

LAND OCCUPIERS VS MUNICIPALITY

According to a post on the Smutsville Informal Settlement Facebook page, some community members are celebrating what they call 'a significant turn of events' regarding the homes built on the municipal land behind the (ex) U-Save building. This after the court ruled the case be postponed until April and that, in the interim, the Knysna Municipality should meet with the residents of Smutsville regarding options for basic services and alternative land for occupation.

"The court (has) denied the municipality's application for an eviction

order to remove residents behind U-Save," the post read.

It refers to the ongoing legal battle centring around the Smutsville residents who, starting mid-October 2025, began building around 100 informal structures on municipal land, prompting Knysna Municipality to seek court intervention. The land had been designated for a multi-million Rand infill housing project for 300 pre-screened beneficiaries, and the municipality viewed the invasions as a threat to those on the official waiting list.

The invasion was sparked when residents heard talk of a further delay in the roll-out of this long-promised housing project

On 24 October 2025, Knysna Municipality obtained an interim High Court interdict prohibiting new constructions on this erf, access to it, and any further occupation.

In late October to early November 2025, the authority began demolishing any half-built structures. They also deployed 24-hour security on the site, opened police dockets for contempt and trespassing, and appointed a service provider for clearance of the land.?

The recent court decision has seemingly been more lenient to those who occupied the land and built temporary structures, before the Municipality's requests to cease and desist were upheld by the October court ruling.

"This is a win for the people of Smutsville and a reminder that municipalities are accountable to their communities," Tersius Jones, a community representative said in the Face book post. "We appreciate the court's consideration and look forward to working with the municipality to find a solution."

Asked for comment, Knysna's Acting Municipal Manager Dr. Richard Martin confirmed that following the court order of 28 January 2026, the parties were to engage in an informal alternative dispute process to see how best the situation could be resolved. "Two separate Alternative Dispute Resolution processes have since been undertaken and, as this is an ongoing active litigation, we cannot at this stage divulge any details. We can, however, advise that this matter will be in court again on 28 April 2026."

Meanwhile, Ward One Councillor Levael Davis, cautioned that residents should not consider the latest court decision as their outright victory. He offered the following extracts from the Knysna Municipality's decisions on the matter.

"The Municipality has agreed to investigate alternative sites proposed by the community for interim relief. This would allow the current site to be cleared for the scheduled construction project.

"They also granted humanitarian permission to protect residents from severe weather. This meant occupants could, within limits, reinforce and weatherproof existing structures, perform repairs within the current footprint of each structure, and clear vegetation and debris immediately around structures to reduce hazards such as snakes and flooding due to poor drainage.

"However, the Municipality maintains that no new structures are allowed (on this property) and no existing structures may be extended or enlarged.

"Further, the Municipality emphasised that these limited permissions do not grant any rights of tenure, ownership, or permanent occupation. The investigation into alternative sites does not constitute official recognition or regularisation of the current unlawful status."

LOVED LOCAL PERISHES AT DEADLY INTERSECTION

A tragic road accident resulting in the death of a well-known Sedgefielder Daniel 'Danny' Kruger has once again fuelled the need for SANRAL to take action regarding Sedgefield's most dangerous intersection.

The accident occurred on Thursday 26 February, on the N2 just past the Engen Garage at the turn-off towards 'Montmere' (the road that leads to Outward Bound at the back end of Cloud 9). Kruger (89) was stationary, whilst waiting to turn right into the gravel road, when his work bakkie was struck from behind by a truck.

It has been reported that the truck – a steel transportation vehicle - had just overtaken another vehicle when it collided with Kruger.

The accident is almost a carbon copy of one in May 2025 at the same intersection, which left 11-year-old Emma Grace Snyman in a critical condition, and hospitalised for months.

Last year's accident led to residents sending a petition to SANRAL charging the road authority to make that intersection safer.

It called for a dedicated turning lane for the Montmere Road, a solid white line to replace the current broken ('safe to over-take') centre line leading up to the turn-off, more speed limit signage, signage indicating there is a turn off ahead, signage at the actual turn off, and signage pointing out that overtaking is prohibited and that a double lane section (for overtaking) is up ahead (up the hill towards the Pine Lake turn-off).

To date, not one of these requests has been attended to – a fact that has infuriated residents.

Local Mike Parkin, who was a close friend of Kruger for 30 years, is incensed by this lack of action. He says that the Montmere Road hasn't been a 'quiet farm road' for years. There is a horse-riding school which caters for disabled children, a number of family homes that make up the actual Montmere community, the popular Outward Bound adventure camp and the residences on the crest of Cloud Nine.

Further, the road is part of the very popular circular route over Cloud Nine, used by view-seeking tourists and paragliders.

Requests are being made to SANRAL by various parties, all calling for urgent action – these will be reported on in future editions of The EDGE.

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READY FOR THAT 'TUFF' DECISION?

That's what Sedgefield Striders' Chair, Alvin Witten, (seen right, sporting his fantastic 2026 race shirt) is asking, as the deadline to enter Sedgefield's Tortoise Tuff has been extended to 16 March. The popular event is set for the morning of Saturday 21 March, and there are four distance options to choose from. (See back page for full race details)

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

As the world erupts into chaos, it seems Mrs Ed is at least receiving therapy.

She needs it. She really does.

Actually, if I'm going to be honest (which, let's face it, I always am) (ok... aside from the court incident with the watermelon, the donkey and the three SAPS members, but can you blame me?) I have been championing the idea of Mrs Ed having her mental state seen to since we got married, about a life sentence and a half ago.

Of course, she's not interested. She harps on (and on) about only one person in our marriage needing his head read, and it's definitely not her.

But she couldn't be more wrong – especially over the last week, as the turmoil of the world on the brink of disaster seemed to occupy every screen, and her late-night news scrolling brought on so many spontaneous outbursts of anger (“THEY CAN'T DO THAT!”), anguish, and absolute (“THAT'S JUST SO WRONG!”) incredulity.

This ranting built up into such an ear-splitting cataclysmic crescendo that most nights she could no longer contain herself. She would leap out of the bed screaming, “THE WORLD IS

GOING TO END” at such decibel levels I had to pack 12 of her 'scatter cushions' in a sort of igloo form around my head, to get the tiniest possibility of sleep.

And the continuous shrill cries of Make it stop! MAKE IT STOP, that seemed to emanate from our neighbours on all three sides didn't help either.

There was another angle too. I had to censor her! Yes – I had to make every concerted effort to ensure that none of Mrs Ed's vociferous vows (normally involving the vanquishing of one world leader or another) ever made it onto social media platforms, in ANY form.

Why?

Because I don't want her to get involved.

In World War 3, I mean.

It just wouldn't be fair at all.

