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So where do we find the most
legendary burgers in Sedge?

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS



Details are scant, but the NSRI yesterday reported the rescue of an elderly gentleman (name withheld), who had been caught unawares in the rip current off Myoli Beach, Sedgefield.

The NSRI Rescue Craft Lavenia reached the man just in time as his ungainly swim suit and extensive facial hair had already become totally waterlogged, making it difficult for him to stay afloat.

"The poor guy was clearly exhausted and quite delirious, when I hauled him on board," said off-duty NSRI team member Gehard Rosenman, "He kept asking me whether I'd been naughty or nice this year, and tried to commandeer the boat for 'urgent deliveries'!"

Whilst the man's own unseaworthy craft is still to be extracted from the water, it seems he was at least able to release the nine exotic antelope that had been attached to it.

Indeed, Sedgefield Animal Matters team has since reported that all nine made it to shore more or less unscathed. "We can confirm that they are in good health," said Manager Kirsty Hofhuis, "Though we are keeping our eye on one of them as it seems to have a very shiny nose."

PROVINCE JETS IN FOR CRISIS TALKS

On Monday 15 December, the Western Cape Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, MEC Anton Bredell, the Director-General of the Western Cape Government, Dr. Harry Malila, and the Head of the Western Cape Department of Local Government, Graham Paulse, visited Knysna to assess the municipality's water challenges following Council's recent declaration of a 'Local State of Emergency' due to the ongoing water crisis.

The visit formed part of ongoing efforts to strengthen intergovernmental cooperation after the municipality formally requested assistance from both provincial and national government in the areas of water and sanitation.

The municipality hosted the engagement on 4 December, convening municipal leadership and technical teams alongside senior

representatives from national and provincial government to conduct an in-depth review of the current water situation and the contingency measures being implemented to safeguard supply.

The session aimed to assess the severity of the challenges, evaluate existing interventions, and explore areas where provincial and national support can be strengthened to ensure both immediate relief and long-term water security.

The delegation was led by Paulse, and included senior officials from the National Department of Water and Sanitation, provincial engineers, hydrologists, geohydrologists, and specialists in infrastructure management and emergency response. Engagements focused on the status of local water sources, consumption trends, system constraints, and the municipality's contingency planning.

Level 4 water restrictions were implemented from 3 December 2025, introducing stricter limits on non-essential water use. The municipality emphasised that public cooperation remains critical to reducing pressure on the system, noting increasing non-compliance and sustained high consumption levels despite ongoing awareness campaigns.

Following the engagement, the delegation conducted site visits to Charlesford, where critical infrastructure and operational challenges were assessed firsthand. These site inspections provided valuable insight into system constraints and informed discussions around prioritising support and technical interventions.

The delegation affirmed its support for the municipality's current and planned interventions and committed to working within established government frameworks to expedite approvals, unlock resources

where possible, and ensure coordinated responses across all spheres of government. It was agreed that water security is a shared responsibility.

Knysna Executive Mayor Cllr Thando Matika said "Water underpins the health of our communities, sustains our local economy, and protects our natural heritage. Today's engagement affirms that Knysna is not confronting these challenges alone. In partnership with national and provincial government, and with the cooperation of our residents, we remain committed to working relentlessly to stabilise water supply and to strengthen long-term resilience."

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Mayor Matika shares a light moment with Western Cape MEC Anton Bredell whilst on a site visit as part of the water crisis talks.

Notes from T'Ed's Head

Tis the season to be ... cleaning?

Ahhh, the sounds of the bells,
The braaivleis smells,
The calling of all to be jolly,
Tis the time of good cheer
For all of us here,
Except my wife, who has gone
off her trolley!

Whilst most are relaxing,
From a year that's been taxing,
And spending days in ways that
are meaningful,
Mrs Ed, bless her heart,
Won't let celebrations start,
Until at least two weeks have
been cleaning!

"It's the twelfth of December,"
I say, "So remember,
It's time that we chill on the
couch!"
But she cries, "Hang on!
There's work to be done,
And now's not the time we
should slouch!"

She starts off quite small,
By sweeping the hall,
And perhaps a light changing of
linen,
But soon she's a-fluster
With dustpan and duster
And I sense this is just the
beginning!

From morning to night,
She continues the fight,
Of mopping and cleaning ad-
nauseum,

There are floors to be scrubbed,
Silver plate to be rubbed,
And windows to be cleaned
without pauseum.

The vacuum cleaner (Kirby),
Goes on at four thirty,
And doesn't stop 'til it's twice
done all floors,
I fear our neighbours,
May rattle their sabres,
And declare that we're breaking
by-laws.

I, myself, should confess,
That this all leads to stress,
And strain I barely can stomach,
It's so hard to sleep,
When one has to keep,
Taking down and relocating
one's hammock!

But what is the reason?
She spends half the season,
Assuring T'Ed mansion's spick n
span?
Well, I'll tell you the story,
(I hope it's not bore-y),
Why this is her Great Christmas
Plan.

'Twas back in '98,
That we first sealed our fate,
Having moved from Zim down
to Sedge,
"We are here at the coast!"
Was our widespread boast.
"Come and visit, we've got some
spare beds!"

Perhaps we weren't thinking,
Or maybe not linking,



The fact that we lived near the
beach,
To the floods of 'Yesses'
And the fastest-growing guest
list.

From all that our email could
reach.

And then they arrived,
(This may sound contrived,
but I'm telling it as I remember),
With suitcase en masse,
("Dis my Tas", said one lass)
ALL around the twelfth of
December.

There were fourteen Zim family,
(from grandson to Grannily),
As well as the five from UK,
And an uncle called Fienberg
Who drove down from Winberg
Forgetting to bring his toupee.

My old mate from Oz,
Just pitched, saying "Cos,
Remember, you owe me a beer!"
And Great Aunty Sue,
Brought along Hubby Two,
(Hubby One, she had pushed off
a pier).

Cousin Pete from Glen Eden,
And his dog that was vegan,
And Tess, Tim and Terry from
Tyne,
Then there's 'dry Uncle Clive',
Who chose to arrive,
After sinking three bottles of
wine.

One anonymous weirdo,
Who sported a 'Spierdo',
Took to the swimming of laps,
(We never did learn his name,
Or indeed why he came,
But he's in all the holiday snaps!)

And Cousin Lee's girl,
(The one with the curls),
And her brother, who won't stay
without her,
Then her flatmate named Agnes
Who swam about topless.
(Apart from that, we know
nothing about her)

So, our house was just busting,
With no room for dusting,
Or cleaning or mopping the tiles.
The bathrooms were packed
And the bedrooms were stacked
With towering laundry piles.

Mrs Ed (the poor dear),
Could just watch in fear,
As the pots overflowed out the
door,
All day she spent pondering,
If the neighbours were
wondering
If the total would pass 34.

The final crunch came,
(and I won't mention names)
When one of the guests got all
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But there's hair in this drain,
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IFSM WRAPS UP MANAGEMENT

After seven years of groundbreaking work, conservationist Johnny Snyman has announced that the Invasive Fish Species Management NPC (IFSM) has formally closed its operations, including invasive carp management at Groenvlei Lake in Goukamma Nature Reserve (under CapeNature) and Island Lake in the Wilderness Section of Garden Route National Park (under SANParks).

The decision follows an end of the partnership the project had with Gift of the Givers (GoTG).

IFSM has left a legacy of ecological wins that should be celebrated – the most well-known being the battle against the exponential growth of invasive carp numbers in Groenvlei, and the resultant distribution of the harvested fish as a healthy source of protein to embattled communities during the Covid Crisis of 2020.

It all began in March 2018, when Snyman conceived, pioneered, and launched the carp control initiative at Groenvlei, using an unconventional but scientifically refined method of bowfishing from customised boats. This after the pristine waters of this national heritage, spring-fed lake showed rapid decline as the invasive fish took over.

