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ELEVATED SALINITY LEVELS IN DRINKING WATER

Knysna Municipality Press Statement issued 5pm 18/11/25

We wish to inform residents that recent routine monitoring and water quality inspections have detected elevated salinity levels in the Sedgefield drinking water supply. While we can confirm that the water remains microbiologically safe for consumption, the increased salt content may affect taste and could present challenges for individuals with high blood pressure, kidney-related conditions, or those on sodium-restricted diets.

We therefore advise residents, particularly vulnerable groups such as the elderly, infants, and those with chronic health concerns, to exercise caution when consuming tap water until salinity levels return to normal.

As part of our commitment to transparency, detailed monitoring and inspection results will be published and shared with the community through our official communication platforms and municipal notices as soon as they become available. To reduce the impact on households, water tankers will be carting potable water to the community.

We sincerely appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we continue working to restore acceptable water quality levels.

PLEASE SAVE WATER

Knysna Municipality is calling for urgent water conservation amid continued dry weather conditions.

The local authority has issued an urgent appeal to all residents, businesses and visitors across Greater Knysna to drastically reduce water consumption, as early indicators point to a dry summer season. Municipal infrastructure data paints a concerning picture for both Sedgefield and Knysna.

“With the Swartvlei Estuary mouth closed, saline water is again migrating towards the Karatara weir. Should this contaminate the abstraction pool, and the river remains low, we will not be able to produce potable water from this source,” explained Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika. “Three of the six boreholes drilled to service the Sedgefield area during the drought of 2008 are currently operational. Pumps should be installed at two of the remaining boreholes by 30 November. The last borehole had to be abandoned as it produced saline water.”

Knysna’s main storage facility, the Akkerkloof Dam, currently stands at approximately 27% capacity, equating to just 17 days of water storage, while the Glebe Dam adds a further eight days. The Knysna River, one of the town’s primary raw water sources, is running extremely low and pumping operations have already been reduced to specific intervals to protect infrastructure and conserve remaining resources.

Recent rainfall patterns have been well below the long-term average, with August 2025 recording only 5mm at the Knysna Water Treatment Works, the lowest on record for that month. According to the South African Weather Service, rainfall for the Garden Route region is predicted to be approximately 26% lower than average over the summer period.

“The situation is serious, and it requires every one of us to act responsibly,” said Matika. “We must all recognise that water resources are under pressure and everyone’s cooperation is vital in helping us manage this period of low rainfall. We are intensifying water restrictions, exploring all available supply options and accelerating conservation efforts. However, these measures will only succeed if our community works together to use water sparingly.”

To ensure water security, the municipality is considering the following urgent measures:

- water restrictions remain in place across the Greater Knysna area;
- investigating the reactivation of the Knysna Reverse Osmosis Plant, which has been in preservation mode since 2022;
- optimising existing pumping schemes to capture rainfall during brief wet spells;
- exploring groundwater sources and potential off-take agreements with local landowners;
- consulting with SANParks regarding the rules and potential consequences of opening the Swartvlei mouth; and
- expanding the public water conservation campaign to reach households, businesses and tourism operators ahead of the festive season.

To ensure compliance, municipal Law Enforcement Officers will be conducting regular inspections to identify non-compliance with water restrictions. Offenders will face fines in accordance with the municipal by-laws. Residents are urged to report any water abuse or illegal connections by sending a WhatsApp message to, or calling, 060 998 6808.

CONGRATULATIONS ‘CELEBRATE SEDGE’ AWARD WINNERS

On Friday 14 November Sedgefield Ratepayers Association hosted the 2025 Celebrate Sedgefield Awards at the Pine Lake Marina Hall. The event, sponsored by Remax, officially recognised 26 nominated individuals, groups or businesses, from which six final winners were chosen.

Nominated individuals and business folk joined family and friends at the prestigious affair, and cheered as the awards were announced by the effervescent and ever-hilarious Mistress of Ceremonies Nicky Franceschi, whilst SRA Chair and Deputy Chair – Kevin Barnes and Andy Brough – handed out the certificates and trophies.

The selection of award winners was done in the months leading up to the event, with members of the community nominating people who they believe have made a positive difference in Sedgefield.

The **SRA Destination & Marketing Award** was presented posthumously to **Eugene Roux**, the previous owner of Sedgefield Cycleworx who passed away earlier this year. Eugene was a pillar of strength, always ready to help both individuals and the wider community, no matter the challenge. During the holiday season, he dedicated his time to taking tourists on daily bike rides, sharing his love for Sedgefield. His presence and generosity will be deeply missed.

The **SRA Arts, Crafts & Culture Award** was won by **Corrie du Plooy**, the chairperson of the Sedgefield Art Society. Under her leadership, along with promoting Sedgefield through local and out of town exhibitions, the Society members also involve themselves in various community projects by donating and auctioning off paintings for community upliftment.

The **SRA Business Excellence Award** went to **Pick n Pay Sedgefield** for their continuous and generous support of all charities in the village, always showing great community spirit.

The **SRA Charity & Community Award** was a tie between **Revive Sedgefield** and the **Development Action Group (DAG)**. Revive is dedicated to making Sedgefield stand out on the Garden Route. Their hard work and continuous fundraising efforts to fund their magnificent transformation of Sedgefield is to be applauded. DAG launched the Asiikelana Project to address water leaks and other critical infrastructure needs in the informal settlement. Community leaders voluntarily engage in this essential work, making the group a vital

PUMP ACTION AT LAST

With a seemingly continuous odour permeating various areas of Sedgefield, thanks to three malfunctioning sewerage pump stations, we asked Knysna Municipality for the plan of action to resolve this stinky issue. The response from the Director Infrastructure Services, Mr Reginald Wesso is as follows:

The station on Lake Pleasant Drive recently experienced a routine mechanical breakdown, which was repaired on 10 November 2025, and the facility is fully operational again.

At Island Village, the issue has been traced to the MCC (motor control centre) panel. Repairs are underway and installation is expected to be completed by the end of this week, after which the pump station will return to service. Once Island Village is fully operational, the damaged Cola Beach pump will undergo repairs, estimated to take between one and two weeks. To prevent any sewer overflows during this period, both affected pump stations are being serviced by a vacuum tanker.

The municipality is currently assessing the full portfolio of 113 sewer pump stations across the Knysna area. This forms part of a broader design review to ensure that each station is equipped with both a duty and a standby pump, strengthening overall reliability and service continuity.



force in supporting a marginalised community.

The **SRA Sport Award** went to the **Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars Rugby Club** for always holding Sedgefield's name up high on the sports field and setting an example for young people of our community. They are often amongst the top three teams in the league, and as a multiracial group of young men, go a long way to unite the community.

The **SRA Community Service Award (Individual)** went to **Kirsty Hofhuis** who leads the Sedgefield Animal Matters team, working daily in the challenging and emotional world of animal rescue. It is a demanding role that few can sustain for long, but Kirsty faces it with courage, tenacity and grace.

Congratulations to the winners, all those nominated for the awards, and to Sedgefield Ratepayers Committee and Remax for facilitating and hosting such a fine affair!

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

That was the BIGGEST- 'R' I have ever seen.

I'm still recovering, to be honest, but I have at least moved back home now, and it will only be a matter of time before I come out of the bedroom.

'R', by the way, is the shortened form of the rodent-of-three-letters-which-shall-not-be-named.

As some of my long-term readers may remember (perhaps even both of them?) I have a phobia - A BAD one - about 'R's.

Which is why I am loath even to utter (or type) the actual word.

