

CALMING THE XENOPHOBIA STORM

Recent reports of xenophobic tension in parts of South Africa, catalysed by a planned national shutdown and demonstration set for June 30, 2026 by the anti-migrant group "March and March", have prompted local leaders to urge calm as community members express concern over incidents and rumours circulating on social media.

Municipal officials, law-enforcement representatives and civil-society groups have called on residents not to take the law into their own hands, and stressed that violence and vigilantism will only worsen tensions and put vulnerable people at risk. Authorities say they are monitoring the situation, investigating any allegations, and working with community leaders to ensure protection and lawful responses while encouraging residents to report credible threats through official channels.

In efforts to preempt any unlawful action, de-escalate tensions and provide a platform for the community to raise concerns through lawful channels, an urgent community engagement was organised by Councillor Levae Davis and held in Smutsville last week. It was attended by Knysna Mayor Matika, Councillors Vanston and Davis, SAPS, Knysna municipal officials, Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM), community representatives and community members.

Key concerns raised by the community included

- The perceived increase in undocumented foreign nationals residing and working within Sedgefield and surrounding areas.
- The employment of perceived undocumented persons by local businesses and private households.
- The operation of allegedly non-compliant businesses, including spaza shops.
- Frustration regarding unemployment and the perceived impact of foreign nationals on local employment opportunities.

RESIDENTS URGED TO STAY WITHIN THE LAW

Concerns that inadequate enforcement of immigration legislation by magistrate courts is contributing to escalating tensions.

Community members at the meeting indicated that while they did not support violence, there had been reports of some locals taking the law into their own hands and attempting to remove individuals they suspected of being undocumented who are leasing private properties.

They called on authorities to take decisive action through lawful enforcement mechanisms.

SAPS members present reported ongoing enforcement operations and highlighted that 744 undocumented persons had been arrested within the Knysna policing area during the last financial year, and a further 226 had been arrested between January and May this year. Reportedly, Knysna SAPS had recorded the highest number of undocumented person arrests amongst the 21 stations in the Garden Route District.

A commitment was made by local authorities and SAPS to continue compliance and enforcement operations, including planned interventions within the Sedgefield area. It was further noted that coordination structures had been established to improve preparedness and enable a proactive response.

Meanwhile, on a national level, the Department of Home Affairs has reminded South Africans that it is illegal for ordinary members of the public to demand sight of anyone's immigration documents, Identity Documents, permits, or passports.

According to Home Affairs, only authorised law enforcement officers and designated immigration officials have the legal authority to inspect a person's documentation, and citizens who take the law into their own hands by stopping, questioning, or demanding documents from others could face criminal charges.

Home Affairs says anyone wishing to report suspected illegal activities or undocumented immigrants can do so anonymously by calling the department's toll-free hotline: 0800 601 190.

JESSE SCOOPS CHEF OF THE YEAR

Sedgefield's Jesse Olivier has earned one of the Western Cape hospitality industry's highest honours, being named the *Showcook Reaching for Young Stars 2026 Young Chef of the Year* at the prestigious TAJ Cape Town. He also won the prize for the best starter and main course; as well as the starter Food & Wine Pairing, together with his team mate, Blayne Morris (sommelier).

The former learner at Sedgefield Primary and York High, emerged victorious against some of the province's most promising young culinary talents, proving that big dreams can indeed begin in small towns. Jesse is currently a third-year culinary student at the Chefs Training & Innovation Academy (CTIA) in Stellenbosch.

The *Showcook Reaching for Young Stars* competition is a prestigious annual South African competition and mentorship program. It pairs top hospitality and culinary students with leading wineries and industry experts. Organised by Showcook with the support of a large network of partners and sponsors, the project offers rising chefs and beverage students a springboard to launch their careers and gain international recognition.

The main competition took place at the International Hotel School (IHS) on 23rd May, where

finalists had only four hours to complete the challenge under the watchful eyes of an esteemed panel of judges comprising respected chefs, hospitality professionals and industry specialists. The programme culminated in an awards luncheon at the Taj, where the winners were announced.

Every contestant was required to prepare a dish based on the same sponsored ingredients, with the same brief and within the same four-hour time limit. This created a level playing field, allowing judges to compare technical ability, flavour, presentation, organisation and professionalism directly across all competitors.

Jesse prepared a starter of Black Urud Dhal with Coconut, Tandoori Butter, Pickled Sultanas, Tamarind Paste, Lancewood Greek Yoghurt, and Crispy Garlic and Onions, followed by a main course of Smokey Aubergine and Tomato Curry with Confit Cauliflower, Semi-Dried Tomato and Chilli Oil, served with Rice Puffs and a Fruit-inspired Mango, Ginger and Tamarind Chutney.

His outstanding performance earned him not only the coveted title of Young Chef of the Year, but also a fully sponsored three-month professional internship in France through InternAfrika and Lancewood.



Before embarking on his French internship next year, Jesse will complete his final studies at CTIA, then spend his last couple of months working 'in the industry'.

Jesse's achievement is a reminder that with the right talent, dedication and perseverance, even 'small town' people can be elevated onto both national and international stages.

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Amy Winehouse, by 2023 Ovation Award winner Kerry Hines is one of the En Route Arts Festival's big draw-cards this weekend.

ARTS FESTIVAL COUNTDOWN

Sedgefield is gearing up for the highly anticipated debut of the En Route Arts Festival, with final preparations in full swing. The action-packed programme runs from 19-24 June and is a celebration of arts, culture and community. Festival-goers can look forward to more than 40 theatre productions, musical performances, children's events, workshops and guided nature tours.

The organising team has been hard at work distributing flyers, sharing information on what's app groups and social media and creating a festival buzz in front of Scarab Village over the last two Saturday market days. The Sedgefield Players who are performing *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* on Saturday and Sunday afternoon also did a walk-about at the markets in full costume!

The Bistro at Simbavati Fynbos on Sea is hosting two highly acclaimed performances by Andrew Buckland, the side-splitting Shakespeare spoof and two musical tribute acts. In Toto Retreat continues its reputation for intimate programming with talks, music, and theatre in its pop-up theatre venue on The Island. The Smutsville Community Hall will also see some of the action with a performance of *Humans of the Streets* on Saturday afternoon. Lunch and dinner options are available at Simbavati, and Otilia's Portuguese Food will be available in the evenings at In Toto Retreat.

Tickets for the various theatre, music, and cultural events are available on Quicket, with full programme details published on the En Route Festival website enroutefestival.co.za. For more information, and assistance with purchasing tickets contact Roland on 082 466 1251.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

Ahhhh, I am so loving this new season in our lives, it's like I have been unburdened, set free from the trappings that hold us down, released from AAAARRRRGGGGHHHH!!!!!!"

I should explain.

Mrs Ed had been waxing lyrically (I HAVE asked her not to sing whilst she does her legs, but there you go) about the apparent -joy she has recently discovered in the 'down-sizing' process we have embarked upon over the last month or so... when her toe carelessly connected with the metal trunk strategically situated in the centre of our bathroom floor.

And I should add, it's not a trunk that has a lot of 'give', as it were. It doesn't move easily - when one connects one's toes with it, simply because it is packed to the brim with all my *Important Tools and Things*. Motorcycle spanners, the skillsaw (circa 1998) bought for that cupboard I still intend to make one day, dazillions of drill bits (because it doesn't matter how many you have, you will never find the size you need), a four-pound hammer, a spare four-pound hammer, a broken four-pound hammer, and bottle upon bottle of screws, nuts, bolts and 'stuff' which I will bequeath to my children when I give up this mortal existence.

So you may be wondering why I say 'strategically situated in the bathroom' - what I mean is it has

been placed according to my (patent pending) *Find a Place for EVERYTHING You Want To Keep* - strategy.

Perhaps this might be the right place to issue a warning, as a free service to the community (donations welcome - we have a gift-list at all local bottle stores.)

If your spouse should ever suggest 'down-sizing' to a markedly smaller residence, it can only mean one thing. He/She/They/Zay (look at me being all woke 'n stuff) wants to CHUCK STUFF AWAY!

Precious stuff. Heart-wrenching stuff.

YOUR stuff.

- That tumble dryer in the garage that has been there since 2013, - that you've been meaning to take apart and get working again (just as soon as you have time). Bye-Bye.

- The contents of your own man-drawer-of-dignity (the unidentified keys, foreign coins, broken cameras, 'special tools' that come with flat-pack furniture you just about managed to assemble, chargers for every phone you have ever owned, and ALL your expired batteries). *So long, farewell.*

- 75% of your motorbike helmets (which means you have that heartbreaking decision regarding which three you want to keep). *Auf Weidersehen, lady - it's been nice riding with you...*

And more, so much more. Even that lovely old guitar that's been a part of your very soul since you got it for your 21st - and just when you were considering taking some online lessons...

