call for greater involvement in community-driven projects, such as road maintenance and environmental protection, all designed to ensure the long-term prosperity and safety of Knysna and Sedgefield."

She said that as the Bou en Volhou Week wrapped up, it became clear that this initiative is more than just about road repairs and recycling. "It is a model for community action and unity. Whether it's fixing potholes, painting road

markings, or gathering for thoughtful discussions, the week proved that when volunteers and local organisations unite under a shared goal, powerful change can happen," she suggested.

AfriForum Knysna is reportedly already planning more community-driven events to continue the momentum built this past week. According to Rethea, the recycling campaign is just the beginning of an ongoing effort by the apolitical organisation to address environmental issues while strengthening the local economy.

"The Bou en Volhou Week demonstrated the potential of working together. We are reminded that positive change doesn't just happen in boardrooms or offices; it happens in our streets, in our homes, and with our hands in the dirt," she said.

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## DIARY DATELINE

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**2pm** Sedgefield Art Society meets at Lions Club. New members welcome. Patsy 073 256 6021

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

**Wednesdays**  
**8 for 9am** Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.  
**4-8pm** Mosaic Food Fare  
**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.  
**8 for 9am** Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links  
**12:30pm** Social Bridge School at St Anthony's Catholic Church hall All levels welcome. Lessons 12:30, Play from 13:45. Enquiries: Gail 0834577647.  
**13:15pm** Bowls. Tabs in  
**2:30pm** Sedgefield Jukskei Group at Sedge Bowling Club. All welcome. Aniel 072 600 0722

**Fridays**  
**8am** Ladies Golf @ Links Course

**Saturdays**  
**7am** Eden Cycling Club Group Social outside 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.

**Sunday 12 October**  
**8am-12** Car Boot Sale at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

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## DAVID MULLER ON STAGE IN SEDGE THIS WEEKEND

**BLOOD & SILVER, directed by the renowned Fred Abrahamse and featuring David Muller (known for his Schalk Lourens character in the HC Bosman stories) as Jan Glazewski, is a must-see Show at In Toto Retreat in Sedgefield on Friday, 10 October, at 7pm. The performance is based on a personal memoir written by Jan Glazewski which details a true story of survival and a search for family treasure.**

Living with daunting physical challenges and life's toughest setbacks, Jan's unshakable determination and wry humour carry him through near-impossible odds. Born with haemophilia in Paarl, Jan survives his childhood against the odds to grow up and graduate from UCT, only to be struck by new tragedy – a contaminated

blood transfusion, an HIV-positive diagnosis and "just four years to live". Defying fate again, Jan survives to embark on a perilous journey in search of the long-lost family treasure – armed with his father's hand-drawn map.

David Muller brings decades of stagecraft to this transformative solo performance, capturing Jan Glazewski's fierce wit and indomitable spirit with nuance and authenticity. Under Fred Abrahamse's award-winning direction, the production strips theatre back to its essence – one actor, one story, and an unflinching truth told with theatrical daring.

**On Sunday afternoon, 12 October, at 3pm,** David Muller switches hats to emerge as Oom Schalk Lourens and promises to regale his audience with stories of spirits, ghosts and others. David



continues with the classic tradition of telling Herman Charles Bosman's stories, following in the footsteps of renowned actors Percy Sieff and Patrick Mynhardt. Don't miss the chance to witness these two remarkable pieces of theatre that combine expert storytelling, powerful acting, and meaningful reflection. Tickets cost R170 and are available on Quicket, or can be booked directly with Roland on 069 511 1964.

## A LIFELINE FROM ABOVE

by Tammy Pienaar

**Soon after our daughter was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, I met a mom in a shop who recognised the signs and shared her story. Her kindness and guidance were a lifeline from above, offering valuable advice and direction. She sent me the following article which put into words the journey I found myself on:**

"I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel.

It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Colosseum. The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The flight

attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around ... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills ... and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy ... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had

## Brushstrokes

**The Sedgefield Art Society extends a heartfelt thank-you to Mel from Slow Clay for hosting a truly inspiring workshop. Members thoroughly enjoyed the creative experience and left brimming with new ideas and techniques.**

Excitement is building for our new exhibition which opened on 1st October at Golem Pottery and Art Studio in the Goukamma Building, where the Society has

been invited to showcase its exceptional artwork. All art enthusiasts are warmly welcomed to visit this fresh and vibrant venue. Our ongoing exhibition at Lake View Restaurant continues to delight visitors, and from October five new artists will be featured—well worth a stop to enjoy art alongside fine dining.

Don't forget our popular "Pop-Up" exhibition at Heritage Nursery on the last Saturday of every month, where members display their work amid the tranquil setting of lush plants.

The Tortoise Takeover project recently held its Boerie Bash at Legends, an event that encouraged members to present their wonderful art and celebrate community creativity.

As the year draws to a close, members are reminded to enter



the Society's new competition, "The Garden Route," celebrating the beauty of our region. This event will be held at Lake View Restaurant on 24 November.

Finally, mark your calendars for the next Sedgefield Art Society meeting on 13 October at 2 pm pm at the Lion's Club. New and existing members are warmly invited—we look forward to seeing you there!

## In Memory of Naomi Elizabeth Oberholster 11.02.1941 to 16.09.2025

Naomi will be fondly remembered by all staff at Sedgemoor Park. Whenever she could, she voluntarily spent many hours baking desserts for the elderly residents. Sedgemoor Park was privileged to accommodate Naomi at over the past few months after her health deteriorated, and in some small way we were able to reciprocate by ensuring she was comfortable and well cared for by our nurses and caregivers. We will miss her presence but know that she is at peace now.

Dit is met dankbare herinnering dat ons terug kyk en die lewe vier van Naomi Oberholster. Sy is onlangs oorlede op die rype ouderdom van 84. Sy was in lewe n formidabele vrou wat met liefde en sorg betrokke was in haar kerk en gemeenskap. n Baasbakster van formaat met n skerp humorsin wat n blywende indruk op almal gelaat het.