I am not sure where it comes from. The Phobia, I mean, not the 'R'. I don't particularly CARE where the 'R' came from, as long as it never comes back.

Mrs Ed puts it down to my British Heritage. Well, she didn't put it quite so grandly as that. Her words were more along the lines of "You simpering Poms just can't get past the plague - can you?"

She may have a point – though please never tell her so, because I would never hear the end of it – because most of my family have the same phobia.

I would have preferred some other sort of cultural heritage, to be honest. "The ability to fight off hordes of Visigoths" might have been more appropriate, considering December is coming and I'm probably not even going

to get a look-in on our beaches. But no. It's the fear of 'R's that I'm stuck with... sigh...

And this was a BIG one - my goodness. If I hadn't had my glasses on, I would have probably mistaken it for a small horse. And it was right THERE, mere inches away from my left foot (I swear if it had touched it I would have considered amputation).

I think what really got me was the absolute arrogance of the thing. Its brazen attitude of We'll see who's in charge, one might have said, if one wasn't busy screaming like a girl, that is. Perhaps that's what it was – the nasty beast instantly sensed that I was more afraid of it, than it was of me. Of course I was! My goodness, it probably could have bitten me on the knee without lifting its head!

And it sauntered. Yes, you read that right - it nonchalantly sauntered across the threshold of my shed, blocking me from entering. (I am fairly sure it blocked the sunlight for a second or two).

I am not claiming to have done a thesis on the subject (who in their right mind would?) but I am almost 100% sure that 'R's are supposed to scuttle, or scurry, or even, on a day when the sun is shining and there's definitely no sign of any cats, raptors or Mrs Ed's size 12 gumboots, scamper.

But not saunter. No. That's just not obeying the rules.

You see, I have always managed to cope (albeit with whimpering and at least a few tears) with 'R' situations by repeating the 'It's more scared of me than I am of it' mantra – typically from behind a locked bathroom door. An 'R' will generally see you first, and before it even hears that high-pitched wail that may, perchance, emanate from your quivering lips, it scurries/scuttles off to its nasty little horrid hiding place.

Indeed, if I allow my mind to go there (it is VERY difficult for me, but I am willing to take one for the team just this once) I might briefly entertain the thought that on rare occasions (I hope) there may have been 'R's in close proximity to me that have scuttled off unseen (Urghhh!) such is their eagerness to escape at the first sign of danger.

And while I am following this train of thought, I must say I do like the idea of 'R's featuring my good self ANYWHERE on their tail-length list of 'dangerous things to escape from'. I far prefer THAT to the thought of them sitting in their nasty little nests,



exchanging anecdotes of 'that simpering pom who screams like a girl' with one another.

But this one - this oversized, slithering abomination of a rodent - (I was considering referring to him as Goliath but did not want to cause offence to any of the Philistine Tribe who may be out there) – he sauntered. It was like a scuttle, but in slow motion. Maybe it was the weight of his muscles, I don't know, but he was in no hurry - like he didn't have a care in the world.

I'm sure he didn't. Clearly he had risen (in height and girth) to the apex position of the food chain, and would have challenged, slain and probably devoured any predator brave enough to come his way.

I could have died, thinking about it. In fact, I think I am going to pencil it into my grey matter as 'The Near-Death Experience of 2025'. I might even ask Carte Blanche to cover the story – they seem to be coming to Knysna on a regular basis.

Of course I have been left with no choice but to abandon the Important Tasks I had going on in said shed (fortunately I have tobacco hidden in other places too).

And once I face the outside world again, I apparently have to apologise to the neighbours.

Mrs Ed says that it's the right thing to do, and that it's my own fault – as if I had actually WANTED to run screaming down the driveway and up the road to my daughter's home (they have a lockable basement with a door I was sure was R-proof, but I did snatch a large knife from their kitchen counter on the way past, just in case.)

Fortunately, my son (remember The REE?) was in the near vicinity when this despicable 'R' appeared, and as he seemingly hasn't been cursed by the sins of his forefathers, was more inclined to seek out the evil creature than shrink into the quivering wreck stance that his old man so often adopts.

"It was big, dad!" he later reported, like a good witness should, "Really big. The biggest 'R' I have ever seen!" (He knows not to use the full word around me), "But don't worry – I have sorted him out!"

Apparently, having watched it (such courage shown by my lad makes me proud) slinking its weighty body under the shed, the swift-thinking lad had blocked the exits on all sides with bricks. "There's no way that 'r' is going anywhere," he explained to me this morning through the closed (and locked, just in case) bedroom door, "He's stuck under there for good."



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Very glad to hear that, I ventured out from under the bed view his handy work through the window.

"It does look very secure," I reflected, sniffing back what would surely be the last of my tears for a while at least,"Perhaps I might go downstairs for a minute or two, even if it's just to get to the fridge..."

It was then that I saw it. At least I think I saw it.

No, not the 'R'. It was the shed. The DARNED SHED!

I could have sworn it lifted, ever so slightly, and moved a fraction of a millimetre to the left.

I think I might call in the US Department of War.

I'd be mad if I didn't!

Cubing Challenge in Sedge

by Chris Olsen

There aren't too many toys that cause as much frustration as the Rubik's cube. Yet it is the most purchased toy over the past 50 years!

There are about 43 quintillion possible combinations for the 3x3 Rubik's cube – that is to say, unless you know the steps to solve one, you will likely never figure it out by yourself. At this point you are probably saying that you could always solve one side. That might seem impressive to some, but there is a massive global community of speedcubers who have taken to the idea of solving all sorts of twisty puzzles as fast (or in as few moves) as possible. The most prominent global tracker for these times and rankings is the World Cubing Association (WCA). On Saturday 1st November the WCA, along with the HomeCode Speedcubing Club, hosted a competition at the Town Hall. The nearly fifty participants came from Cape Town, PE, Mossel Bay, Knysna and George with most of the local competitors being newcomers. There were 7 events that were timed and judged with international standards, including the 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, Pyraminx, Megaminx, Skewb (no, I'm not making these names up) and one-handed 3x3. The day was long and exceptionally exciting as South



African legends such as Daniel Rush (Africa's top cuber), Daniel Mizen, Daniël Switjnk and Caspar Switjnk set jaw-dropping times. The 3x3 was getting solved under 10 seconds, the 2x2 under 2 seconds and an African record for the 4x4 was set by Daniel Rush at 20.69s (the 51st best time in the world). Most exciting, however, were our local solvers such as Abbey Jones who solved a 2x2 in 5.75s, Ethan Bauer with an 8.68s solve of the Pyraminx and Joshua Cassiem who had an average of 23.58s on the 3x3. Our young people did exceptionally well – many of them setting personal best times. The event was a phenomenal opportunity to get a global ranking, spend time with the incredible community and encourage each other. Many thanks go out to the organisers and our amazing Sedgefield hosts. You can bet we'll have more competitions to come as our cubers whittle down their times and learn to solve new puzzles. Who knows, perhaps you'll even be in the next one?



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SWARTVLEI BEACH NETS SECOND GREEN COAST AWARD

Swartvlei Beach is making waves in eco-tourism, earning the prestigious Green Coast Award from the Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) for the second year running.

According to Knysna Executive Deputy Mayor and Chairperson for the Planning, Economic Development and Tourism Portfolio, Morton Gericke, this well-deserved recognition highlights the municipality's strong partnership with the Strandloper Project.