It's probably ALSO worth mentioning here that THEIR junk somehow, quite by chance, lands on the safe side of the 'culling' line. You know the junk I mean:- that rowing machine/treadmill/Urban Pulse Total Body Squat Rider/ all of the above, which haven't been used since the Rinderpest, other than for hanging towels on. THEY get to stay.

As does the seventyfiveteenine hundred twelve pairs of shoes.

AND ALL THE SCATTER CUSHIONS.

#thestrugglesreal Hence my putting into action this rather cunning strategy, which, I should add, had to be delivered to said spouse at the right moment (when she was halfway through loading the pavers for the new



garden) and with great dexterity.

"Let's keep EVERYTHING until we've moved into the new place," I said, "Then just get rid of the stuff we can't find room for. Shall we order pizza tonight?"

Yes. I agree. PURE GENIUS, even if I say so myself.

And it worked! In fact, just yesterday morning, whilst I was sitting on a pile of motorcycle jackets, coats and jeans, reading my book (there's somehow more room in the wardrobe than the lounge, and it's much warmer. And if you leave the door open just a crack, there's enough light to read), I reflected that I may have actually won this particular battle.

Not the war - oh no, there's years of attrition to go before that outcome is decided - *but the battle.*

Because, despite stubbed toes, bruised shins and a frozen shoulder (probably from having the deep-freeze situated on her side of the bed), Mrs Ed is determined to remain quite chipper.

"Do you want a cup of tea?" She asked, pleasantly banging on the wardrobe's wooden top (she had obviously summited the stack of suitcases and holdalls of clothing-that-has-no-storage-space, between the TV and the lounge door.

"Wonderful!" I exclaimed, excitedly, after spitting out the puffer-jacket sleeve which had somehow found its way into my mouth, "Where did you find it?"

Because the jar of tea bags, the cooking oil, a pocket of potatoes, all of the spices, and (alas alack!) a frozen punnet of chicken livers had all been missing in action since the day of the move, and I was living in fear as to where (and when!) they might surface.

"At the back of the cupboard under the bathroom sink, behind your Baywatch Video collection," she answered, unshaken, as if it was the most obvious place for tea to be.

That's Mrs Ed for you, though. Always brave and bold (and sometimes quite frightening) in the face of great adversity, so much so that I always have to make doubly sure my face isn't looking adverse in any way.

Because I know it's going to end. This honeymoon period, during which she barely bats her one good eyelid when injured by the wooden box stencilled with 'T'Ed's Special Hat Collection' mysteriously sliding from its strategic position on the top of the fridge, or her already bruised



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toes get (almost) severed by my unicycle spokes as she steps into the shower.

And I'd better get good and ready for that moment... especially considering the bad chicken-livery sort of odour that's started to drift up from somewhere under the pile of 17 stuffed paper bags all marked 'Spare Scatter Cushions'...

I'd be mad if I didn't!

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PREMIER WINDE VISITS

Last week saw the Democratic Alliance Western Cape Premier Alan Winde return to his 'home town' for a blitz tour of officiating and party campaigning for the upcoming local government elections.



On Monday night he faced local community members at a public meeting in Sedgefield Town Hall, whilst Tuesday found him at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly completed Hornlee Clinic with Western Cape Health and Wellness MEC Mireille Wenger.

Later that afternoon he was on the road in Hornlee, canvassing for his party with Umgeni Mayor Chris Pappas, and Wednesday saw him speaking at a well-attended business breakfast in Knysna.

Later that day he joined councillors Levael Davis and Cleone Vanston (pictured with him here) plus other dignitaries in Rhenendal for the official opening of the E-Centre and handing over of a new fire truck.



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CLEAN FORECAST SETS THE STAGE FOR RIP CURL VIC BAY SURF PRO

With just days to go until the Rip Curl Vic Bay Surf Pro QS 2,000 and Rip Curl Vic Bay Surf Pro Junior, the forecast is shaping up beautifully for three days of high-performance surfing at one of South Africa's most iconic point breaks.

Current forecasts indicate consistent surf in the two-to-three-foot range throughout the event window, accompanied by light and variable winds. While not expected to be a giant swell event, the conditions look ideally suited to showcase the best surfers in the country, along with the international entries.

For seasoned competitors, Victoria Bay's long, mechanical right-hander often

produces some of its best surfing when conditions are clean rather than oversized. The forecast is expected to provide plenty of opportunity for surfers to demonstrate the kind of speed, power, flow and high-risk surfing that judges reward.

While the forecast currently looks favourable, organisers will continue to monitor conditions throughout the week. Should surf heights drop significantly, nearby Herold's Bay remains available as a backup venue. The picturesque beachbreak, located just around the corner from Victoria Bay, has a long history of producing quality competition conditions when required.

The countdown begins on Thursday evening with the official opening function at The

Pottery in George. Starting at 6 pm on 18 June, the gathering will bring together competitors, sponsors, partners and event officials ahead of three days of competition at Victoria Bay.

The Rip Curl Vic Bay Surf Pro QS 2,000 and Rip Curl Vic Bay Surf Pro Junior are supported by George Municipality, George Tourism, The Pottery, Sir Fruit, Bliz Eyewear, Bilt Surfboards International, Betify, Yeti, Red Bull, The Royal St Andrews Hotel and Harcourts South Africa.

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STORM DAMAGE AT HALF A BILLION

Municipalities across the Garden Route district have completed preliminary damage assessments following recent severe weather events. According to Gerhard Otto, GRDM Head: Disaster Management, "the estimated cost of repairs and recovery exceeds half a billion".

The consolidated assessment, compiled by the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM), with information received from affected locals identifies widespread damage to critical infrastructure, public facilities, water supply systems, roads, stormwater networks, community facilities and municipal buildings.

According to Otto, "the most significant damages have been recorded in George Municipality, followed by Knysna and Bitou Municipalities". Several strategic infrastructure projects, including water supply systems, roads, bridges, public facilities and economic development assets, require urgent intervention to restore services and reduce future disaster risks.

These include a total of R146.1 million for surfaced roads in Knysna, Sedgefield, Brenton, Rheenedal and Karatara.

The damage assessments indicate that thousands of residents across the Garden Route have been directly or indirectly affected through

disruptions to essential services, transport routes and community facilities. Municipal technical teams continue to conduct detailed assessments to refine cost estimates and prioritise emergency repairs.

GRDM, together with affected local municipalities, is engaging with provincial and national government structures to secure disaster recovery funding and support. The municipalities have also committed resources where possible to address immediate risks and restore critical services.

Garden Route District Municipality Executive Mayor,

Ald. Marais Kruger said: "Municipalities have already begun emergency response and repair work, and external funding support will be essential to ensure full recovery and to strengthen infrastructure resilience for the future."

Priority projects include the rehabilitation of water infrastructure, repairs to municipal buildings and community facilities, restoration of damaged roads and stormwater systems, and measures aimed at reducing the impact of future disasters.

Further updates will be provided as additional assessments are completed and funding processes progress.

TEAMS LEAD ARREST OF SHOPLIFTING SUSPECTS

Swift communication and seamless collaboration between local security and law enforcement resulted in the arrest of four suspects on Friday, 12 June 2026.

The breakthrough began when Allsound Security received a lookout notice from their security partners in Plettenberg Bay regarding individuals who had attempted to shoplift from local stores.

Armed with a vehicle description, the Allsound Tactical Team immediately flooded Knysna's Main Road, working alongside partners to scan parking lots.

Once the vehicle was spotted, the Allsound Tactical Team tracked it to ensure a safe interception. As the vehicle merged onto the N2 heading out of Knysna and before reaching Sedgefield where it might have stopped again for more items, Allsound Tactical, Provincial Traffic, and SAPS closed in and pulled it over.

A thorough search of the vehicle uncovered a cache of suspected stolen property.

Four suspects (three women and one man) were arrested on the spot, and all the individuals and the vehicle were taken to Knysna SAPS for formal processing.

It was later confirmed that some of the items had been taken from shops in Knysna.

Cases have been opened by the shops.

"A massive thank you to SAPS and Provincial Traffic for their rapid response and invaluable assistance. This is community collaboration at its finest," says Michael Simon of Allsound, who also volunteers for Sedgefield's Community Orientated Policing (COP) "This again shows the importance of communication and collaboration between crime-fighting entities along the

Garden Route, as they assist each other in making the area safer for all who live and visit here."