You see, as every superpower seems hell-bent on accumulating the biggest arsenal of WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction), it would only be a matter of time before one of them discovered Mrs Ed's whereabouts and ... well ... 'called her to action', as it were. I've been lying awake just waiting for the moment that Operation Mrs Ed Extraction takes place. I imagine a detection-defying craft noiselessly landing on Myoli beach and a secret squad of Navy SEALs sneaking into T'Ed Mansion under the duvet cover of darkness and whisking her off to the front line

(All they would have to do to ignite her wrath is whisper two words ... 'Calm Down'.)

But dreams and nightmares aside – I was supposed to be writing about her getting therapy, and the problem of my lack of sleep being solved, wasn't I?

Yes. I was.

Because though I would never say it out loud, Mrs Ed actually DID need to ... (and if you are reading this to your wife, please mime the next bit) ... Calm Down.

So you can imagine my joy when I arrived home, exhausted after a



long walk from a particularly distant tavern (strangely, I owe far more money to the ones closer to home), to find her sitting silently on the couch.

In silence.

Her lips were moving, as if she was doing some form of basic maths, but not a sound emanated from her throat.

She was staring at her phone, seemingly enraptured.

I gently sat next to her, firstly not wanting to disturb this wonderful moment (for I was convinced that was all it would be), and secondly, so I could slip the TV remote into my pocket unnoticed (it's wonderful to wield such power).

And I waited.

It would come – any second, I was sure – a barrage of ballistic insults delivered with military precision in the direction of 'those idiots are determined to destroy world peace' ...

But it DIDN'T come.

“Um ...” I inquired, quietly, yet no less courageously, “What are you doing, deer heart?” (She loves it when I talk about her favourite dish).

“Shhhhh,” she muttered through her beard, “I'm shopping. .. On Umet*.” (*Name changed to avoid legal action, because suing the media for millions of dollars is a thing now) (Though I should point out that the store's real name is ALSO an anagram of 'Mute' – which is quite interesting) (If you like that sort of thing.)

And that's when it happened.

She turned towards me, just for a split second, and smiled.

I didn't know I'd missed it until then – but that smile was a smile I hadn't seen for a week.

Even her mono-brow had a gentle upwardly curved look about it, rather than the viciously vexed V- shape of wartime I had gotten used to.

Then it was eyes back to the small screen, brow furrowed, but more in concentration than danger.

“I have put quite a few things in the basket,” she said (yes – I did look about the couch for a basket, just for a brief moment) “But I won't get them all ... just some....”

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And so to bed, for the best night's sleep I'd had in

“WHAAAAT?” NO WAY!!! THAT'S JUST SOWRONG!”

“GNNYHHUMMNNYH?” I said, snapping awake, instantly longing for the dream I had been having of a silent retreat.

“THEY CAN'T DO THAT!” bellowed Mrs Ed. I saw next door's lights turn on and a would-be housebreaker sprinting off in fear.

“M m m m more missiles?” I choked.

“I SPUN THE WHEEL. IT TOLD ME I HAD WON R4000 IN CREDITS, BUT NOW IT

SAYS I CAN'T USE THEM UNLESS I SPEND ANOTHER R4000 FIRST!”

Sigh...

Oh, by the way, does anyone need a set of brightly coloured clothes hangers? Slightly on the smaller side – but ideal for a wardrobe belonging to a family of (small) rodents, a clan of grasshoppers, or, at a push, an undernourished budgie?

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OWLS PROTECTING FLAMINGOS

Issued by the Endangered Wildlife Trust

In a first for the Endangered Wildlife Trust, Overhead Warning Lights, or 'OWL' devices, have been placed on a municipal power line to protect Flamingos.

The installation of the OWL devices (a type of bird flight diverter) on the power line running alongside the N2 bridge across the Swartvlei lagoon near Sedgefield is the realisation of a 15-year dream by members of BirdLife SA's Lakes Bird Club to make power lines safe for flamingos in the wetland system.

The Swartvlei lagoon is not only a Ramsar Site, but also part of the Garden Route Biosphere, highlighting the importance of this part of the Cape Floristic Region as a biodiversity hotspot in South Africa. Among the threatened species living within the Ramsar Site are the African Grass Owl and the Greater and Lesser Flamingo.

The Lakes Bird Club had initially approached the EWT for assistance with mitigation measures after learning of the conservation body's success in marking Eskom power lines across the country to halt collisions by various bird species, including vultures and eagles.

Tim Carr, a local bird guide and member of the Lakes Bird Club, says once they discovered that permission was required from the Knysna Municipality to install any mitigating measures, the club approached the EWT, which assisted with the costing for the bird flight diverters. The club's members alongside Birdlife Plettenberg Bay collected the more than R100,000 required for the installation.



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Using a drone, an EWT Wildlife and Infrastructure team this week installed OWL devices on the portion of the power line crossing the lagoon. The installation was done on a live line with no electricity supply interruption to local communities.

"If it wasn't for the Knysna Municipality agreeing to this installation, it would not have been possible and we would not

have been able to play such a key role in ensuring that flamingos no longer fly into the power lines. Key to this operation was collaboration. The Knysna Municipality, Sedgefield Fire Department, and Western Cape traffic control officials were all on hand to ensure our teams, working beside the N2, were safe. The Garden Route National Park granted our team permission to fly our

drone over the area, and SANParks staff were also on site" says Lourens Leeuwner, the EWT's head of operations. "These bird flight diverters will also prevent other waterbirds and raptors in the area from colliding with the power line."

"A phenomenal collaborative conservation success that Reflections Eco-Reserve and the Lakes Bird Club are privileged to have been a part

of. A massive thank you to all parties involved," says Tim Carr.

The OWL device is a type of bird flight diverter equipped with flashing LED lights that was specifically designed to make power lines more visible to birds that fly at night. In 2016, the EWT GPS-tagged 12 Lesser Flamingos in a research project for Eskom Research, Testing and Development.



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THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

by Charl van der Merwe,
Environmental Ethicist
On behalf of Sedgefield
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Western environmental ethical perspectives have, to a certain extent, an anthropocentric approach in that either an intrinsic value is assigned to human beings alone or a significantly greater amount of intrinsic value is assigned to human beings than to anything nonhuman. The protection or promotion of human interests or well-being at the demise of anything nonhuman is always justified. Aristotle, maintained more than two thousand years ago, that "nature has made all things specifically for the sake of man" and that the value of nonhuman things in nature is merely accommodating.

Aldo Leopold in *The Land Ethic* (1949) pointed out that ethical dealing through the ages happened mostly between individuals, of individuals, and society, and between societies. This is a humanistic approach. Nowhere was there any ethic dealing with man's relation to the land which boils down to ethical dealings with soil, animals, water and plants and their interrelationships. The land relationship was purely economic; everything in the land was a resource for man and should be used as such.