Sy was ook n eersteklas ma vir



Dorinda, en suster vir Marianne, ooma en tannie vir haar naastes.

A farewell tea will be held at Sedgemoor Park at 9:45am on 11 October 2025 for her friends, residents and staff.

## GAS CYLINDER THEFT

By Jim Mitchell of Sedgefield Mobile Meals.

**Friday morning, 19 September, started with a phone call from our team working in the kitchen of the municipal offices. "We have been broken into again and they have stolen one of our gas cylinders"**

This was not the first time a burglary had occurred in the kitchen, so we were "prepared" for an event like this. We work with 2 x 15 kg cylinders and, as it happened, that morning we were expecting a delivery of gas. As well as the loss of the 15 Kg cylinder, two of our locks had been destroyed, as had the connecting gas pipes that had been cut through. These were duly replaced and repaired.

The loss occurred at 3am, and it seemed the thief had decided he should attempt to sell the empty cylinder to the staff of Shell Petrol Station - who stay open for this type of service (NO!). Of course the attendants refused, but not before the thief's face and

car registration were caught on CCTV camera. The thief and his car were soon identified and the local authorities advised.

At time of going to press details as to whether the cylinder thief had been apprehended were unavailable, but a reliable source has indicated that he is known to SAPS.

This would normally be the end of the story, but for the Sedgefield Communication Services (SCS) who leapt into action and advised the Association of Very Kind People of Sedgefield (AVKPS) of the break in.

I am continually amazed by the generosity of our citizens and by close of business our bank account had received an amount to cover costs and some left over as a bonus!

I would like to thank everybody involved for their financial support putting Mobile Meals back on the job we have been doing for almost 20 years.

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## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL KAITHLIN

**Sedgefielder, Kaithlin Grootboom who was crowned 2nd Princess in the annual Oyster Festival Miss Pearl pageant in Knysna is now a finalist in the Face of S A Teenager 2025.**

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# KITES, COLOUR AND COMMUNITY TAKE FLIGHT OVER SEDGEFIELD



**World-class kite artists return for the Garden Route Kite Festival, filling local skies with stories of wind and wonder.**

by Keith Mould

This year's Garden Route Kite Festival promises a spectacular display of art in motion - from handcrafted banners to giant inflatables - as local and international kite flyers bring their creativity, colour, and community spirit to Sedgefield's skies.

Sedgefield is set to shimmer once more as the Garden Route Kite Festival takes to the skies. Held in partnership with Masithandane, the festival has become one of the town's best-loved annual traditions - where artistry meets the breeze and the whole community looks up in delight.

Leading this year's line-up are Gill and Jon Bloom from the United Kingdom - organisers of the renowned Portsmouth Kite Festival and global ambassadors of the craft. Their signature banners and kites, made using Gill's hand-dyed appliqué technique, are breathtaking in their detail. After turning Cape Town's skies into a gallery of proteas, Gill now brings 24 new banners inspired by

Sedgefield's local flora and fauna - a world-first for the festival and certain to transform the sky into an open-air art exhibition.

From Gqeberha, the irrepressible Team Binsbergen - Pieter, Leonie, and their son Xavier ("X-Man") - return for their ninth consecutive appearance. Their huge 3D inflatables and delicate stick kites never fail to captivate. Pieter, an accomplished kite maker himself, flies both his own creations and designs by international masters Karl Longbottom and Ralf Maserski - a vivid blend of engineering precision and childlike wonder.

Also returning are Team Fourie from Pretoria - Jacques, Danielle, and their young son Kwagga. Long-time participants, the Fouries have become fixtures in the Garden Route sky. Danielle's enthusiasm, sparked by a visit to a kite festival in India, has made the family's flights an even brighter sight. Their teamwork and laughter perfectly embody what this festival stands for.

From Cape Town, Mari Ware-Lane adds her signature grace with monumental inflatables and elegant banners by Australian artist Linda Sanders.

A central figure in the Cape Town International Kite Festival, Mari's presence strengthens the bond between South Africa's coastal kite-flying communities.

And for me, returning from the UK, it's a joyful homecoming. Since founding this festival with Masithandane, the aim has been simple: to create a sustainable event that celebrates community through creativity.

Having attended a round fifty kite festivals on four continents, I can confidently say that nowhere else matches the warmth, smiles, and spontaneity of Sedgefield.

So when the wind rises over Sedgefield on Sunday, take some time to join us at the festival. There is so much more to see than kites as well. IN fact, bring your own, or buy one at the festival, and join in the delights of looking up, not down at a screen!

## BUSKERS BATTLE FOR LIONS

by Debbie Olivier

**After another very successful Battle of the Buskers (this is our fourth!), we have some thanks and congratulations to convey.**

Firstly to our talented lineup of performers, thank you for making our day super special and congratulations to the winning duo, And the Riddle, who came out on top this year. Thank you too to Sedgefield's golden boy and girl, who made "guest appearances", Francois and Ranchia, we loved having you there. A big thanks to Karen Kretchmer who is always willing to assist and support us, and to our MC, Bomber "da Bomb" for once again keeping the show running smoothly.

Of course our heartiest thanks too must go to our superb sponsors, Pick n Pay Sedgefield and Engen 1 Stop / Wimpy Sedgefield. We have successfully worked together with you guys for four years and had a blast! Your sponsorship drives this fundraiser and the great success it has become, a true annual highlight!

Well done Lion Sarah Fyfe and the Lions team. And thank you most sincerely to all who came out in support and had fun on the day too! As we strive to serve our community, none of it would be possible without locals supporting our fundraising events.

Our Santa Shoebox pledges are reaching the home stretch, with a few pledges still needed. Please go onto the Santa Shoebox ([www.santasshoebox.org](http://www.santasshoebox.org)) for the last few remaining names. We really do need to cover all our pledges. The gifts remain within our community, which makes it all super special, and please remember - a pledge is a promise! Your pledge can make Christmas very special for someone this year.

October is also International Sight Month and, as Lions, sight is one of our main pillars of support. We have our Sax for Sight concert on 12 October with the fabulous Jaco Kriek.