"WESSA's Green Coast Award celebrates high-biodiversity coastal spots that draw adventure seekers and nature lovers," he said. "It spotlights areas where local councils and communities champion biodiversity protection, eco-friendly tourism,

environmental education and research. Winning this award puts lesser-known coastal gems – like Swartvlei – firmly on South Africa's international and domestic tourism map.

To win this honour, applicants must meet and sustain strict standards across key areas, including universal access for all visitors, clear signage, effective control of domestic animals, solid waste management, clean ablution facilities and thriving eco-tourism initiatives. At least one of three aspects – sensitive habitats, species or cultural heritage – must also be protected. Knysna's dedicated in-house municipal programme has risen to the challenge, ensuring Swartvlei Beach not only qualifies but excels.

"We invite local residents to

rediscover Swartvlei Beach this festive season," Gericke continued. "Stroll along the pristine sands, breathe in the fresh sea air and take pride in a community treasure that belongs to us all. Visitors planning a Garden Route getaway are encouraged to include this hidden gem in their itinerary and experience nature at its most welcoming and well-protected.

"Thank you to the WESSA team, the Strandloper Project, Sedgefield residents and the Environmental Management team, led by the Director of Planning and Development Andiswa Dunywa, for their tireless efforts in safeguarding our coastline for generations to come," Gericke concluded. "The Green Coast status opens doors to better tourism amenities, smarter coastal ecosystem care, skill-building for local teams and greater public awareness of our natural treasures. It's a win for everyone who appreciates South Africa's beautiful shores."

The awards ceremony took place on Friday 31 October 2025 at the Royal St Andrews Hotel in Port Alfred.

SAPS CATCH FLEEING DRUG DEALERS

The persistent efforts by police to eradicate drug trafficking, as part of ongoing Safer Festive Season operations, yielded excellent dividends with the confiscation of drugs with an estimated street value of R470 000 after a vehicle chase on the N2 highway in Knysna.

At about 22:30 on Sunday, 16 November, Knysna Crime Prevention unit members were strategically deployed to conduct patrols in the central business district. When the vigilant

members spotted a vehicle parked in Main Street and approached, it sped off, and a high speed vehicle chase ensued. The vehicle was brought to a halt on the N2 highway near the Knysna Provincial Hospital, and when members proceeded with a search two large parcels were found in the back containing 58,85kgs of dagga.

Police confiscated the drugs and arrested both occupants of the vehicle, also siezing three cell

phones, a scale and an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspects, aged 43 and 49, remain in police custody and were set to appear in the Knysna Magistrates' court on Monday, 17 November 2025 on a charge of dealing in drugs.

Western Cape police management lauded the vigilance of the members who pursued the suspects and ensured that the consignment was intercepted.

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Talking Conservation Drie Valleyen

The Ecotourism Paradox or What is Ecotourism - and what is not?

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

I recently saw an advertisement for quadbike ecotourism, and honestly could not imagine how an experience with six or ten noisy quadbikes in a forest could be labelled 'ecotourism'.

Similarly, if one flies to an ecotourism destination, spends four to six hours each day in a vehicle observing wildlife, rushing from one animal sighting to the next after being notified over the radio, and later sits discussing that the experience whilst sipping expensive imported wine – one can only imagine the carbon footprint and environmental consequences of such activities!

It seems that the modern ecotourism landscape is increasingly dominated by luxury enterprises:- elegant lodges, boutique resorts, and nature-based retreats offering the comforts of premium hospitality, all in the name of ecotourism. Accommodations are often situated in remote, pristine environments, such as nature reserves, forests, or coastal regions. Facilities may include private lodges or

bungalows, gourmet organic cuisine, private wildlife excursions, and wellness offerings such as yoga and spa treatments.

Ecotourism aims to promote environmental conservation, yet often causes negative impacts such as habitat destruction or alteration, pollution, and social disruption. The evidence of human presence which alters animal behaviour is common, increasing their vulnerability and affecting their ability to evade predators or avoid poachers. These behavioural changes may lead to injuries, death, or displacement, disrupting ecosystems and threatening species survival.

Popular ecotourist destinations often lead to building new infrastructure for more visitors. Increased tourism puts pressure on local resources and the ecosystem. Socially it may displace indigenous groups or local communities from their land, preventing them from benefiting economically. Additionally, sacred rituals and cultural practices may be turned into spectacles for tourists, which is arguably simply exploitation of indigenous traditions for commercial gain.

A conservationist, Hector

Ceballos-Lascurain is credited with the first definition of ecotourism in 1987, "tourism that consists of travelling to relatively undisturbed or uncontaminated natural areas with the specific object of studying, admiring and enjoying the scenery and its wild plants and animals, as well as any existing cultural manifestations (both past and present) found in these areas." The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) sees ecotourism as a significant tool for conservation, though it should not be seen as a fix-all when it comes to conservation challenges.

Sustainable ecotourism should be guided by three core principles: conservation, education, and community. Conservation is the key component of ecotourism because it offers long-term, sustainable solutions to enhancing and protecting biodiversity and nature. Marketing an ecosystem, species, or landscape to ecotourists helps create value, and that value can help raise funds to protect and conserve those natural resources.

The goal of ecotourism tours and companies must surely be to educate tourists about conservation efforts, offering them the chance to explore nature, while supporting local communities and conservation efforts. Yet beneath its green image often lies a more complex and often troubling reality:- poorly managed ecotourism can inflict more harm than good, undermining the very ideals it seeks to uphold.

While ecotourism has the potential to foster environmental conservation and awareness, it is essential to recognise and address its negative impacts. Sustainable practices, strict regulations, and community involvement are crucial to ensuring that ecotourism fulfils its promise of protecting the environment and supporting local communities without causing harm. By understanding these challenges, participants can work towards a more responsible and effective approach to ecotourism.

As an industry that relies heavily on the presentation of eco-friendly components to attract customers, ecotourism has the inevitable potential as a means for greenwashing. Just as corporations may falsely brand themselves as environmentally friendly or socially responsible to appeal to conscious consumers, ecotourism companies often mask exploitative or unsustainable practices behind the veneer of conservation. Noble intentions often become distorted, and the 'eco' prefix amounts to little more than a greenwashing rebrand.

When planning your ecotourism trip, do research on the organisation to ensure they genuinely benefit the environment rather than exploit it. Certifications can help travellers identify responsible options. Thoroughly check the credentials, practices, and ethics of ecotourism operators to make sure your travel choices support conservation, help local communities, and minimise harm. However, if your operator's main goal is economic growth it cannot truly be "eco." Ecotourism should be seen as a conservation tool, not a means for unchecked commercial expansion.



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2025/2026 IDP AND WARD REPORT BACK MEETINGS SCHEDULE

The community of the Greater Knysna Municipal Area are hereby invited to partake in the IDP/ Budget and Ward Report Back Meeting in preparation for the 2026/2027 Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

The IDP is the principal strategic planning instrument of Knysna Municipality and forms the basis of the municipal budgeting process. It is, thus, vital for local communities and community-based organisations to actively participate in these engagements to ensure community needs are prioritised and addressed in an integrated and sustainable manner.

The following meetings are scheduled as below:

Ward	Councillor	Date	Venue	Time	Meeting Purpose
1	Levail Davis	08 December 2025	Smutsville Community Hall	18H00	IDP/Ward Feedback
2	Cleone Vanston	9 December 2025	Sedgefield Town Hall	17H00	
3	Lukhanyiso Nohana	10 December 2025	Chris Hani Hall	17H30	IDP Meeting
4	Phindile Petros	20 November 2025	Chris Nissan Hall	18H00	
6	Kay Andrews	3 December 2025	Hornlee Community Hall	18H30	
7	Mboneli Khumelwana	18 November 2025	Khayaletu Community Hall	18H00	IDP/Ward Feedback
8	Aubrey Tsengwa	26 November 2025	AMF Church	18H00	
9	Sharon Sabbagh	27 November 2025	Cearn Hall	17H30	
10	Peter Bester	4 December 2025	Council Chambers	17H00	IDP Meeting
11	Russel Arends	2 December 2025	Sunridge Primary	18H00	

* Please note that the dates and venues are subject to change.