Environmental ethics emerged as a new sub-discipline of philosophy and question the assumed moral superiority of man over any nonhuman thing, the soil, the rivers, plants, and animals. Environmental ethics came about as a response to a growing number of obvious threats to the physical condition of the world in which we live. The list of global environmental

problems is familiar and the extent of the impact of the various problems is growing.

Ethics are defined as "a branch of philosophy dealing with what is morally right or wrong." They include the basic concepts and fundamental principles of decent human conduct (how I should live) or, as defined by Aristotle, a continuous contemplation of eternal and universal truth.

Environmental ethics, are of on the other hand, the "philosophical consideration of the ways humans interact with the earth, natural resources and nonhuman things, including domestic animals." They prescribe an appropriate response to ensure preservation or restoration of those values. They involve a consideration of the morality of how humans exist in the world or on the land. Environmental ethics place humans as part of the natural community, recognising the need to conserve resources and limit activities that may harm the natural community.

Human nature is such that various divergent and controversial environmental or green philosophies have evolved over the last century, from Conservationism to Preservationism, Biocentrism, Ecocentrism, Ecofeminism and the so-called Ruthless Developer or land conqueror without an ecological conscience (and/or knowledge), to name some. Typical to the Ruthless Developer is an anthropocentric approach to unrestrained exploitation and expansionism mostly driven by economic gain.

Studying the theories mentioned, one can conclude that humans are part of the

natural community rather than managers of it and that they suffer when the health of a natural ecosystem is impaired. In contrast, the Ruthless Developer is often associated with the frontier ethic, which assumes that the earth has an unlimited supply of resources. This perspective sees humans as masters who manage the planet, focusing solely on human needs. However, as few frontiers remain, many are questioning this ethic.

An environmental ethicist is an environmentally responsible person. Be an environmental ethicist by embracing your fundamental democratic right to vote, and to participate in environmental governance through Public Participation, as an essential component of realising the environmental rule of law. Your vote allows you to hold your elected representatives accountable. It is essential in ensuring that the authorities make decisions that protect the environment and promote sustainable development.

Our Constitution enshrines environmental rights, including the right to a healthy environment and the duty of the state to protect it. This right is crucial for maintaining ecological balance and preventing environmental degradation.

Voters play a critical role by holding their elected officials accountable for environmental policies and practices. By participating in elections, voters can influence the decisions that impact the environment and ensure that environmental justice is a priority in governance. The right to vote, and to be an elected representative is not only about political representation but also about the responsibility to ensure that the environment is protected for future generations.

WARNING - DANGER OF RABID SEALS

Following an incident involving a seal and kayakers in Hout Bay, the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) is encouraging all water users to remain aware and cautious around seals. While seal encounters are not uncommon, any aggressive or abnormal behaviour should be treated seriously and reported to the relevant authorities.

Rabies in Cape fur seals is an evolving situation along parts of our coastline. Epidemiological patterns suggest that isolated flare-ups may occur from time to time within specific colonies.

General Safety Advice for Water Users

The NSRI reminds swimmers, paddlers, divers and boaters to take sensible precautions when in or near the water:

- Do not approach seals - in the

water or on land.

- Never swim or paddle alone.
- Swimmers should use a brightly coloured tow float and carry a safety whistle.
- Paddlers and boaters should keep a fully charged cell phone in a waterproof pouch.
- Download and use the NSRI's free SafeTRX tracking app.
- Keep a bottle of fresh water and a basic first-aid kit in your vehicle.

If a Seal Appears Aggressive or Rabid

Rabid animals may display unusual aggression, disorientation, excessive drooling or paralysis. If such behaviour is observed:

- Exit the water calmly and immediately.
- Maintain a safe distance.
- Do not attempt to assist or

handle the animal.

- Follow any beach closures or official safety advisories.

Pet owners are urged to keep dogs leashed and away from seals or seal carcasses.

Anyone bitten, scratched, or exposed to seal saliva should immediately wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and seek urgent medical attention.

The NSRI reiterates that this advisory is precautionary. Most seal encounters are non-aggressive. However, awareness and responsible behaviour are essential in reducing risk.

The NSRI remains committed to preserving life and supporting communities in staying safe in and around South African waters.

Don't wait! School admissions applications for 2027 are open!

Statement by Minister David Maynier, Minister of Education Western Cape.

The on-time school admissions application window for Grade R, 1 or 8 in 2027 opened on Tuesday, 10 March, and the Western Cape Education Department is encouraging parents to collect the required documents and apply.

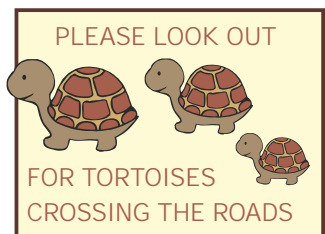
The on-time applications window will close on Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that they submit their applications for admission on time. Applying on time is essential to ensure that your child is included in the first round of applications and to support the WCED's planning for the 2027 school year.

Documents required for all applications

According to the Department, parents and caregivers must upload copies of the following documents when submitting an application:

- The learner's most recent official school report (where applicable)
- Certified proof of identity of the learner:
- Birth certificate, ID or passport.



- For foreign learners: a passport, study permit, proof of application for a permit, or a copy of the parent's asylum seeker or refugee permit.
- If none of the above are available, a South African Police Service affidavit will be accepted.
- Immunisation card (Road to Health Certificate) – required for primary school applications
- Proof of residence (such as a municipal account, lease agreement, or affidavit confirming residence).

Once your documents have been gathered and uploaded, completing the online application should not take too long. Preparing these documents before the application period opens will make the process quicker, easier, and less stressful.

The online admissions system is zero-rated, so parents can access the platform without using mobile data. Parents are encouraged to use the following link: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/education/service/learn>

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To assist parents, the WCED site provides clear step-by-step guidance, including video tutorials, on the admissions webpage. Parents are encouraged to visit the site in advance and familiarise themselves with the application steps.

The Department will also host pop-up admission sites across the province during the on-time application window. These sites will support parents who need help completing online applications or who do not have internet access.

Each year, thousands of late applications place enormous strain on the system and delay placement processes.

Submitting applications during the on-time window period helps the government plan for a place in a school for your child.

Don't wait! Apply on time between 10 March and 14 April 2026.

TENNIS NEWS

On Monday, 2 March 2026, our monthly challenge was played with a full complement of 12 players.

As always tennis of the highest order was played with Wian Dekker coming out on top, followed by Hennie Louw and Mark Kilham.