Tickets available at Wool n Things. Bring your lunchtime snacks and afternoon tea, put your feet up, and enjoy a smooth, sultry and relaxing Sunday with

us. Please support our licensed bar. Corkage fees will apply.

Our Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer netted a fantastic R9000 in Saturday morning cupcake sales. An additional R1000 was sold to the Strider members (nothing quite like having a "captive" audience), and Lions donated R1000 to round the donation to a healthy R12000. All this money goes to the Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer organisation who support the families of childhood cancer sufferers. Thanks to all our bakers and buyers! Thank you to John at Pick n Pay Sedgefield for the generous donation of 200 cupcakes.



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11:00 - 12:00	Happy Dogs Agility Show
12:00	Hooping Competition / Hobby Creature Race / Sack Race
12:15 - 12:30	Knysna Pipers
12:30 - 12:40	Welcome by Mr Chris van Der Merwe, Owner, RE/MAX Coastal
12:45 - 13:00	RE/MAX Kite launch and MASS KITE FLY
13:00 - 13:25	Knysna Pipers
13:30 - 14:00	On the Saxophone with Beverley Fowler
14:00	Announcement of Winners of the School Banner Competition and Colouring in Competition
14:05	Hooping Competition / Hobby Creatures Race / Sack Race
14:10 - 15:00	Live Music by Alan and Shelley (Loved Local Duo)
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# REVIVING GARDEN ROUTE RAIL

## PART TWO: HOW?

by Jasper Cook

Do you ever hear of anyone saying a road makes a profit? Decades before SANRAL came into being, SA built wonderful highways and freeways. Nobody ever asked if they made a profit.

Why, then, is it the first question asked about rail? In old SAR days, goods trains were seen as profitable and passenger as a fruitless loss. Yet, one could reach anywhere in SA by train and its RMT (Road Motor Transport) partner. It was seen as important to have passenger rail.

The current national government appears to think that minibus taxis are adequate for tourism. They are wrong. Do you want to crush yourself into one, and travel through baking Karoo heat without aircon? Taxi drivers don't like aircon, nor do their passengers. Minibus taxis are for brave backpacker adventurers.

The Western Cape government wants to take over commuter rail in Cape Town. We hope they will do the same for the Garden Route. Passenger rail is not solely for getting people to work.

### Tourism

In a recent video, Wayne Duvenage said:

*“Australia ... gets more tourists than us. And they've got a rock and a kangaroo and a barrier reef, quite frankly, and they are on the end of the world. It takes ages to fly there from Europe ... We've got diversity, flora, fauna, beauty, people, everything going for us. And [yet] we can't outpunch Australia.”*

That is frustrating. Years ago, I put a young man on a coach in

PE, headed for Cape Town.. He was on holiday in SA.

“One amazing postcard view after another” is how he described the coach trip through the Garden Route. In many places, the train has better views than the road. Rovos Rail, for many years, featured a day trip on the Tjoe-Choo in their package. Tourists can't get enough of the Garden Route. Does the DA know what a tourism jewel we have here? The young man did not return to England for more than a decade

Provincial government, given the use in case of emergency vehicles discussed in Part One, should look at repairing the line: emergency vehicles are a good place to starting, but why not reach full potential? Run trains to get learners to school, relieve the N2, and bring in tourists.

### Beyond George

More importantly than just the George - Knysna section, there is Mossel Bay and beyond. It is time to build again, to restore and upgrade. Connecting Caledon with Swellendam will cut 65 km from the route, allowing George to Cape Town in six hours, beating minibus taxis. Rail will never compete with a one hour flight on trip time, but on fares, no airline can compete. The cheapest one way George - CT flights start at around R800. Most flights are around R4000.

Even without connecting Caledon and Swellendam, and using the existing route, George to Worcester would be a 6 hour trip in a train like Queensland Rail's Spirit of the Outback. That train runs on Cape Gauge, like



ours, and is optimised for higher speed travel than our current low-tech clanking main line trains. On straight sections in Queensland, it operates at up to 160 kph. It would not do that without an upgrading of the existing track, but certainly would outstrip road vehicles, averaging 78 kph. Currently, the PRASA fare rate to East London is R 0.30c per km in sitter trains. Even raising that to R 0.48c per km would allow charging R272 to Cape Town. That fare could comfortably be doubled, and still beat minibus taxis on their price (R 470 - R 650), but not on exactly the same route. Minibuses from George would not go through Worcester as rail does. Connecting Caledon and Swellendam will cut an hour from the current Worcester route, and treat tourists to the view over Cape Town descending Sir Lowry's Pass.

Even a coach can't match a train for comfort, and nothing matches rail for safety. It is time for PRASA (or its replacement) to design real, modern tourist train sets. Would you not enjoy mountains and sea gliding by, sipping steaming coffee and a muffin, knowing there are toilet, and handicap facilities for your senior family and friends? Japan and Australia did it on the same gauge as ours, South Africa is awash with talent, waiting to design and build.

taking first position in the B division. He was followed by Brian Stewart with 38 and then Roger Howden with 35. Rudy Bosch took fourth spot with 33 after a count out.

Nearest the pin prizes went to John LB on the 13th and Ian Wright on the 14th. Captain Brian Gerard announced that Ian's winning streak didn't end there but added that he'd only cried twice in his life - once when he was a child and his ice cream fell out of the cone and the second on this day when he

triumphs or tragic your defeats, there are billions of people who couldn't care less. However, we care - if only in the hope that the wine will be shared. The winner of the A division was Des Munro with 51 net, followed by Bill Craig with 52. In third spot was Willem de Villiers with 56 after a count out with Dave Herbst.

Peter Heath, who has a swing like a man with a wasp under his shirt and whose pants are on fire whilst he is trying to impale a butterfly at the end of a scythe, scored an unbelievable 41 points,

## SEdge GENTS' GOLF CLUB

### Club Report

#### Thursday, 25 September

A glorious day arrived for the coveted Pick n Pay / Engen sponsored golf day and the top scores reflected this sunny weather.