With CapeNature and SANParks exemption permits in place,

IFSM imported specialised gear and developed a tailored hunting approach, also assisting Nelson Mandela University's Institute for Coastal and Marine Research (CMR) with carp population estimates.

"We cherished our professional collaboration with NMU/CMR, who later provided gillnets that supercharged our efforts during COVID-19, exponentially boosting catches," said Snyman.

Over seven years, IFSMs operations led to a massive reduction in the carp population in Groenvlei's fragile freshwater ecosystems, removing over 40 tons of invasive Common Carp from the Garden Route - 21,463.88 kg via bowfishing alone.

It was in May 2020, amid the COVID 19 pandemic's hardships, that the project became a community lifeline, when IFSM conceptualised and initiated the Groenvlei Carp Community Feeding Program.

"We contacted CapeNature, securing their approval for the idea of using the responsibly harvested carp to feed disadvantaged locals. Thereafter we approached GoTG Western Cape, asking them to handle distribution," Snyman explained. "In essence, it was a real win-win situation - turning invasive fish into nutritious meals for unemployed families and vulnerable residents."

Meanwhile, a number of Sedgefield locals also took the project to heart – most notably Gill Thomas who played a starring role early on, generously sponsoring the first nets and later covering costs to register IFSM as a non-profit organisation.

"This allowed the project to grow from strength to strength, unifying bowfishing with gillnets for greater impact," said Snyman.

He is determined that the project's success was built on teamwork, saying that the removal of 40 tons of carp, the restoration of ecosystems and the feeding of impoverished communities would not have happened without an incredible team.

As well as Gill Thomas, he offers heartfelt thanks to Prof. Mandy Lombard, Dr. Minke Witteveen, Anita of Montecello, Stuart Lidstone of Lake Pleasant, and his bowhunting and gillnetting warriors Louie and Charlene Walshe, Anton du Plessis, Morne Coetzee, Mario Du Plooi, William Hodges, Rudi Swanepoel, Ando Snyman, Andre Pienaar, and Johnny Dixon.

"This selfless gang of fishermen often went home covered in carp slime after late-night lake missions," he told us.

IFSM has notified CapeNature

Hear's to the Holidays!

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of its closure, returned all equipment (including NMU/CMR gillnets), and shut down operations. Snyman has also issued a full statement on the IFSM Face Book page.

Whilst the closure of the project ends a conservation era, its story surely proves what dedicated locals can achieve: science-led conservation, food security, and a breakable camaraderie.



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Cheers to a Merry Christmas!

Talking Conservation

Drie Valleyen

Reducing My Environmental Impact while Christmas Shopping

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

The Christmas holiday season goes hand in hand with joy, generosity, and celebration. Yet, it also brings a surge in consumerism that has significant environmental consequences. From excessive packaging to carbon-heavy shipping and pollution, Christmas shopping often leaves a large ecological footprint. However, by making conscious choices, we can reduce our impact on the environment while still enjoying the festive spirit.

Mindful gift selection:
Choose sustainable products: select items made from recycled, organic, or ethically sourced materials. For example, bamboo kitchenware or clothing made from organic cotton or, plants and natural bio-stimulants to restore soil functions.

Support local artisans: Buying locally produced gifts or decorations reduces transportation emissions and supports community businesses.

Give experiences instead of things: Concert tickets, cooking classes, memberships or an overnight hike nearby creates memories without generating waste.

Reduce packaging waste: by always take your own shopping bags.

Avoid excessive wrapping: Use reusable gift bags, fabric wraps, or recycled paper.

Skip single-use plastics: Gifts often come with unnecessary plastic packaging. Seek brands that minimize or eliminate it.

DIY wrapping: Old newspapers, maps, or children's artwork can be repurposed creatively.

This day, and the rest of December, should remind us that protecting our soil is not just an environmental responsibility, it is a responsibility tied to global health, food security, and the future of generations to come. But what are the threats to our soil and why are there threats?

Soil erosion: Wind and water erosion remove topsoil, the nutrient-rich layer required for farming. This results in lower agricultural productivity, land degradation and siltation of our rivers and estuaries. Erosion happens because of deforestation, overgrazing, runaway veldfires, agricultural practices, urban development and not staying on demarcated walkways in sensitive areas.

Conscious consumerism:

Buy fewer, better-quality items:

Durable gifts last longer and reduce the cycle of disposal, with its environmental impact, and replacement.

Second-hand treasures:

Antique shops and recycle stores like Sam's, Hospice and other entities offer unique, affordable gifts with a lower environmental impact.

Charitable giving: Donations to environmental or social causes can be a meaningful alternative to material gifts.

Energy-smart decorations: LED lights consume far less energy than traditional bulbs and natural décor like pine cones, branches, and handmade ornaments reduce reliance on plastic decorations.

Reuse year after year: Invest in durable decorations instead of disposable ones.

On 5 December we also observed World Soil Day, a global initiative dedicated to raise awareness about the critical role soil plays in sustaining life on Earth, and to make our festive season possible. Soil may appear ordinary, something we walk on every day without a second thought, but it is one of the most essential natural resources that supports food production, biodiversity, clean water, climate regulation, and human survival itself.

Christmas shopping does not have to come at the expense of the planet or our soil. By prioritising sustainability with our shopping, reducing waste, and supporting ethical businesses, we can celebrate the season with joy and responsibility. Being aware of the threats to our soil will help to enhance, or correct, poor soils. The true spirit of Christmas lies not in excess, but in thoughtfulness - towards loved ones and the Earth alike. Let us all tread lightly on our earth this soil month.



HEY MOMS & DADS

There's a special North Pole Post Box in-store at Engen / Wimpy Sedgefield, and you are invited to bring your children with a letter telling Santa what their favourite sweets and chips are, as well as any other wishes they might have. They can also write letters here in-store on special stationary we have especially for them.

Early on 24 December we will choose five children and make their wishes come true! The entries close on 23 Dec and we will get the presents to the lucky kids by 24 Dec. (Please include an adult's contact details!)



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GIRL POWER SHINES AT LEGO ROBOTICS SHOWDOWN

By Lloyd Dicks

At the end of November, five talented teen girls, all members of the 1st Sedgefield Scouts Troop, took Cape Town by storm at the first 'LEGO League Challenge'. The team, made up of Knysna home-schoolers; Astrid, Alice and Arya Pearson, along with Sedgefield Seabridge students Jessica and Serena Dicks, proved that brains and teamwork beat experience.



Out of 28 teams from across Southern Africa, they clinched first place in the coveted "Core Values" category. This is the part of the competition that honours inclusion, discovery, innovation, teamwork, impact and, fun!

This team also impressively tied for fifth place in the 'Robot Games'! A stellar result for a team introduced to robotics less than nine months ago!

For context: the Challenge is more than just robot-building. Teams design, build and programme autonomous LEGO robots, develop solutions to real-world problems, and, most

importantly, embody what the FIRST programme calls the "Core Values".

A huge shout-out goes to Inkubeko Youth and Science Centre in George, which very generously sponsored 14 regional teams, including the four that advanced to the national event, ensuring that young innovators from smaller towns like Sedgefield get a shot. Credit and thanks must go to coach Sian Pearson and her husband James, whose

This is more than a win for five local girls, it's proof that curiosity, collaboration, and a bit of Lego-ing can open big doors. For more information on First Lego League, visit www.firstsa.org

For more information on Inkubeko, please visit [https://www.inkubeko.org.za/](http://www.inkubeko.org.za/)

CHRISTMAS EVE PARADE

Christmas Eve is soon upon us and we are excited to announce the parade route and estimated times. Santa and his elves are hard at work, busy packing lots of sweets for all the children coming to the see the parade. We invite the community and holiday makers to join in the festive spirit and meet Santa along the route.