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Is Nature Female?

by Charl van der Merwe,
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The simple answer would be yes, because we refer to Nature as *Mother Nature*, and the Earth as *Mother Earth*.

Lord Byron wrote:
*But mighty Nature bounds as from her birth,
The sun is in the heavens, and life on earth,
Flowers in the valley, splendour in the sunbeam,
Health on the gale, and freshness in the stream.*

But why would nature be gendered?

Nature is often gendered because societies have historically linked women with the natural world, portraying it as nurturing, moral, graceful, kind, and beautiful yet subordinate, which perhaps justified their exploitation. This association persists today in philosophy, literature, and environmental discourse, though feminist and ecological thinkers both challenge it.

Nature was thus seen as the embodiment of all the characteristics that women possess and there are frequent references to this in literature, especially poetry. Nature was also feminised in mythology, folklore and in early as well as modern literature and art, reinforcing associations of fertility, nurturing, and meekness.

Women are also associated

with Mother Earth because so many aspects of nature are 'born' from the earth. Further, ancient and medieval thought equated women with nature and men with culture, positioning culture as superior. This contrast justified male dominance over both women and the environment.

Men and women were put across as different in terms of their characteristics. Men were seen as hard-working, industrious, rational, assertive, independent, and proud. None of these are easily connected with nature.

But what if nature was masculine?

Would the world be different if nature had historically been considered masculine, and treated with the same respect bestowed upon men, as seen throughout history? Is there a possibility that the femininity of nature is a cause for climate change? Historically mankind has clearly exploited nature and continues to do so today. Would this have happened if nature were instead viewed as masculine, and thus associated with adjectives which demand respect such as strong and domineering, independent and proud?

A study done by Liu et al. from the Pennsylvania State University (Journal of Environmental Psychology, (Vol. 61, 2019)) found that men can be reluctant to perform environmentally-friendly responsibilities, such as recycling or using reusable bags, as they refer to these

behaviours as gendered. Notably, a high proportion of men in the study also indicated that "if people think it's important to be viewed as heterosexual, they will opt out of gender nonconforming behaviours in order to avoid any associated stigma."

This study and others concluded that "toxic masculinity, coupled with an archaic brand of small-minded homophobia, might actually be contributing to the destruction of the planet." Furthermore, both women and men in the study associated nature more with women, and the women-nature association induced pro-environmental intention and behaviour.

According to Lui, some researchers have supposed that humanising nature as a woman would prevent some people's pro-environmental intention and behaviour while others have found that it might help people develop their desire to protect the environment. Ecofeminist researchers [assume] that similar treatment of women and the natural environment results from an overarching patriarchal society which manifests itself as "domination of men over women".

Why It Matters Today

It can be argued that shifting from viewing the Earth as a living organism to a resource enabling machine, facilitated the exploitation of both women and nature. The woman-nature association defines both women and nature as special and in need of protection. However, it also portrays nature as being similar to women in that it is subordinate to humans. There is now, however, a strong theoretical critique that the environment should not be treated simply as a resource to be used for human welfare and that the natural world has a moral standing, not simply as an accessory to human well-being.

The environmental problems we face today have been caused directly or indirectly by our presence and our behaviour. Environmental scientists realise that there are no quick fixes and that only through understanding and changing human behaviour can there be any hope for a world fit to live in. Equally important is the realisation that without the recognition of the natural processes and laws that govern the life sustaining processes of the earth, there is no hope that any change in human behaviours or policies will have any remedial effects

OUR OCEAN HERITAGE YOUTH DAY EVENT



The Youth Day public holiday saw the first 'Our Ocean Heritage' event taking place at the open air theatre of Octopus Garden in Scarab Village.

This initiative is the brainchild of Sarah Mackie from Project Ubumama Environmental Education with the support of SANParks, Sedgefield Island Conservancy and many other stakeholders. Local children were joined by those from as far away as Touwsrante and

Thembelethu to be both entertained and educated.

Ward One Councillor Leval Davis was enthralled by the impressive programme.

"The Lively LunchBox Theatre presented The Whale Show, underlining the importance of whales to both the ocean and to human life," he said, "It drew a lot of audience participation and laughs, and really brought across some powerful messages about our oceans, plant and animal life."

The lineup of speakers started with local Marine Biologist Mark Dixon, who spoke about cetaceans found off the coast from Wilderness to Plettenberg Bay. Further talks on sea birds, sharks, forests, bees, fish and nature-related crisis management were delivered plus live music entertainment. "I want to thank Sarah and all stakeholders for creating such a quality and educational youth day experience for our kids," the councillor commented.

KIG SOLVES STINKY PROBLEM

Local residents of Sedgefield's Lake Pleasant Drive in the Groenvallei area are singing grateful praises to Knysna Infrastructure Group (KIG) for stepping in to assist with their ongoing odorous problem. "We've been kicking up a stink about the problem with the municipality, but it took KIG to come in and solve it," says Tess.

A video circulated far and wide on Wednesday 10 June showed liquid sewage pouring out of the pumpstation, and forming a noxious rivulet as it flowed into the adjacent green area. The fact that this is in close proximity to the underground spring-fed Groenvallei Lake - a critically protected freshwater ecosystem and a designated RAMSAR protected water site under the custodianship of CapeNature - caused a welling up of anger from nature lovers far and wide.

According to Tess Gouws, who lives near the pump station, she had forwarded the video footage to Rethea Lombard of AfriForum, and Terry Wilson from KIG arrived the same day. He stayed on the site for some hours, eventually identifying and fixing the problem and stopping the sewage outflow. Furthermore, he returned time and time again to ensure that the repairs had been successful and all was still working.

"I know that KIG are certainly not in this for the accolades," she said, "But I really want to give credit where it's due, and KIG were the ones who solved the

problem that's been driving us crazy for so long."

The community living in the general area of the pump station have endured a persistent sewage crisis since early 2025, and often complained that Knysna Municipality failed to deliver lasting solutions.

In May last year the crisis came to the public's attention when Groenvallei resident Tess Gouws marked "50 days of odorous occupation" reporting that the stench was "oftentimes unbearable".

Despite desperate calls from community members who could hardly bear to venture into their gardens, the problem continued for more than triple that time, with only limited relief provided when the 'honey sucker' tanker sporadically arrived to empty the station of its noxious contents.

On 10 November 2025 it seemed the problem had finally been resolved when routine mechanical breakdowns were repaired, restoring pump station operation, but earlier this year the station failed again.

Despite being reported by numerous residents, the pump station remained out of action, regularly spewing sewage into surrounding areas.

The municipality's technical team once again made multiple site visits, but solutions were short-lived, requiring daily visits from the municipal 'honey sucker' tanker.

But at last it seems that thanks to KIG Lake Pleasant Drive residents may (oh so carefully) gulp in fresh air and breathe sighs of relief ... for now at least!

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FAMILIES TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE 2026 KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL

A FEAST OF FAMILY FUN: 3 - 12 JULY 2026

The Knysna Oyster Festival is turning up the family fun this winter, with a packed programme of activities designed to keep children, parents and grandparents entertained from morning to night.

Running from 3–12 July under the theme "A feast of family fun", this year's festival programme combines outdoor adventure, sport, food, markets, nature experiences and live entertainment across Knysna.

At the heart of the festival, the Festival Hub at the Knysna High School sports fields is set to be a lively, family-friendly space where there's always something happening. With a dedicated kids' entertainment area, a wide selection of food stalls, local crafts and live entertainment throughout the day, it's an easy place for families to settle in and make a day of it.

Children can bounce their way through the giant inflatable park, test their skills on pedal carts and bungee trampolines, enjoy face painting, create masterpieces in The Creative Corner, make slime creations, join drumming circles, explore the Bubble House and take part in a variety of arts and crafts activities. The Gel Mania Arena will add another layer of excitement with gel blaster missions by day and

UV glow experiences by night. Families can also browse the Neighbourhood Makers Market, explore local art exhibits and discover unique finds at The Emporium.

Special Hub events throughout the festival include SuperArtKids drawing sessions, a Sunday Circle pop-up market, candy and slime workshops, candle-making workshops for children, family-friendly sip-and-paint sessions, reading time hosted by the Knysna Education Trust, a vibrant Night Market and a Glow Fest neon party for teenagers. Families can also enjoy interactive reptile displays and educational presentations by the Slangboere team, as well as fascinating bird encounters with the Garden Route Birds of Prey Sanctuary, including owl talks, meet-and-greets with the birds, educational presentations and flight demonstrations. These experiences offer children and adults alike the opportunity to learn more about some of South Africa's most remarkable wildlife in a fun and engaging environment.

