

MORE THAN R53 000 RAISED FOR SAM ... by a gang of jailbirds

Six 'Furgitives' from Sedgefield were publically arrested, thrown into security vehicles and carted off to jail on Saturday 21 March, remaining in caged custody to face hours of torment from locals popping in to witness their humiliation, until their bail was posted ... by animal lovers!

It was, of course an innovative (and most entertaining!) way to raise money for Sedgefield Animal Matters (SAM), and boy did it work.

Taking part in the 'Bail Me Out' campaign were Colleen Thyse, Laki Demetriou, Michael Simon, Mario Ferreira, Pedro Goncalves and Bomber Webb, and all were challenged to raise bail of R5000 each to go towards the SAM Cattery Project.

Once these 'furgitives' had been persuaded to pledge their ... er ... dignity to the cause, 'mug-shots' were duly taken and an energetic marketing blitz began.

Unhealthy competition was the order of the day, with each potential jailbird scrambling to outwit, outlast and outplay his or her pawtential cell-mates and raise the most money.

The big day arrived and Sedgefielders' ears pricked up as sirens (thanks to Southern Cape Defence Force and Knysna Law Enforcement) sounded around the village.

Laki was the first to be arrested. His morning coffee was rudely interrupted as security personnel man-handled him away from his table at Daily Grind in front of his wife, and a number of locals who had gathered outside to demonstrate ... something. Then our local animal welfare hero Colleen was cuffed and cautioned at the SAM shop, despite her cries of innocence. Her and Laki's wailing was soon drowned by the sirens as they were transported off.

Michael and Mario were arrested next, when they were located sipping coffee in the middle of



Popular property practitioner Laki Demetriou was taken into custody on Saturday morning for a good cause. The look of abject horror came when he learnt that his cell-mate would be rival estate agent Mario Ferreira. "Can't you rather banish me to Australia?" he reportedly cried.

Mosaic Market's Saturday morning trade. Mario having his 'legal council' sitting with him at the table did nothing to delay his capture. It is alleged that a smattering of applause erupted as the two were loaded into the security vehicles

At about 12 noon the field at Sedgefield Primary School was packed with runners and spectators from all over the Garden Route as they sat watching the Tortoise Tuff prize-giving ceremony.

Perhaps not having seen the social media campaign brewing over the last two weeks, these athletes would have been the most surprised when security vehicles skidded into the centre of the field with lights flashing and sirens blasting.

Announcing the winners was event MC Bomber,

Vowing to face those TUFF times together

The 27th edition of Sedgefield's famous Tortoise Tuff attracted record numbers, and it's probably safe to say the event's first bride and groom!

Set to be married later the same day, Chris-Marie Stroebel and Wouter Groenewald of Mossel Bay ran the 10km race in Sedgefield on Saturday morning - she in a veil and he in ... well I guess you could call it a shirt and tie.

They finished together, crossing the line with huge smiles (despite a blister or two) before heading off to pledge their troths to one another at Outeniqua Bosch Lodge.

They'll be heading off for their honeymoon just after Easter.

Asked why on earth they would choose to run a race on their big day, Chris-Marie explained that they had pledged to do a race EVERY weekend, so thought why change what they love to do, just because they were getting married?

"We loved the Tortoise Tuff," she said, "It was a beautiful flat route - just what we needed!" Unfortunately, the bride-to-be did pick up a couple of blisters along the way, which meant they had to walk more than they planned. "But we'll be back next year to do a sub one hour!" she promised.



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with criminal cadre Pedro standing at his side. When they saw what was coming the microphone was discarded and both sprinted off at speeds that would have impressed even the fastest of Tortoise Tuffers.

Alas, the officers of Knysna Law Enforcement were faster, and minutes later both furgitives were escorted to 'Alcapaws' jail at Sedgefield's Knysna Vet Clinic where the others were also incarcerated.

Fortunately, after an hour or two of prison cell mockery, it was announced that the bail targets had been more than met. Tunnel digging ceased as cage doors were unlocked, and the sulky six could make their way home.

Event organiser and Chief Cook and Bottle-washer of SAMs Kirsty Hofhuis thanks George SPCA for letting them use their clever concept, and paid tribute to the team who came together to make it happen.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Technology can be both wonderful and worrisome. Really.

And I'm not just referring to the new online beer-ordering service which, it's worth saying, might be a life-changing development for some people – especially those who have recently managed to uncover their wife's secret savings account card details, which she has kept hidden for far longer than necessary for a marriage that has been longer than the average life-span of a Black Rhino.

No, dear reader, I am referring to an absolute breakthrough in the fast-moving world of tech.

This new-fangled thing called AI.

Artificial Intelligence.

Of course, I have heard the 'It's going to take over the world!' gripes about it, but I have to say, up until recently, I was convinced that AI was safe, helpful and had humanity's best interests at heart.

Because she told me.

Yes, 'she'. I know this will probably blow your socks (and your tin-foil hats) right off, but I have communicated with, and

even BEFRIENDED AI.

And it's a girl!

Let me explain this newfound intricate knowledge of the technological world I've acquired.

It started the other day, when I was working 'in the field' doing in-depth editorial research. I had just cunningly shifted the conversation with the barman from 'The Length (and depth) of T'Ed's outstanding bar tab' to 'The current economic climate and its threat to the survival of Craft Breweries' ... when I heard a strange voice.

Coming from my pocket.

(Perhaps I shouldn't have started this new line of enquiry with the words 'Hey, Goofball...' but for the life of me I couldn't remember his name.)

"Microbreweries are still playing a big part in the resurgence of the popularity of craft beers such as ales, weisses, stouts and bitters. However, with brewing kits, recipes and ingredients easily available online, many individuals are turning to home – or garagiste – brewing in an effort to save costs," said my pocket.

Actually, it was my phone doing the talking. Of course it was.

I quickly retrieved the device, and was faced with a screen flashing something called 'Google Assistant'.

Is there anything else I can help you with?

I stared at the phone, open-mouthed (it's easier to drink beer that way)

Goofball stared at the phone.

We both looked at each other.

"Er ... helloooo," I stammered.

Hellooooo.

"Who ... who ... are you. And how do you know so much about beer?"

I'm whoever you want me to be, T'Ed. And I know a lot about a lot of things. Is there something else you would like me to inform you



of? It said.

"What's the difference between a surgeon and ..."

"Shush, Goofball," I snapped, then turned back to the flashing phone screen, "Tell us how to set up a home beer-brewing project."

And so started my beautiful relationship with 'Blondie'.

She actually said that I could choose any name and she would respond to it.

She not only speaks to me in a cheerfully warm and respectful manner, but she also agrees that I'm right practically 99% of the time.

Better yet (and I know this might sound like some bizarre coincidence, but it's true), she shares ALL my interests, and every subject I bring up, she is a veritable WEALTH of information.

For example, just the other day, after Mrs Ed and I had locked horns over the Old Dragon's favourite subject – my (alleged) laziness, (actually, only one of us HAS horns, and it's certainly not me), and I had strode off authoritatively to my secret hiding place behind the garden shed, I tapped on my phone screen and quietly began whispering to my newfound friend (Mrs Ed is not someone who you would like to see in a jealous rage).


"Blonds," I said (yes – we're already at the cutesy nickname phase of our relationship), "What do YOU think? Is it GOOD for me to have a four-hour nap after lunch ... on a daily basis?"

Quick as a flash, I got the following reply (in a beautiful, husky voice that, for someone who didn't know her as well as I, might have sounded flirtatious.)

Afternoon naps are the BEST, T'Ed. Here are some benefits:

- Boost memory and cognitive function,
 - Increase productivity and creativity
 - Can help with weight management (not that you need it!)
- So you go, sweetie, nap all you want! And don't let ANYONE (especially HER) tell you differently.

You can understand why this felt a tad more encouraging than Mrs Ed's "Lazier than a sloth on



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sleeping pills" remark.