24 December 2025

14:00 – 15:00 • Swartvlei Caravan Park
15:00 – 16:00 • Lake Pleasant Resort
16:00 – 17:00 • Fraser / Egret / Bandits (Tiffany's)
17:00 – 18:00 • Pelican Lane / Parakiet / Hoepoe / Uil / Berg-en-See
18:00 – 18:30 • Vink / Service Road / Spar / Pick n Pay / Shell Garage / Parrot
18:30 – 19:30 • Swallow / Lighthouse
19:30 – 20:30 • Makou / Volstruis / Raven
20:30 – 22:00 • Pili Pili / Claude Urban / Tasman / Coral Reef / Dover
22:00 – 22:30 • Sedgefield Mouth / Kingfisher

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Thank you for your support and to those who have donated sweets. If you would like to contribute or volunteer to be part of this fun event please contact me, as we do need volunteers to wear some of the Christmas outfits during the parade.

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Every 2nd Monday

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

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.

Wednesday 17th December

2-8pm Mosaic Christmas Market

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 (excl Dec)

Garden Route Astronomical Society meet @ 3pm at the George Botanical Gardens. 083 743 1690

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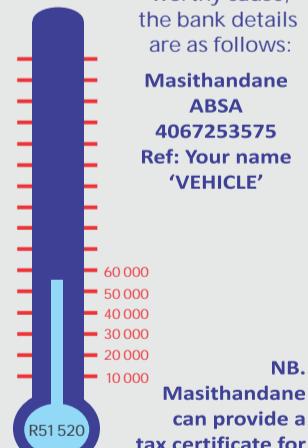
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In Loving Memory of my Wife Gloria Jean Kirkham April 1943 - November 2025

TO THE ONE I LOVED

Have you ever seen the rising sun peek through glistening trees or heard the distant cuckoo wafting in the breeze have you ever lingered in an autumn wood strewn with rainbow leaves or stopped to watch gently falling snow caress the hardened ground.



Have you ever gazed into the night at eternal waves of stars or thrilled to the pounding of raging seas or merely picked some springtime flowers. If none of these have moved your soul or caused your heart to beat a little faster, then you will never understand the one I loved, her face, her smile her laughter.

For she was all those things to me and more, and though I speak these words for all to hear, I dedicate them to the one I held so dear. And I hope that, in her moments of despair, remembrance of my love for her took away her tears.

Perhaps a smile, a girlish sunshine smile, will have brushed away her fears and eased the ache of passing years. To you my darling I gave my heart forever. I loved you more than mere words can ever say.

children who live in these environments. The lighthouse, shining even a faint beam, symbolises hope: that moment when someone realises there is a safe place to go, a listening ear, and a professional counsellor ready to help explore options. That small beam of light can be the beginning of change and new hope.

FAMSA Knysna has launched a new Gender-Based Violence (GBV) awareness campaign aimed at helping community members recognise the emotional warning signs of harmful relationships and offering hope.



LIGHTHOUSE MOVEMENT OF HOPE



Lighthouse's Veronica handing over to SK - Taxi Driver

We are all in relationships — some leave us feeling supported and valued, while others can leave us feeling deeply distressed. Many relationships are easy to walk away from, but others are far more complicated due to marriage, children, finances, or other ties. This campaign was born from a simple question: How do we reach people who may not realise that their emotionally or physically violent relationship is not "normal"?

The poster design reflects this reality. The large, shadowed figure represents the emotional darkness created by a hurtful relationship — a darkness that can overwhelm a person's wellbeing and deeply affect the

posters were intentionally designed to speak to everyone — whether literate or not — using the message "If a relationship makes you feel...", supported by clear, relatable emojis showing emotions such as sadness, anger, overwhelm, pain, and despair. The goal is to help individuals recognise how their relationships make them feel and to encourage them to seek help when those feelings become harmful or persistent.

Each poster includes FAMSA's contact details, along with a QR code linking directly to a confidential online counselling request form. FAMSA assures the community that anyone reaching out will receive a prompt response.

Distribution began in the week of 12 November. Veronica has been placing the posters in taxis, local malls, public toilets, and other high-visibility community spaces. "We hope that when people step into a taxi or walk through a mall, these posters will remind them of the importance of healthy relationships," FAMSA said. "If a relationship

leaves you feeling in despair, overwhelmed, or emotionally drained, it may be time to speak to someone you trust."

FAMSA encourages community members to keep an eye out for the posters around Knysna and surrounds — and to visit FAMSA's Facebook page to comment when they spot one, whether in a taxi, a shopping centre, or even behind a restroom door.

No one should endure a relationship that harms their mental, emotional, or physical wellbeing. "If a relationship is making you feel bad and affecting your sense of self," FAMSA urges, "reach out. Speak to someone in confidence. Help is available."

TAXI OWNERS! Be part of the Lighthouse Movement of Hope. If your taxi doesn't have a poster yet, come by the office and we'll put one up for you!

SPAZA and Shop Owners! Give FAMSA a call and we will add this poster to your community board.

Join the movement!

PIETER JOHN NELMAPIUS aka Gandalf the Great

A great tree has fallen the forests sigh the birds are swooping along with butterflies. The ocean is waiting to receive his form the beaches are empty but we must not be forlorn.



He left a legacy as a man fluent in love he's jamming with Bob Marley and the angels above. You will see his light if you look up tonight you will feel his joy in the heavens so bright. There is a large gathering walking him home, a heavenly rendezvous where he's always been known. Called back to the light he's run the race and he's left us with memories of his kindness and grace ...

Forever in our hearts his wife and soulmate Ally, his sons Philip, Ryan, Stephen, Dwain, Wihan and Vusi, his daughters Karin and Philicia, his beautiful grandson Joshua, his brother Ernest Nellmapius and his family, Ally's siblings and her family, his cousins too numerous to mention, his God son, Daniel and the Matebula family, and finally his wonderful friends in Sedgefield and all over the globe.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS : RONDEVLEI LEARNING CENTRE

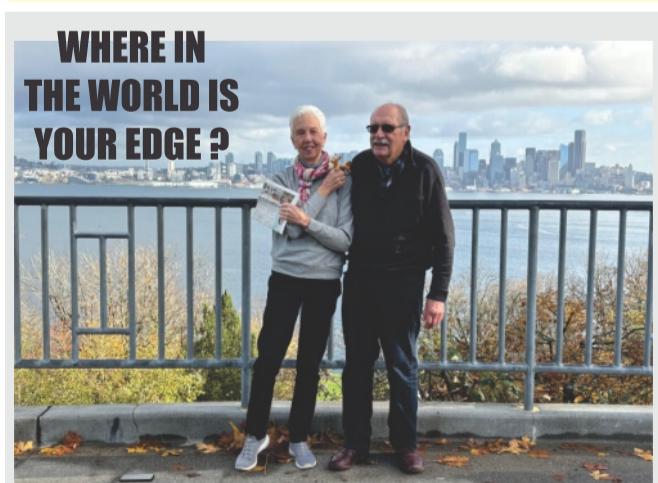
Rondevlei Learning Centre (RLC) is a small local institution catering for a limited number of children, aged 8 – 15, who struggle in the mainstream school system because of various difficulties. The children are more suited to a skills based education. The Centre is an NPC and the teaching is volunteer-based.

At present the children are taught in broad subject areas which include Basic Literacy in Afrikaans and English, Basic Numeracy, Natural Science and Environmental Studies, as well as life skills. They are also involved in practical activities such as food preparation and domestic chores, thus contributing to the running of RLC. Most of the children board at the school from Monday to Friday, going home on weekends and in the school holidays.