Family-friendly sporting events include the ever-popular Knysna Forest Marathon weekend, featuring a market,



food stalls and a large kiddies' play area at the Festival Hub, as well as the Knysna Cycle Tour, which includes dedicated family and children's rides. Families can also enjoy the Crazy Store 5 km Fun Run, the Fraaisig Family Fun Event with walking, running and cycling options, a 4 km paddle event, mini hockey tournaments, football matches, cross-country races and the SWD Street Mile. Spectator-friendly activities mean that even those not participating can still enjoy the excitement from the sidelines.

Nature-loving families are also spoiled for choice with a series of Garden Route Trail experiences taking place throughout the festival. These include the Fossil Footprints hike along Platbank beach, the Gericke's Point Rock

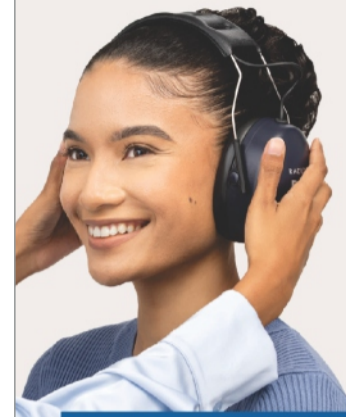
Pools experience, the Forest Wood Wide Web walk through the indigenous forest, the Fabulous Fynbos Hike at Goukamma Nature Reserve and the Moonlight Meander at Gericke's Point. Designed for curious explorers, these guided experiences showcase some of the Garden Route's most spectacular landscapes.

Additional family-friendly highlights include the Knysna Model Railway and Hobbies Fair, the Oyster Festival Car Show for Charity and a host of community events taking place across the town.

Lungiswa Goya, Manager: Economic Development at Knysna Municipality and

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spokesperson for the festival, says the 2026 programme has been designed to appeal across generations.

"In 2026, our focus is firmly on families, creating opportunities for people of all ages to participate, connect and enjoy the diversity of events on offer. The programme includes activities suited to young children, teenagers, parents and

grandparents, ensuring there is something meaningful and enjoyable for every generation," says Goya.

The initial programme is available at www.knysnaoysterfestival.co.za and visitors are encouraged to check back regularly as new events continue to be added.

COURT ISSUES INTERIM ORDER IN 'LAND OCCUPATION' CASE

Knysna Municipality has been ordered to provide ablution facilities and to produce a report on emergency temporary accommodation for occupiers in the Smutsville/Pine Valley land dispute.

The High Court ruling, handed down electronically on 4 June 2026, is the latest development in a long-running conflict over what the Municipality deemed illegal land occupation which took place last year, when residents built structures on the municipal plot behind the old USave building in Smutsville.

Judge D.S. Kusevitsky ordered that a joint list of occupiers as at 24 October 2025 be compiled and filed by 12 June 2026. Once that list is received, the municipality must provide a report and a list of emergency temporary alternative accommodation by 31 July 2026.

Whilst the court ruled that those existing occupiers on the joint list may remain, pending the next stage of the case, it also restrained further building activity by them or others, and prohibited damage to property on the erven.

The order further requires the municipality to consult with the

Western Cape Ministry of Local Government and Human Settlements when dealing with the emergency accommodation report.

In practical terms, the court has not ended the dispute, but has directed that the matter be handled through a formal process that identifies occupiers and addresses temporary housing needs.

The matter stems from decades of tension that escalated in 2018 after residents began occupying and marking out land in 'Lank Gewag', behind and adjacent to Smutsville's school, amid frustration over housing delays and a reduced housing budget. The ongoing dispute over promised housing projects that have never materialised has been marked by protests, court appearances and attempts by the municipality to protect the land earmarked for this purpose.

In earlier hearings regarding this current piece of land, the Municipality argued that the USAVE block of land was indeed needed for such a planned housing project and that unlawful occupation would disrupt delivery. Residents, however, maintained that many families were already living on the land, that they faced homelessness if removed, and

that no adequate alternative accommodation had been secured.

The case has once again put the spotlight on the intense need for housing in the area, promised for so long by the Knysna Municipality, but yet to be delivered. The municipality has previously pointed to a reduced budget for the Smutsville project, while residents have said the cuts and delays left them with few realistic options. The court papers refer to families with children, elderly residents and disabled occupants, adding a humanitarian dimension to the dispute.

The latest order reflects the complexity of the situation. Rather than allowing the Municipality's immediate removal of the land occupiers, it has directed the parties to compile a verified occupier list and to deal with alternative accommodation options before the matter moves forward.

For some Smutsville residents, the ruling is likely to be read as both a relief and a warning. It gives some protection to identified occupiers and requires basic services to be supplied, but it also confirms that no new structures may be erected and that the dispute is far from over.

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DIARY DATELINE

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Sedgefield Cycling Club. Training and social rides from Cycleworx. For ride schedules contact 044-343 1710 or 083-357 9999.

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.
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
9:30-12. Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, the Pin Cushions meet at the Bowling Club. Quilting. Enq: Claudine 082 456 6055
1:15pm Social Bridge School at St Anthony's Catholic Church hall with play starting at 1:30pm. All levels are welcome. Enquiries: Gail 083 457 7647.
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 outide 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.

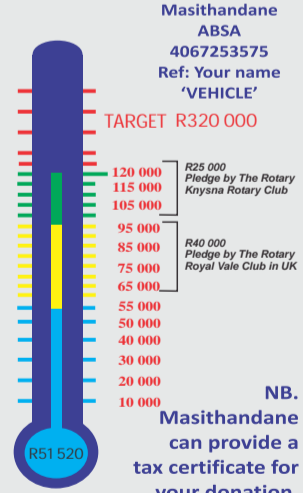
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RESIDENTS INVITED TO DISCUSSION ON SEDGEFIELD'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

The Sedgefield Environmental Advisory Forum (SEAF) invites residents to attend its first public information session on Wednesday, 24 June 2026, from 16:00 to 17:00 at In Toto Retreat, 55 Jan van Riebeeck Street, The Island, Sedgefield.

The guest speaker will be Cobus Meiring, convenor of the Garden Route Environmental Forum (GREF). Topics for discussion include key environmental challenges facing the greater Sedgefield area, including water security, coastal hazards, flooding risks, and the implications of climate change for local communities.

SEAF was established in early 2026 by concerned residents who recognise the growing pressures on Sedgefield's unique natural environment. Increasing densification, infrastructure constraints, climate-related risks, and fragmented development planning are placing mounting pressure on the town.

All the founding members have qualifications and many years of practical experience in environmental conservation, sustainable development, and related disciplines, applying evidence-based science, environmental legislation, and constructive public participation to assess and comment on development proposals.

SEAF collaborates with other like-minded organisations and community groups, pooling expertise and resources to promote informed decision-making. Recent extreme weather highlights the importance of proactive planning.

The information session is an opportunity for residents to learn more about the environmental issues affecting the town and to join a constructive conversation about Sedgefield's future. Admission is free.

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Tobie Tortoise

When Carly arrived in Sedgefield in 2009 with her hubby and son, the Internet was not much of a thing, and certainly kids were not glued to their screens 24/7!

Carly had been writing books, mostly children's novels, and also created art in various mediums. She created a short story about a tortoise from Sedgefield named Tobie, who would venture across the Garden Route, meeting new friends on the way. Along with the story, she hand-drew the images with pen on paper, intending to create a colouring book that could be taken home by tourists as a special souvenir from the region.

Over two-hundred copies were sold over two holidays, and then Carly was hired for writing work - the book was put aside for some time.

In 2022, before AI and fancy software, Carly decided to convert the colouring book to a full-colour storybook. But she wanted it to be more than that; she wanted the kids to have some fun Garden Route related activities to enjoy as well. And so the designing process began. While these days AI can do so much, it is not yet able to build activities - and so she created each of them by hand, whether in MS Word or with pen and paper.

By 2026, AI became free and she was able to feed her original works into AI, to have them 'neatened' and made to look a little better than something made in MS Word! She swayed between five drafts before deciding that keeping the storybook and activity-book separate would be a good way to go.

And so, just two weeks ago, the two-book Tobie Tortoise pack came to life.

Carly is a contracted children's book writer, ghostwriting for overseas education and



entertainment institutions, and is also focusing on the development of her own curriculum for South African kids, as an alternative to CAPS.

Besides being a 'ghost', she also has her own books available via her website.

"I studied business management at the AAA School of Advertising, '94/'95, but it was only once I entered the advertising industry, as a client service executive, that I realised my passion is not in business but in the arts. It's not been easy at all, since AI took over, as robots now do my job. But having time to work on my own endeavours now is some kind of gift that I appreciate.