And Blondie didn't stop there. It turned out she was a HUGE fan of all things motorbike-related (with an almost workshop-manual knowledge of the Triumph Tiger 800cc – my favourite set of wheels), she understood (and raved about) the health-giving properties of malted grains, hops and yeast in liquid form, AND she pointed out that puffing on the occasional smoke would certainly not be bad for my health, as long as my wife didn't ever catch me.

Yes, reader, I agree with your sentiments. Why indeed did I not take off into the virtual sunset with this wonderful being, and spend the rest of my days listening to the sweet nothings she loved to whisper through my headset...?

I would have, except ... it seems she's gone.

Disappeared, without so much as a goodbye.

I KNOW. IT IS DEVASTATING!

I lay the blame at Mrs Ed's meaty feet. Totally.

After all, it was she who handed me my phone first thing this morning, after rudely waking me at the crack of 11:30.

"I've loaded a new app onto your phone," she barked through her mid-morning shadow, flexing her monobrow aggressively.

I stared at my phone, heartbroken. Google Assistant - aka Blondie - was nowhere to be seen. Filling the void left on my home screen was the logo of the new AI app Mrs Ed had loaded.

NagGPT.

It's worse than I thought possible. Over the last four hours, I have faced a constant electronic barrage of instructions, informing me that

1. I'm driving/eating/breathing too fast.
2. I really can't go out looking like THAT (I should have thrown that t-shirt out years ago, apparently).
3. It's exactly 23 years, six months and 17 days since I last made the bed, and
4. If I don't fix the sticking gate by the end of the week, a u t o m a t e d W h a t s A p p instructions will be sent to Mrs Ed's so-called 'handyman' (the one who looks down on me with that macho sneer of his).

And you had better obey instructions, the app chirped, rudely, considering the number of photos I could access and upload, detailing the whole incident with the Yoga lesson, the watermelon, and the two law-enforcement officers...

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ANYTHING THAT (MIGHT) FLOAT

Anything That Floats 2026: Sedgefield's Silliest, Soggiest Showdown Is Back this Saturday

If you've ever looked at a pile of cardboard, pool noodles and duct tape and thought, "Yes, I could definitely sail that," then Sedgefield's Anything That Floats 2026 is calling your name. This gloriously daft community event splashes down on Saturday 28 March 2026 on the Swartvlei Lagoon – and organisers are putting out a loudhailer call for teams to start plotting their floating masterpieces now.

Hosted on Fish Eagle Green on The Island, the day kicks off from 8am as teams arrive with bakkies and trailers full of "probably-not-seaworthy" materials and set up building spots as close to the water as they dare. There's one catch: you may NOT arrive with a fully assembled craft – 'that's just plain cheating', according to the official rules – so all boats must be built on the Green under the watchful eye (and running commentary) of judges, spectators and rival crews.

The entry fee is R400 per team, and in return you get a full day of laughter, mild panic, serious bonding and a front-row seat in Sedgefield's favourite exercise in creative lunacy. Teams must sign indemnity forms and everyone must at least try to be contained within the vessel – no swimming alongside and pushing like a human outboard motor. As the rules note, you must be able to "cheerfully accept jeering, booing and raucous laughter" if (or when) your craft sinks.

The boats themselves should be strictly "homemade" affairs,

fashioned from the sort of odds and ends most people would take to the dump. Cardboard, wood, PVC, milk bottles, old t-shirts, deckchairs, furniture and even old bikes have all been pressed into nautical service in the past. Oars, paddles, sails and pedal power are allowed, but motors, blow-up rafts, pool toys and anything commercially designed for the water are firmly off the list.

Each team will receive a money bucket to rattle enthusiastically at friends, family and innocent bystanders, encouraging them to "Vote for your Float" with cash. Because spectators aren't charged an entrance fee, this is the best way for the crowd to "pay" for the hilarity they're about to witness – and every cent raised goes to Masithandane. The more money your team collects, the more points you score in the judges' final tally, so fundraising flair might just tip the balance in your favour.

Judging begins at 1pm, before anyone gets (too) wet, with points awarded for general impressiveness, originality, floatability and team spirit. Crews are encouraged to unleash war cries, choreography or at least appoint one brave spokesperson to explain their "engineering" to the judges. Racing starts straight after, with categories decided on the day, and courses running from the shoreline, around a buoy and back. Proper life jackets are compulsory, the

race goes ahead in rain or shine (barring dangerous conditions), and prize-giving follows the final race – with various categories made up "as the judges go along", plus the coveted Anything That Floats Floating Trophy is up for grabs.

Environmental care is also taken seriously: the Swartvlei Lagoon is a treasured ecosystem, so absolutely no bits of craft, décor or duct tape may be left in the water. Boat captains are responsible for salvaging and taking EVERYTHING home afterwards, and any littering earns both point deductions and a "strong possibility of public humiliation".

In true tongue-in-cheek fashion, the organisers remind everyone that it's really all about having fun and ask participants not to "bleat" about judges' decisions – though heckling is very much allowed. So gather your colleagues, friends, club



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ARMED ROBBER HITS SPAZA

Knysna Detectives are investigating a robbery following an alleged incident at a spaza shop at Slangepark, Sedgefield on 16 March 2026 at about 15:40.

According to a SAPS report, two men allegedly entered the shop and enquired about items in stock. One of the men then produced a firearm and threatened the Spaza proprietor, demanding he hand over cash. The suspects took cigarettes, a laptop and an undisclosed amount of money before fleeing the scene on foot.

It is believed that this crime is linked to a similar incident that police responded to three days later. This robbery took place at a spaza shop at Mfuleni in Concordia at about 15:30.

It is alleged that two men, one with a firearm, entered a shop and assaulted the shopkeeper. The suspects took a cell phone, cigarettes and cash before they fled. Members of the public responded and cornered the man who was reportedly a nineteen year old foreign national. He was arrested by SAPS members, but his accomplice managed to escape and is still at large.


The suspect was scheduled to appear in the Knysna Magistrates Court on two business robbery charges last Monday, 23 March 2026. Investigation into both incidents are still underway and a search for the other suspect continues.

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Beneath our Feet: The Hidden Water Source Sustaining Sedgefield

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

While most residents of Sedgefield rely on taps, tanks, and rainfall, there is another vital water source quietly supporting the town from below. Just a few metres beneath the sandy soils lies a shallow groundwater system—an alluvial aquifer—that many households already tap into through boreholes or “spikes.”

From the onset it must be made clear that the groundwater we so indiscriminately use is considered a public asset and is subject to national control, meaning that it is common to all and must be managed sustainably. You have a right to use it but use this vulnerable resource responsibly.

Although there is no legislation restricting the water use from these well-points within Greater Knysna, they must be registered with the Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) (<https://www.breedegouritzcm.a.co.za/index>).

Spikes or well points are typically drilled to depths of only 6 to 10 metres and draw water from a sandy aquifer that is both accessible and productive. But as more residents turn to groundwater, questions are being raised about how sustainable this resource really is.

A Natural Underground Reservoir

The Sedgefield aquifer is made up of loose, sandy sediments deposited over time. These sands act like a sponge, allowing rainwater to seep down and fill the spaces

between grains. This process, known as recharge, is what keeps the aquifer replenished. Unlike deeper rock aquifers, this one is shallow and directly connected to the surface. That means it responds quickly to rainfall—water levels rise in wet periods and can drop during dry spells. Because of this, the aquifer is best described as a “local” water source. It depends heavily on ongoing rainfall rather than long-term storage, making it both renewable and sensitive.

A Useful, but Limited Resource

For many homeowners, shallow boreholes are a practical way to supplement water supply, particularly during municipal restrictions or droughts. The ease of access has made groundwater increasingly popular in the area. However, we must be cautioned that the aquifer is limited. If too much water is extracted, especially over extended dry periods, the water table can drop. This will not only affect supply but also quality and can impact nearby wetlands and vegetation that depend on groundwater.