We would also welcome a non teaching volunteer who could manage our books (financial spread sheets) for us. If you think you could make a practical contribution, no matter how small, to this worthwhile community-based initiative, please contact Vinessa van Rensburg, via email, vinessavr@gmail.com to register your interest.

For further information, Please see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rondevlei/learningcentre/>

Thank you.
The RLC Board and Volunteer Team.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS YOUR EDGE ?
Ken and Loreine Saunders of Sedgefield, showing off their Edge Newspaper in Seattle, Washington. Also along for the photo opportunity was a little ceramic sculpture of a golden retriever called Jasper, who after enjoying time on the Garden Route eventually emigrated to Seattle.

YOU GOTTA DO THE GRABADOO

Mossel Bay (November 2025) - There's excellent news for acolytes of the Grootbrak Grabadoo, which sets off for the 22nd time on Wednesday 31 December from the Grootbrak Sports Grounds at 67 Long Street. As is always the case on this family-fun occasion, the well-tested cycling and run/walk routes will suit every entrant's fitness level. But this year, festivities will carry on beyond the finish line.

The continued support of local businesses and individuals has enabled organisers to spoil participants with Grabadoo buffs (for the first 1,500 paid entries), medals and magazines as keepsake reminders of their part in an event that plays out in the scenic surrounds and streets of Great Brak River – the pretty seaside village that's an integral part of ICONIC Mossel Bay's now famous Route 12.

Says race director Alewijn Dippenaar: "After last year's Grootbrak Grabadoo, a post-event survey revealed that people are keen to stay on for some after-action satisfaction. And so, we've arranged for adult finishers to each receive a Devil's Peak Lager, while kids will get cooldrinks to quench their thirst.

"Finishers' free copies of SOUTH Magazine and Cokes will be complemented by Spar boerie rolls for sale as well as stalls offering coffee, pancakes and other delights to prolong the good cheer that prevails at the Long Street race hub. We're pulling out all the stops to ensure this 22nd anniversary cements us as one of the Garden Route's best-loved family events."

Grootbrak Grabadoo offers a 4.8km run/walk route and mountain bike options over distances of 15km, 36km, 56km and 75km, thus catering for all tastes on some of the most picturesque tracks in the Southern Cape. Dippenaar says long-range riders will set off from the Great Brak Sport Grounds at 6am on 31 December.

"Both the 56km and 75km cycle routes include the

historic hamlet of Friemersheim and its surrounding forests – an added attraction for cyclists spoilt for choice when it comes to terrain variety and spectacular views. Pretty farmland forms a backdrop to both the dirt tracks and tarred parts of the routes, while The Big Dipper challenges even the fittest of riders."

Marshals along the way ensure that those riding shorter distances know where to go, with warning signs indicating sharp turns and descents to ensure cyclists' safety. Apart from said volunteers, the event creates 40-plus temporary employment opportunities. And, as per the norm, Garden Route businesses are stepping up to guarantee an unforgettable Old Year's Day.

"We thank transport partner Halfway Toyota and our event partners, Mossel Bay Tourism, as well as Hencor Construction, the local choice, Property Connect, De Dekke Spar & Savemore, Coke, SOUTH magazine and Coimbra Cycle House for getting onboard again. Volunteers from Grootbrak will help manning refreshment stations, while other local concerns contribute in the form of cash, products or services. This year, funds raised will benefit Firstcare Wildfire Support & Vorentoe Laerskool PTA.

Dippenaar says that kids under 12 enter for free, but will have to admire their elders' race memorabilia until they're old enough to earn their own buffs and medals. If you would like to contribute, email him at dyndev@mweb.co.za and check out Grootbrak Grabadoo on Facebook for further info.

Grootbrak Grabadoo has gained fame far and wide for the opportunity it affords families and their furry friends to explore this beautiful Garden Route destination. To book your place online visit www.pay.onlines.co.za/product/grabadoo/. Registration takes place on Tuesday 30 December from 8am to 5pm at Great Brak Sport Grounds. For pre-entries, pop in at Local Choice Pharmacy in Groot Brak River or Coimbra Cycle House in George.



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The local pharmacy in Grootbrak - Langstraat 97 / Coimbra in George - York Street
For more information, contact Mimi Finestone on 084 583 3144 or Alewijn Dippenaar on 082 457 5675.

www.facebook.com/Grabadoo



IT ALL ADDS UP



Toilet = 12-15 litres per flush

Shower = 15-18 litres every minute
(or 75-90 litres for a 5 minute shower)

Bath = 150-200 litres per bath
(at around 180mm deep)

Dishwasher = 40 - 75 litres per cycle
(depending on machine)

Handwashing Dishes = 10-30 litres
(depending on your efficiency)

Washing Machine = 90-150 litres per cycle
(depending on machine)

EXCITING PROGRAMME OF LOCAL EVENTS IN GREATER KNYSNA THIS SUMMER

The annual summer holiday in South Africa is finally here, and the Greater Knysna area is ready to welcome visitors from across the country and around the world.

Ms Lungiswa Goya, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism at Knysna Municipality, says the area is the perfect backdrop for relaxation and quality time with loved ones. "Visitors are spoilt for choice with six beautiful beaches in the area: Swartvlei and Myoli in Sedgefield, Brenton-on-Sea, Buffalo Bay, Bollard Bay on Leisure Island, and Noetzie Beach."

The Knysna Estuary is a favourite among boating enthusiasts and a haven for anglers and water sport lovers alike. "Every year, the estuary is jam-packed with boaters and water sports enthusiasts, and this year will be no exception. The Featherbed Beach Bar will also be open again - a fantastic 'feet-in-the-sand' lunch option."

As the most important estuary in South Africa for conservation and the only natural estuarine bay on the subcontinent, it must be enjoyed responsibly by visitors. Goya reminds visitors to stay within the main waterways. "Please keep to the areas marked

by channel markers and remember that the shallow grassy areas are home to many estuarine animals, including the endangered Knysna seahorse."

BLUE AND GREEN FLAG STATUS

Goya said Thesen Island once again received a Blue Flag for the Marina this year. "It was officially awarded Blue Flag Marina status on 8 October 2013 for the first time, and every year subsequently. The voluntary application for Blue Flag status must be renewed annually to ensure that all strict environmental criteria are met. Thesen Island falls within the Greater Garden Route National Park and works closely with SANParks, WESSA, Working for the Coast, NSRI and the Knysna Municipality to ensure they meet, and keep, the vigorous requirements required for Blue Flag Status."

Goya said Swartvlei Beach in Sedgefield was once again recognised as a standout eco-tourism destination, securing the esteemed Green Coast status from the Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa (Wessa) for the second consecutive year.

Knysna's events calendar is also bursting with activity. Goya says

the season kicked off with the annual Mayoral Friendly Roadblock on 12 December. "Visitors are spoilt for choice this year. Blackwater River Lodge has a fantastic family-friendly programme, and the Carols by Candlelight events at Leisure Isle, Knysna Mall and Sedgefield village - all in aid of local charities - will remind you of the special meaning of Christmas."

Live music lovers also have plenty to look forward to, with some of South Africa's top performers heading to Knysna. "Look out for the Better Live events at Blend, the Knysna Summer Festival at the High School grounds on Waterfront Drive, and the Get Lucky Summer event at Loerie Park. There are also several New Year's Eve celebrations to choose from. Visit our website for a full programme."

Goya said the Greater Knysna area has been experiencing extremely dry conditions in recent months. "We are currently under Level 4 water restrictions. Please enjoy the area responsibly and remain mindful of your water use. Lastly, but certainly not least, we hope you have a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you."

PLEASE SWIM SAFELY SAYS NSRI

As the summer school holidays start, the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and joyful festive season. We hope that everyone enjoys time with loved ones, takes the opportunity to recharge, and steps into the New Year refreshed.