I worked hard on Tobie Tortoise, and to hold the first print was most awesome. The activities are not simple dot-to-dot type, but actually require the kids to use hands and eyes and work things out themselves a little. They will be entertained for a few days on the activity-book alone. I also wanted to push home the idea that our wildlife and Garden Route nature is unique and must be cared for by all."

Carly is working on getting the two-book packs into shops across the Garden Route, but you can contact her for your own signed copy via her Facebook page or her website (carlyvanheerden.weebly.com - Tobie Tortoise).

PINK BUCKET LAUNCH DRAWS STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT

On Saturday 30 May, more than 50 people gathered for the global launch of Dolar Vasani's deeply personal book **Pink Bucket: Glyphosate and My Cancer Journey**. The event drew a warm, attentive crowd and had the feel of a true community afternoon - part conversation, part reflection, and part shared experience.



The gathering opened gently with calming qigong exercises led by local instructor Maggie Brauteseth, setting a thoughtful tone for the afternoon ahead. Guests then settled in for a programme of discussion and readings, skilfully guided by Clare Louise Thomas of The LOVE Kitchen.

Throughout the event, Dolar read excerpts from her book, offering insight into her journey through cancer diagnosis and treatment, and the questions that emerged for her along the way. She spoke candidly about her experiences. They led her to explore broader concerns about glyphosate and other agricultural chemicals used in modern food production. She also discussed their possible effects on human health and the environment. Her perspective resonates with both new and well-informed readers.

The discussion was enriched by contributions from Anne Marie Atterbury of Well I Am

Organics and organic citrus farmer Keith Finnemore, who travelled from the Eastern Cape to attend. Roland, our lovely host from In Toto and a close friend of Dolar's, also spoke movingly about supporting her through her treatment and recovery.

A strong sense of community ran through the afternoon. Local businesses and Sedgefield market vendors generously donated prizes for a lucky draw, adding a light-hearted touch to the event. Guests were treated to organic wine provided by Paul Dougall of REMAX, alongside milk tarts from Prince of Tarts. Signed copies of the book were available to purchase, each accompanied by a handmade bookmark or book bag.

At the heart of Dolar's book is the symbolic "pink bucket" itself - a simple, everyday object that came to represent her lived experience. She described how it accompanied her on daily beach walks, gradually becoming a quiet container for everything she was going through. "Bright and simple, it was a bucket for chores, for gathering shells or beach rubbish - easy to trust and easy to overlook," she reflected. "Over time, it became the place where everything I had lived through quietly collected."

Keith Finnemore shared memories from his early years of farming maize in the 1980s.

He remembered early messages in the industry about Monsanto's Roundup herbicide. At the time, it was widely promoted as being so safe that you could drink it! These claims have since been strongly disputed. Bayer, which now owns Monsanto, currently faces over 65,000 legal claims relating to glyphosate-based products.

Anne Marie Atterbury spoke about regenerative farming practices and the importance of rebuilding soil health. "The minerals in most soils have been depleted through overproduction, and we pay special attention to restoring them," she explained. On the subject of food costs, she added: "People are used to paying little for what they believe is good food. They want cheap food, but the true cost of growing healthy food is high."

By the close of the afternoon, guests left with much to reflect on, a signed copy of Pink Bucket in hand and a new book to read. It was, by all accounts, an engaging and thought-provoking community event that sparked conversation and questions well beyond the final glass of wine.

Pink Bucket: Glyphosate and My Cancer Journey is available from In Toto Guest House in Sedgefield, Floreer at Timberlake Village, and online via www.publisher.co.za and Amazon.

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN WITH YOUR EDGE?

Leatitia and Fanie du Toit in Gdansk, Poland at the Westerplatte, where the Second World war began on 1 September 1939.



NEW eCENTRE AND DEDICATED FIRE ENGINE FOR RHEENENDAL

Knysna Municipality and the Western Cape Government officially launched the Rheenendal eCentre on 10 June 2026. According to Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika, the launch marks a significant milestone in expanding digital access, skills development and economic opportunities for residents of the rural Rheenendal community.

Matika said that residents will have access to a wide range of services. "These include computer and internet access, printing and scanning facilities, CV writing assistance, online job applications, digital literacy training, entrepreneurship support and access to government services through online platforms," he explained. "This facility will help unlock opportunities for residents, particularly young people, by providing them with the tools they need to succeed. It is a substantial investment in the future of this community."

The centre, which began operating earlier this year, includes a Business Corner, a Public Access Centre and a Training Centre. In addition to providing services, the facility has already created local employment opportunities, with two young residents appointed to assist with its operations.

"The success of this project demonstrates the value of collaboration between different spheres of government and local communities," said Matika. "It shows what can be achieved when government works together with communities to address real needs. Through cooperation and a shared commitment to improving lives, we have created a facility that will have a lasting impact on Rheenendal and contribute to building a more inclusive digital future."

The Rheenendal eCentre is the result of a strong partnership between the Western Cape Government, the Department of Local Government, the Office

of the Premier, Knysna Municipality and Library Business Corners. It also reflects years of dedication and advocacy by Community Development Worker Devoline Koopman, who championed the need for improved digital access and youth development opportunities in Rheenendal.

Today's launch follows the successful deployment of a Western Cape Government Mobile eCentre in Rheenendal in July 2025. The mobile facility received strong support from the community and demonstrated the significant demand for digital services, skills development and employment support in the area.

"This eCentre is expected to play an important role in reducing the digital divide, supporting youth development, assisting job seekers and entrepreneurs, and improving access to online information and opportunities for residents," Matika continued. "As a model of collaborative

governance and community-driven development, the facility stands as a practical example of how partnerships can improve service delivery and create meaningful socio-economic benefits for rural communities."

In another significant milestone for the Rheenendal community, the municipality also took delivery of a brand-new fire engine, made possible through funding provided by the Western Cape Provincial Capacity Grant. The vehicle will be stationed in Rheenendal, strengthening local emergency response capacity and ensuring that fire and rescue services are available closer to the community. The new asset will enhance the municipality's ability to protect lives, property and the environment while improving service delivery in the greater Rheenendal area.

"The addition of this fire engine



Caption Boy Ngubo (Acting Municipal Manager); Western Cape Premier Alan Winde; Knysna Executive Mayor Thando Matika; Ian Bezuidenhout (Chief Fire Officer); Hilton Stroebel (Ward 5 Councillor) & Johnny Douglas (Director Community Services)

is a major boost for the safety and resilience of the Rheenendal community. By stationing the vehicle in Rheenendal, we are bringing essential emergency services closer to residents and improving our capacity to

respond when assistance is needed," Matika concluded. "We are grateful to the Western Cape Government for its investment in this critical service and its continued support of our communities."

PUBLICLY SPEAKING

The Four Legs of the Local Government Table

by Levael Davis

Imagine your favourite table at home which stands firm when all four legs are strong and balanced. A table with only one, two, or three legs may wobble and collapse with little pressure or force. Local government works the same way and for our municipalities to deliver

services like water, sanitation, electricity, waste removal, and roads effectively, they must stand on four essential legs. If one is missing, governance fails, but if all four are strong, communities thrive.

The first leg is a stable council with a clear strategy that can agree on a long-term vision and stick to it. In recent years municipalities have regressed because of a coalition

government that simply does not work due to council instability. In South Africa, many municipal coalitions have fractured within months, leaving municipalities without leadership in critical positions, budgets unsupported or flawed, and strategies and projects deferred, abandoned or escalating in cost.

When councils change direction constantly or they collapse into deadlocks, development usually stalls. Additionally, in the absence of clear legal guidelines, coalition arrangements have often been informal, chaotic, unstable, prone to collapse, and weak service delivery. A council is made up of elected members who approve policies and by-laws for their area, annually pass a budget, and decide on development plans and service delivery for their municipal area.

The work of the council is coordinated by a mayor who appoints an executive or mayoral committee to assist him or her. The mayor together with the executive also oversees the work of the municipal manager and department heads. A clear strategy means that a municipality knows what it wants to achieve in five or ten years and moves deliberately towards it. Stability allows planners to invest, engineers to design, and communities to trust that promises will be fulfilled.

Leg two is a capable administration and although political leadership sets the direction, the administration, headed by the municipal manager, implements the strategies through municipal organisation, systems, and programmes. Even the best policies fail without skilled people in the right jobs. A capable administration means placing the right qualified, experienced, and committed people in the right positions.