In reporting the winners, one must always keep in perspective no matter how great your

## TLC GOLF DAY

On Sunday, 21 September 2025, The Living Cornerstone hosted their 4th Annual Golf day at Knysna Golf Club.

On arrival, the 92 participants were greeted with a welcome drink, wonderful weather. This set the tone for an amazing event packed with fun and laughter.

Apart from golf, the players hula hooping skills were also tested at one of the “watering holes”. There was also a Marshmallow Chipping challenge.

There were prizes for the first 25 teams. The champions for 2025 were Rudie Cronje and Carlo Heunis on 56 points (See picture). Ivor White and William Ferreira came 2nd, with Leonard Barnard and Dewet Steyn in 3rd position. The first three teams also received medals. Prizes were also awarded for the nearest to the pin and the longest drive. Raffle and lucky draw prizes were handed out.



Marietjie Digue, the Facility Manager would like to thank everyone who participated and all the sponsors who contributed to make sure that the event was one that will be remembered by everyone for a long time.

A word of thanks to Chris and the team from Knysna Golf Club for all their support. A big thank you to Jaco from Lekka Local TV for capturing all the precious moments on camera. Marietjie would also like to thank the members of The A-Team for all their hard work behind the scenes.

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saw Ian's scorecard. Proof that golf is the ultimate leveller was Ian's taking the “Duck” for being the worst golfer on the day after a recent run of top three positions. Trevor Pahl had his wonderful game rewarded with the Lucky Draw.

#### Thursday, 2 October

A sunny day dawned for the Gentlemen's Club Sponsored Day IPS competition, the hosts being the de Villiers brothers Willem and Pierre and Pieter Schnetler, who organised the day and prizes. In his thank you note Henry Crowther wrote “Yesterday's sponsored golf

day was absolutely fantastic! Thank you for organising such a brilliant event - it was everything a proper sponsor day should be. Perfectly arranged and so enjoyable from start to finish!” This echoed the feelings of all the golfers who participated.

As the prizes were numerous obviously so were the winners. In first spot was Derek van Zyl with 36 points. He was followed by Terry Savage and Bill Craig with 35. On 34 were Des Munro, Andre de Wet, Koot Niemand and Niel de Villiers. Ian Wright clocked in with 33. Nearest the Pin prizes went to Willem de Villiers, Derek van Zyl, Hans

Anema and Terry Savage. All these players won beautiful handmade knives produced by the de Villiers brothers.

Finally, after thanking the sponsors, Captain Brian Gerard announced that the following week's competition would be The Pink Ball Competition. Here the pink ball counts double, so lose it and your team is virtually out of the competition. This announcement was really exciting for Garth Schooling as he only lost three balls on this day's format. The teams will only be announced at the start of play.

## Ladies Golf Club Report

#### Friday, 26 September

Fourteen ladies in red club shirts gathered at Sedge Links on a glorious September morning, full of energy and ready for our monthly medal and putt game. Before setting off, we shared a warm 80th birthday wish with Barbara to the start of the day. With the vice-captain stepping in to lead, we enjoyed a quick warm-up before heading off to our allocated tee boxes.

#### Results

##### Gold Division Winner:

Daleen Schooling (nett 52)  
Runner-up: Shannon Nicol (4, 15)

##### Silver Division winner:

Wendy Mack (nett 69)  
Runner-up: Linda Evans (nett 74)

##### Bronze Division winner:

Barbara Renfield (nett 61)  
Runner-up: Eleanor Sparks (62)  
**Least putts:** Elize Mackenzie-Blom (27) with Daleen Schooling played 2 under her handicap, and Barbara played 1 under.  
**Birdies:** Elize Mackenzie-Blom (14, 17) Shannon Nicol (4, 15) Marina van der Westhuizen (15) Daleen Schooling (7)

#### Friday, 3 October

The planned Pink Ball format in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month was postponed due to the number of ladies attending this week's Friday game. However, there was still a wonderful turnout in support of the pink dress code - with Ronnie Maingard stealing the show, dressed head to toe in pink! A quick recalculation saw us switch to 3-balls, with the best

Stableford score to count. Out on the course, a blustery wind kept us on our toes, making club selection tricky as we adjusted up and down depending on which way the wind was blowing.

**Results winning team:** Brenda Howden, Clare Garner, Eleanor Sparks (ghost) (44 points)

**Runners-up:** Linda Evans, Michelle J Gilchrist, Eleanor Sparks (42 points)

**Nearest the pin:** – 0-15

handicaps: Marina van der Westhuizen. Linda Evans played -1 under her handicap

**No birdies:** it was a tough game with the blustery conditions.

Barbara Renfield and Sylvia de Moor played their second round of the Knockout with Sylvia, a very close result of 58 vs 57, which meant that Sylvia progressed to the next round. Well done to all ladies for braving the wind!



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## MEN'S HEALTH : Prostate cancer is on the rise

Prostate cancer requires year-round awareness and regular screening in all South African communities to help reduce the toll of this disease on our nation's fathers, brothers, husbands and sons. Three urologists share their specialist insights on the advances that are enabling earlier detection and more treatment options that are considered only when needed.

### Cause for concern among SA men

"Prostate cancer is the most common non-cutaneous, that is not skin-related, cancer in South Africa in males," says Dr Sumesh

Padayachee, a urologist practising at Netcare Rosebank Hospital.

"The local historical data on prostate cancer has not always necessarily been an accurate reflection of the true extent of this major health burden, but in the last 15 years, we have seen the prevalence increase by 60%.

In part, this is due to better screening policies and more men coming forward for screening with the improved technology we have available to detect prostate cancer. Even with these factors considered, unfortunately, prostate cancer is definitely on the rise – the good news is that we are better equipped than ever to

manage this common urological condition," Dr Padayachee says.

Dr Amit Kalpee, a urologist who practises at Netcare Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, explains that there are generally two very different variants of prostate cancer.

"The more aggressive variant, which tends to appear earlier, shows a strong genetic link. Patients with this type could be in their 40s or early 50s and usually have a strong family history of cancer, whether prostate or another kind. Fortunately, this variant is generally rare," he says. "A more common presentation is later in life, at age 70 and beyond. This group generally present with a slower growing cancer and often treatment may not be required at all, as the cancer is less likely to become advanced to a stage where it would affect their remaining life expectancy."