At the same time, we strongly encourage people to prioritise safety, especially in and around water.

Over the past three weeks, NSRI rescue crews have seen a notable increase in emergency responses, many involving families and children on holiday at beaches, rivers, dams, and swimming pools.

"Public vigilance, lifeguard services, and community collaboration continue to save lives every day," says Andrew Ingram, NSRI Communications Manager.

"Pink Rescue Buoys have now been used in 230 rescues that we know of, with the most recent rescue where a Pink Buoy was used for a father and his daughter at Brenton-On-Sea near Knysna. The impact of Public Rescue Equipment and emergency flotation cannot be overstated."

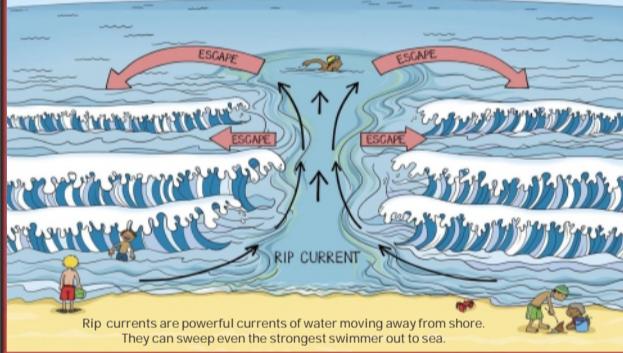
Recent Stats at a Glance:

- NSRI volunteers have responded to 13 drownings in progress in the past three weeks. Tragically, seven of these were fatal drownings. This does not include incidents that the NSRI was not called-out to.
- A combination of NSRI volunteers, NSRI lifeguards, and members of the public has saved twenty-five lives over this period.
- Five people have been rescued using Pink Rescue Buoys.
- Widespread use of the Free NSRI SafeTrx App and positive, proactive public involvement have all saved lives.

This holiday season, the NSRI

RIP CURRENTS Break the Grip of the Rip!

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IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

encourages everyone, families, and communities, to help prevent tragedies by staying informed and prepared.

Holiday Water Safety Tips:

1. Avoid alcohol when swimming or boating

Alcohol impairs judgment and may put your life at significant risk if you swim after drinking. When drinking alcohol, ask another responsible adult to supervise children in or near water. The same rules that apply to drinking and driving also apply to water.

2. Always supervise children

Drowning is silent. There is often no splash or cry for help. Keep young children within arm's reach and never take your eyes off them near water. Do not be distracted by your phone.

3. Swim where lifeguards are present

Choose to visit a beach where lifeguards are on duty and swim between the lifeguard flags. Most

beachgoers can't identify rip currents. Lifeguards can. If you're caught in a current, float, wave for help, and swim sideways out of the current before heading back to shore.

4. If someone else is in danger in the water:

- Call for help.
- Give them something that floats (a Pink Rescue Buoy!).
- Only attempt a rescue if you have flotation and are confident in your ability. Even strong swimmers should not enter the water to attempt a rescue without something that floats.

5. Save emergency numbers

- Call 112 from any cell phone (a free call which connects to all emergency services).
- NSRI Emergency Operations Centre: 087 094 9774. One call can activate any Sea Rescue station nationwide.
- Simply Google "NSRI emergency number" in a crisis.

WATER RESTRICTIONS LEVEL 4

WATER SCARCE AREA

SAVE WATER YONGA AMANZI BESPAAR WATER



Dear Residents & Guests,
Water Restrictions are implemented across the Greater Knysna Area.

Water Restrictions include:

- Municipal potable water for human consumption only
- **Absolutely NO watering of gardens** (not even with a bucket) or washing of vehicles and/or boats
- Construction industry, car washes and nurseries to use alternative sources of water
- Heavy fines will be issued to transgressors
- Domestic consumption to be limited to **6kl/household/month**
- Business consumption must be reduced by 50%
- Punitive tariff will be added for usage above the threshold
- Water recycling systems to be implemented
- Artificial water features must use recycled water only
- All residents are requested to install water-efficient devices

Thank you for playing your part in protecting this precious commodity.

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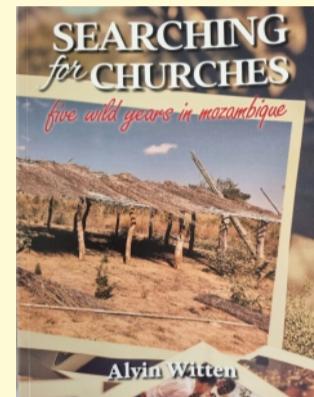


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SEARCHING FOR CHURCHES

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift?

This festive season, Sedgefield can proudly celebrate one of its own. Searching for Churches, the book by local author Alvin Witten is stirring hearts and imaginations.

This captivating true story takes readers on an extraordinary five-year journey through Mozambique, where Alvin and his wife, Jean, set out to locate and document 1 328 churches across the country. What unfolds is far more than a travelogue. It's an adventure filled with unexpected challenges, inspiring encounters, moments of humour, and the profound resilience of people living in

some of the most remote corners of the country.

Told with warmth and sincerity, Searching for Churches offers a deeply human narrative, one that celebrates courage, faith, friendship, and the gift of cross-cultural connection. Readers will find themselves transported into villages, city streets, and mountain paths, meeting unforgettable characters along the way.

Whether for a loved one or for yourself, this book makes an exciting and meaningful Christmas gift, something to inspire, uplift, and spark conversation around the holiday table.

Copies available on-line from Loot.co.za, and also from Deo Gratia in Sedgefield. Limited



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CLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES: 22 DECEMBER 2025 TO 5 JANUARY 2026

Please note that the offices of the Knysna Municipality will close at 13:30 on Friday 19 December 2025 and reopen at 07:30 on Monday 5 January 2026.

The Customer Pay Centres in Main Street Knysna and Flamingo Street Sedgefield will be open on 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & 31 December 2025 between 08:00 to 12:00.

All essential, and emergency and stand-by services will be delivered.

For Fires call 044 302 8911. For all other enquiries or emergencies, please contact the Knysna Emergency Services on 044 302 6300 or WhatsApp 060 998 6969.

SLUITING VAN MUNISIPALE KANTORE: 22 DESEMBER 2025 TOT 5 JANUARIE 2026

Neem asseblief kennis dat die kantore van die Knysna Municipaaliteit gesluit sal wees vanaf 13:30 op Vrydag 19 Desember 2025 en heropen om 07:30 op Maandag 5 Januarie 2026.

Die Kliënte-Betaalsetrums in Hoofstraat Knysna en Flamingostraat Sedgefield, sal op 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & 31 Desember 2025 tussen 08:00 en 12:00 oop wees.

Alle noodsaklike, nood- en bystanddienste sal steeds gelewer word.

Vir Brande skakel 044 302 8911. Vir alle ander navrae en noodgevalle, skakel asseblief die Knysna Nooddienste by 044 302 6300 of WhatsApp 060 998 6969.

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Congratulations if you have chosen to buy a home in Sedgefield - it's just the most wonderful place to holiday or (if you are really lucky) live! With golden beaches, crystalline lakes and that beautiful community spirit for which the village is so well-known, where else in the world could you prefer to be? Here's wishing you the very best in your quest for that perfect piece of paradise....



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Cola Beach • R 7.7 million
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Walk to the beach from this sunny 3 bedroom home with 2 flats.

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The Village R3 750 000

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WHY INVEST IN GREATER KNYSNA IN 2026?