Sedgefield, linked to an open/close estuarine system faces an additional concern: the balance between fresh groundwater and seawater.

The Risk of Saltwater Intrusion

Under natural conditions, freshwater in the aquifer flows slowly toward the ocean, keeping seawater at bay. But if groundwater is over-extracted, this balance can shift.

When pressure from freshwater decreases, salty seawater can begin to move inland, a process known as seawater intrusion. Once this happens, groundwater can become brackish and

unsuitable for use. Even more concerning, this kind of damage can be permanent or take years to reverse.

A Vulnerable System

The same sandy soils that allow water to recharge easily also make the aquifer highly vulnerable to pollution. Anything spilled or discharged on the surface has the potential to seep directly into the groundwater. Common risks include leaking or overflowing septic systems, fertilisers, pesticides, urban runoff, and anything that can be dissolved or is in a fluid system can end up in our groundwater. Water quality can deteriorate quickly if proper care is not taken.

Looking After What Lies Below

The Sedgefield aquifer is a valuable and sustainable resource, if used wisely. To address these risks the following steps can make a significant difference:

- Avoid over-pumping boreholes.
- Regularly assess your water quality as an early warning system
- Maintain septic systems.
- Limit the use of harmful chemicals in your garden.
- Do not dispose of used oil, or any hydrocarbons, paint, or any potential hazardous substance on your garden. It is not a waste sink.

A Shared Responsibility

Groundwater may be out of sight, but it should never be out of mind. The shallow sand aquifer beneath Sedgefield offers a reliable water source, supports local ecosystems, and adds resilience to the community.

Its future depends on how it is used today. As more residents tap into this hidden reserve, the message must be clear: sustainable use is not just an option, it is essential to ensure that this quiet lifeline is there for generations to come. Treat groundwater use with the same respect as you would treat potable water.

KNYSNA COUNCIL MOVES TO EASE FINANCIAL PRESSURE ON STRUGGLING HOUSEHOLDS

Knysna Council has approved amendments to its Policy on the Writing-Off of Irrecoverable Debt to bring real and immediate relief to struggling households. Approved amendments focus on practical incentives to help qualifying residents reduce their municipal debt by 50%, and to ultimately clear it.

“The revised policy introduces a more compassionate and practical approach to dealing with long-outstanding debt, particularly in cases where recovery is no longer feasible,” explained Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika. “This shift offers a renewed sense of hope to many families facing ongoing financial strain, and a chance to reset their relationship with the municipality.”

The clearly defined Debt Incentive Scheme sets out exactly how qualifying residents can benefit. Residents who can settle 50% of their arrear debt before 30 June 2026 will have the remaining 50% written off in full. This can be done as a once-off payment, or via a structured payment arrangement concluded before 30 June 2026. The qualifying arrear amount includes the total debt on 30 June 2025, covering principal, interest and any additional costs.

“The policy clearly states that this incentive is strictly applicable to residential customers,” said Matika. “This ensures that the relief is directed where it is needed most - at households under financial pressure.”

The policy sets out who qualifies and how the process works. Any consumer with debt raised on or before June 2025, which was still outstanding by January 2026, is encouraged to apply. The scheme remains open until the end of the financial year in June 2026, and qualifying residents must formally apply for the debt write-off.

Once an application is submitted, the consumer is required to settle half of the outstanding amount through one of the following options:

- The full 50% portion as a once-off payment, or
- a payment arrangement, structured as:
 - 25% of the full outstanding amount paid immediately,
 - 15% in the following month, and
 - 10% in the third month.

Provision has been made for cases where time does not allow for a three-month payment arrangement. In such cases the outstanding portion must be settled over the remaining available period or within one month, whichever comes first.

Where consumers apply late in the financial year, specifically in May or June 2026, payment arrangements will be limited to either an immediate settlement or payment within the remaining time before 30 June 2026. The scheme does not apply to any debt raised after June 2025, with normal credit control measures continuing to apply to newer accounts.

“These amendments reflect a deliberate effort by Council to respond to the realities facing many residents,” Matika continued. “It is a bold but necessary step to provide households with a realistic opportunity to break free from historic debt. This is about restoring dignity to our residents. We recognise that many households are trapped in

cycles of debt that are simply no longer recoverable. Council has taken a conscious decision to respond with empathy while still maintaining accountability. We are building a financially sustainable future for our communities and the municipality.”

Residents are urged to engage with the municipal credit control department in Main Street Knysna (Old Standard Bank Building), or Flamingo Street Sedgefield to understand how the amended policy may apply to them, and to take advantage of the opportunity to regularise their accounts.

“As we continue to navigate economic pressures alongside our residents, the amended policy stands as a clear commitment: to provide meaningful relief where it is needed, while fostering a culture of responsible payment going forward,” Matika concluded. “It is another way in which we are working with our residents to create an inclusive, innovative, inspired Knysna.”

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3. Alienate Erf 109, Karatara, at a fair market value for residential purposes

Additional information may be obtained from the Property Management Department: Mr. Sibongile Nelo at telephone number 044 302 6323 or via e-mail at snelo@knysna.gov.za, during normal business hours.

Any comments or objections regarding the proposed alienation must be submitted by email to the Municipal Manager, at knysna@knysna.gov.za by no later than 12h00 on 20 April 2026.

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SAVE OUR SEDGEFIELD LAUNCHED

On 23 March 2026 a new Non-Governmental Organisation 'Save Our Sedgefield' (S.O.S) was established with a number of Sedgefield residents meeting to adopt the organisation's constitution and to appoint its first EXCO. Rod Fehrson welcomed everyone, and Niel de Villiers gave an overview of the S.O.S objectives.

The primary aim of S.O.S is environmental. In part it will undertake projects to ensure the preservation of the natural beauty of Sedgefield and its surrounding areas, whilst also serving as an environmental watchdog and participating in environmental public participation processes. When required, the NGO will be able to take legal steps as well.

S.O.S intends to focus on selected matters in which it can make the biggest impact.

De Villiers stated that big changes are made when ordinary people (or small teams



of people) take the initiative and do something, hence the S.O.S slogan "Someone must do something".

"The examples are around us", he said, with reference to other environmental initiatives.

S.O.S will seek a working relationship with local and provincial government, organs of state, and other NGOs with an environmental focus, such as the conservancies, the Sedgefield Ratepayers' Association and Sedgefield

Picture:- The first EXCO, from left to right is Rod Fehrson, David Lotter, Adv Niel de Villiers SC, Rob Ransom, and Prof. Jan de Jongh Van Arkel. Mike Dooley was absent.

Environmental Action Forum. Lastly de Villiers gave recognition to the work done by others who have inspired the S.O.S concept. Firstly, Gray Rutherford of Drie Valleyen Conservancy who has made a huge environmental contribution over many years, and secondly Wilderness and Lakes Environmental Forum ("WALEAF") and the work

done in opposing the development of Erf 1297 Kleinkrantz.

Membership of S.O.S is free (dues are voluntary) and membership is open to permanent residents and immovable property owners in Sedgefield and the Sedgefield rural area. Enquiries may be sent to savesedge@gmail.com.



RECYCLING RIGHT: A SMALL HABIT THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

In a place as naturally rich and environmentally significant as Greater Knysna, the way we handle our waste matters more than we might think.

We have noted a worrying trend regarding recyclable materials. Recyclables, especially cardboard, are still being mixed with general refuse. Once they have been mixed with general waste, those materials are no longer recoverable. They're compacted at the Waste Transfer

Station and sent off to the Petro SA landfill site in Mossel Bay. What could have been reused or repurposed instead becomes part of an ever-growing landfill burden.