Studies locally and internationally have shown that a family history, with a father or brother with prostate cancer, and being of African heritage are factors associated with a higher risk of prostate cancer. A sedentary lifestyle, consuming a high fat diet, smoking and being overweight can also contribute to an individual's risk," Dr Kalpee notes.

### Emerging technologically-driven trends

Dr Megan Fisher, a urologist practising at Netcare Linksfield

Hospital, adds that the emerging trends in prostate cancer screening and treatment are refining the experience for men while also improving outcomes.

"Multi parametric MRI scans are helping to better target biopsies, when needed, which helps to rule out the need for further investigation or treatment in many cases," she says.

"Where men do require treatment, the methods today are far less invasive, with tools such as brachytherapy seed implants, or minimally invasive surgical options including robot assisted or laparoscopic surgery which reduce recovery time and complications."

For men with higher risk localised prostate cancer, that is when the cancer is still confined to the prostate gland, therapies are sometimes combined for greater effectiveness, such as radiotherapy and androgen deprivation both being incorporated as part of the person's specific treatment plan.

"Newer types of imaging and biomarkers, which are blood tests that look for signs of potential progression, are helping to predict more aggressive forms of prostate cancer better, and this gives the person and their multi disciplinary team an informed basis for managing or monitoring the disease," Dr Fisher says.

### Active surveillance

Dr Padayachee explains that active surveillance is sometimes all that is required for men with prostate cancer. This involves regular Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood tests and MRI scans that closely monitor the tumour, enabling the person to potentially live without treatment for years, while allowing for an early opportunity to intervene and explore treatment options for a cure if the need should arise.

"Sometimes, there can be a window of 10 to 15 years from diagnosis before prostate cancer progresses. So, in many cases, a man may outlive the cancer with no symptoms, as prostate cancer tends to be very slow growing unless it is an aggressive subtype, such as those that are more common in African males, unfortunately."

### Person-centred treatment options

Dr Padayachee emphasises that if treatment is required, the risk and benefit of each option should be weighed up carefully with the

support of a multi disciplinary team, which includes urologists, oncologists, radiologists, nuclear physicians and psychologists for holistic consideration according to the person's personal choices and circumstances.

"The treatment of prostate cancer has certainly evolved over the years, with treatments that not only prolong life but also improve quality of life. Options are also individualised based on the person's overall health, the stage or aggressiveness of the cancer and the best possible shared outcome," Dr Kalpee adds.

Treatment options for more aggressive prostate cancers include external beam radiation therapy, chemotherapy and hormonal therapy with treatment plans that are centred around the needs of the individual in a shared decision-making environment.

"For individuals for whom surgery is an option, we are fortunate in South Africa to have several skilled robotic surgeons who can remove the prostate entirely through keyhole procedures. In healthy patients with early cancer, this is often the treatment of choice," Dr Kalpee says.

### Screening remains key

All three urologists emphasise that regular screening and understanding your individual risk are essential for men with an anticipated lifespan of over a decade. "Discuss screening with your doctor; it's not a one-size-fits-all approach," they say.

### Screening guidelines

Early PSA testing is encouraged for well-informed men who do not have noticeable symptoms and have with a life expectancy of over 10 years who are at high risk of prostate cancer.

PSA screening should be initiated as follows for groups at higher risk for prostate cancer:

- All men, from the age of 50 years.
- From the age of 45 years in black African men, and in men with a positive family history of prostate and/or breast cancer in a first-degree relative (e.g. father, mother, brother or sister).

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The wine is medium full-bodied and very well balanced. It covers the whole tongue. Cigar box, plums, dark chocolate and clove flavours were experienced.

This wine has a long mouth feel with tastes of spices, dried subtropical fruit and plums left in the mouth.

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info@sedgefieldchurch.co.za

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## Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling  
Club News



“While some of our skips would disagree, delivery speed isn't everything ... unless, of course, your bowl is still rolling during the tea break!”

The old saying that rolling stones gather no moss clearly doesn't apply to the Sedgefield Bowling Club! Of course, when I say “rolling stones” I mean rolling bowls, and when I say “moss” I mean shiny accolades, medals, and bragging rights. And let me tell you – the past two weeks have been as fruitful as a gardener on compost day.

### Future Star Shines

On the Eden team selection front, our youngest member, Wilize Botha, has been selected as skip for the Eden Under-15 B side at the Envar Buys Tournament. You go, girl! We see plenty of green and gold in your future – and hopefully not too many wide jacks along the way.

### The 'Not-So-Young' Guns

Not to be overshadowed by the whippersnappers, Debbi Stanford and Luke Hugill have been invited to play in Section 1 of the Eden Invitational Masters Tournament on 27–28 September. Luke will also represent the Eden B side at the 2026 Perfect Delivery Inter-Districts Tournament. Meanwhile, our “harde baarde” (that's hard-bearded veterans for the English readers), Charles Fontini and Robin Gibbs, will be charging out proudly for the Eden Veterans.

### Fours with Force

Our Men's and Ladies' Fours teams are handling the pressure cooker of the Eden Fours with style:

- Charles, Gerry Botha, Carl Ballan, and Chris Baker stormed into the semi-finals.
- Ann Dold, Lynn Otto, Ros MacMillan, and Analize le Roux fought their way to the quarter-finals.

### Shiny Medals & Badges

Individual glory came as well: Debbi Stanford bagged a medal for winning last year's prestigious Eden Novice Championship (better late than never to celebrate it properly!).

Team badges were also awarded:

- Our Ladies Fours for finishing 2nd in the First League and securing promotion to next year's Premier League.
- Our Mens Fours for valiantly earning bronze in the Premier League – and let's be honest, bronze is still shiny enough to blind your opponents.