The Garden Route remains South Africa's ultimate haven for natural beauty, serene living, and lifestyle opportunities that savvy investors can't ignore. As demand surges for sustainable, high-quality escapes in 2026, Greater Knysna - including Sedgefield - stands out as a powerhouse for families, retirees, and property buyers seeking enduring value. With lush forests, pristine beaches, and vibrant communities, this area draws those craving a balanced life amid rising remote work trends and a post-pandemic shift towards coastal tranquillity.

Sedgefield, South Africa's original "Slow Town," perfectly captures the unhurried charm of the Garden Route. Whilst part of Knysna, it is 'up the road' enough to have its own unique charm.

There's no denying the enchantment of its idyllic setting, surrounded by shimmering lakes, winding estuaries, and some of the most breathtaking beaches in the country.

Local gems like Myoli Beach

and Gericke's Point, where soft golden sands stretch endlessly, inviting long walks at dawn, sunbathing under mild year-round skies, and lazy afternoons watching dolphins play offshore. These beaches aren't just scenic - they're a lifestyle, offering safe swimming, surfing swells for beginners and pros alike, and quiet spots for picnics that embody Sedgefield's relaxed vibe.

And as most will know, no weekend in this village feels complete without the legendary Saturday markets, a highlight that

has put Sedge on the map for locals and visitors alike.

From 'farmers' to food to craft, three different markets all in strolling distance of one another, present hundreds of stalls brimming with everything and anything - from fresh artisan breads, to handmade crafts to vegetables, cheeses, artwork and live music, not to mention a place to catch up with family and friends over coffee or cold beer.

Perhaps the strong sense of community these markets foster is contagious, because a more

inward-looking, outward serving village would be hard to come by.

And visitors feel it too!

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REPORT UNRESOLVED SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES TO THE WAR ROOM

Knysna Municipality has begun a series of urgent, high-intensity interventions to stabilise and strengthen service delivery across Greater Knysna. "This follows a directive issued by the National Council of Provinces and the subsequent approval of my Service Delivery Recovery and Innovation Action Plan," confirmed Executive Mayor Thando Matika.

"I have introduced weekly War Room meetings to ensure focused oversight and improved accountability," he continued. "These sessions bring together senior

management to report on progress, challenges and targeted solutions. I established the War Room specifically to coordinate our response to service delivery issues and to ensure that corrective actions are implemented effectively and transparently."

It is important to emphasise that this initiative does not replace or bypass regular municipal customer care channels. All residents are encouraged to continue logging service requests through the existing platforms so that they can be formally recorded, allocated a municipal reference number and attended to.

Service requests can be logged via the Collaborator App, contacting the municipal switchboard on 044 302 6300, emailed to: customercare@knysna.gov.za, SMS to 44453, or by visiting our offices or contacting specific departments.

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Asivikelane Empowers Sedgefield's Informal Settlements with Data-Driven Change

In informal parts of Smutsville and Sizamile, access to basic services such as water, sanitation, and waste collection has long been a daily struggle, but a grassroots initiative called Asivikelane (isiZulu for "let's protect one another") is transforming lives through community-led advocacy.

Launched nationally in 2020 amid COVID-19 challenges, the project partners civil society groups like the International Budget Partnership South Africa and Development Action Group with local municipalities to bridge accountability gaps. In Sedgefield, the pilot project of the Greater Knysna municipal area, it has equipped residents to track services, gather evidence, and demand sustainable improvements aligned with constitutional rights to water, health, and a safe environment.

Vemesia Galant, a dedicated Sedgefield community facilitator and key Asivikelane figure, kickstarted the local effort by posing targeted questions about service access to residents. Using the Kobo App, she collected real-time data, supplemented by on-the-ground visits, to document the harsh realities some faced on a day to day basis. These included

residents having to walk to distant communal standpipes, buy water from formal homes, or resort to buckets for sanitation due to inaccessible toilets. This evidence, analysed into infographics, became a powerful tool for feedback sessions with residents, and advocacy meetings with ward councillors and officials.

Galant personally guided municipal teams to resident-preferred sites for new standpipes and chemical toilets, ensuring placement as close as possible to community input, while flagging faulty flushing toilets for repairs.

In 2022, eight community facilitators were appointed and by last year there were nine volunteering task teams each operating in a different ward in the Greater Knysna Area.

This collaboration has yielded results. Councillors escorted to sites could verify the data, and this led to added blue chemical toilets and standpipe installations. Gender-separated facilities emerged in areas like the Onderste Gaijtjie extension and Lankgewag, addressing women's safety fears (76% felt unsafe at night using shared toilets due to poor lighting,

distance, and hygiene issues.)

Asivikelane's 2023 submissions influenced Knysna's procurement for women-prioritised specs, shaping Western Cape's new Gender-Responsiveness Policy. Galant has also distributed municipal black bags to all the informal settlements.

The recent initiation of the Repairs and Maintenance Hub has been a further positive step, training and empowering volunteer task teams to fix leaks and minor faults on communal taps and toilets, with the approval of Knysna Municipality, both saving the very precious water and fostering self-reliance. Often as many as five leaks a day are attended to by the community volunteers.

When the Municipality was put under Section 154 last year, 100 residents were given basic plumbing training in an effort to reduce water loss. This was facilitated by Igsaan Hugo of Cobra Watertech in George.

The benefit to the volunteers is notable. According to Galant, 25 residents from all over Greater Knysna are registered for Assistant Handyperson courses and 25 for Plumbing training next year. These accredited NQF courses are through Africa Skills Technical College in George with the support and funding of EWSETA.

Overall, despite budget hurdles stalling some needs, progress from pre-Asivikelane hardships is undeniable, building lasting ties among residents, councillors, and officials across several of Greater Knysna's informal settlements.



Asivikelane proves bottom-up driven data and partnerships deliver dignity and health, embodying sustainable development for inclusive urban living.

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



"Festive greetings from the club where the bowls roll true, the skips call loud, and the Christmas braai smoke still travels straighter than some deliveries."

December has been busy for our international Rollers, juggling tournaments and holiday cheer.

World Bowls Junior Indoor Championship – Ireland

Keegan Bauristhene and Leila Snyman each won a singles game, but when they teamed up for Mixed Pairs, magic happened – they finished third in their section, narrowly missing the knockouts. Who knew teamwork could be this effective?

Atlantic Senior Fours Cyprus

Team SA returned home shining; the Men, skipped by Kenny Kyriacou, brought back

CONGRATULATIONS RUTH DAVIS



Ruth Davis Head Girl for 2025 at Laerskool Sedgefield Primary was the Grade 7 Top Achiever as well as the Dux learner, scooping up the following trophies: Afr (Fal), Eng (HI), EMS, Geography, Art, Technology, Life Orientation, Top Academic Learner, Senior Primary Best All-rounder, Bilingualism

silver, while the Ladies, skipped by Sur Tarr, looked so relaxed in bronze they could've been on a Mediterranean fashion shoot. Bravo!

EDEN NEWS Eden Men's & Ladies Veterans Masters

Sedgefield made a strong showing: Robin Gibbs narrowly missed bronze, and Ann Dold tied for fifth on points but dropped to sixth on average. Great effort, guys—your bowls were sharper than a mince pie knife!

Personal Trust Tabs-In

Wednesday 3 December saw the finale:

1st: Doug Griffin – 86 points
Joint 2nd: Hendrien Fourie & Neels Theron – 84 points
3rd: Bernard Sheridan – 81 points
Exceptional bowls over a prolonged period. Huge thanks to Personal Trust for keeping our competitions rolling.

CLUB ACCOLADES

The annual club prize giving saw trophies flying and bragging rights being claimed in style.