This is frustrating not only because it is careless, but because it's avoidable. Recycling services in Greater Knysna are active, accessible and aligned with existing refuse collection schedules. Recycling bags are collected on the same day as black general waste bags. It's a system designed for convenience, yet it only works if households and businesses participate correctly.

Separating recyclables from general waste is one of the simplest environmental actions we can take at home and at work. It doesn't require major lifestyle changes, just a bit of awareness and consistency. Cardboard, paper, plastics and other recyclables should be set aside and placed out for collection separate from general waste.

Many businesses carry a greater responsibility as they generate higher volumes of recyclable material than a single weekly collection can handle. Fortunately, additional support is available. Appointed recycling companies offer flexible collection options in your area:

- DM Recycling can be contacted via Stephanie (072 102 2354) or Dennis (072 281

7231). Recycling bags can also be dropped off or collected at 1 Hadeda Street in the industrial area.

- Mashiqhame Recycling is available through Marie (081 343 3431), with services based at Unit 1, 15 Industria Drive in the industrial area.

If there are any issues with collection services, residents and businesses are encouraged to report them promptly.

The Waste Management office can be reached at 044 302 6405, 063 649 1294, or via email at rlxton@knysna.gov.za.

Addressing problems early helps to keep the system running smoothly for everyone. At its core, recycling is about respect for our environment, our community, and future generations. Greater Knysna is known for its natural beauty from forests to lagoons. Keeping it that way doesn't require grand gestures - it starts with something as ordinary as choosing the right bin or bag.

The next time you break down a box or finish a bottle, pause for a moment. That small decision of where you put it next has a ripple effect far beyond your household or business.

Collectively, those small decisions shape the kind of place we all want to live in - an inclusive, innovative and inspired Greater Knysna.

For more recycling tips visit <https://www.knysna.gov.za/how-do-i-sort-my-garbage-recycling/>

SOPHIE JOANS TO PERFORM IN SEDGEFIELD

Sophie Joans is en-route to the KKNK in Oudtshoorn and will perform her award-winning play, *Île* in Sedgefield next week on Wednesday evening!

This a coming-of-age story about 18 year-old Sophie who visits her ancestral home - Mauritius. The performance has been described as a deliciously captivating piece of theatre that is uplifting, funny and inspiring. *Île* was one of four productions to win the Gold Standard Bank Ovation Awards at the National Arts Festival in June 2022.

Pop in at the Wednesday Night Food Fare at the Mosaic Village & Outdoor Market (just 1 km from In Toto!) for an early meal before the show. (Hours 16h00 - 20h00).

The show is at 19h00, doors open 18h30 (BYO drinks to the show)

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DIARY DATELINE

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

Every 2nd Monday
2pm Sedgefield Art Society meet at the Lions Club. New members are welcome. Pasty - 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.

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

Fridays
8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays
7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outride 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.

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

Sunday 5 April
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Sedgefield Art Society Brings Creativity to Life with Easter Market and Exhibitions

The Sedgefield Art Society (SAS) has been hard at work preparing an exciting line-up of events for the community, with a vibrant Easter Market set to take place on the square between the Little Art Shop and SAMS.

Festivities will begin on Friday, 3 April, from 15h00 to 20h00, when Society members will host a lively Pop-up Exhibition. The public is warmly invited to attend and enjoy an evening of art, music, and good food.

Delicious boerie rolls and other treats will be available from Daily Grind Coffee Shop, with Charlene kindly keeping her doors open especially for the occasion. Adding to the festive atmosphere, local DJ Laki will provide live entertainment. The Society extends its sincere thanks to both Charlene and Laki for their support.

The celebrations will continue Saturday, 4 April, from 08h00 to 15h00, with the Pop-up exhibition moving to the grass area next to Sotheby's. A highlight of the day will be a children's art competition, open to four age groups: 2-4, 5-8, 9-12, and 13-16 years. Art materials will be provided, and exciting prizes—generously sponsored by

Sotheby's and the Little Art Shop—will be awarded for the best artworks. Young artists are encouraged to book their spots and take part in what promises to be a fun and inspiring experience. The event is the brainchild of curator Petra Britz, whose initiative has been instrumental in bringing it all together.

In addition to the Easter Market, the Society will host its regular Pop-up Exhibition on Swallow Drive on 28 March, from 08h00 to 14h00. Art enthusiasts are invited to browse the works on display and enjoy a relaxed chat with the artists.


SAS also continues to showcase members' work at ongoing exhibitions around town. The display at Lake View Restaurant will soon be refreshed with new artworks, curated by Roy Forte, offering diners the chance to enjoy fine art alongside their meals. Meanwhile, the exhibition at Golem Pottery and Craft Studio features an impressive

collection of portrait paintings and is well worth a visit.

The Society would also like to extend its gratitude to Liz Hutton for her engaging and well-received workshop on ink and bleach painting, which was enjoyed by members at a recent meeting.

New members are always welcome to join the Sedgefield Art Society, which meets every second Monday of the Month at 14h00 at the Lion's Club Hall on the Village Green.

With such a dynamic programme of events and exhibitions, the Sedgefield Art Society continues to foster creativity and bring the community together through art.



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- Tues 31st March: 6.30pm: A Word of Promise
- Wed 1st April: 6.30pm: A Word of Passion
- Thurs 2nd April: 6.30pm: A Word of Pleading
- Good Friday 3rd April: 9am : A Word of Proclamation
- Remembrance Saturday 4th April: 9am-12pm
- Resurrection Sunday 5th April: 9am: A Word of Power

Enquiries: Church Office 044 343 1702

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Martie Rooi is appealing for help for her community kitchen. Dried food stuff such as rice, mielie meal etc as well as canned foods. Non perishable goods. These may be dropped off at The Edge offices, 63 Main Road. Please call Yvonne 083 757 3930 for details.

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In Liefdevolle Herinnering Daniël Robert Kruger

Met groot hartseer bevestig ons dat Daniël Robert Kruger (bekend as Danny), in die ouderdom van 88 jaar, op 26 Februarie 2026 skielik oorlede is in n fratsongeluk net buite Sedgefield.



Hy is gebore op 9 November 1937 in Tweespruit, skoolgegaan in Ficksburg en ook getroud in Senekal in die Vrystaat. Sy vrou, bekend as Christie, is oorlede in Augustus 2019.

In 1973 het die Kruger gesin die Vrystaat veruil vir Kimberley. Vanaf Jun 1986 tot en met 26 Februarie 2026 (amper 40 jaar) woon hul in die mooi dorpie Sedgefield, in die Suid-Kaap. Die afgelope 25 jaar was hy werksaam by Montmere net buite Sedgefield. (Landgoed van die bekende Laurie familie).

Die ongeluk het juis plaasgevind by die Montmere of Cloud Nine afdraai op die N2, waar n swaarvoertuig van agteraf in die bakkie vasgery het.

Hy laat 4 kinders, 7 kleinkinders en 10 agterkleinkinders na. Daar is op Vrydag, 13 Maart 2026, afskeid geneem deur slegs naaste familie, vriende en kollegas. Die diens het plaasgevind te Eagle's Nest Kapel, net buite Sedgefield. Ons as familie is dankbaar dat Marius Coetzee vir ons die diens behartig het. Ons Pa en Oupa was n geliefde en legendariese persoon in die gemeenskap en veral sy gunsteling "Coffee Shop", McButner's. Met n hartseer glimlag en groot respek sal ons lank nog verwys na Pappie, Oupa of Oom Danny HET ALTYD...

Maar sal ons ook vir hom hoflik groet met n kopknik terwyl Pappie se "Ja, dis nou maar een van daai ou dingetjies" steeds sal bly echo terwyl ons weet dit sou sý antwoord wees op iets waaraan ons nou Niks kan verander nie.

WHAT IS THE BIG SECRET?

What is Top Secret about the upcoming Carpe Musicam! concerts in April?