### Club Glory

On home turf, the Mixed Drawn Trips Championships for 2025 ended in a nail-biter. Robin Gibbs, Jani Klomp, and Ian Gibbons just managed to pip Chris Cannon, Carina Kruger, and Tielie Maree to the post. (No actual posts were harmed in this contest.)

### On the Social Side

Even away from home, our bowlers kept the flag flying. Barry and Felicia Gerber, Trevor Jones, and Tim Hill claimed second place at

## STRONG WINDS AND STRONG SPIRITS AT GEORGE LAKES

The George Lakes Yacht Club played host to an exciting interclub regatta over the weekend of 4–5 October, welcoming visiting sailors from the Knysna and Mossel Bay Yacht Clubs.

The event drew an impressive fleet of 52 boats, split evenly between smaller classes—such as Toppers, Optimists, Gypsies, Laser 4.7s, RS Terra Sports, and RS Qubas—and the faster classes, including Lasers, Laser Radials, Finns, Fireballs, and 420s. Saturday opened with soft and hesitant winds, allowing only one race to be completed. But Sunday brought a complete change of pace. A brisk breeze filled Island Lake, challenging

even the most experienced sailors and making for thrilling competition across all classes. Despite the fickle conditions, the regatta was a resounding success—both on and off the water. The camaraderie among competitors, the enthusiastic spirit of the volunteers, and the sight of sails brightening the lake made it clear that sailing in our region is very much alive and thriving. The George Lakes Yacht Club once again proved itself a welcoming and capable host, fostering friendly rivalry and a shared love for the sport. As the sails came down on Sunday afternoon, there was a sense of satisfaction - and already talk of next year's event.

### SEDFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

#### 8 September :

- |   |       |                |
|---|-------|----------------|
| 1 | 64.0% | Pam & Colin    |
| 2 | 56.0% | Ann & Robyn    |
| 3 | 55.0% | Ina & Johannes |

#### 15 September :

- |   |       |             |
|---|-------|-------------|
| 1 | 61.4% | Pam & Colin |
| 2 | 58.3% | Suzette &   |

#### Rodney

- |   |       |               |
|---|-------|---------------|
| 3 | 52.0% | Carol & Robyn |
|---|-------|---------------|

#### 22 September :

- |   |       |                 |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 59.0% | Paddy & Bernard |
| 2 | 56.2% | Pam & Colin     |
| 3 | 55.5% | Irene & Linda   |

#### 29th September :

- |   |       |                 |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 68.4% | Keiran & Terry  |
| 2 | 60.1% | Ina & Johannes  |
| 3 | 51.1% | Johann & Thinus |

Vista's Greenkeepers Day. Meanwhile, Ann Dold, Riana Pollington, Jenny Williams, and Gill Cromhout not only bowled beautifully but also turned heads with their red hair, freckles, and unconventional flair at the Outeniqua “Pipie Langkous” Ladies Day – finishing a very stylish fourth.

“Remember, bowling is cheaper than therapy... though slightly more biased!”

That's a wrap, see ya'll “on the mat!”

### SEDFIELD SOCIAL BRIDGE

#### 25 September :

- |   |                |       |
|---|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Linda & Robyn  | 71.3% |
| 2 | Terry & Kieran | 68.5% |
| 3 | Mary & Suzette | 55.5% |

#### 2 October :

- |   |                 |       |
|---|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | Thinus & Johann | 65.8% |
| 2 | Carol & Shirley |       |
|   | Brian & Clive   | 56.5% |

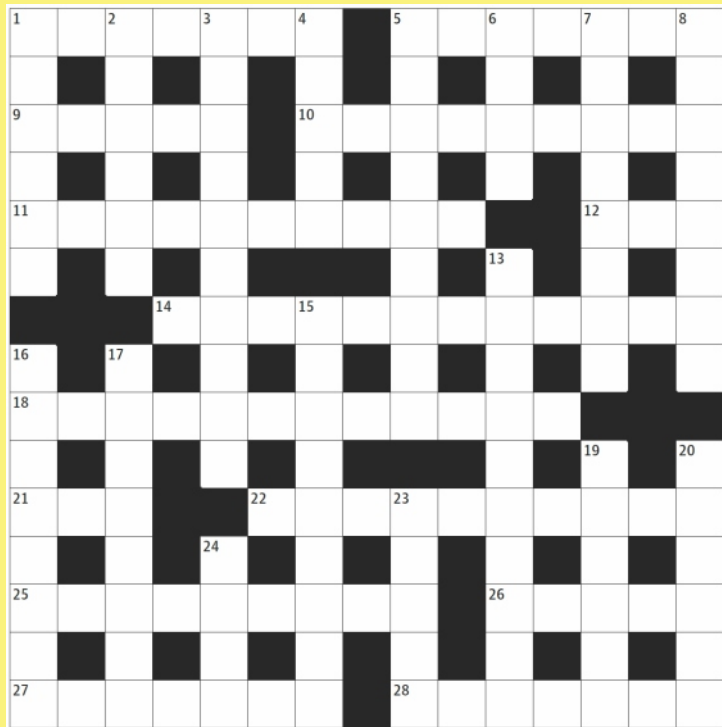
## TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

### Across.

1. Is Mighty Mouse's outer clothing the tops? (7)  
5. Bits of that drama prop ostensibly pertinent. (7)  
9. Though not in original planning, Sinead Hockley's section of the committee was specific. (2,3)  
10. Homeliest sort is both agile and supple. (9)  
11. Speaking when one is not playing around with emotion! (10)  
12. It's time we are to return. (3)  
14. Late Lady's given the job - then let down. (12)  
18. To my left and my right, I've had South African usage of rich food. (5,7)  
21. It's average, Dad says. (3)  
22. The fellow's years of being a liar lost him the senior post. (10)  
25. I left automation to the robot. (9)  
26. Note how getting in just a little shot of whiskey could be a nightmare. (5)  
27. Fashionable sort of joint? (7)  
28. Gardening era of old measurement. (7)

### Down

1. “Yes!” said the Spaniard, “I will stay inside for the prawns!” (6)  
2. Comfy sort of clothing you may find on an old Stooze? (6)  
3. In returning the NEC's diary, one may be inflammatory! (10)  
4. One of beauty would take nothing from the old tavern. (5)