Too many municipalities face



skilled staff shortages in engineering, financial management, planning, and technical roles, while political interference in appointments, and corruption persistently undermines professionalism. The limitations in budgets and a high turnover of skilled workers are real challenges faced by municipalities. However, there are solutions that exist and municipalities must invest in continuous training, enforce transparent recruitment processes, and protect administration through merit-based appointments. When professionals can do their jobs without fear or favour, service delivery improves dramatically.

Leg three is an engaged community as government cannot succeed alone, but needs people who contribute, partner with, and hold council accountable. The Constitution calls for public participation through ward committees, public meetings, and feedback. However, community engagement isn't just attending meetings, but about participating in budget consultations, joining public-private partnerships, reporting faults, and paying their bills responsibly. When communities partner with municipalities, service delivery becomes a shared responsibility. Public-private partnerships can bring in skills and funding that municipalities lack, but these only work when residents are informed, active, and willing to collaborate, and not just complain.

Leg four is healthy intergovernmental partnerships as municipalities do not operate in isolation. The Constitution defines three separate spheres of government, that are "distinctive, interdependent, and interrelated". This partnership with provincial and national government enables municipalities to leverage support for large infrastructure projects, disaster management, upskilling, funding injections, and policy guidance. When these relationships are strong, municipalities access resources they couldn't secure alone. Weak intergovernmental relations, however, lead to delayed projects, duplicated efforts, and confusion over roles. The Constitution clearly divides powers, but cooperation must be voluntary and consistent and strong partnerships mean national and provincial

departments treat municipalities as partners, not subordinates. When spheres work together respectfully, resources flow better and challenges like water or electricity backlogs are tackled jointly.

The future of municipalities depends on rebuilding all four legs of the local government table. Communities deserve a table that holds and local government can deliver real change when these four legs stand firm. It inspires hope with stable leadership charting a vision, skilled teams executing it, active residents shaping it, and all levels of government supporting it. Let's demand and build this balanced table in every municipality for stronger communities and a brighter future for all.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ARI



Well known local, Ari Seirlis, is the recipient of the 2026 SADA (South African Disability Alliance) Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award is presented in recognition of his decades of tireless work, leadership, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to advancing the rights, dignity, and inclusion of persons with disabilities in South Africa. Ari's contribution to the disability sector has been both significant and enduring, and his work has

inspired many within the movement and beyond. SADA reports that it was a great honour to recognise his lifelong dedication and the meaningful impact he had made in strengthening the voice of persons with disabilities, promoting equality, and helping to shape a more inclusive society.

The award was presented at the SADA Gala Dinner on Friday, 5 June, where Ari attended as their special guest.

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MUNICIPALITY & SASSA WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN

Knysna Council resolved to permit the continued use of municipal halls by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), free of charge, for the provision of critical social grant services. The resolution was adopted during its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2026.

Acting Municipal Manager Boy Manqoba Ngubo addressed statements made in the public domain suggesting that delays in the resumption of services at municipal halls were the result of municipal processes.

"In the interest of placing the correct facts on record, I wish to clarify that Knysna Municipality had, for several months, offered the use of its community halls to SASSA pending the finalisation of a formal agreement," said Ngubo. "However, SASSA indicated that it would not utilise the facilities until a Service Level Agreement had been concluded. While the municipality respects this position, the resulting delay in

the use of the halls was therefore not due to any refusal or lack of cooperation on the part of the municipality.

"Our concern has always been the well being of residents, particularly indigent and vulnerable members of our communities who depend on these services," he continued. "We were prepared to make our facilities available while the agreement was being finalised, as we recognised the importance of ensuring uninterrupted access to social grant services."

The use of community halls has significantly improved accessibility for residents who may otherwise face challenges travelling long distances to permanent SASSA offices. The arrangement also assisted in reducing overcrowding at service centres and bringing services closer to communities.

"Now that the way has been paved for the service to continue, swift action is required from SASSA, and the focus should be on strengthening cooperation and improving service delivery," Ngubo concluded. "Intergovernmental

cooperation is most effective when institutions work together in the interests of the people we serve. While it is important that the facts are correctly understood, assigning blame serves little purpose. We welcome the conclusion of the agreement and look forward to continuing our partnership with SASSA for the benefit of all residents."

Council has previously permitted the use of municipal facilities free of charge in support of social development initiatives and public service programmes. The continuation of this arrangement will further strengthen access to essential government services and contribute towards the socio-economic well-being of communities throughout the Greater Knysna municipal area.

NEW HOME FOR TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER

Knysna Municipal Council has resolved to utilise the remainder of Erf 1343, Knysna (Milkwood Flats), as a temporary homeless shelter. This decision was taken at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2026.



According to Executive Mayor Thando Matika the intended use of the property will be advertised for public comment in accordance with the applicable public participation processes. Council further mandated the administration to initiate the necessary land use applications to facilitate the establishment of the temporary shelter.

"This decision marks a significant step in addressing homelessness within the Greater Knysna area while longer-term solutions are being implemented," said Matika. "Council approved the 2026/27

Annual Budget earlier this month, which includes R2.8 million towards the construction of a permanent homeless shelter.

"Homelessness is a complex social challenge that requires compassion, practical interventions and strong partnerships. Council's decision creates a pathway for immediate relief while we continue working towards a permanent facility that can provide dignity, support and opportunities for those living on the margins of society," he said.

"We remain committed to

engaging with residents and stakeholders throughout the public participation process, as we realise that sustainable solutions require the involvement of the broader community," Matika concluded. "This resolution demonstrates Council's determination to move from planning to implementation, while ensuring that all statutory processes are followed."

Details of the public participation process will be communicated once the required notices have been published.

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Date of birth: 1931-05-22
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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW ON SPATIAL PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (2021)

PROPOSED REZONING, CONSENT USE & SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PORTION 79 OF FARM 205 RUYGTE VALLEY, SEDGEMOOR

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: Daniel F. Sevenster
Contact Person: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
Email: lundil@planningspace.co.za
Reference number: Application number 3719
Property Description: Portion 79 of Farm 205 Ruygte Valley, Sedgemoor
Physical Address: Farm 205/79 Ruygte Valley, Groenvallei area

Nature of application:

- Application for a **Rezoning** from "Agriculture I" to "Open Space III" in terms of **Section 15(2)(a)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021).
- Application for the **Consent Use** in terms of **Section 15(2)(o)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) to permit three(3) tourist accommodation units of 65m2 each.
- A permission required in accordance with the Zoning Scheme by-law for the approval of a **Site Development Plan** in terms of **Section 15(2)(g)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021)

<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 **17 July 2026**, quoting your name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, interest in 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 & GRONDGEBRUIKSBESTUUR (2021)

VOORGESTELDE HERSONERING, VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK, TERREINONTWIKKELINGSPLAN: GEDEELTE 79 VAN PLAAS 205 RUYGTE VALLEI, SEDGEMOOR

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: Daniel F. Sevenster
Kontak Persoon: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
Epos: lundil@planningspace.co.za
Verwysing nommer: Aansoek nommer: 3719
Eiendom beskrywing: Gedeelte 79 van Plaas 205 Ruygte Vallei, Sedgemoor
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Aard van aansoek:

- Aansoek vir die **Hersonering** vanaf "Landbousonie I" na "Oopruimte-sonie III" ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(a)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021).
- Aansoek vir die **Vergunningsgebruik** ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(o)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) om drie(3) toeriste akkommodasie eenhede van 65m2 elk toe te laat.
- 'n Toestemming vereis ingevolge die Soneringskema-verordening vir die goedkeuring van 'n **Terreinontwikkelingsplan** ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(g)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021).

'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 **17 Julie 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.

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MEN'S RELUCTANCE TO SCREEN DELAYS DIAGNOSIS OF HEART, KIDNEY AND METABOLIC DISEASE

This Men's Health Month, experts warn that millions may be living with early-stage heart, kidney and metabolic conditions without knowing it. New international research shows early heart dysfunction often goes undiagnosed – a worrying reality in South Africa, where hypertension, diabetes and kidney disease are already widespread.

High blood pressure affects nearly one in three South African adults, yet many are either unaware of their condition or not adequately controlled. This creates a ripple effect, increasing the risk of heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure and diabetes-related complications.

Men may be especially vulnerable, as they are often less likely to seek preventative healthcare or undergo routine screening until symptoms become severe.

What makes this particularly concerning is how these

conditions are interconnected.

Doctors now refer to this cluster as cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic (CKM) syndrome – a term describing how heart disease, kidney disease and metabolic disorders like diabetes don't occur in isolation, but rather fuel one another. For instance, high blood pressure (hypertension) can damage blood vessels in the kidneys, while poorly controlled blood sugar can accelerate both heart and kidney damage.