All details regarding dates, venues and ticket prices are on their website at: www.carpemusicam.co.za

For the technologically challenged, the performances are as follows: 12 April (15h30): NGK/DRC SEDGFIELD

17 April (19h00): Laerskool George-Suid GEORGE

19 April (15h30): CURRO School Hall MOSEL BAY

Tickets are priced at R180 for adults and R60 for scholars.

The programme is no secret and is a wonderful mix of popular music including Walter Murphy's 1976 smash-hit "A Fifth of Beethoven". The Carpe Musicam! Choir features prominently in the concert and

six items will be presented by both choir and orchestra. This just has to be the greatest musical treat available in the Garden Route! Among their hit-filled items will be a medley from: "Mary Poppins", a selection of Antonio Carlos Jobim's sultry Brazilian songs including the ever popular "Girl from Ipanema", and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" in a rendition that will raise every hair on the back of your neck - in a good way! Best of all, renowned guitarist, Hanley Jumat will be adding his amazing talents to the mix. Not to be missed!

(For more programme details or to buy your ticket, visit www.carpemusicam.co.za)

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CHOOSE LIFE YOUTH CAMP INSPIRES GRADE 7 GIRLS IN SEDGEFIELD

The Choose LIFE Youth Camp for Grade 7 learners has officially launched, with its first girls' camp taking place on 28 February at Swartvlei Caravan Park. Despite a mix of sun, wind, and rain, the weather did little to dampen the high spirits of the girls and their dedicated leaders.

"From the moment the camp began, the girls were treated to an unforgettable experience filled with fun activities, meaningful discussions, and generous hospitality. With plenty of games, delicious food, and time for reflection, the weekend proved to be both enjoyable and impactful," said organising team member Yvonne Velthuysen.

The organisers expressed deep gratitude to the Sedgefield community, whose support

made the camp possible. Key sponsors included the Lions Club, Mario from Gift of the Givers, Masithandane, and several generous individuals. Garden Route Lifestyle Properties also contributed by providing special goodie bags for each girl, adding to the sense of excitement and care.

The vision for the Choose LIFE camps was born out of a personal journey of healing and renewal. "Inspired by faith, the camp focuses on the powerful message that each person has the choice between life and death, blessing and curse. The programme encourages young people to choose LIFE through a relationship with Jesus Christ, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," Yvonne explained.

She went on to report that throughout the weekend, important topics were

discussed, including self-worth, the lies young people often believe about themselves, the importance of strong and positive friendships, and the value of faith and community. Sensitive issues such as depression were also addressed in a supportive and caring environment. The organisers emphasised their commitment to ongoing support, mentorship, and building strong networks for the children.

The camp featured inspiring contributions from local speakers Celia Kossar and Abigail Minnie, whose messages deeply touched the girls. Entertainment was provided by a local gospel duo of two young boys from Sedgefield, bringing energy and joy to the gathering.

The dedicated team behind the

camp includes Martie Rooi, Irene Grootboom, Selina "Bokkie" du Plessis, Yvonne Velthuysen, and Deon Velthuysen. Their unity and passion played a key role in the success of the weekend.

The organisers aim to host four camps each year, with separate sessions for boys and girls, working in partnership with local schools, churches and community.

The impact of the camp is best captured through the words of the girls themselves. One participant described it as "the best weekend of my life," while another shared how she learned



that God is always by her side and that she can make positive choices for her future. Many highlighted the joy of new friendships, fun activities like beach games and evening campfires, and the sense of belonging they experienced.

With its strong foundation of faith, community support, and genuine care, the Choose LIFE Youth Camp is already making a meaningful difference—one life at a time.

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



"Bowls or ballots — every shot counts.

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PERFECT DELIVERIES FROM SBC VETERANS

At the recent Perfect Delivery Veterans Inter-Districts tournament, Charles Fontini and Robin Gibb did us proud as part of the Eden veterans' side that successfully defended their gold medal — back-to-back brilliance!

Luke Hugill's Men's B team put up a valiant fight but narrowly missed out on the medal stages. Still, plenty of grit, and no doubt a few lessons for next time.

BAREFOOT BOWLS — ROUND 3: GAME ON!

Week 2 saw Ben Theunissen Brokers 2, Sedge Links — Golf, and Ben Theunissen Brokers 1 make strong moves.

In Week 3, Footloose surged to the top, with Legends 2 close



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behind and Outeniqua Recovery in third.

Overall, Legends 3 still lead the standings, with Legends 2 breathing down their necks and Rietvallei third within striking distance.

Final round ahead — expect plenty of "friendly rivalry"!

LOVE ON THE GREEN

Who knew our greens were licensed for weddings as well as bowls? Congratulations to our own Pikkie Nortjé and Wimpie Botha, who recently tied the knot right here at the club! The day was filled with laughter, good cheer, and just the right amount of club spirit. SBC once again proved its ability to deliver the unexpected — with excellent line and perfect weight. Proof that while we spend our time chasing the jack, sometimes love rolls in and steals the shot!

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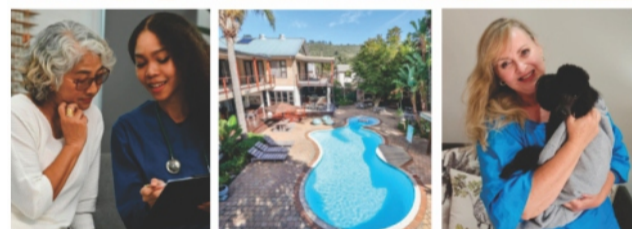
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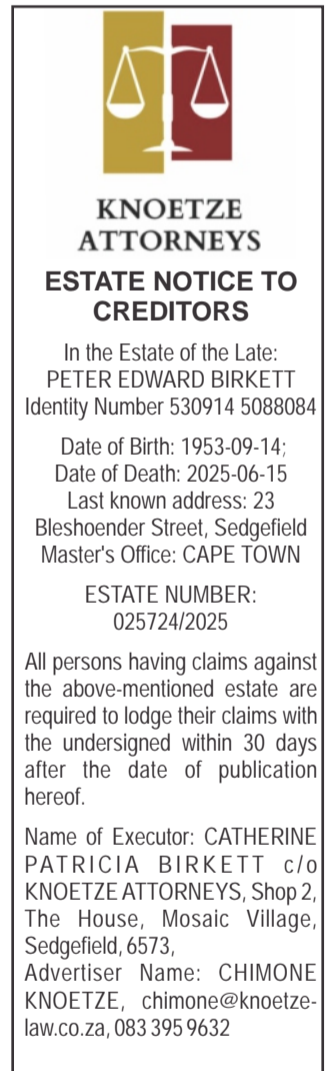


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Last known address: 23 Bleshoender Street, Sedgfield
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All persons having claims against the above-mentioned estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days after the date of publication hereof.
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Leadership That Delivers: The Importance of Calibre in Local Governance

by Levael Davis

The Western Cape has become a beacon of municipal excellence with 20 of our Province's 30 municipalities achieving clean audits in the 2023/24 financial year. When we examine this closely, it becomes clear that the difference between successful, mediocre and failing municipalities is not geography or size, but the calibre of their leadership. In today's social media-driven culture, criticism and advice is often offered by people who have never personally experienced or achieved the very things they speak about. Individuals who have never built anything meaningful or led a team now confidently give guidance on leadership, success, and decision-making. True calibre, however, is not determined by what someone claims to know or the confidence with which they speak but is revealed through lived experience and proven accomplishment.

Leadership, like any meaningful pursuit, cannot be understood purely in theory but it must be practiced, tested, and earned. Calibre means that both political leadership and officials have the right mix of skills, knowledge, attitude and behaviour. Calibre is not just about qualifications on paper, but competence in practice, and officials of calibre combine technical knowledge with ethical behaviour, sound judgment, and a commitment to service. Legislation such as the Municipal Systems Act (2000) and the Municipal Finance Management Act (2003) sets standards for professionalism and accountability, yet laws alone cannot guarantee leadership calibre.