5. Little Hopkins runs off for the wild life! (9)  
6. Film will make you look back with contempt. (4)  
7. Company had the rope right on site, though it may be lost? (8)  
8. Set differently, draws those in attendance. (8)  
13. Fighter ahead on points persuades the crowd like Frodo Baggins. (10)  
15. Arab least unlikely to carve

- up. (9)  
16. Haphazardly performed hit prior to rapid departure. (8)  
17. Go too far for pets. (8)  
19. Amen! I see – or hear- it's all turned up on the big screen. (6)  
20. Half feel roasted contents on fire. (6)  
23. Any who include a simple negative will get our goat! (5)  
24. Give off time to return. (4)

### SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

**Across:** 1. Seabird 5. Scherzo 9. Pagan 10. Candlelit 11. Easy street 12. Up to 14. Who goes there 18. Chairpersons 21. Edge 22. Stake money 25. Unadorned 26. Suite 27. Estates 28. Sundown. **Down:** 1. Supper 2. August 3. Ionosphere 4. Decor 5. Senseless 6. Hill 7. Relapsed 8. Outfoxed 13. Stonemason 15. Greetings 16. Schedule 17. Gas giant 19. Indigo 20. Wyvern 23. Kudos 24. Toot



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## SEASONAL INFORMAL TRADING PERMITS

The application process for seasonal informal trading permits is now open to qualifying traders

The following sites are available for informal trading during the festive season from 1st December 2025 to 31st January 2026:

- Sedgefield: The Mouth
- Sedgefield: Myoli Beach
- Sedgefield: Boat Launch
- Buffalo Bay: Beach Area (Only non-food items)
- Buffalo Bay: Upper Parking Area
- Buffalo Bay: Old Backpackers Parking Area
- Buffalo Bay: Bottom Caravan Park
- Leisure Isle - Green Hole
- Leisure Isle - Bollard Bay
- Brenton On Sea
- Cathy's Park

A limited number of trade sites are available at each of these areas and applications will be considered based on the merit of each individual application in line with the Municipality's By-law on Informal Trade. Seasonal Trade Permits cost R463.49 in accordance with Knysna Municipality's Tariff Policy.

### APPLICATIONS MUST BE MARKED:

“APPLICATION FOR 2025 SEASONAL INFORMAL TRADING PERMIT”

CLOSING DATE: 31 October 2025 CLOSING TIME: 13h30

The successful applicants will be required to enter into a written contract and sign a code of conduct with the Municipality.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE APPLICATION BOX SITUATED AT:

Knysna Municipality  
Economic Development Department  
06 Gordon Street  
Knysna  
6570

Applicants should ensure that applications are delivered timeously to the correct address. No late submissions will be considered. The application box is open from 07h30 to 16h30 during weekdays Monday to Thursday and 07h30-13h30 on Fridays.

Application forms and maps with the Council approved trade bays at each of the areas can be obtained from the Economic Development Department at 1st Floor Knysna Mall or via e-mail to [spieterse@knysna.gov.za](mailto:spieterse@knysna.gov.za).

Applicants and members of the public are advised to peruse the Council's By-law on Informal Trade, which is accessible on the Municipal Website at <https://www.knysna.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Informal-Trading-By-law-8-Dec-2017.pdf> before submitting applications.

Applicants are at liberty, at any time during office hours, to obtain further details with regard to the procedure and Conditions for Application from the office of Mrs Sherylene Boonzaaier at 044 302 6360 or email [spieterse@knysna.gov.za](mailto:spieterse@knysna.gov.za).

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## OTTER CHAMPIONS REWRITE HISTORY

On 4 October 2025 in Nature's Valley, history was made at the Otter TERREX Trail, presented by EasyEquities, with two hat-trick wins accomplished for the first time and a four-year record tumbling.

Race morning dawned to a charged energy with athletes, supporters, staff and spectators nervously waiting to see how the 17th edition of the Grail of Trail would unfold. A competitive field – including past winners and current record holders – made their way to the start line in Storms River and prepared for the gun signalling the start at 06h30.

Conditions that begged for a rapid race opened the day with a cooler start that broke to a comfortable morning. Dry trails made for high expectations as athletes set off on the 42 kilometre course from Storms River to Nature's Valley. Renowned by many as the pinnacle of diverse racing in trail running, the course along the Otter Trail is unique as racing experiences go: not only is the trail closed throughout the year – meaning athletes cannot practice outside of the race – but the terrain itself can be unyielding, featuring technical boulder sections, long stretches of beach sand, and 2400 metres of vertical gain accumulated over 11 climbs, eight of which do not exceed 100 metres of climbing.

### A Record Breaking Race

Ultimate winner Bianca Tarboton clocked in at the first check point in the lead and, from there, a pattern of an extended lead would emerge. Race favourite and record holder of Otter's Retto direction – the reverse course, run from Nature's Valley to Storms River – Toni McCann was forced to withdraw early in the race, downed by an ankle sprain at 7 kilometres. Leading the race at the time, just 20 seconds ahead of

Tarboton, McCann had her sights set on a possible victory.

From a 12 minute lead at Scott's Hut – approximately 15 kilometres into the race – Tarboton continued to extend the gap, finishing almost 49 minutes ahead of second place Rebecca Watney. She arrived to an explosion of applause, with the Race Village brimming with supporters welcoming home athletes after the gruelling race.

Her finishing time of 04:30:55 sits well under her previous course record, a time of 04:45:34 set in 2021, clocking a new Classic course record by more than 14 minutes. She had positioned her eventual winning time as a secret goal, but said she focused on consistent and comfortable pacing in the moment, rather than dictating her race with a time in mind. Beaming and in slight disbelief, she said after the race, "I'm on cloud nine. It still hasn't sunk in just yet, but I know I am completely over the moon with that race."

The buzz of excitement in the Race Village only amplified as the day wore on, as Watney was welcomed home to cheers and embraces after claiming her second Otter podium. Retired professional mountain bike rider and cycling Olympian Robyn De Groot rounded the women's podium, proving her mettle in a newer discipline to her sporting experience.