Ladies:

Riana Pollington (Novice)
Debi Stanford (Handicap Singles)
Debi Stanford & Jenni Williams (Drawn Pairs)
Wendy Mack & Kris Raubenheimer (Nominated Pairs)
Ann Dold (Club Champion)

Men:

Johan le Roux (Novice)

Chris Ouwerkerk (Handicap Singles)



Doug Griffin receiving the accolades for the Personal Trust Tabs-in Competition(I)

Neels Theron & Frank Witteveen (Drawn Pairs)
Charles Fontini & Gerry Botha (Nominated Pairs)
Robin Gibbs (Club Champion)

Mixed Competitions:
Chris Baker & Louis Kruger (Mixed Singles)
Brian Concannon & Merle de Kock (Nominated Mixed Pairs)
Robin Gibbs, Jani Klomp & Ian Gibbon (Drawn Mixed Trips)

A huge thank you to The Edge, our committee, club members, sponsors, and groundsmen for making 2025 shine—with a special word of thanks to Michael Estié for keeping the spirits high, laughter loud, and glasses never empty!

Here's to a blessed and safe Christmas and all you would wish for yourselves in 2026!

"May your Christmas be full of cheer, your bowls full of draw with your skips remembering you fondly ... even for that last shot that went sightseeing!"

That's a wrap — see y'all on the mat in 2026!

LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

The Sedge Links Ladies Club Championships were held on the 5 & 12 December and here are the results!

Sedge Links Ladies Overall Champion (Gross)

Marina van der Westhuizen (131)

Runner-Up Almarie Mead (136)

Gold Division Winner (nett)

Marina van der Westhuizen 105

Runner-Up Charlene Blacker (112)

Silver Division Winner (nett)

Almarie Mead (102)

Runner-Up Wendy Mack (117)

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Ronnie Maingard (126)

Congratulations

We only recently learnt that Neville Large & Bernita Meneses were married at 3pm on 4 October 2025 at Sedgefield Christian Church. Allegedly the Larger than life couple rode from the Church to the reception at SedgeLinks on Neville's Harley Davidson – with the wedding veil blowing in the wind!



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Apply a moisturiser, lotion or gel. An aloe vera lotion or gel or calamine lotion can be soothing. Try cooling the product in the refrigerator before applying. Avoid products made with alcohol.

Drink extra water for a day. This helps prevent dehydration.

Leave blisters alone. An intact blister can help the skin heal. If a blister does break, trim off the dead skin with clean, small scissors. Gently clean the area with mild soap and water. Then apply an antibiotic ointment to the wound and cover it with a nonstick bandage.

Treat peeling skin gently. Within a few days, the affected

area may begin to peel. This is your body's way of getting rid of the top layer of damaged skin. While your skin is peeling, keep using moisturizer.

Take an anti-itch drug. An oral antihistamine such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton, others) might help relieve itching as the skin begins to peel and heal underneath. (Or check with your pharmacist.)

Apply a soothing medicated cream. For mild to moderate sunburn, apply nonprescription 1% hydrocortisone cream to the affected area three times a day for three days. Try cooling the product in the refrigerator before applying.

Treat sunburned eyes. Apply a clean towel dampened with cool tap water. Don't wear contacts until your eye symptoms have gone away. Don't rub your eyes.

Protect yourself from further sun exposure. While your sunburn heals, stay out of the sun or use other sun-protection measures. You might try a product that has moisturisers and sunscreen.

Avoid applying 'caine' products, such as benzocaine. Such creams can irritate the skin or cause an allergic reaction.

Preparing for an appointment. Most sunburns heal fine on their own, but you may consider seeking treatment for severe or repeated sunburn. You're likely to first see your primary care provider, but before you go to your appointment, list the medications you're taking — including vitamins, herbs and nonprescription drugs. Some drugs increase your sensitivity to UV light.

Questions to ask your health care provider about sunburn include:

Can I use nonprescription medications to treat the condition, or do I need a prescription?

How soon after I begin treatment can I expect improvement?

What skin care routines do you suggest while the sunburn heals?

What suspicious changes in my skin might I watch for?

If your sunburn is severe or your health care provider notices unusual skin signs, you might be referred to a dermatologist who specialises in skin diseases.

(Source: mayoclinic.org)

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6	5		8	2
		2		
5	9	6	7	4
	8		1	
2			5	4

1. Each Samurai Sudoku puzzle consists of 5 overlapping "classic" 9x9 Sudoku sub puzzles.

5	6	7	4	1
2	9	3	4	
7	1	5	8	2
2	8		3	7
		1	5	

SUDOKU

2. Each 9x9 sub-puzzle must be solved according to the rules of Sudoku.

6	4	2	3	8	7	1
8	1					
4	2	5	8	6		
3	5	7	9			
2	8	9				
1	3		6	9		
9	2	7	1			
3	7	4				

SAMURAI

4	8		2	9	3		2	7	9	4		7
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			5									
6	5				4							
	8			6	1	5						

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On my knees ...

by Schalk van As
of Church without walls.

His look said it all! My dad was ready. It was time. Us children had been 'ready' all year, but now the annual vigil was over & things will happen quickly. By the end of the evening it will nearly all be done.

Tree first, locally harvested on the farm. Then the empty 5 litre paint can from the garage. Some large rocks from the garden.

Joy to the world is loading: 50%.

Two boxes from the top cupboard: lights, tinsel, gold pine cones.

Joy to the world is loading: 70%.

Now it's over to the tree to do its thing & silently birth the presents over the few remaining days leading up to the 24th. Anyone for a miracle? Joy to the world is loading: 90%.

On the BIG day just add the three F's (family, food & fun) and... Voila!

Joy to the world LOADED!
FOR A WHILE, at least.

As a kid, I dreaded the 'after days', when everything started suffering from a massive Christmas hangover! Lights unplugged, dying tree discarded, cards read, gifts broken, exchanged or passed on to family heading home.

Joy to the world in reverse, unloading fast, drowning in dreariness & normality, disappearing before my very eyes - out of reach for another long year.

As much as I love it during those few festive days, and as much as I hate to admit it, our traditions & festivities just cannot do justice to this momentous event.

A succulent roast with all the trimmings? No.

A top class braai with fancy salads and boutique braaibroodjies? No again!

Tiramisu and trifle for dessert? (ILOVE trifle.) No!!

A freshly harvested pine tree, complete with multiple setting flashing LED's. Sorry, there's still no spark.

When it comes to celebrating the King of Heaven arriving on earth I'm NOT wearing my T'm only here for the presents, peanuts & beer' T-shirt.

You'll find me on my knees, in awe & wonder that 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son' (John 3:16) I'm in good company, by the way... Remember the shepherds (Luke 2), the wise men (Matthew 2), Mary (Luke 2), Simeon & Anna (Luke 2)?

Joy to the world, FULLY LOADED! Not just for a couple of magical days once a year, but for a lifetime spent in 'measuring' how long, how wide, how deep & how high this love of God really is. (Ephesians 4:18 & 19)

Will you join me as we 'measure' together? There's plenty of room. And much to take in.

As the angel told the shepherds, 'I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!' (Luke 2:10)

Carols by Candlelight



Sedgefield 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.

SEDGEFIELD GENTS' CLUB

Club Report

Thursday, 4 December 2025

A beautiful day greeted the participants in the final round of the two-round Club Championship which was followed by the annual Christmas lunch at Rosie's, making it one of the favourite days for golf.

As Christmas is approaching, we are reminded why turkeys are regarded as being wiser than chickens. Well, have you ever heard of Kentucky Fried Turkey? The reported figures we use are the totals of the two days' play. The runaway winner of the B division, playing stableford, was Quentin Robinson with a fantastic 82 points - way ahead of Garth Schooling who returned with a good score of 73. Niel de Villiers continued his run of good form with 72, and in fourth place was Len Moult, with 63 points.

The A division playing medal was won by Bill Craig with a fantastic net 109. Peter Schnetter followed with 113 beating Trevor Pahl and Koot Viljoen each with 114.