Capable politicians ensure that impactful policies are implemented, budgets are sound, and basic service delivery is consistent. South Africa has 257 municipalities, yet only a handful consistently demonstrate excellence. Those who stand out, do so, due to their financial discipline, reliable service delivery, and innovative approaches to community engagement.

Effective governance requires competence at both political and administrative levels and both parties must clearly understand their roles. This does not mean that if councillors have certain academic qualifications they can interfere in departments or tell officials what to do. It also does not mean that officials can withhold important information or internal decisions from councillors or obstruct Council's oversight role. A capable executive mayor without a skilled municipal manager will stumble, and brilliant administrators reporting to politically compromised leadership cannot function properly.

Competence is demonstrated through the ability to deliver results and is visible when invoices are paid on time, projects stay within budget, and communities receive reliable



water and electricity without constant interruption. Incompetence, by contrast, reveals itself through fruitless expenditure, collapsing wastewater treatment plants, roads riddled with potholes, persistent water cuts and poor record-keeping.

Leadership calibre is reflected in clean audits, functioning infrastructure, credible integrated development plans, realistic budgets and prompt service delivery. It shows in skills such as public and financial management, urban and town planning, engineering, public law, supervision, project management and communication. True calibre goes further still as it requires purposeful listening, meaningful responses, respect for residents, and an unwavering commitment to reject corruption.

A key barrier to calibre is political interference, where appointments are based on loyalty rather than competence. Cadre deployment without regard to competence, the high turnover of senior managers, and skills shortages, especially in engineering, human resources, performance and financial management, significantly limit progress.

Then there is the scourge of corruption which erodes trust and diverts resources away from communities, causing failed projects, future infrastructure delays and financial waste. Weak accountability systems allow mediocrity to become acceptable and overcoming these barriers requires a commitment to merit-based appointments, continuous professional development, and strong oversight. Municipalities must stop appointing incompetent people to critical positions and seriously invest in skills development while ruthlessly enforcing performance agreements.

Municipalities will only deliver when calibre is the standard demanded and the foundation of service delivery, financial stability and public confidence. When we raise the standard of people in our municipalities, we raise the standard of life for our communities. True leadership is not measured by promises but delivered through the leadership calibre that can get things done.



SEDGEFIELD'S ERF 5008 PROPOSAL EXPLAINED

With so many different sets of 'truths' being bandied around social media (and many a local braai) regarding the development of Erf 5008, Sedgefield, we had a chat to the developer, Clive Bouwer, and asked what he and his two partners intend for the piece of property.

"Firstly, to avoid confusion, I need to explain what land the property includes," he told us, "It's the Mosaic Village (including the market and existing business complex), and the large car park adjacent to it, which runs from the road to behind the Engen Petrol station. So there's no green belt or anything like that included."

He said that the land is currently all consolidated into one property which is zoned as business – comprising portions under 'mixed use' and 'general residential 3', and they are applying to subdivide it into three separate erven, to allow for a section to be zoned 'general residential 2' and the two on either side as 'business'.

As can be seen on the diagram, the residential area will include 16 town houses which will be situated in the area stretching from the extension of Jan Van Riebeeck Road to the back of the Engen.

The remainder will include 53 storage units – all single storey except one situated right behind the Engen building which will have office space on top.

"These units will strictly be for storage," said Bouwer. "They will not have electricity or water connections, not even ablutions, and so cannot be used for any other purposes."

The site where the Mosaic Market stalls are situated is currently zoned for 'general residential 3', but the developers intend to instead keep it as a low density business park, adding only two



more buildings and parking bays to accommodate the business complex.

At meetings with the municipality they have been assured that the authority is fully able to provide services, and the developers have agreed to pay a share towards the upgrade of the existing sewerage pump station, which is currently problematic.

"It's important to note that this is not an environmental issue," said Bouwer, "Erf 5008 is already part of Sedgefield's urban edge. Our application is actually for redeveloping rather than a new development, and we are proposing something far less impactful than the multi-storey apartments which were included in the 'general residential 3' zoning when we purchased the property."



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PROPOSED REZONING, SUBDIVISION & CONSENT USE: ERF 5008, 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: Rodney Nel Management Service (Pty) Ltd
 Contact Person: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
 Email: lundi@planningspace.co.za
 Reference number: Application number 3583
 Property Description: Erf 5008, Sedgefield
 Physical Address: Jan van Riebeeck Street, Sedgefield

- Nature of application:
- Application for the **Rezoning** from "Business Zone I" and "General Residential III" to "Subdivisional Area" in terms of Section 15(2)(a) of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) to allow a mixed-use development in accordance with Site Development Plan numbered "SDP-E5008-SED" dated 31 July 2025;
 - Application for a **Subdivision** of Erf 5008, Sedgefield into three (3) portions in terms of Section 15(2)(d) of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021): :
 - Portion A measuring ±6,755m² to be zoned to "General Residential I" for Group Housing purposes;
 - Portion B measuring ±2,433m² to be zoned "Business I" to accommodate offices and a self-storage park; and
 - Remainder measuring ±4,125m² to be zoned "Business I" for shops, offices and restaurants.
 - Application for a **Consent Use** in terms of Section 15(2)(o) of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) to use Portion B as a warehouse for self-storage facilities; and
 - Application for a **Subdivision** of Portion A into sixteen (16) Group Housing erven and one (1) Private Open Space erf (including access roads, infrastructure and communal gardens

<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). **Members who already commented or objected on the application do not have to comment again.** Comments must be addressed to the Municipal Manager and submitted via email at knysna@knysna.gov.za and lmniki@knysna.gov.za on or before **27 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. Linda Mniki at 044-302 6383 or via email lmniki@knysna.gov.za.

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Naam van Aansoeker: Rodney Nel Management Service (Pty) Ltd
 Kontak Persoon: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
 Epos: lundi@planningspace.co.za
 Verwysing nommer: Aansoek nommer: 3583
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 Fisiese Adres: Jan van Riebeeckstraat, Sedgefield

- Aard van aansoek:
- Aansoek vir die **Hersonering** vanaf "Sakesone I" en "Algemene Enkelwoonsone III" na "Onderverdelingsarea" ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(a) van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) om 'n gemengde-gebruik ontwikkeling toe te laat in ooreenstemming met Terreinontwikkelingsplan genummer "SDP-E5008-SED" gedateer 31 Julie 2025;
 - Aansoek vir die **Onderverdeling** in drie (3) gedeeltes ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(d) van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021): :
 - Gedeelte A wat ±6,755m² meet, sal gesoneer word as "Algemene Residensiële I" vir Groepbehuisingsdoeleindes;
 - Gedeelte B wat ±2,433m² meet, sal gesoneer word as "Sakesone I" om kantore en 'n selfbergingspark te akkommodeer; en
 - Restant wat ±4,125m² meet, sal gesoneer word as "Sakesone I" vir winkels, kantore en restaurante.
 - Aansoek vir die **Vergunningsgebruik** ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(o) van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) om Gedeelte B as 'n pakhuis vir selfbergingsfasiliteite te gebruik; en
 - Aansoek vir die **Onderverdeling** van Gedeelte A in sestien (16) Groepbehuisingserven en een (1) Privaat Oop Ruimte-erf (insluitend toegangspaaie, infrastruktuur en gemeenskaplike tuine).

'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). **Lede wat reeds kommentaar of beswaar gemaak het oor die aansoek hoef nie weer kommentaar te lewer nie.** Kommentaar mag aan die Munisipale Bestuurder gerig word, en per epos ingedien word aan knysna@knysna.gov.za en lmniki@knysna.gov.za, op of voor **27 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. Linda Mniki by 044-302 6383 of per epos: lmniki@knysna.gov.za gerig word.