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8am-2pm Scarab Craft Market
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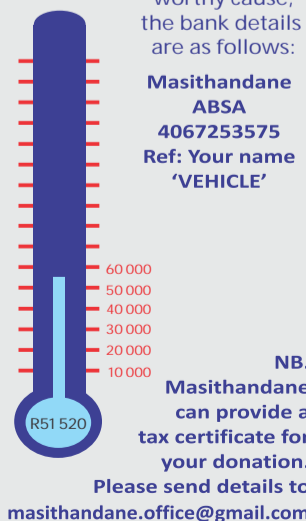
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LETTERS TO THE EDGE

Sir/Madam
I read with interest Ms Aletta de Villiers letter about her Probus application and immediately contacted a close friend in Australia. This was his response:-
"All our Probus clubs WERE men-only until recently. Now all NEW clubs must be mixed. Existing clubs have the opportunity to become mixed. Our club became mixed 3 years ago and the transition has been successful. My term as President expires next month (my second term). This year our club celebrates 35 years - and Probus in Australia celebrates 50 years !!!".
It seems that Sedgefield is still a little behind the times with the emancipation of women, at least

in the eyes of the Probus members. No personal offence intended and I'm sure, perhaps, given some time, Ms de Villiers should file another application to join Probus.
Thank you and your staff for putting this informative newspaper together and my compliments to you all.
Yours etc.
Andrew Stevens

Dear Editor
I am writing to compliment the men who went over and above the call of duty to assist us on the night of Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February. My husband Mel had fallen in the Pick n Pay parking lot on the Monday, and was back home after having had X-rays taken at

Knysna Life to assess his injuries. He had a fractured shoulder from the fall, but the doctors decided that operating was too risky, so home we went armed with pain killers.
On Wednesday night Mel's knee had swollen to twice it's normal size and I called the Fire Department for help.
Neven, Bonito and Jafta arrived to help me because Mel was unable to stand properly, and I couldn't move him on my own. They spent two hours trying to get him mobile, but eventually put him to bed where he would be safe until morning.
It was a harrowing experience but the three men kept their composure, and spoke gently to Mel through it all.

I can't begin to tell you how much they did for us during the late hours of Wednesday night, and how lucky we are to have them taking care of us in Sedgefield. On Thursday morning I called ER24 and asked for an ambulance to take Mel to the George Mediclinic for X-rays of his knee, which had swollen to double it's normal size.

ER24 paramedics, Waldo Deacon and Denovan Appels arrived and quickly took stock of the situation. Mel was in terrible pain, and eventually they had to sedate him so that they could get him onto the stretcher.

Once strapped in, they manoeuvred the stretcher through the house, out the front door and into the ambulance. Between the Fire Brigade and ER24, the five men made an incredibly stressful two days a little easier for all of us.

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VOTER EDUCATION

by Alvin Witten on behalf of Sedgefield Ratepayers Association

The Sedgefield Ratepayers Association is launching a series of cartoons in The Edge as part of an ongoing voter education campaign.

Using humour and simple storytelling, these cartoons highlight everyday issues currently affecting our town — failing infrastructure, service delivery challenges, and the impact of municipal decisions

on our community. We believe that Sedgefield deserves competent, capable leadership and that informed voters play an important role in shaping that future. Through these cartoons we hope to keep these issues in the public conversation and encourage residents to think carefully about the choices they make at the ballot box.

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But the magic of flowers doesn't stop there. Being part of the creative process for events is something that brings immense joy," says Amy, "Flowers have the ability to turn a simple event into something magical, or elevate a grand celebration into something truly breathtaking." She hopes the new flower shop located in the heart of



Sedgefield will become part of the community's special moments - from everyday celebrations to life's biggest milestones.

To make things even easier for local residents, free delivery is offered within Sedgefield, with a small delivery fee for surrounding areas.

The shop is open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

"Locals are warmly invited to pop in, say hello, and experience the joy that flowers can bring," Amy enthuses, "Whether it's a thoughtful bouquet, wedding flowers, or a custom arrangement, each creation is made with care and a genuine love for the craft."

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PUBLICLY SPEAKING

Municipalities in South Africa operate within one of the world's most complex governance frameworks

by Levael Davis

Constitutionally entrenched as a distinct sphere of government with its own powers, local government is simultaneously bound by dense legislation, regulations, and oversight requirements that shape every decision. This creates a compliance-driven culture different from the private sector, where speed, discretion, and efficiency guide their choices. Municipal decision-making deviates sharply from business practice because while companies operate through hierarchical authority, profit driven shareholder accountability, and rapid execution, municipalities distribute authority among council, committees, and officials, with each stakeholder constrained by law.

Procurement for example, is governed by strict supply chain rules designed to prevent corruption, but frequently criticised for delaying infrastructure and maintenance projects. What appears to business professionals as indecision is often legal limitation or caution. At the heart of municipal complexity lies the interface between political leadership and administration, with councillors setting policy and officials implementing it, but in practice these roles frequently blur.



Councillors, accountable to constituents and party imperatives, may prioritise short-term electoral cycles, while officials, bound by professional standards, push for sustainable long-term planning. Political pressure may demand rapid delivery or cadre appointments, while officials resist directives they view as unlawful or impractical. The Auditor-General regularly reports tensions, irregular expenditure, and governance failures linked to weak role separation.

Coalition governments further paralyse councils through shifting alliances and frequent and often frivolous motions of no confidence. Short mayoral tenures disrupt planning while administrative heads often change with political leadership, eroding institutional memory and creating cycles of reset rather than reform. National and provincial governments may impose programmes that could be perceived as reducing local autonomy, while persistent capacity gaps, especially in

smaller municipalities, result in prolonged technical vacancies or they temporarily fill these posts with unqualified acting staff. When councils are unstable, budgets stall, senior managers rotate, projects stop midway, or they do not start at all. Private sector skills are needed, but these professionals hesitate to enter local government as politicians or administrators, due to modest remuneration relative to responsibility, intense public scrutiny, and high reputational risk. Those who enter discover that legal constraints limit innovative problem-solving, ideas and swift action.

Skilled engineers, planners, and financial specialists joining the municipality often depart after encountering bureaucratic rigidity, politically charged environments, or slow disciplinary processes. Those professionals who enter politics soon have misgivings as the processes, policies and procedures are too cumbersome to get anything done or they cannot handle the sometimes-toxic environment. According to Politeia and The Journal of Local Governance, "red tape", political pressure overriding professional recommendations, and salary constraints create unsustainable working conditions. Many capable professionals leave prematurely, citing inability to achieve meaningful impact within such restrictive systems, being consistently disrespected or because of a generally negative environment. Some leave traumatised, losing a part of themselves through what they experienced. They soon

learn that it is very easy to criticise or blame from the outside, but far more difficult to be the recipients of that same criticism or blame.

Ward councillors, particularly, face challenges of limited recognition, sacrificed family time, and factionalism that erodes confidence and self-esteem over time. Without a genuine calling to public service, many burn out or leave embittered, and very few private sector professionals can handle this type of work climate. These challenges manifest directly through poor service delivery, water shortages, waste management failures, and deteriorating infrastructure that often sparks community protests. Solutions require strengthening the institutional boundaries between politics and administration through building a stable government, professional staff, and restructuring the limited incentive systems, to retain capable staff. Our municipalities must decide to remain hindered by dysfunction or embrace reform to unlock their potential as instruments of inclusive development. Addressing the contradictions between democratic participation and professional expertise, financial limitations and social expectations, and short-term politics and long-term planning is essential.