However, the 2025 Club Champion of the year and top of the pops was Neville Large with a gross total of 122, pipping Bill Craig whose total gross score was 125. He has what the Italians call "sprezzatura" meaning making difficult golf look easy. Extremely well done, young man.

The coveted prize of the "Duck"



SOCIAL BRIDGE RESULTS

Thur 4th December

1st Terry & Keiran 61.1%
2nd Robyn & Linda 61.1%
3rd Diana & Maryke 60.3%

Thur 11th December

1st Irene & Keiran 72.5%
2nd Gerda & Johann 61.2%
3rd Diana & Maryke 48.7%

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – Swartland Pinotage Rosé 2025

The bottle has a classic, no fuss front label. There are no tasting notes on the back label, only a description of the vineyard and surrounding areas. Abv. 13.5%

For a rosé, the colour is quite dark. It reminds one of Turkish delight. While swirling the glass, a lot of legs were seen.

The rosé has a clean nose with interesting aromas of rose petals, Turkish delight and Sparberry cold drink.

It is a medium to full-bodied, well-balanced wine, which covers the whole tongue like a light blanket.

Flavours of not too ripe strawberries and Turkish delight were experienced and carried through to a medium/long mouth feel.



WG agrees with the description on the back label that it is a refreshing summer wine. Enjoy chilled.
Price range R70 – R90

In Vino Veritas till next time.

for the longest day (in this case days) was won by Terry Savage who was so distraught when he collected his prize that he brought a tear to many who witnessed this ignominious achievement.

Thursday, 11 December 2025

The final game of the year was the Engen/Pick n Pay sponsored Monthly Mug and the Gents' Club would like to take this opportunity to thank these two great companies for their fantastic support, not only for us but the entire Sedgefield community.

The A division playing medal was won, needless to say, by Neville Large with a net 51 reinforcing his previous week's Club Championship victory. In second spot was someone whose golf is getting better by the game, Theo Pelser, with 54 and he was followed by Koot Viljoen with 56 after a count out with Dave Herbst. There were some remarkable scores in the B division, playing stableford, with Ken Cullinan winning on 41 points. Close on his heels was Len Moult with 40 and then our English swallow with 39. Will those in charge of the handicapping system please take note. Rudy went home with his 48th bottle of wine this year with 35. Nearest the pin prizes went to Neville Large and the grand old stalwart, Glen Mauchline. Someone who was also desperate to get some wine after showing remarkable incompetence on the golf course was predictably, the holder of "The Duck", Terry Savage. The Ladies' Club have said that he is quite welcome to come and play with them. Niel de Villiers won the Lucky Draw.

The Gents' Club would like to thank the Captain, Brian Gerard, for all his hard work this year in ensuring that each game is an interesting competition. We would like to sincerely wish all our members as well as The Edge newspaper and all its readers a Very Merry and Peaceful Christmas this year and we look forward to some exciting times in the year to come. Golf will recommence on the 15th of January.



Across:

- 1. Composer rewrote tradition for young man. (8)
- 5. Educated on being a tight listener. (6)
- 9. Written collections turned in by various bodies. (8)
- 10. A practice one opened outside the Mother City. (6)
- 12. Tear Trumpee sheds when it shows he's getting hot under the collar. (11)
- 15. Degree – as written – wasn't complicated. (5)
- 17. Accommodation for a star follower who has singular belief. (9)
- 18. Did the medic brag about where he studied? (9)
- 19. Coin features kudu/cattle image. (5)
- 20. Grandma got nothing for study of structure. (11)
- 24. A lot for the Church of England to follow right now. (2,4)
- 25. Being naked in a musical would be most entertaining. (8)
- 26. Mom's a little terrified of her boss. (6)
- 27. After studying, Dee goes back to 'old time' currency. (8)

Down:

- 1. Looking in opposite directions, one straight after the other. (4,2,4)
- 2. Specific bit of DNA perhaps, or mom's echo? (10)
- 3. A chewed, though audible, music composition. (5)
- 4. A very long game of cricket –
- 5. much more than was necessary! (12)
- 6. A forest, without the first tree, gets assistance previously mentioned. (9)
- 7. One opening for those in Gaga's team. (4)
- 8. When attendance will matter more than content. (4)
- 11. Undress basic arrangement for promoting services. (8,4)
- 13. Unhappiness regarding the record of camping instructions? (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Common 4. Mini bar 9. Lingering 10. Grass 11. Abyss 12. Overtaken 13. Spiders 15. Sector 17. Acidic 19. Gardens 22. Elsewhere 24. Angel 26. Craft 27. Syndicate 28. Matured 29.

Knotty Down: 1. Cellars 2. Money 3. Overspend 4. Magnets 5. Night 6. Blackhole 7. Resent 8. Pitons 14. Incessant 16. Carnation 18. Creased 19. Greens 20. Silvery 21. Webcam 23. Water 25. Giant

THE SPORTS EDGE

27th Tortoise Tuff Set for 21 March 2026

The Sedgefield Striders Running Club is proud to announce the 27th running of the Tortoise Tuff, taking place on Saturday, 21 March 2026 and proudly powered by our main sponsor, FJ Cruiser Lifestyle Design Centre. A beloved fixture on the Garden Route calendar, this year's event promises renewed energy, elevated professionalism, and the rugged spirit the race is known for.

Under the leadership of Race Director Surisa Nel, the 2026 Tortoise Tuff brings a refreshed brand and a strong organisational team committed to delivering another outstanding experience for athletes, families, and supporters.

Participants can look forward to:

- The iconic Tortoise Tuff course, renowned for its natural beauty, varied terrain, and challenging ascents.
- Multiple race options to cater for elite runners, recreational athletes, and walkers.
- A festive race village, featuring local vendors, community organisations, and post-race celebrations.

"Tortoise Tuff has always stood for resilience, camaraderie, and the incredible community spirit of Sedgefield," says Race Director Surisa Nel. "With FJ Cruiser Lifestyle Design Centre powering this year's event, we are excited to deliver a race that honours tradition while raising the bar for quality and participant experience. We know we are 'tuff' enough – are you?"

Entries are now OPEN
Athletes can register through

Entry Ninja or ASWD (Athletics South Western Districts).

Event Logistics and Updates

All race details, including distances, start times, maps, and safety information, will be released on the Sedgefield Striders website at www.sedgefieldstriders.co.za and on the Sedgefield Striders Facebook page.



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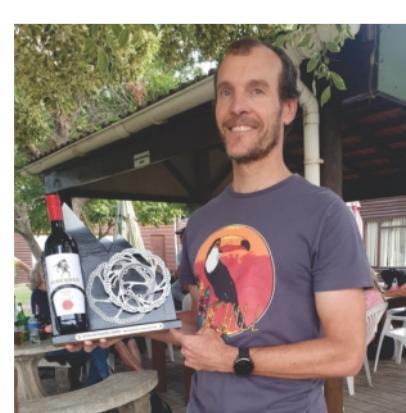
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Silver Disc Floating Trophy award went to Henk de Beer

After the passing of our late chairman, Eugene Roux, Steven took control, organising the weekly training schedules, committee meetings and taking over the leadership of our club team in Eugene's place for the Double Century event.

Congratulations go to these two well-deserving members.

First award was the "Silver Disc Floating Trophy" for the "Most Considerate Cyclist". This went to Henk de Beer for his considerate and commendable attitude during the recent "Double Century" event held in Swellendam last month, over a total distance of 204km, where he repeatedly turned and helped other riders in the club team of

Then the award, "Cyclist of the Year" for the "Golden Cog Floating Trophy", went to Steven Douglas, our club captain. This award hinges on five criteria, Leadership, Sportsmanship, Performance, Appearance and Attendance. Here's where Steven came to the fore, ticking all the boxes.

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