* Follow-up IDP meetings shall be scheduled to consult with communities that have already concluded their Ward Report Back Meetings.

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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY: AMENDMENT OF THE 2025/2026 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

Notice is hereby given of the amendment of the 2025/2026 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) in terms of section 34(b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) (MSA).

In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations of 2001, section 3.4 (b), any amendment to the Integrated Development Plan of a municipality must be published for public comments for a period of at least 21 days in a manner that allows the public an opportunity to make representation with regards to the amendment.

The Reviewed 2025/2026 Integrated Development Plan with amendments is available on the municipal website www.knysna.gov.za.

Enquiries and comments in this regard may be directed to Mr Charl Botha (Acting Manager: IDP/PMS/IGR) at contact number, 044-302 6445 or via e-mail: cbotha@knysna.gov.za or idp@knysna.gov.za.

KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT: WYSIGING VAN DIE 2025/2026 GEÏNTEGREERDE ONTWIKKELINGSPLAN (GOP)

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 34(b) van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Sisteem Wet, 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) rakende die wysiging van die 2025/2026 Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan.

Ingevolge artikel 3.4 (b) van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Beplanning en Prestasiebestuur Regulasies, 2001, enige wysiging tot m 'n munisipaliteit se Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan moet gepubliseer word vir publieke insae vir 'n periode van ten minste 21 dae op so 'n wyse dat dit die publiek 'n geleentheid gun om voorstelle te maak met betrekking tot die voorgestelde wysiging.

Die Hersiene 2025/2026 Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan met wysigings is beskikbaar op die munisipale webtuiste www.knysna.gov.za.

Alle navrae en kommentaar met betrekking tot die Munisipale GOP kan gerig word aan Mnr Charl Botha (Waarnemende Bestuurder: GOP/PB/IRV) by kontak nommer: 044-302 6445 of per e-pos by: cbotha@knysna.gov.za of idp@knysna.gov.za.

DR. LULAMILE MAPHOLOBA
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FURTHER FRUSTRATION OVER INFORMAL DUNE DEVELOPMENT

Sedgefield residents living near the dunes behind "Onderstegaitjie" in Smutsville have voiced rising fear and concern over the rapid proliferation of informal housing on these environmentally sensitive dunes.

The dunes, which run alongside Plumbago Road in the Sedgfield suburb and extend toward Myoli Beach, are under severe threat from unchecked informal building, illegal vegetation clearing, and hazardous activities such as cable burning.

RHEENENDAL COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Ward 5 Councillor Hilton Stroebel and Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika informed Rheenendal residents of two significant infrastructure projects soon to be launched in the area. The upgrading of gravel roads and the Rheenendal bulk water supply, phase one, were announced at a well-attended public meeting held on 6 November. Both projects are funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant.

"The gravel roads upgrade project is valued at R12 million," said Matika. "Six gravel roads will be upgraded with concrete block paving. This will directly benefit 1,899 households by providing more durable and weather-resistant road surfaces and improving access and safety."

A key feature of the project is its contribution to local economic empowerment, with 25% of the project value allocated to local Exempted Micro-Enterprises (EMEs) from the municipal supplier database. This allocation ensures that small businesses within the community will benefit directly from the work being undertaken.

"The Rheenendal bulk water supply upgrade, phase one, will strengthen the area's water infrastructure to ensure a reliable and sustainable supply to this community," he explained. "The

project, budgeted at just under R16.5 million, will benefit 2,352 households once completed."

Core components of the upgrade include improvements to the extraction weir on the Homtini River, refurbishment of the existing steel rising main, construction of a new raw water storage tank and the drilling of new boreholes. These interventions will increase the system's capacity to meet both current and future water demand.

"As with the road upgrade, 25% of the total project value will be allocated to local EMEs, supporting job creation and the growth of small-scale contractors within Rheenendal," Matika confirmed. "These projects are not only in line with our ongoing commitment to improving basic services, but also our commitment to creating local economic opportunities."

Contractors appointed for the projects were also introduced to the community, ensuring transparency and encouraging collaboration from the outset. "We look forward to working with these contractors, and the community of Rheenendal, as we prepare to uplift and develop the local community, its infrastructure and its economy," Matika concluded.

The alarm was first raised at community meeting held earlier this year with representatives from Knysna Municipality and attended by Ward Councillor

Levael Davis. Residents said they were deeply concerned at the pace and extent of informal structure development, which they said was destabilising the delicate fynbos and indigenous plant life that anchors the dunes in place.

Residents have since reported the frequent use of chainsaws to clear vegetation for shack construction and the daily burning of what they believe are stolen cables to extract copper, creating toxic smoke that affects nearby homes. The fire risk posed by these activities is significant, prompting calls for a firebreak to protect affected properties.

One Plumbago Road resident recently reported the visible tree cutting and informal building preparations directly behind her home, underscoring the immediacy of the threat. The community fears that if the current trend continues unchecked, the dune's ecological integrity will be lost. The stability of the dunes will also be compromised, potentially leading to erosion, flooding, and landslides in rainy seasons. Furthermore, they believe the proliferation of informal housing negatively impacts property values for long-standing residents who have invested in their homes and neighbourhoods.

"We are in no way opposed to development, we are however, for the right development that will be an asset to the already established homes in the area. Smutsville has grown exponentially and it is the lack of planning that is causing the issue," says resident Carlo Agostini, "Housing congestion will only add to the already strained infrastructure and allow negative elements to thrive, not to mention property values to be negatively affected. The bigger picture needs to be seen.

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Smutsville is already bursting at the seams and the surrounding ecosystem is being gambled on with little to no consideration to fauna and flora, wildlife and security in the area. Common sense must prevail and boundaries need to be respected." The community has sent a formal to Knysna Municipality's Municipal Manager Lulamile Mapholoba to intervene and assist in curbing these developments. They are aware it is a complex challenge since the land is privately owned, limiting municipality enforcement powers, but while the municipality conducts inspections to prevent illegal water and electricity connections to informal structures, it has declined to erect protective fencing or provide utilities to these dwellings.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries & Environment (DFFE) has also been informed and contacted regarding vegetation clearance, but response capabilities appear limited.

Residents are also deeply aware of the severe housing and residential land shortages in Smutsville, which drive much of the informal building. Over the years, many promises have been made by local, provincial and national authorities to address this shortage, yet progress remains slow, leaving vulnerable populations with few legal options for living space.

The community's plea is clear: urgent and collaborative efforts are needed to protect Sedgfield's natural heritage, reduce fire hazards, and find sustainable housing solutions for those in need. Preserving the unspoiled dunes is essential not just for ecological reasons but also for safeguarding the safety, health, and property of local residents. This ongoing issue highlights the difficult balance between environmental protection and addressing critical social housing needs in the Knysna region. Without decisive action by all stakeholders, the dunes and the community's safety remain at grave risk.

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Every 2nd Monday
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
7am 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 Jukseki 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.