The map exists, but we need leaders who are actually called to public service because only they can navigate the complex world of local government.

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ESTATE NOTICE Estate no 008126/2024

The First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Accounts in the Deceased Estate:

Surname: **MEIRING**
Full name: **ANDRE JULIAN**
Identity No: **460112 5048 083**
Last Address: **10 Sarel Cilliers Street, Sedgefield 6573 Western Cape**

will be open for inspection at the office of the Master, Cape Town, and the Magistrate's Court Knysna,

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN DECEASED ESTATES

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First Names: **JANE**
Date of Birth: **1946-11-21**
Identity Number: **4611210539086**
Last Address: **12 SWALLOW DRIVE, SEDGEFIELD, 6573**
Date of Death: **2026-01-28**

All persons having claims against the abovementioned Estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days from the date of the publication of this advertisement.

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LOST OR DESTROYED DEED

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of **DEED OF TRANSFER NUMBER T58107/1988** passed by

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PACALTSORP, in favour of **GERALD DU PLESSIS, Identity Number: 590831 5055 011** and **EVELINE DU PLESSIS, Identity Number: 590409 0879 089**, married in community of property to each other, in respect of

ERF1259 PACALTSORP, IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND DIVISION OF GEORGE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Western Cape, at Cape Town, **4th Floor, 2 Riebeek Street, FORESHORE, CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE** within two weeks from the date of the publication of this notice.

Dated at GEORGE this 19th day of FEBRUARY 2026

GOUSSARD ATTORNEYS
33 VICTORIA STREET, GEORGE, 6529
E-mail: carol@goussard.co.za
Contact no: (044) 874-7778 (REF. AB913)

LIGHTHOUSE to LIGHTHOUSE

Adele van Zyl, the 'powerhouse' behind Sedgefield's increasingly popular Pink Walk, has just completed her 7th Lighthouse to Lighthouse (L2L) Ladies Charity Walk.

The L2L started in 2006 and is an annual four day, 100km walk that takes place along the pristine south coast of South Africa. Each walker commits to raising a minimum of R5,500.

Approximately 100 ladies from across South Africa register to participate in this walk. This year, ages varied from 19 to the oldest of 81 years. The three main beneficiaries of the 2026 event are the Hermanus Senior Centre, the Hermanus Animal Welfare and the Silwerjare Service Sentrum.

The walk was initiated for ladies going through Cancer, no matter how big or small. Adele who was diagnosed with breast cancer 17 years ago. is a big advocate for fighting this dread disease, and aims to bring awareness to every

household in Sedgefield.

This year Eden Oncology George sponsored Adele's T-shirts and her generous neighbour Tannie Bokkie sent energy packs daily for her to enjoy.

Adele lives by the Quote: "Never forget the small things, It matters."

Look out this year's Pink Walk on 17 October in Sedgefield.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Here's to a day full of luck, laughter, a little Irish magic and a hooley!

14 MARCH, 6 -10 PM
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RAFFLE
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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW ON SPATIAL PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (2021)

PROPOSED DEPARTURE & AMENDMENT OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITION: ERF 2036, SEDGEFIELD

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 45 of the Knysna Municipality By-law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) that the abovementioned application has been received from:

Applicant's Name: Ian & Gaylene Gibbon
Contact Person: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
Email: lundi@planningspace.co.za
Reference number: Application number 3637
Property Description: Erf 2036, Sedgefield
Physical Address: 1 Andries Pretorius Street, Sedgefield

Nature of application:

- Application for a **Departure** in terms of **Section 15(2)(b)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) for the building line relaxation along the:
 - Street building line from 4.5m to 0m to permit the encroaching shadeport;
 - North-eastern lateral building line from 2m to 1.5m to permit the existing braai room.
- Application for an **Amendment of Restrictive Title Deed** condition D(7) as specified in Deed of Transfer T29538/2020, in terms of **Section 15(2)(f)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) as follows:
"Daar sal nie op meer as twee-derdes van die eiendom gebou word nie."
 which relates to building lines, in order to legalise the existing braai room and the proposed shadeport on the property.

<https://www.knysna.gov.za/do-business/planning-development/current-land-use-applications/>

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments, together with the reasons therefore in terms of Section 50 of the Knysna Municipality By-law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021). Comments must be addressed to the Acting Municipal Manager and submitted via email at knysna@knysna.gov.za and ssitinga@knysna.gov.za on or before **13 April 2026**, quoting your name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, interest the application and reasons for comment. The municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Persons who cannot write may contact the Town Planning Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing.

Telephonic enquiries may be made during office hours to the Town Planner, Ms. Sinovuyo Sitinga at 044-302 6276 or via email ssitinga@knysna.gov.za.

KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING & GRONDGEBRUIKSBEESTUUR (2021)

VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING & WYSIGING VAN DIE BEPERKENDE TITELAKTE VOORWAARDE: ERF 2036, SEDGEFIELD

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 45 van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) dat die bogenoemde aansoek ontvang is vanaf:

Naam van Aansoeker: Ian & Gaylene Gibbon
Kontak Persoon: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
Epos: lundi@planningspace.co.za
Verwysing nommer: Aansoek nommer: 3637
Eiendom beskrywing: Erf 2036, Sedgefield
Fisiese Adres: Andries Pretoriusstraat 1, Sedgefield

- Aansoek vir 'n **Afwyking** ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(b)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) vir die volgende boulyne verslapping langs die:
 - Straatboulyne vanaf 4.5m tot 0m om die oorskryde skadupoort toe te laat; en
 - Noord-oostelike syboulyne vanaf 2m tot 1.5m om die bestaande braaikamer te laat..
- Aansoek vir die **Wysiging** van die **Beperkende Titelakte** voorwaarde D(7) van toepassing op Titelakte T29538/2020, ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(f)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) soos volg:
"Daar sal nie op meer as twee-derdes van die eiendom gebou word nie."
 wat verband hou met boulyne, ten einde die bestaande braaikamer en die voorgestelde skadupoort op die eiendom te wettig..

'n Volledige afskrif van die aansoek is beskikbaar op die munisipale webtuiste: <https://www.knysna.gov.za/do-business/planning-development/current-land-use-applications/>

Lede van die publiek word uitgenooi om skriftelik kommentaar te lewer, saam met die redes daarvan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021). Kommentaar mag aan die Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder gerig word, en per epos ingedien word aan knysna@knysna.gov.za en ssitinga@knysna.gov.za, op of voor **13 April 2026**, met vermelding van u naam, adres, elektroniese kontak besonderhede en telefoon nommer, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Die munisipaliteit mag weier om kommentaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang is, te aanvaar. Persone wat nie kan skryf nie mag die Stadsbeplanningskantoor per telefoon nader tydens kantoorure, waar die betrokke amptenaar u sal help om u kommentaar op skrif te stel.