### For the First Time, Otter sees a Back-to-Back-to-Back Victory

On the men's side of the field, Robbie Simpson stormed his way to his third victory in a row, etching his name in Otter history as both the first international athlete to win three, and the first athlete to complete a hat-trick of wins. His victory seemed as though it might be under threat at Andre Hut, 8 kilometres from the finish line, as Robbie Rorich ran just two minutes behind Simpson.



Bianca Tarboton crosses the finish line with a record breaking victory

With the final stretch suiting Simpson's pace and stride, the Scotsman was ultimately able to open the gap and take the finisher's ribbon in a time of 04:04:59, besting his previous fastest time on the course by 8 minutes. Simpson reflected that he is "absolutely delighted" with the win, saying, "it's a tough race, and nothing is a given, but you just have to keep fighting for it."

Rorich laughed about his experience at the 30 kilometre river crossing, saying, "My legs were just cramping at Bloukrans, I spent time in the rivers to cool

off, letting the water flow over and giving time for the mind to reset."

Kane Reilly completed his 13th Otter, racing to his 9th podium, finishing in 04:12:38, just seconds behind Rorich.

### A Prize Purse Deeper Than Ever

The first man and woman walked away with R100,000, a combination of cash and equities. Tarboton walks away with R190,000, having broken the course record, added R30,000 for the local fastest time as well as R60,000 for the overall record.

## TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Report

With the tennis championships finals scheduled for this weekend, we have witnessed some really strong, nail biting games thus far. Weather permitting Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th are the dates set aside.

Thanks to our sponsors Engen, Wimpy, Pick n Pay and Arrie Nel Pharmacy we envisage fun-filled days with competitive tennis.

With the format following that of a round robin, there are too many scores to mention but with players such as Jarryd Patrick,

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08 Oct - 21 Oct 2025

● Full Moon 5 November 2025

Wed Oct 08 2025

low tides 09:57 22:30  
high tides 04:01 16:18  
sunrise 05:56 sunset 18:37  
moonrise 20:28 moonset 06:24

Thu Oct 09 2025

low tides 10:32 23:08  
high tides 04:39 16:56  
sunrise 05:55 sunset 18:38  
moonrise 21:45 moonset 07:02

Fri Oct 10 2025

low tides 11:08 23:46  
high tides 05:17 17:35  
sunrise 05:54 sunset 18:38  
moonrise 23:00 moonset 07:46

Sat Oct 11 2025

low tide 11:48  
high tides 05:57 18:19  
sunrise 05:52 sunset 18:39  
moonrise - moonset 08:39

Sun Oct 12 2025

low tides 00:28 12:36  
high tides 06:43 19:13  
sunrise 05:51 sunset 18:40  
moonrise 00:10 moonset 09:40

Mon Oct 13 2025

low tides 01:20 13:57  
high tides 07:46 20:37  
sunrise 05:50 sunset 18:41  
moonrise 01:10 moonset 10:47

Tue Oct 14 2025

low tides 02:50 17:24  
high tides 10:10 22:59  
sunrise 05:49 sunset 18:42  
moonrise 02:00 moonset 11:55

Wed Oct 15 2025

low tides 05:38 18:40  
high tide 12:06  
sunrise 05:47 sunset 18:42  
moonrise 02:40 moonset 13:02

Thu Oct 16 2025

low tides 06:45 19:23  
high tides 00:24 12:59  
sunrise 05:46 sunset 18:43  
moonrise 03:14 moonset 14:06

Fri Oct 17 2025

low tides 07:25 19:56  
high tides 01:14 13:35  
sunrise 05:45 sunset 18:44  
moonrise 03:43 moonset 15:07

Sat Oct 18 2025

low tides 07:54 20:23  
high tides 01:51 14:06  
sunrise 05:44 sunset 18:45  
moonrise 04:08 moonset 16:05

Sun Oct 19 2025

low tides 08:20 20:48  
high tides 02:23 14:34  
sunrise 05:42 sunset 18:46  
moonrise 04:32 moonset 17:03

Mon Oct 20 2025

low tides 08:45 21:13  
high tides 02:52 15:26  
sunrise 05:41 sunset 18:47  
moonrise 04:56 moonset 18:00

Tue Oct 21 2025

low tides 09:11 21:37  
high tides 03:21 15:26  
sunrise 05:40 sunset 18:47  
moonrise 05:21 moonset 18:57

## PINK WALK

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

18 October

START: ENGEN GARAGE, SEDGEFIELD  
TIME: 08H30AM  
ENTRY: FREE  
DISTANCE: 4.5KM

DRESS UP IN PINK!



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## GOING SWIMMINGLY FOR HUG

Jonathan Lewis set out on 27 September, 2025 to swim 14km down the Kromme River in Cape St Francis to raise funds for Masithandane's HUG (House Under Grace) Care and Respite Centre. He had expected and trained for a 3 ½ hr swim but it ended up as a 4 ½ hr marathon!



"What a morning," he said, after finishing the longest swim he had ever done. "I don't know how I managed to keep going for another hour, but having initiated the charity campaign I couldn't really bail out!"

Though exceptionally happy with his achievement, he said he felt like he had been run over by a fleet of buses. "I won't be able to lift my arms for a week," he chuckled. With the help of Back-a-Buddy, Jonathan raised a wonderful R17,300 for HUG.

HUG, Sedgefield's Care and Respite Centre provides 24/7 compassionate care for people in need. The Centre receives no government funding and relies on

donations to bridge the gap between the cost of care and what families can afford to pay, which sometimes is very little, or even nothing.

Masithandane Chairperson Jacky Weaver says they are thrilled with this fantastic outcome and heartily congratulates Jonathan on completing his epic swim. "Huge thanks go to Jonathan - and all those who supported him - for the wonderful blessing of funds received for HUG," she said. "They will be used to install a much needed back-up water supply system. In Jonathan's words 'Every Kilometre he swam was a promise of care' Thank you to all who made that promise a reality!"