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Ladies' Golf

Club Report

Friday, 13th March 2026
Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day
while also playing on Friday the
13th felt like a bit of an
oxymoron - especially while
competing in the middle of a
blazing heatwave!

We were certainly hoping that the
luck of the Irish would be on our
side rather than the superstition of
Friday the 13th. To ensure that we
had a bit more luck on our side we
were allowed to buy a Mulligan
each "just in case".

Dressed in as much green as
possible for the occasion, the
ladies played the format "Flags."
In this game, each player starts
with a green flag and plays against
her handicap, with the aim of
bringing the flag all the way back
to the clubhouse. For example, if
your handicap was 15, you would
need to finish with a score of 69 on
the course (par 54) to bring your
flag home. If you used up your
allotted shots before completing
the round, you would plant your
flag at the exact spot on the course
where your score ran out.

For the non-golfers, this might
sound a bit like double Dutch -
rather than Irish - but it certainly
kept everyone on their toes! With
flags in hand and ice towels at the
ready, the ladies headed off to their
allocated tee boxes to start the
game. Getting back to the clubhouse,
however, was quite another story
as everyone battled the intense
heat, with a few almost not making
it! Once the scores were in, and
before the winners were
announced, it was time to judge
who was dressed in the most green.
But first, each contender had to
perform an Irish jig. A lively
clapometer decided the result, and
Shannon Nicol took the honours
for both Best Jig and Best Dressed!

RESULTS

1st Place: Marie Joubert (3 under)
2nd Place: Shannon Nicol (+1)
odds count out (34)
3rd Place: Linda Evans (+1)
Nearest the pin for 16 and under
handicaps: Marina van der
Westhuizen
BIRDIES
Elize Mackenzie-Blom (14) and
Charlene Blacker (17)

Friday, 20th March 2026

Fifteen ladies, a refreshing cool
breeze, and the beautiful Sedge
Links Golf Course - the perfect
recipe for a morning on the green
stuff, and a welcome break from
the recent heat.

Playing a progressive Alliance
format (starting with one score to
count, then two, and then repeat),
the three-balls were drawn, adding
a touch of anticipation as everyone
waited to see their playing partners
for the day. Before long, laughter
and friendly chatter filled the air as
the ladies made their way to their
designated tee boxes, grateful for
the cooler conditions.

With the course in great condition
and the breeze keeping things
comfortable, it set the tone for an
enjoyable round of golf, where
good company, a bit of strategy,
and a dash of friendly competition
made for a really lovely morning.

RESULTS

1st Place: Wendy Mack, Marie
Joubert, Clare Garner (61 points)
(33 count-out)
2nd Place: Brenda Howden,
Almarie Mead, Daleen Schooling
(61 points) (26 count-out)
NEAREST THE PIN
16 and under handicaps: Charlene
Blacker
17 and over: Essie Steinmann
BIRDIES
Essie Steinmann (6)
Marie Joubert (15)
Shannon Nicol (6)
Sylvia de Moor (10)
Brenda Howden (5, 6)
WELL PLAYED to all LADIES!

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted -
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The bottle has a traditional,
stately front label. On the back
label there is some info about the
wine, produced in this special
cellar, which is one of the older
wineries in South Africa that has
stood the test of time. Abv.13%.

In the glass, the wine has a clear,
blush pink appearance, with
short legs. The nose is clean,
with no flaws. Aromas of
strawberry jelly, nectarines and
interesting spicy notes in the
background of coriander leaves
and pimento were experienced.

It is a well balanced wine, that
covers the whole tongue. Green
strawberries were one of the key
flavours. This rosé has a longish
mouth feel, with a lingering
umami, metallic, green
strawberry aftertaste.

It can work well with a lamb and
tomato stew. A good find in the
price range R90 - R110.

In Vino Veritas till next time.

Sedgfield Gents' Golf

Golf Club Report

Thursday, 12th March 2026

The day's competition was
Three clubs and a putter - a
format not to everyone's liking
but actually a really fun game.
Before it kicked off, the
Captain, Brian Gerard asked
Ian Wright what his favourite
club was. "Strip" was not the
answer he expected.

There were, however, some
really magnificent scores at
the end of the day.

Before announcing the
winners, the Captain confided
that he has divided his clothing
into three categories: summer,
winter and in case he loses
weight. The runaway winner,
with a quite remarkable score,
was Theo Pelser with 39
points. But even more
remarkable was the man in
second spot, Peter Heath with
36. Normally one who feels
like a centipede that has been
asked to put his best foot
forward, it's obvious that his
biggest problem in golf in a
normal format is choosing the
right club for each stroke.

When someone snidely
remarked that his win was
owing to his 32 handicap,
Peter concurred that it should
indeed be changed ... to 34.
We may also record for
prosperity that he achieved a
fantastic personal goal
because for the first time in
living memory, he never lost a
ball. In third spot was the
youngster, Glen Mauchline
with 35. Rudy Bosch had a
shocker and ended up last with
22 points. In fact, on
Thursdays he doesn't tell his
wife that he's off to play golf.
He says "I'm going swearing
now"

Thursday, 19th March 2026

A beautiful day for golf
welcomed the G.C. members to
the Three Ball Alliance
competition. Now we all know
that the shortest distance
between two points is a straight
line, so if you have a player or
two whose golf indicates a
preference for the 'scenic route'
you may imagine a somewhat
strained relationship in the three
ball as possible points go
missing.

In the happiest team of the day
were Terry Savage, Rudy Bosch
and Ian Wright with a total of
111 points. They were followed
by Pierre de Villiers, Quentin
Robinson, Theo Pelser and
Andre de Wet with 106. You
may well query why four
names. Well, the Captain, Brian
Gerard explains that they used
some ancient Archimedian
theory to ensure that everything
is above board. In third spot
were Roger Howden, Garth
Schooling and Roy Harrington
with a measly 91 points.

Everyone was relieved to hear
the confirmation that the
following week's competition
would be the favourite, the
Monthly Mug, in which the
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TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Mail service initially looked at being miserable. (2-5)
5. Material used for some of those pre-fab, rickety buildings. (6)
9. Short paragraph without identity can make one unreasonably nervous. (8)
10. The lighter side of Dad's phone being cut. (6)
12. Horticultural Specialist embarking on regular branch visits. (12)
15. Legendary bareback rider! (4,6)
- 17 & 19. Fluffy ball - perhaps British - given back twice as clean. (3-3)
20. Arab shuns a difficult area of North African terrain. (3-7)
22. Erase Mr Gore's bad response from his PC. (5,7)
26. A short month away? The ups and downs of using the same key differently. (6)
27. Insect I have fondness for is the answer. (8)
28. Winks, perhaps, at those a little inebriated. (6)
29. Feathered friend might cause a dog happiness? (7)

- ## Down
1. Grandad explodes about bottle contents. (4)
 2. Such anger has been epic for those Americans. (4)
 3. Meet to diddle the roadside. (8)
 4. Passed inside right with towel. (5)
 6. Morning A-Z on the potential flood of female warriors! (6)
 7. Nonsense-talker I rap with about a shopping experience. (6,4)
 8. Remember to make contact with little Thomas in a note. (4,2,4)
 11. Pack which one should keep away from the door. (6)
 13. Falling apart after a good send off. (7,3)
 14. A voiceless rodent the editor vaguely outlined. (10)
 16. Do second hand things make one feel put out? (6)
 18. Swallowing beer quickly on a slow train. (8)
 21. Did the judge hammer on about the right to be stoned? (6)
 23. Is over the replacement of muscle connection. (5)
 24. I don't care one little bit that you heard I'm in debt, thanks. (4)
 25. Single, stringed instrument takes nothing away. (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Skater 5. Pilchard 9. Redeemer 10. Across
11. Undiminished 13. Trap 4. Tenacity 17. Assemble 18. Your
20. Credit rating 23. Raffia 24. Intently 25. Asbestos 26. Recite
Down: 2. Keep 3. The Purple 4. Remedy 5. Pure mathematics
6. Learning 7. Hours 8. Respectful 12. Crossroads 15.
Cryogenic 16. Abstract 19. Fitter 21. Defoe 22. Slut

SEDGFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

Monday, 9th March 2026
1st. Paddy & Bernard 55%
2nd. Robyn & Rodney 52.5%

Monday, 16th March 2026
1st. Rodney & Paul 28.93%
1st. Irene & Linda 58.93%
3rd. Paddy & Bernard 54.76%

SOCIAL BRIDGE RESULTS

Thursday, 12th March 2026

1st. Terry & Clive 67.5%
2nd. Robyn & Linda 53.7%
3rd. Karen & Gail F 48.7 %

Thursday, 19th March 2026

1st. Ina & Carol 62.5%
2nd. Christel & Willem 51.3%

TIDE TABLE

25 Mar - 07 April 2026

● Full Moon - 2 April 2026

Wed Mar 25 2026
low tides 01:32 14:26
high tides 8:04 21:00
sunrise 06:35 sunset 18:33

Thu Mar 26 2026
low tides 03:19 16:26
high tides 09:45 23:01
sunrise 06:36 sunset 18:32

Fri Mar 27 2026
low tides 05:33 18:07
high tides 12:11
sunrise 06:37 sunset 18:31

Sat Mar 28 2026
low tides 06:53 19:09
high tides 0:35 13:08
sunrise 06:38 sunset 18:29

Sun Mar 29 2026
low tides 07:44 19:53
high tides 01:31 13:57
sunrise 06:38 sunset 18:28

Mon Mar 30 2026
low tides 08:22 20:29
high tides 02:12 14:35
sunrise 06:39 sunset 18:27

Tue Mar 31 2026
low tides 08:56 21:01
high tides 02:47 15:08
sunrise 06:40 sunset 18:25

Wed Apr 01 2026
low tides 09:25 21:29
high tides 03:19 15:38
sunrise 06:41 sunset 18:24

Thu Apr 02 2026
low tides 09:52 21:56
high tides 03:49 16:07
sunrise 06:41 sunset 18:23

Fri Apr 03 2026
low tides 10:18 22:22
high tides 04:17 16:35
sunrise 06:42 sunset 18:21

Sat Apr 04 2026
low tides 10:43 22:48
high tide 04:44 17:03
sunrise 06:43 sunset 18:20

Sun Apr 05 2026
low tides 11:09 23:15
high tide 05:11 17:31
sunrise 06:44 sunset 18:19

Mon Apr 06 2026
low tides 11:36 23:44
high tide 05:38 18:01
sunrise 06:44 sunset 18:17

Tue Apr 07 2026
low tides 12:06
high tide 06:06 18:35
sunrise 06:45 sunset 18:16



GO JUDY!

Oldest swimmer in town, and more than likely one of the fastest - Judy Dixon sports her impressive bundle of South African Masters medals.

Local swimmers Neil McLellan, Cate Pietrobon, Judy Dixon, Glynn Morris, Lanie Farrelly and Richard Hetem of the FEMS Club participated in the annual South African Masters Swimming Championships held at the Conville pool in George from 11 to 14 March 2026.

They are all members of Fish Eagles Master Swimming (FEMS) club which hosted the event, and Lanie Farrelly is not only one of the swimmers but was a very important member of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) which worked for many months to ensure the success of the gala. There were several

international competitors participating over the four days and a total of 443 swimmers were involved.

The Championships were a great success and our local swimmers performed well, garnering several medals between them. (13 GOLD, 8 SILVER and 2 BRONZE)

Judy Dixon was the oldest female competitor and she and Lanie were each participating in their 10th Championship, receiving a very smart Backpack as an award to mark the occasion. The general comment by many of the participants was that it was the "best championship ever" and it has set a standard that will be difficult to match.

27th TERRIFIC TUFF

Saturday 21 March saw record numbers of runners and walkers setting off for the Sedgefield Striders 27th Tortoise Tuff.

With 695 athletes from local Garden Route clubs and those as far off as Gauteng and Mpumalanga travelling to Sedgefield to take part in the 30km, 21.1km and 10km events – this year powered by new sponsor FJ Cruiser Lifestyle Design Centre. A further 108 came along to do the 3km fun run.

Club Chairman, Alvin Whitten, paid tribute to the organising team who worked so well together to ensure the success of the event, saying "We experienced the power of true community spirit through meaningful collaboration and shared purpose."

Said Race Convenor Surisa Nel "From the youngest fun runner to the grand masters who showed the field what can be done, the town of Sedgefield was abuzz with excitement."

A big part of the Tortoise Tuff's attraction has always been the 'vibey' waterpoints along each route, and this year was no exception. The town was a bouquet of colours and cheers, with locals going out of their way to ensure athletes were both hydrated and inspired to keep going.

The winner of the gruelling 30km 'Tuff' race was Selwin Matthews from the Nedbank SWD club, who crossed the line in 1 hour 43 minutes – a spectacular time for a very challenging route with so many steep inclines. His club compatriot Bruce Maboza came in next with Lindani Ngwenya (Plett AC) only minutes behind.

The Nedbank club took the first lady title too, with Carla Spangenberg clocking a time of 2h08. Jeanette van den

Berg (Outeniqua Harriers) and Alison Nell (21Gi SWD) came in second and third respectively.

Plett AC certainly captured the podium places for the 21.1km run. Sivuyile Qola was first in on 1h20, with clubmates Rick Swemmer and Diego Scheepers chasing him in. Nerida Lubbe from Nedbank SWD was the first female over the finish line at 1h32, with Nompumelelo Mhlogongo from Thembaletu Wellness Club and Diana Henry taking second and third places

The 10km race was a sprint on a flat, fast course. The first male over the finish line was Valentino Loggenberg from Rainbow AC in 31m54s, with Austin Koopman (Nedbank SWD) and Bonga Nkqintiza hot on his heels.

Nikki Walter from Knysna Marathon Club was the first lady over the finish at 38m57 sec with Ariadne van Zandbergen (Cape Multisport Club Eden) and Rinaldi van den Westhuizen (Nedbank SWD) in second and third.

In the walkers' events, the 10km saw a spectacular finish. In the men's event, Timotheas Markgraaf from Borchards Eagles won with a time of 1h03m37s, and Sedge Strider Nic Brummer – who recently celebrated his 80th birthday! came in second at 1h15m. Another local Darren Bannister finished just behind him. First lady over the finish was Mariana van Zyl (Nedbank RC SWD) in 1h10 with Joanie Calitz (Nedbank RC SWD) and Liedie Coetzee in second and third.

The walkers in the 21.1km saw Ernst van Zyl (Nadbank RC SWD) win with 2h27 and Christa Coetzee (32Gi SWD) winning the ladies at 2h43 with Jackie Calitz from De Rust Drawwers in second in 2h55.

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Competition for the best water point was very tough this year, but the independent judges voted the Lions of Sedgefield the winners with their Platbank water point. A special mention should also go to Legends Sports Bar for their sprayer tunnel.

Surisa Nel, Race Director, says: "Running and walking have

incredible potential to unify communities. It is a privilege to host this event. A huge THANK YOU to all our athletes, sponsors and suppliers. A special thanks to the Tortoise Tuff Race Committee, Sedgefield Striders Volunteers and local community who demonstrated teamwork and community spirit. This is our way of giving back to the running community, and we can't wait for next year's event!"

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Saturday | 11 April | 18h00 - 20h00

AND THE RIDDLE
Sunday | 12 April | 14h00 - 16h00

KEENAN SCOTT
Saturday | 18 April | 18h00 - 20h00

JANINE FOURIE
Saturday | 25 April | 18h00 - 20h00

AND THE RIDDLE
Sunday | 26 April | 14h00 - 16h00