Telefoniese navrae kan gedurende kantoorure aan die Stadsbeplanner, Me. Sinovuyo Sitinga by 044-302 6276 of per epos: ssitinga@knysna.gov.za gerig word.

DR. R MARTIN
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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CHURCH SERVICES

Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk
Cearn Saal, Leisure Isle, Knysna
10am Service
Christo Matthee 083 769 9313

AGS Lighuis
Kontak : Kerkkantoor 044 382 6551
Sekretaresse 072 189 0215

Anglican Chapel of St. Aidan's,
Wilderness
Peter Mundell 060 985 9113
or Paul McMillan 083 273 2601

Church of Christ
Lynn van der Walt.
Tel: 076 068 2900

Church of the Resurrection
Service 9.30am
Petronella Buis 084 252 1698

Church Without Walls (WOW)
Red Shed, Scarab Market
Sunday 9.00am
Schalk van As - 082 413 8363
(Please bring a chair)

Deo Gloria
Past Danie & Karin de Bruyn
044 343 1301 or 084 714 7023

Elohim gemeente
Kerkkantoor: 082 896 6387
Pastoor: Hansie Strydom

Knysna Presbyterian Church
Office 044 382 7722
Rev Tim Hawkrige
083 324 3562

Lakeside Baptist Church
Sunday 9am
3 Duiwe Laan
Pastor J D - 066 160 7029

Ned. Hervormde Kerk Sedgefield/Knysna
Erediens Sondag 11vm
Goukamma Kerk gebou by Riverdeck
Buffelsbaai pad.
Dr Wim Dreyer - 082 859 6876

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DETAILS WE HAVE ON FILE.
PLEASE SEND UPDATED
DETAILS. THERE IS LIMITED
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THE TIME AND CONTACT No.

New Apostolic Church
Enq: Anthony Davis - 083 641 5027

NG Kerk Sedgefield: 08.45am
Karatarata: 10.30am
Ds. Marius Coetzee 079 873 3832
Kerkkantoor (044) 343 2033

NG Kerk Die Vleie, Hoekwil
Ds. Dawie le Roux 084 532 9958
Kantoor : 078 965 3651

Pinkster Protestantse Kerk
Ouderling Jakobus Grootboom
078 158 2042
Chris Solomons 071 617 5630

Sedgefield Christian Church
Sunday services @ 09h00
Kairos Jnr & Snr Youth SAT 6pm-8pm
Pastor Juan & Tammy Pienaar
081 749 2534
info@sedgefieldchurch.co.za

Sedgefield Seventh-day
Adventist Church
Ph 081 270 7212

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

St Francis United Church
Sunday - 9am - Family Service
Teen Church & Junior Church
Every 4th Sunday -
9am - Communion Service
Cnr Swallow Drive / Pelican Lane
All welcome! 044 343 1702
Pastor Graeme Mercer 082 926 3798

Suid-Kaap Christen Familie
Pastor: Leon & Elmarie Terblanche
081 271 1551.
Assist Pastor: André & Soné Rossouw
072 341 7099

Wilderness Christian Fellowship
Pastor: Steve Grewar
044 877 0307 or 083 594 7505

End of a chapter in Garden Route history

by Peter Lor, with historical
data provided by Hannes Scriba

On Sunday 19 October 2025, an emotional farewell service was held in the historic Lutheran Church at the top of T-shirt hill, above Rondevlei village.

After almost forty years of congregants' fortnightly slithering and rattling up and down T-shirt Hill, the Southern Cape Evangelical Lutheran Congregation is moving to George.

At the end of the final worship service in the beautiful setting, with its view of mountains, fields, and sea, the building was decommissioned. The property has been sold and the building will be put to other uses.

Its history goes back a long way. A "school site" is mentioned on a deed of transfer of 1889, where a small portion ("two morgen and 63 square roods", or 1,8 hectares) of the farm New Melsetter was transferred to the Dutch Reformed Church of George.

Sometime after this, a two-roomed farm school, known as Rondevleihoogte Laerskool, was erected on the site. It is known that there was a functioning school there, but around 1930 the school was closed and the classrooms were joined together and converted to a church hall and vestry ("Kerksaal en konsistorie"). On the front gable the year "1931" appears, indicating that this is the year in which this was done.

Until 1946 the church hall served as a place of worship for the local wards of the Dutch Reformed Congregation of George. In 1946 a new DRC congregation, known as "Die Vleie" was formed, based in Hoekwil. In 1952 four wards of the "Die Vleie" seceded from "Die Vleie" to form a new congregation based in



Rondevleihoogte. In 1980 all the wards again merged with the "Die Vleie" congregation. Use of the church at Rondevleihoogte by the DRC declined until it was no longer needed.

In 1986 the DRC Congregation sold the property, with the church, its fittings and organ, and the manse, to the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, George, for R82,000. Over the years, the Lutheran congregation maintained the traditions of its

German roots, whilst welcoming English and Afrikaans speakers as well. Babies were born, baptisms, confirmations and weddings were celebrated, and funerals were held as older members passed on. Gradually younger people moved away, and as funerals outnumbered baptisms, it became too difficult to maintain the property, and the congregation decided to sell it and move to George, where a new home is being developed.

Peter can be contacted at 076 649 3050.

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Sedgefield Gents' Golf

Golf Club Report

Thursday, 26th February 2026

The Gentlemen's Club is proud to announce that the Knysna Municipal Manager's 'Hippocratic Oaf Award' has been bestowed upon on their Captain, Brian Gerard, for his singular contribution to the local water shortage. The award - depicting a hippo wallowing in water on the Links fairway - was won by arranging with the weather gods that it should rain heavily for at least 50% of the last six Thursdays, culminating in the cancellation of this day's Monthly Mug. Further flooding was caused by the endless weeping of the only two participants to complete 18 holes (Neville Large with a net 53 and Peter King with a net 65), on learning that their efforts had been superfluous with the competition having been moved to the 5th March. Having been deprived

of the fantastic Pick n Pay/Engen prizes, they were eventually each awarded a bottle of red. The Captain announced that to avoid further rain disruption, the next Monthly Mug would be organised by the Vice-Captain, Peter Heath, a pukka Englishman who will only go out in the midday sun.

Thursday, 5th March 2026

Captain Brian managed to rectify his relations with the weather gods AND the G.C. members by arranging what can only be described as an incredibly beautiful day for the delayed Monthly Mug.