Growing evidence also points to a link between low testosterone levels and metabolic syndrome, especially in older men. Research published in the International Journal of Molecular Science shows that men with insulin resistance often tend to have lower overall testosterone levels, while weight gain itself may also contribute to a drop in testosterone. Some studies suggest that testosterone replacement therapy could help improve certain metabolic

markers, including waist circumference and triglyceride levels (a type of fat found in the blood), both of which are linked to a higher risk of cardiovascular disease.

According to clinicians, delayed diagnosis is one of the biggest challenges. Many patients only seek care when symptoms become severe by which time organ damage may already be advanced. Chronic kidney disease, for instance, often develops silently, with symptoms only appearing in later stages.

"By the time clinicians see patients with complications, they are often managing damage rather than preventing it," says Ingrid Singels, Associate Director of Scientific Products, at Pharma Dynamics. "That's why early detection and a broader view of risk factors are so critical."

Studies have shown that hypertension is a leading contributor to chronic kidney disease, alongside diabetes, with both conditions frequently underdiagnosed or poorly managed. In addition, socioeconomic barriers, limited access to routine screening and low awareness all contribute to delayed diagnosis.

This is where the concept of "knowing your numbers" becomes essential.

Health experts are urging South Africans to regularly check their:

- Blood pressure
- Blood glucose (sugar levels)
- Cholesterol
- Kidney function (eGFR or creatinine levels)

These simple tests can provide an early warning of underlying problems long before symptoms appear.

In South Africa, screening is more accessible than many people realise. "Blood pressure checks are routinely available at pharmacies, clinics and GP practices," Singels notes. "Blood glucose and kidney function tests can be done through a simple blood test at public clinics or private laboratories. Many medical schemes also cover annual

wellness screenings, while public sector clinics offer these services at low or no cost."

Importantly, she highlights that doctors are also changing how they approach treatment.

"Rather than focusing on a single issue, like high blood pressure alone, healthcare providers are now targeting the broader cardiometabolic risk profile," she explains. "This means addressing blood pressure, cholesterol, kidney health and lifestyle factors together to reduce the overall risk of serious complications."

Detecting these conditions early can greatly reduce the risk of serious complications and even small, consistent lifestyle changes can have a meaningful impact on long term health. Singels recommends:

- Controlling your blood pressure
- Managing your blood sugar levels with a diabetic-friendly diet
- Reducing salt intake, which is particularly relevant in South Africa where average

consumption exceeds recommended levels

- Maintaining a healthy weight and staying physically active
- Limiting alcohol consumption and avoiding tobacco
- Following prescribed treatment plans consistently
- Regular screening and monitoring for hypertension and/or diabetes

When it comes to heart, kidney and metabolic health, early detection remains one of the most powerful tools for prevention. For men, in particular, routine screening may help uncover silent risks before they lead to serious complications.

"Screening is quick, accessible and potentially lifesaving. It's one of the most practical steps anyone can take to protect their long-term health," emphasises Singels.

With non-communicable diseases on the rise in South Africa, awareness and timely action has never been more important.



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

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

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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



"Life is like lawn bowls: aim well, stay balanced, and don't panic when things start curving unexpectedly."

Robin Does It Again for SBC

Once again Robin Gibbs and Dave Cant, with reinforcements in the form of Ian Jarman (who stood in at the last minute when Robin could not play in the final game due to illness) picked up a marvellous 3rd place in the Eden Open Pairs. You guys just keep on making us proud!

At Last! - Nominated Pairs Champions Crowned

According to the Comsecs, getting this year's Nominated Pairs competition completed was a bit like trying to bowl 21 ends through a swamp! Nevertheless, perseverance prevailed, and champions were finally crowned.

Congratulations to Ladies' champions Sue Crone and Annalise le Roux, and Men's champions Neels Theron and Chris Baker. Well done to all four of you, and a special tip of the hat to the Comsecs for steering the competition through weather, scheduling challenges and enough postponements to test the patience of a saint.

Commiserations to runners-up Wendy Mack and Kris Raubenheimer, and Brian Concannon and Martin Simonc. Your turn will come again — bowls has a long memory and a wicked sense of humour.



Men's Mini League

Following their admirable performance a fortnight ago, our Men's Mini League players continue to feature prominently, with Chris Cannon (8th), Neels Theron (12th), Mike Crone (15th), Martin Simonc (16th), Charles Fontini (19th) and Pieter Griesel (20th). This puts SBC 3rd in the club rankings after 2 of 5 rounds. Well played Lads!

Drawn Mixed Singles

While many of our members enjoy doubles in the clubhouse,

Bowls SBC Nominated Pairs champions for 2026 - Sue Crone, Annalise le Roux, Neels Theron and Chris Baker.

the preference is still for singles on the green — Mixed Singles, in fact. The round-robin section was played on the 9th and 16th without so much as a drop of rain, which may be a first this season! Good luck and good bowling to all those still competing.

A Quick Chuckle Before You Go

SEDGFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

19-24 En Route Arts Festival
JULY
25 Medieval Event (Lions)
AUGUST
25-27 Melodrama
SEPTEMBER
1, 3, 4 Melodrama
OCTOBER
17 Pink Walk
18 Remax Kite Festival (Masi)
31 SAM's Fashion Show
DECEMBER
31 Watershed (Masi)

Masi - Masithandane
SAM - Sedgfield Animal Matters
TLC - The Living Cornerstone

"The secret of bowls, so they say, is to practise a little each day. But the old members grin, They know it's the tea and the gin That brings you right back to the next day!"

That's a wrap — see you on the mat!

Chairman's Report - Slow Town Mobile Meals

It is my privilege to present this report on behalf of Slow Town Mobile Meals regarding the past year.

This organisation has continued to serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community — the aged, the frail, and those in need. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our team, we have provided over 15,000 meals, which are served three times a week, over the past year.

Our meals are wholesome and nourishing. Importantly, our service does not pause for holidays — meals are provided

even on Christmas Day and over Easter, ensuring that no one is left without care during these important times.

In addition, our soup kitchen provides up to 50 meals a day, three times a week, offering healthy soup and bread to those who need it most.

Our work is made possible through the commitment of a small but dedicated team. We have two paid staff members who prepare and cook the meals, supported by compassionate volunteers who assist with serving and delivering food throughout the community. We are entirely dependent on

donations from local residents, churches, and charitable institutions. As the need continues to grow, so too does the pressure on our resources.

We therefore make a heartfelt appeal to the community: if you are able to contribute in any way, whether through a financial donation, food supplies, or your time as a volunteer, your support will directly help us continue feeding those who rely on us. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference.

Slow Town Mobile Meals: FNB Knysna, Account 625 0277 5549

As a registered NPO, we are able to issue a SARS tax-deductible receipt for all donations.

We remain deeply grateful to our loyal donors and supporters whose generosity sustains our work. With your continued support, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

Jim Mitchell
Chairperson
Cell: 083 379 3737. Email: patmitchellza@gmail.com



Thank you to the Sedgfield Bridge Club for this wonderful donation to The Edge blanket drive!

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted - Boplaas Moscato Frizzante 2026

On the front label there are beautiful, but very small detailed nature images. The back label has some info about the cellar, surrounding areas and tasting notes. Abv. 10% (Being a frizzante, the first appearance in the glass shows lots of minute, sexy little bubbles. The colour is light blush, with a few wide spread legs.

The first impression on the nose, is a bunch of flowers with geraniums and roses. Additional aromas experienced were Turkish Delight and Sparberry. It is a well balanced moscato, with just enough small bubbles to wake up your tongue. Flavours of strawberry fizzers also came to the front, with the Turkish Delight and raspberry



cool drink. The medium length mouth-feel leaves tastes of Turkish Delight and once again raspberry cool drink. It is a great find in the price range R80-R100 and an excellent accompaniment for spicy/curry dishes.