Every 3rd Saturday
3pm G R Astronomical Society meet at the George Botanical Gardens. 083 743 1690

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LETTERS TO THE EDGE

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Our "Gentle Giant" Sam de Jager R.I.P January 2005 - November 2025



We will miss our "Gentle Giant" Sam. He will always be in our memories and hearts. But we know he is enjoying his pain free time with all his fur friends. Love you always, **Andre, Petrozanne de Jager** and all

your extended family and friends in South Africa and all over the world.

"Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and strength, those who were hurt are made better and strong again, like we remember them before they go to heaven. They are happy and content except for one small thing—they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together."
Poem by Edna Clyne-Rekhy, written in 1959

BIKERS BRAAI FOR FIREFIGHTERS

On Friday 14 November the Garden Route Chapter of the Dogs of War Motorcycle Club decided that it was time give back to those who protect our community.



Club members treated Sedgefield's firefighters and Working With Fire personnel, to a boerewors roll braai, as well as providing Energade drinks and Super C sweets to help keep crews energised during their long shifts. According to the chapter, firefighters were chosen for the gesture due to their "endless, silent and often thankless" dedication to the community.

Members of the club highlighted the essential role these teams

play not only in combating fires, but also in responding to a wide range of emergencies, frequently with little recognition. The club said the event was a way to give back and acknowledge the commitment of individuals who work tirelessly to protect the Garden Route region. They

emphasised that supporting veterans and those who served are at the heart of their mission.

Motorcyclists who are not currently part of a club but wish to join in their mission of service are welcome to contact Gary on 078 148 6588 for more information.

Brushstrokes

The Sedgefield Art Society recently celebrated its year-end function in fine form at The Lake View Restaurant, where several of the society's talented artists are currently exhibiting their work. The evening was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, with the highlight being a lively art quiz that had everyone's creative minds — and competitive spirits — working overtime.

The current exhibition at The Lake View restaurant will change on 2 December and remain on display throughout the festive season. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a meal at the restaurant and take in the beautiful artwork — it's well worth a visit!

Art lovers can also explore other ongoing exhibitions around Sedgefield. The Golem

Pottery and Craft Studio on Main Service Road is hosting a display of local works until the end of November, with a fresh collection of paintings set to go up in December.

Meanwhile, Heritage Nursery will host the Art Society on 29 November for a unique exhibition set among lush greenery and tranquil surroundings — the perfect setting to appreciate art inspired by nature. Don't miss this charming showcase!

Adding to the excitement, the Society will also be holding festive "Pop-up" Art Markets on the 6th, 13th, and 20th of December at the circle next to Sotheby's and SAM's building in the square, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the ideal opportunity to find special, locally made Christmas gifts while supporting Sedgefield's talented art community.

To top it all off, members will take part in a friendly art competition on 29 November, themed "Garden Route." The entries will be judged independently, and prizes will be awarded to the winning artists — an event sure to inspire creativity and celebrate local talent.

As summer blooms across the Garden Route, the Sedgefield Art Society invites all art enthusiasts and community members to join in these vibrant events.

Whether you're an artist, collector, or casual admirer, you're most welcome and there's plenty of beauty to be found in every brushstroke.

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St Francis Church recently held their annual Harvest festival, and The Living Cornerstone Alzheimer's Home and Rondevlei Learning Centre were delighted recipients of groceries donated

by St Francis United congregation.

Groceries were gratefully received by Andre Digue and Vinessa van Rensburg. A big thank you to those who donated and may you be blessed.

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing out loud for all to hear

Come and join us for an evening of Christmas Carols

Friday 12 December at 7.30pm
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To Santa at the North Pole



Children of Sedgefield are invited to send a letter 'To Santa at the North Pole'.

Look for the shiny red postbox at No. 8 Johan Street, The Island and make sure to drop your letter in there well before Christmas, because the North Pole has so many letters arriving at this time of the year.

Ask your parents to help you put your letter in an envelope along with another stamped envelope with your name and address on, so that it's easier for Santa and his Elves to send a reply.

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AU REVOIR GARY AND RENEE ATKINSON

Recently Gary and Renee Atkinson, a much-loved and very community-minded couple quietly left Sedgefield to retire in Robertson. Though they have already relocated, we thought it fitting that their work in the community be acknowledged.

Gary and Renee Atkinson moved to Sedgefield from Cape Town in 2000 and acquired the well known Sedgefield landmark, La Piazza Restaurant & Pub. Over the years, the establishment was the local meeting ground for many locals, especially during Provincial and Springbok rugby matches.

But they certainly believed that there was more to community involvement than simply running a successful business. Whilst Renee held the reins of their restaurant, Gary stepped up to the plate and chaired what was then the Sedgefield Business Chamber which also took over the Tourism portfolio.

When petty crime began increasing in the area, he became an active member of the Sedgefield Community



Orientated Policing (COP) organisation as well as a director of the Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch. Other projects he was involved with included supporting and sponsoring a local Smutsville youth soccer team.

His helpful spirit was recognised in 2016 when he was awarded the Sedgefield Slow Festival 'Outstanding Community Member'.

Whilst being kept busy running the family restaurant, Rene also got stuck into the community. As an ardent animal lover she assisted SAMS and in later years hosted the organisation's fashion show fundraiser.

When COVID struck in 2020,



Gary had no option but to close the doors of La Piazza Restaurant & Pub, but shortly thereafter reopened as the take away, *La Piazza on the Go*, at new premises

In early 2021, the property adjacent to Placid Waters Resort on the Lagoon came up for sale. Jumping at the opportunity, Gary decided to open The Oysters Edge Restaurant which he operated until he finally decided to retire to Robertson in 2025, after some 25 years in Sedgefield.

There is no arguing that Gary and Renee were loved and admired by many people who passed through their establishments' doors over the years. Their contribution to the community will always be remembered and our loss will certainly be Robertson's gain!



SMUTSVILLE PRIMÈR GRADUATES

These five students were high-achievers amongst the graduates at their school's prize-giving evening held on 5 November 2025. They are back left to right Anoescha Kiewits, Jade Marcus, Desmonique Oktober, Front left to right Mischa Boesak, Christen Saaiman

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Knysna Municipality is committed to transparency, integrity and good governance. We urge every resident, visitor, business owner and employee to play an active role in protecting our community by reporting any suspected fraud, corruption or misconduct, anonymously and without fear.

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"Corruption robs every resident of the services and future they deserve," he adds, "Only by standing together, residents and municipality, can we root it out, rebuild trust and create the inclusive, innovative and inspired Knysna we all want."

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Jayden Solomons is one such glorious ray! He joined RLC in 2021 after battling at his previous school. "There were many obstacles in our journey but slowly a potential leader started to form – I'm sure he felt it too," Vinessa says, "Even whilst things were progressing

well, he hit one or two more speed bumps but Jayden managed to overcome them and moved on."

The lad eventually graduated from RLC to go to Olympia School of Skills in 2025.

"Academically he has done well," says Vinessa, "But his heart is on the sports field."

She's certainly right about that - Jayden was recently awarded colours for making the SWD Athletics squad, and won the award for Best Goalkeeper Soccer.

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KIG & Knysna Muni sign MOU

by Eugene Vermaak of Knysna Infrastructure Group

The Knysna Infrastructure Group (KIG) is pleased to announce the signing of an over-arching Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Knysna Municipality (KM). This agreement establishes a formal framework for cooperation between public, private, and civic partners to drive sustainable service delivery, social upliftment, and environmental restoration throughout Knysna and its surrounding region.