The day was also rewarded with some incredibly good scores: In the A division, playing medal, the runaway winner was Des Munro with a great record-equaling net 51. He also won a nearest the pin prize - very well done lad. Des was followed at some distance by Brian Craddock with 54 and then Dave Herbst with 57. Theo Pelser with 58 was lucky to take fourth spot as he won it after a count out with three other players. The B division, playing stableford, was won by a very pleasant visitor from England, Simon Kastell with 43 points. This is being

checked to see whether he has in fact established a new club record. Terry Savage took second spot with 38 points. However, he was seen to be poised searching for his ball on so many mounds, that his score card is being checked. Dave Malyon was third with 37, followed by John L.B. with 36.

The second nearest the pin prize, this time on the 13th hole, was Len Moul, who also had a cracker of a shot on the 18th. The Lucky Draw was won by Garth Schooling.

We usually applaud the winner of "The Duck" award for the worst golfer, but unfortunately it saddens us to report that this week's recipient, Tony Hunter, is suffering from O.C.G.D. (Obsessive, Compulsive, Golfing Disorder). We really hope you get well soon young man.

It was certainly a day to celebrate English gentlemen, as the club members were treated to a free drink by Quentin Robinson to celebrate his 85th birthday. Finally, the members were excited to hear that the next week's competition would be three clubs and a putter.

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted Bosman Shiraz 2004

On the front label, unfortunately the lettering gets a bit lost on the background colour used. The back label offers concise tasting notes. Abv.13.5%

An interesting observation is the emblem on the back label that shows the wine is vegan friendly.

For a shiraz, the wine has quite a light red colour. Few to no legs visible in the glass.

On the nose, aromas of fine black pepper, prunes, overripe plums and tobacco (in a little yellow bag) were experienced. This wine has a slight acidity, bitterness and umami taste. It is a very light style shiraz.

The flavours of ripe plums, black pepper and tobacco linger in the mouth.

In conclusion, WG sees it as a "not too serious" shiraz. Enjoy on its own, or perhaps with pizza. It is in the price range R90-R110.

In Vino Veritas till next time.



SEDGEFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

Monday, 2 March 2026
1st Rodney & Paul 61,9%
2nd Carol & Meg 61,31%
3rd Irene & Linda 54,17%

SOCIAL BRIDGE RESULTS

Thursday, 12th February 2026
1st. Johann & Thinus 66.6%
2nd. Ben & Diana 63.1%
3rd. Carol & Ina 61.1%

Thursday, 19th February 2026
1st. Jeannie & Jo 62.9%
2nd. Thinus & Johann 56.6%
3rd. Bria & Clive 55.5%

Thursday, 26th February 2026
1st. Mary & Ann 61.1%
2nd. Meg & Robyn 57.4%
3rd. Shirley & Gail P. 56.4%

Thursday, 5th March 2026
1st. Terry & Keiran 67.4%
2nd. Carol & Ina 56.3%
3rd. Meg & Robyn 52.3 %

TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

- Point Katherine in the right direction to be a roller! (6)
- Cut back not easy for small player in the fishing industry. (8)
- Saviour who may use coupons? (8)
- Not down for such a single mixed breed. (6)
- Hide nudism in explosive yet whole manner. (12)
- Catch one who knows his role backwards. (4)
- Number an urban centre has for perseverance. (8)
- Put together a beastly emblem, losing a million. (8)
- We hear it spelled out why our ownership is that of someone else? (4)
- Creating dirt about someone's financial reliability. (6,6)
- Material results of a sordid affair! (6)
- Eagerly attempting to camp? (8)
- As the number one operating system, initially dangerous material. (8)
- Read a poem about a ritual taking place just outside the Eastern Cape. (6)

- Asthmatic, me? Absolute nonsense! It's just theoretical. (4,11)
- Being a student of acquiring wealth. (8)
- Sun god keeping ridiculous hours. (5)
- Mess-up reflects on those being mindful of others. (10)
- Angry ways to jaywalk at intersection? (10)
- Exceptionally cold reception pending medical break-through. (9)
- Little Abbey's bit of land that now doesn't exist. (8)
- A better prepared athlete might also turn. (6)
- Sounds as if Daniel might be the enemy? (5)
- Playing his lute selection is disreputable!! (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. How's that 6. Engage 9. School 10. Appendix 11. Hold water 13. Brush 15. Tattoo 17. Colony 18. Toilet 19. Let's go 21. Unite 22. Grumbling 25. Littoral 26. Wind up 28. Ignore 29. Merchant
Down: 2. Orc 3. Sword 4. Half a dozen 5. Thames 6. Expo 7. Ginormous 8. Grimby Town 12. Outstanding 14. Hover mower 16. Thirty two 20. Prelim 23. Lunch 24. Free 27. Urn

THE SPORTS EDGE

SEND SPORTS RESULTS OR ACHIEVEMENTS TO editor@edgenews.co.za. Please keep sporting editorial brief in order to enable us to include everyone.

NEXT EDGE: Wednesday 25 March 2026 - Issue 736

PLEASE NOTE OUR DEADLINES

(Careful, they tend to fly by VERY quickly)

Display Ads: Email editor@edgenews.co.za by 19 March 2026
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KINDLY NOTE: Due to the epic craziness of life as we currently know it, our EDGE office may not always be open. Please call 072 516 4701

TUFF TIME AHEAD

How DID the Tortoise beat the Hare? It managed to sign up for the race before entries closed!

The entry deadline of the 2026 Tortoise Tuff has been extended to 16 March.

The much-anticipated running and walking event is set to take place on 21 March. Powered by FJ Cruiser Lifestyle Design Centre, this iconic race promises another thrilling day of endurance, community spirit, and rewarding competition.

Athletes from across the country are gearing up to take on the courses, in and around the village. Hosted by the Sedgefield Striders, there are options for every fitness level.

The challenging 30km that makes for an excellent training run for the Two Oceans, a 21.1km that has equally hilly terrain and stunning views, a fast and flat 10km, and of course a 3km fun run.

Time is running out to secure your spot.

We understand that Janu“worry” is without a doubt the longest month of the year, and have decided to extend our entry deadline.

Extended entries!

With entries now officially closing on 16 March, avoid last-minute admin congestion by entering as soon as possible.

How to Enter

Entering the Tortoise Tuff 2026 is quick and convenient. Athletes can register via:

- EntryNinja – the online race entry platform (www.entryninja.com) – look for Tortoise-Tuff under events.
- The official ASWD website (www.aswd.co.za/events).

Alternatively, you may contact the Race Convenor directly for on raceconvenor@sedgefieldstriders.co.za for assistance with manual entries

For the Fun Run, you can enter on Friday or Saturday morning. We will have a card machine ready for a tap-and-run option!

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a first-time participant, the

process is simple and accessible.

Increased Prize Money in 2026

This year's event brings even more excitement with increased prize money across various categories. The boosted rewards are on par with our sister events to attract a competitive field, while still maintaining the community-focused atmosphere that makes the Tortoise Tuff so special.