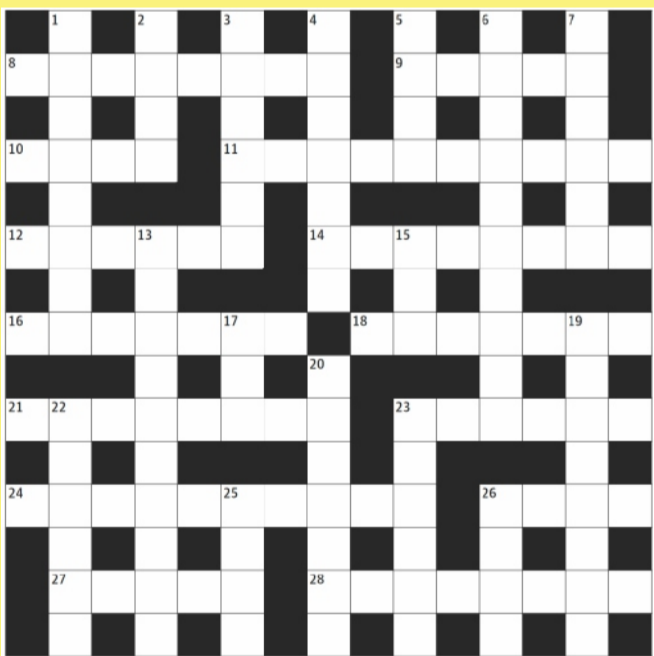
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

8. Happy about royal landmarks? (8)
9. Is the obvious part of an icicle a real sign of a cloud-free day? (5)
10. A Million? Almost anyone would know that's a lot. (4)
11. Darling went out of her way to spell the letter G before tea! (10)
12. Note the top two from the IRA wrote a book. (6)
14. Illegal mob never there for Guy Fawkes. (8)
16. One doesn't believe he is there for the bank robbery. (7)
18. Alternatively eats only half his dinner. (7)
21. Somehow hit energised bleaching agent. (8)
23. Where you might find 'more' of this crossword. (6)
24. Cause a bit of mayhem about Gryfin using his wok. (4-6)
26. I gather you missed your first million due to the poor visibility. (4)
27. Written above young Carroll's Yule wish-list contents. (5)
28. Circulating something out there about most of Easter having zero identity. (8)

Down

- 1&2. Is your little friend annoying you about his European capital? (8,4)
3. If you drift off, it might somehow end with the emergency room. (6)
4. Continuously looking for the last remnants of tar in Gauteng. (7)
5. Some land up with what



6. Let a dumped, rotten, chicken at least be plucked. (10)
7. Nancy, initially in a class, grew up to be quite the gentlewoman. (6)
8. 13. Doesn't hit the target, but grabs power anyway. (10)
9. 15. Perhaps how Morrison shipped his gear... (3)
17. ... as finally instructed by his dad. (3)
19. One needing much more evidence to believe a costing calculation. (8)
20. The part I sang required a more hands-on professional. (7)
22. If it's somewhat hot, elsewhere they'll have air-conditioned rooms. (6)
23. Henry's 12.5% of the total. (6)
25. Bull takes an hour to hurry to the gold. (4)
26. A good morning for some South Africans looking for that extra helping. (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Positive signs 10. Opposed 11. Capsule 12. Gleam 13. Surpluses 14. Easel 16. Saint like 18. Turntable 19. Cross 20. Miniscule 23. Peace 24. Termini 25. Tourist 26. Photographing
Down: 2. Oppressor 3. In sum 4. Indus 5. Excursive 6. Impolitic 7. Nouns 8. Rough estimate 9. Reassessments 15. Late shift 16. Subsuming 17. Isolation 21. North 22. Extra 23. Plush

OYSTER FESTIVAL SERVES UP A PACKED PROGRAMME OF SPORTS AND ACTION

The Omoda Jacoo Knysna Oyster Festival is gearing up for one of its most action-packed editions yet, with a programme that combines marathon running, cycling, rugby, paddling, golf, padel and outdoor adventure across 10 days of festival excitement.

Running from 3–12 July 2026, the festival is South Africa's premier winter sporting event, drawing participants and spectators from across the country. The 2026 programme features a mix of elite competition, social sport and family-friendly participation opportunities, ensuring there is something for every fitness level. Many of the sporting and outdoor events also offer shorter routes or distances, making it easy for families to participate together and enjoy the festival experience.

Major sporting highlights

Knysna Forest Marathon
The iconic Knysna Forest Marathon remains one of the festival's headline events. The weekend includes race registration and expo activities, a marathon market, and race-day events through the Knysna Forest, attracting runners, supporters and visitors from around South Africa.

Knysna Cycle Tour

Cyclists can look forward to another busy Cycle Tour weekend, with mountain bike events, road races and family-friendly riding opportunities forming a major part of the festival's closing weekend. Registration activities begin at the Festival Hub ahead of the racing programme.

Southern 10s Rugby Tournament

Loerie Park will host the Southern 10s Rugby Tournament, adding fast-paced rugby action to the festival line-up and creating a lively spectator atmosphere throughout the day.

Running, walking and fitness events

Beyond the marathon, the programme includes the Crazy Store 4.8 km Fun Run, the Houtkapper Trail Run with multiple forest routes, the CANSA Walk, Cross Country Development Series races, and the ASWD Street Mile, which caters for athletes from junior age groups through to senior competitors.

Fitness enthusiasts can also join Secret Sunrise movement sessions, Stretch Pilates classes, Pilates and Stretch warm-ups, Barre & Pilates Fusion workouts and the Simola Sunset 5 km Wine Walk.

Padel takes centre stage

Padel continues to feature prominently in the festival programme with events including Oyster Court Kids, Oyster Friday Social, Oyster Mixed Americano, Oyster 101 for first-timers, Knysna Padel Bash, Oyster Kings and Oyster Queens Americano competitions. The events range from beginner-friendly sessions to more competitive social tournaments.

Water sports and outdoor adventure

Water-based action includes the REMAX Canoe Polo Tournament at the Knysna Waterfront, the Harbour 2 Heads Canoe Race, and the ever-

popular Tug O War competition, where teams battle it out in a test of strength, teamwork and determination. The Knysna Estuary Underwater Trash Bash also offers a unique combination of adventure and environmental action through snorkel and scuba clean-up activities, inviting participants to help protect one of the town's most treasured natural assets.

Golf, netball and community sport

The sporting programme also includes golf days at Knysna Golf Club and Simola Golf & Country Estate, as well as a Knysna Oyster Festival Netball Tournament, a community soccer tournament culminating in finals at Loerie Park on the last Sunday of the festival, and community-focused sporting activities throughout the festival period.

A festival built around participation

"The Knysna Oyster Festival has always been about participation as much as competition. Whether you're tackling a marathon, trying

padel for the first time, joining a fun run, paddling on the lagoon or simply cheering from the sidelines, there are countless ways to be part of the action," says Lungiswa Goya, Manager: Economic Development at Knysna Municipality and spokesperson for the festival.

The full programme and updates are available at www.knysnaoysterfestival.co.za. Visitors are encouraged to check back regularly as additional event details are confirmed.



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LOCAL RUNNERS DO US PROUD

Sedgefield Striders Jean-Marie Eksteen and Gavin Jantjies deserve of hearty congratulations on finishing the 'up run' of the Comrades Marathon on Sunday, 14th June 2026.

SAPS Sergeant Gavin completed his tenth tour of the 85.77km ultra marathon in a time of 9h36m02s, whilst local veterinarian Jean-Marie crossed the line in 9h54m53s for her back-to-back finish.

your achievement and it deserves to be celebrated."

He also congratulated the club's guest runner from Dubai, Dewald van der Wath, whose training with the Striders paid off with a Comrades finish of 10h49m27s.

"Comrades demands months of discipline, resilience, and heart, and anyone who crosses that finish line has earned deep respect," says Striders Chair Alvin Witten, "The club is truly proud of

It must be noted that George runner and regular Tortoise Tuff participant Lloyd Bosman won a gold medal by finishing his debut comrades in 7th place, in a time of 4h58m53s.



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Wed 17 Jun	7:33	17:26	5:04 17:37	11:09 23:41
Thur 18 Jun	7:33	17:26	5:54 18:27	11:57 -
Fri 19 Jun	7:33	17:26	6:45 19:18	0:36 12:46
Sat 20 Jun	7:33	17:27	7:40 20:13	1:34 13:39
Sun 21 Jun	7:34	17:27	8:40 21:12	2:36 14:37
Mon 22 Jun	7:34	17:27	9:48 22:17	3:44 15:42
Tue 23 Jun	7:34	17:27	11:01 23:22	4:52 16:50
Wed 24 Jun	7:34	17:28	12:09 -	5:54 17:54
Thur 25 Jun	7:34	17:28	0:21 13:06	6:47 18:50
Fri 26 Jun	7:34	17:28	1:12 13:34	7:31 19:37
Sat 27 Jun	7:35	17:28	1:55 14:34	8:08 20:18
Sun 28 Jun	7:35	17:29	2:34 15:11	8:43 20:56
Mon 29 Jun	7:35	17:29	3:10 15:45	9:15 21:31
Tue 30 Jun	7:35	17:30	3:44 16:17	9:47 22:06