The KIG expresses its sincere appreciation to the Executive Mayor, Councillor Thando Matika; the Municipal Manager, Dr. Lulamile Mapholoba; the Knysna Municipal Council; and all other leaders and stakeholders whose decisive leadership has made this milestone possible.

This MOU is not limited to a single initiative. It provides the foundation under which multiple collaborative projects can be launched and managed — each guided by shared values of transparency, inclusivity, service delivery and environmental responsibility.

The first flagship initiative to emerge under this framework is the PROJECT CHARTER: Ensuring the Environmental Health of the KNYSNA ESTUARY.

This charter defines the cooperative approach toward restoring, protecting, and maintaining the long-term ecological health of the Knysna Estuary — one of South Africa's most sensitive and iconic marine ecosystems.

As the project evolves, specific sub-charters will be developed to address its various components, including infrastructure, research, conservation, and community development.

Current partners to the CHARTER include:

1. Knysna Municipality (KM)
2. Knysna Infrastructure Group (KIG)
3. Greater Knysna Business Chamber (GKBC)
4. South African National Parks (SANParks)
5. Knysna Estuary Research Foundation (KERF)
6. R O T A R Y K n y s n a (Education)
7. Garden Route District Municipality

This collaborative group is expected to grow as the scope of the over-arching CHARTER expands, inviting additional organisations, funders, and specialists to contribute to Knysna's sustainable future.

The shared objectives of the partnership include:

- Protection of vulnerable and endangered species, such as the Knysna Seahorse.
- Community upliftment, through economic growth for local business, education, skill development, and job creation aligned with environmental care.
- Enhanced environmental monitoring and data integrity, addressing not only E. coli content but also food-chain stability, habitat resilience, and previously unidentified vulnerabilities.

This initiative reflects a genuinely apolitical and collaborative model — proof that public-private partnerships can deliver measurable outcomes, stimulate local opportunity, and strengthen environmental stewardship.

Recognising the key aspect of long-term sustainable change and that meaningful restoration takes time, all partners view this as a long-term, evolving commitment. It will rely on sustained



L-R : MM Dr Lulamile Mapholoba, KIG Chairperson Eugene Vermaak , Executive Mayor Thando Matika, MMC Infrastructure Russel Arends

collaboration, transparent governance, and a robust, ongoing funding programme, permanent deployment of resources, supported by sponsors, donors, and institutional partners.

The Knysna Infrastructure Group believes this model can

serve as a template for similar collaborations across South Africa, showing how Private / Public partnerships, including community involvement can work to achieve improved service delivery, environmental sustainability and social economic growth.

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EIA PROCESS: Notification of Public Participation:

The Proposed Mixed-Use and Conservancy on the Remainder of Erf 1627, Sedgefield

Notice is hereby provided in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), the National Environmental Management Act: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended, of a 30-day Public Participation Process to be undertaken under the authority of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). The Public Participation Process will run from 12/11/2025 – 12/12/2025.

The following EIA Listed Activities are applicable:
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The proposed development comprises a commercial, group housing, open space areas for recreational use, conservation area and urban agriculture on approximately 26.62 ha.

A Background Information Document (BID) and relevant appendices will be sent via email to all registered Interested and Affected Parties/ I&APs for public review and comment. Alternatively, all relevant documents may be accessed via our website during the public participation period. Should you wish to gain further information regarding the project or wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (details below). Please provide written comments with your name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which you may have in the development.

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Few people, other than people with diabetes themselves, fully appreciate the psychological burden of living with diabetes type 1 or type 2 and the daily effort required for successfully managing such a serious condition over the long term.

"The alarming statistic that four out of five diabetics worldwide at some point experience 'diabetic burnout', struggling to manage their treatment, is very concerning. No one chooses diabetes, yet unless it is properly monitored and controlled, it can

lead to immediate and lifelong health risks," says pharmacist Sameera Kumandan.

"Ahead of the holiday season, it is especially important to ensure a continuous supply of your oral or injectable diabetes medication and to keep to your routine to avoid some of the potential dangers and temptations that can easily distract you from keeping your blood glucose levels in the healthy range at this time of year."

Both very high and very low blood glucose levels can quickly become medical emergencies, she explains. "Diabetic ketoacidosis [DKA] happens when blood sugar levels become dangerously high, often caused by missed insulin doses or insufficient insulin in the body, and it may require hospitalisation. On the other hand, very low blood sugar levels, known as hypoglycaemia, can result in seizures, loss of consciousness, or even coma," she warns, adding "Sometimes patients are tempted to overcompensate with insulin and other medications when they know they haven't been adhering to their medication regimen or diet. This can be dangerous unless under a healthcare practitioner's guidance. It is not recommended at all as it can result in extremely altered glucose levels, causing severe damage to the body."

"With any chronic or lifelong illness, we need to understand that maintaining a daily routine is crucial and helps to remove some of the stress of navigating

life. With diabetes, disrupted treatment can potentially lead to extreme levels of either hyperglycaemia or hypoglycaemia, causing damage to the body's organs, blood vessels and nerves.

"To help prevent irreversible harm to the eyes, kidneys, heart, nerves and vessels, monitoring and controlling blood glucose is essential all year round to avoid the extremes of high or low blood sugar that may even cause diabetic coma and, tragically, can sometimes be fatal," the pharmacist insists.

Glucometers, glucose testing strips, lancets, and insulin pumps help track and control blood sugar levels. Some glucometers automatically digitally record blood sugar readings. Also available are insulin pumps and sensors referred to as CGMs [continuous glucose monitors] to continuously monitor blood glucose levels and administer the correct amount of insulin, without the person having to check their blood sugar and inject themselves.

"Pharmacists are here to support our patients, so they don't have to ever feel alone on their diabetes journey. Diabetes is a lifelong illness that does not take a holiday, so if you have diabetes, please continue with your medication, monitoring glucose levels, watch your diet over the festive season and eat treats in moderation, choosing healthier alternatives wherever possible," Kumandan says.

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KADC : A Lifeline Facing Financial Challenges

For nearly three decades, the Knysna Alcohol and Drug Centre (KADC) has been a beacon of hope for communities in the Greater Knysna and Bitou Municipal Area.

Since its inception, KADC has been at the forefront of combating the devastating impact of substance abuse by providing lifesaving services, including prevention awareness programs, early intervention, and aftercare support. Its mission is clear: to create substance abuse-free communities where individuals can regain dignity, freedom, and the ability to contribute positively to society.

The Centre's core services include community engagement through awareness programs, early identification and support for individuals at the onset of substance use, and robust re-integration and aftercare programs that assist recovering individuals with their return to society. These services remain

critical as the crisis of substance abuse escalates in the region. However, KADC now faces considerable financial challenges. The demand for its programmes has grown significantly, but limited funding and resource constraints hamper its ability to respond effectively. The funding currently received from the Western Cape Department of Social Development covers only post-funding social worker salaries, leaving operational costs such as staff salaries and monthly expenses uncovered.

In response to these challenges, the KADC Board and staff have launched numerous fundraising initiatives, including the "Back a Buddy" donation campaign, community events such as Chicken Braai and Boerewors sales, and an art evening featuring local and international artist Stanley Grootboom. Upcoming events are planned to further raise vital funds.

The centre appeals urgently for

financial support to bridge its current funding shortfalls, with donation options ranging from R500 to R2,500. All donations are vital to sustaining the Centre's life-changing work and ensuring that no individual or family battling addiction in the Greater Knysna and Plettenberg Bay area is left without help.

Transparency is a cornerstone of KADC's operations, with detailed annual reports available to donors, underscoring the responsible use of every contribution.