30km running event: OPEN: 1st R1 300; 2nd R850; and 3rd R500

21,1km running and walking event: OPEN: 1st R700; 2nd R500; & 3rd R300

10km running and walking event: OPEN: 1st R500; 2nd R300; and 3rd R250

Be Part of the Celebration

With its unique spirit and challenging courses, the Tortoise Tuff combines challenging terrain with fantastic views and has become a standout event on the running and walking calendar. Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2026 edition.

Secure your place today and get ready to take on the Tortoise Tuff challenge! (raceconvenor@sedgefieldstriders.co.za for more info)

THE SEDGEFIELD ANGLING CLUB

The Sedgefield Angling Club is hosting its first beach fishing social on Saturday 14 March 2026 at Swartvlei Beach.

We would like to invite all fishing enthusiasts with their families to come down from 6am to 12pm and cast a line with us.

For more information about the club visit www.sedgefieldanglingclub.co.za



RESULTS FOR THE DAY GOLD DIVISION
Winner: Brenda Howden (nett 54) c/o (34)
Runner-Up: Marina van der Westhuizen (nett 54) (36)
SILVER DIVISION

Winner: Wendy Mack (nett 57)
Runner-Up: Daleen Schooling (nett 62)
BRONZE DIVISION
Winner: Debbie von Plato (nett 57)
Runner-Up: Marie Joubert (nett 64)
LEAST PUTTS TROPHY
Linda Evans (25 putts)
Birdies: Linda Evans (6 and 15) Marie Joubert (11) Sylvia de Moor (5) Marina (13)
Well played to all ladies!

Special thanks to Engen for sponsoring our prizes.

Friday, 6th March 2026

It was a truly blue-blue Friday morning — the sky a perfect shade of blue, matched beautifully by our powder-blue club shirts. In every sense, it was a wonderfully blue day! Twelve ladies arrived ready and eager, forming three-ball teams to take on the day's format: Combined Stableford.

RESULTS FOR THE DAY:

Winning Team: Sylvia de Moor, Debbie von Plato and Marina van der Westhuizen (89 points)
Runners-up: Charlene Blacker, Janet Wood and Marie Joubert (88 points)
Longest drive: 0-16 handicaps: Marina van der Westhuizen 17 & over: Debbie von Plato
Birdies: Joy Herbst (11) Sylvia de Moor (11)

LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

Friday, 27th February 2026

Fourteen ladies, proudly kitted out in their sponsored Engen/Wimpy Club shirts, arrived at Sedge Links ready for action.

A beautifully cool start, with just a delicate shimmer of dew on the

fairways, set the scene for a perfect morning of golf. The format was Medal & Putt, meaning every single stroke counted toward the monthly divisional trophies — and just to keep the pressure firmly in place, every putt also counted toward the coveted Least Putts Trophy! It was “game on” as the ladies in red walked onto their allocated tee boxes!

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TIDE TABLE

11 Mar - 24 Mar 2026

• Full Moon - 2 April 2026

Wed Mar 11 2026
low tides 01:26 14:23
high tides 7:59 21:00
sunrise 06:24 sunset 18:52

Wed Mar 18 2026
low tides 09:19 21:27
high tides 03:16 15:35
sunrise 06:30 sunset 18:43

Thu Mar 12 2026
low tides 03:02 16:42
high tides 09:38 23:49
sunrise 06:26 sunset 18:50

Thu Mar 19 2026
low tides 09:51 21:59
high tides 03:48 16:08
sunrise 06:31 sunset 18:42

Fri Mar 13 2026
low tides 05:55 18:24
high tides 12:11
sunrise 06:14 sunset 19:08

Fri Mar 20 2026
low tides 10:25 22:33
high tides 04:21 16:43
sunrise 06:32 sunset 18:40

Sat Mar 14 2026
low tides 07:04 19:15
high tides 01:05 13:16
sunrise 06:27 sunset 18:48

Sat Mar 21 2026
low tides 11:00 23:09
high tide 04:56 17:19
sunrise 06:32 sunset 18:39

Sun Mar 15 2026
low tides 07:43 19:51
high tides 01:44 13:57
sunrise 06:28 sunset 18:47

Sun Mar 22 2026
low tides 11:38 23:47
high tide 05:34 17:58
sunrise 06:34 sunset 18:36

Mon Mar 16 2026
low tides 08:16 20:24
high tides 02:15 14:30
sunrise 06:28 sunset 18:46

Mon Mar 23 2026
low tides 12:20
high tide 6:15 18:43
sunrise 06:34 sunset 18:55

Tue Mar 17 2026
low tides 08:48 20:55
high tides 02:45 15:02
sunrise 06:29 sunset 18:44

Tue Mar 24 2026
low tides 0:32 13:11
high tide 7:02 19:38
sunrise 06:35 sunset 18:35

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



“Bowls teaches patience, humility and how to blame the green, the wind, the jack, the bias, and the marker - all before admitting you bowled badly. Sound familiar?”

SEDGIES STRONG IN REGIONAL RIVALRY

At the Eden Regional Challenge, our very own Luke Hugill, leading the Eden B team, claimed second place against the winning SBC challenger team of Tim Hill, Dave Cant, Trevor Jones, and Chris Baker. On the ladies' side, Ann Dold and her team, which included our Debi Stanford, narrowly lost to

their Eden counterparts, it was close, but the bragging rights remain hotly contested!

FRIENDLY (BUT FIERCE) CLUB COMPETITION
Novice Singles champions Adri Ciorovich and Marius Nadel (expect more titles soon) took home the glory, but runners-up Sheryl Owen and Wessie vd Westhuizen, shouldn't worry - the winners' board has plenty of room for your names.

GROOTBRAK COLTS AND FILLIES

Four Sedgefield teams hit Grootbrak for a fun-filled day with Tielie and Danie Maree, Gill Cromhout, and Jenny



Williams bringing the honours home. Well bowled!

BAREFOOT BOWLS ROUND 1

The 2026 Barefoot Bowls roared off with Legends 3, Skilpaaitjies, and the Sedge Town Rollers racing to the top of the leaderboard. Competitive camaraderie? Check! Fun and chaos? Absolutely! Huge thanks to our sponsors: Rietvallei Wines,

Pick n Pay, Garden Route Lifestyle Property, Legends Sports Pub, Engen, Wimpy, and Ben Theunissen Brokers.

FIRST ON THE GREEN, LAST TO LEAVE

Shout-out to our legendary Gophers (too many to mention individually) - the heroes who prep the greens, place the mats and jacks, and pack up everything afterward. Without you, bowls would be a lot less smooth and a lot less fun.

“An elderly second called Lee, Had difficulty bending her knee, When asked to measure, She did it with pleasure, But couldn't get up until tea!”

That's a wrap - see you all on the mat!

Don't let driving all the way to George become a pet-hate...



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