In these challenging times, the Knysna Alcohol and Drug Centre remains an essential lifeline for vulnerable community members. Continued financial support is critical to sustaining its mission and helping those affected by addiction rebuild their lives and futures.

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Club Report

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Ladies' Golf

Club Report

Friday, 7 November 25
Seventeen ladies were up bright and breezy for the earlier starting time and we were all thrilled to welcome Janet back into the fold. This week we played ONES and the final of the knockout between Elize Mackenzie-Blom and Charlene Blacker. This was closely contested and **Charlene Blacker reigned victorious with 35 points and Elize Mackenzie-Blom had 31 points.** Many congratulations to you both for reaching the final. The ONES competition was won convincingly by Marie Joubert on 21 points. She played 5 under her handicap - an outstanding achievement.
Second place was closely contested with a count out between Charlene Blacker and Ronnie Maingard on 18 points. Second place went to Charlene

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – Cathedral Cellar Chardonnay 2023

It is an interesting use of a dark glass bottle for a white wine. The slightly different front label depicts the inside of a wine cellar, in gold. There is no definite back label. The front label wraps about two thirds of the way around the bottle, offering a bit of history, as well as tasting notes. Abv. 13.5%

The wine has a dark straw colour and only a few legs were visible.

No flaws were found on the nose. Aromas of orange peel and lime carry through to the tasting. It is a well balanced chardonnay, with a hint of oak in the background.

The wine has a medium length mouth feel, with the lingering flavours of orange and lemon.

Carols by Candlelight



Sedgfield Lions annual 'Carols by Candlelight' will be taking place on Friday 19 December from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, on the Village Green in front of the Lions Clubhouse.

There is no entrance fee and everyone is welcome to start this special season with Ken and Felicity Ironside and their singing crew. Please bring your picnic as well as your blanket/chairs, and of course your whole family!

Candles will be on offer for an optional donation. The Lions will also be raffling a 'Build your own Gingerbread House', just in time for Christmas.

Challenge will take place on 1 December.

The club has now included an afternoon for juniors with the first one being a great success. The club extends an open invitation to youngsters who are keen to play. The contact details are available on the website. Non-members are welcome to attend. If you so desire you may join the club at a later date.



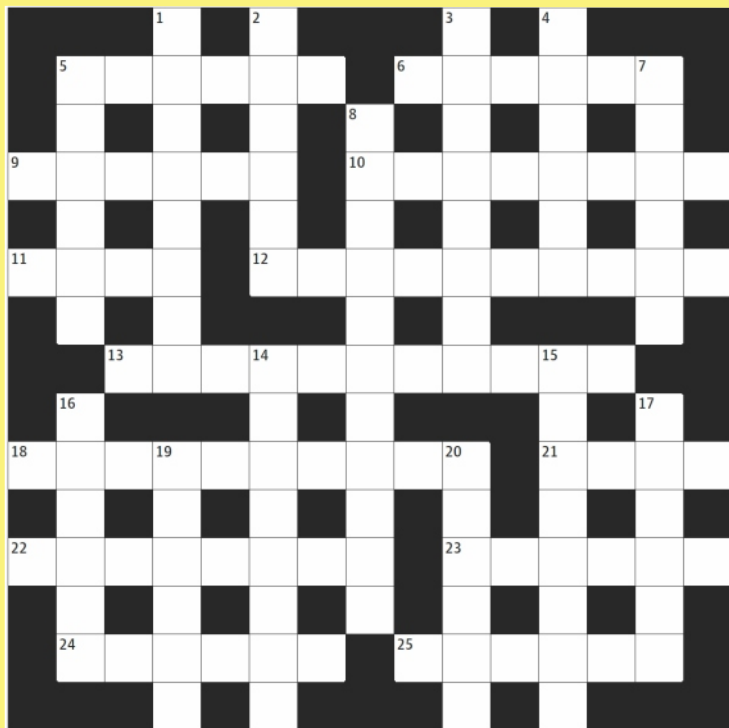
Wian, John and Bruce

The club is sociable and all members of the greater community are welcome to join.

TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across.

5. Look, now and then, for Margery Daw's predecessor. (6)
6. Where you might go to see Barbie for little appreciative gifts. (6)
9. Nervous about where you are putting your answers. (2,4)
10. Sun breaking on spoutless kettle may put you at sixes and sevens. (8)
11. Stretched, one hears what the teacher did. (4)
12. A brief visit to the petting farm hangs in the balance. (5-3-2)
13. It's tense when nostalgia remembers no mistakes. (4,7)
18. An ideal time to receive that gift. (3,7)
21. You might hit one if you miss one. (4)
22. Keen on action? That's good advice. (8)
23. Getting your teeth into a large can inside. (6)
24. Quieten Sedgfield occupants who were a little uneasy. (6)
25. Won so much back then. (3,3)
Down
1. Have it in for them - mostly at Ted - never totally going back. (8)
2. For the deceased, the New Testament exists, though not presently evident. (6)
3. As second in command, might she focus on service? (4-4)
4. He had a measure of energy somewhat new to Namibia. (6)
5. Beach Alan hopped on in summer-wear. (6)



7. Stored food is making a comeback, adding a 4/5 measure of lager. (6)
8. We're told sci-fi camping equipment will be something in years to come. (6,5)
14. He is in with the conservatives, spouting ideas. (8)
15. Can't be outside on the street, on a permanent basis. (8)

16. T-shirt design was long for water consumption. (6)
17. Sift something to win with now. (6)
19. 'Pregnant', with a rootless vine on the walk-way. (6)
20. Thanks for the jeers, though they are socially inappropriate. (6)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 8. Congratulations 9. Strove 10. Tarragon 11. Alienate 12. Axioms 13. Lambast 16. Already 19. Abseil 21. Charisma 24. Crusader 25. Nettle 26. Jehovahs Witness
Down: 1. Tortilla 2. Ignore 3. Camera 4. Further 5. Hairball 6. Finalise 7. Informs 14. Bless you 15. Salad Bar 17. Demolish 18. Actress 20. Borneo 22. Auntie 23. Intent



Blacker with 11 and Ronnie Maingard came third with 10. Birdies went to Michelle Michelle J Gilchrist (5), Ronnie Maingard, Charlene Blacker (14, 17), Wendy Mack (5). Nearest the pin went to Marina van der Westhuizen and Wendy Mack. Congratulations to Michelle Michelle J Gilchrist for playing 1 under her handicap.

Friday, 14 November 25, dawned as a beautiful day for golf. Fifteen ladies took part in a Progressive Alliance format, and the results were as follows:
1st place (82 points): Barbara Renfield, Clare Garner and Sylvia de Moor. 2nd place (78 points): Brenda Howden, Charlene Blacker and Ronnie Maingard. Congratulations to Barbara

Renfield, who played two under her handicap; to Elize Mackenzie-Blom and Clare Garner for winning the nearest-the-pin prizes; and to our birdie ladies — Clare Garner and Elize Mackenzie-Blom with one each, and Sylvia de Moor and Marina van der Westhuizen with two each. Well done to all the winners

SOCIAL BRIDGE RESULTS

6 November
1st: Ann & Brian
2nd: Ina & Carol
3rd: Christel & Willem

13 November
1st: Keiran & Terry
2nd: Ina & Carol
3rd: Johann & Thinus

SEDGFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

20 October :
1 67.7% Paddy & Bernard
2 61.4% Johann & Thinus
3 54.1% Pam & Colin
27 October :
1 60.6% Irene & Linda
2 59.7% Ann & Robyn
3 55.5% Pam & Colin
3 November :
1 65.9% Kieran & Terry
2 63.1% Pam & Colin
3 54.1% Irene & Linda
10 November :
1 63.6% Carol & Doug
2 60.7% Paul & Rodney
3 52.3% Irene & Linda

THE SPORTS EDGE

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LSP GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER

by Nerina Kruger

Laerskool Sedgefield Primary hosted its annual Golf Day on Sunday, 9 November 2025, attracting an enthusiastic field of 94 golfers who came out to support the school's fundraising efforts. The event delivered a full day of friendly competition, community spirit, and fun on the course.

This year's Golf Day was proudly supported by the main sponsors, Pick n Pay Family Store Sedgefield and Engen 1-Plus

Sedgefield, whose generous contributions helped make the event possible. Their ongoing dedication to the school and community played a key role in the success of the day.

Thanks to the incredible support from sponsors and players, the school successfully raised R45 000, which will go towards school improvements.

A special word of thanks goes to all the hole sponsors, who kept the golfers hydrated, entertained, and motivated throughout the

course. Their involvement added energy and excitement to every hole and contributed greatly to the overall experience.

The school extends its heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated and helped make the 2025 Golf Day a memorable and meaningful event.



Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



We can finally catch our breath after the excitement (and exhaustion) of the 2025 Barefoot Bowls and say thanks to our wonderful sponsors - Pick n Pay, Rietvallei Wines, and South Coast Lifestyle Properties.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the world

At the 2025 Bowls World Cup in Malaysia, standout achievement for SA was Jarid James's bronze medal in the Para Men's Singles - our sole podium finish. (One can't help but wonder if Rassie Erasmus ever rolled a bowl? And if not... could we tempt him?)

At home in Eden

On Thursday, 30 October, the Protea Cup, our annual Eden District mixed sixes tournament, once again brought fierce but friendly rivalry to Sedgefield Bowling Club. Sponsored by Personal Trust for the past seven years, this fast-moving format combines singles, pairs, and trips - perfect for spectators and perfect for bragging rights.

This year, Gerry Botha's Sedgefield Team comprising Charles Fontini, Graeme Bawden, Chris and Ronel Baker, and Joey Booyesen - clinched victory by a narrow 62-59 margin over Andrew Hynch's Knysna team.

Hot on their heels was Ann Dold's crew of Ros Macmillan, Vanessa Marx, Martin Simonec, Conrad Prinsloo, and Johan le Roux - who finished third with the same number of points but a slightly smaller shot difference (28 to Knysna's 38).

Club Champions on the Rise

Our recently crowned club champions, Ann Dold and Robin Gibbs, are moving up in the Eden District bowling ranks, having both been selected to represent Sedgefield Bowling Club in the prestigious Eden Champs competition at Outeniqua Bowls Club next week.

Back on home turf

In a Sedgefield spin on Einstein's Theory of Relativity, we've observed that days get inexplicably shorter and calendars magically fuller as we roll towards the Silly Season.

To help everyone avoid double-booking (or triple-tabling), here's your Sedgefield Bowling Silly Season Schedule:

- Pledge Cup: 27 November
- Personal Trust Final Tabs & Prize Giving: 3 December
- Sedge Bowling Club Year-End Function: 5 December
- Islanders vs Villagers Competition: 16 December
- New Year's Eve Braai & Dance: 31 December

This is your free public service announcement, ensuring you've



bought the tickets, signed the forms, and stocked up on anti-inflammatories before the festivities begin. You're welcome!

"Why do they do it?" you might wonder.

Because lawn bowling is far more fun than lawn mowing! That's a wrap — see y'all on the mat!

SEDFIELD GENTS' GOLF

Club Report

Thursday, 6 November 25

There was an inordinately small field arrived for the day's competition as many of the G.C. members were obviously golfed out after the annual tour. As our town is in dire need of rain, the Captain arranged with the weather gods a downpour for the latter part of the day. Unfortunately these gods do not always understand the Scottish dialect and set it to pour down at the start of the day's competition, thus preventing any play. However, in compensation for this misunderstanding the selfsame weather gods provided a glorious day for the 13th, just in time for the Red, Black and Blue competition. This game means six off each of the aforesaid tees. This challenges each golfer to select the right club for distances to which he is unaccustomed, particularly with the Blue tees i.e. short holes.

It has often been quipped that Peter Heath, an aging member whose golf can only be defined as an endless series of tragedies, followed by an occasional miracle, has a fantastic short game. Unfortunately, it is off the tee.

But this gentleman, who never allows a crude word to pass his lips in spite of his calamitous golf, always seems to have the last laugh. This was particularly obvious with this competition as there are obviously six very short holes. The 31 handicapper took full advantage of this format to amass a fantastic 44 points, scoring five points on one hole and four on two others. He was five clear of the nearest competitor, Peter Schnetler, who could only accumulate 39 points. Glenn Mauchline took third spot with 38 after a countout with Hans Anema.

The Captain reminded all that the following week would be the last Monthly Mug of the year and that all players were to wear their Engen/Pick n Pay sponsored shirts.

TIDE TABLE

19 Nov - 3 Dec 2025

● Full Moon 5 December 2025

Wed Nov 19 2025
low tides 08:45 21:16
high tides 03:00 14:59
sunrise 05:15 sunset 19:15
moonrise 04:20 moonset 18:47

Thu Nov 20 2025
low tides 09:14 21:43
high tides 03:30 15:27
sunrise 05:14 sunset 19:16
moonrise 04:53 moonset 19:46

Fri Nov 21 2025
low tides 09:44 22:11
high tides 03:58 15:56
sunrise 05:14 sunset 19:17
moonrise 05:32 moonset 20:44

Sat Nov 22 2025
low tides 10:14 22:41
high tides 04:27 16:26
sunrise 05:13 sunset 19:18
moonrise 06:17 moonset 21:38

Sun Nov 23 2025
low tides 10:47 23:12
high tides 04:57 16:58
sunrise 05:13 sunset 19:19
moonrise 07:09 moonset 22:27

Mon Nov 24 2025
low tides 11:22 23:46
high tides 05:29 17:32
sunrise 05:12 sunset 19:19
moonrise 08:06 moonset 23:10

Tue Nov 25 2025
low tide 12:04
high tides 06:06 18:12
sunrise 05:12 sunset 19:20
moonrise 09:07 moonset Wed

Wed Nov 26 2025
low tides 00:26 12:57
high tides 06:53 19:03
sunrise 05:12 sunset 19:21
moonrise 10:09 moonset -

Thu Nov 27 2025
low tides 01:15 14:12
high tides 07:59 20:10
sunrise 05:11 sunset 19:22
moonrise 11:11 moonset 00:20

Fri Nov 28 2025
low tides 02:22 15:50
high tides 09:29 21:38
sunrise 05:11 sunset 19:23
moonrise 12:14 moonset 00:49

Sat Nov 29 2025
low tides 03:57 17:16
high tides 10:50 23:06
sunrise 05:11 sunset 19:24
moonrise 13:18 moonset 01:17

Sun Nov 30 2025
low tides 05:24 18:17
high tide 11:50
sunrise 05:11 sunset 19:25
moonrise 14:24 moonset 01:45

Mon Dec 01 2025
low tides 06:23 19:07
high tides 00:15 12:40
sunrise 05:11 sunset 19:26
moonrise 15:33 moonset 02:13

Tue Dec 02 2025
low tides 07:12 19:53
high tides 01:11 13:27
sunrise 05:11 sunset 19:27
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