

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WINTER WHALES



The southern right whale mother and calf seen off the coast of Sedgefield. Her callosity patterns are distinctive, making it easy to identify her with the wide borders, large rostrum patch and the five small dots forward of her blowhole.

What a pleasure to live in a place where even winter has its perks!

Whilst the wind may be blowing in more and more of the dreaded chill factor, there are some visitors who still take delight in wallowing in the shallows of our coastal waters.

This mother and calf pair of southern right whales have been cruising the Garden Route coastline between Wilderness and the Knysna Heads since 18 June and have been spotted at Platbank, Kleinkrantz, Knysna Heads (identified from a photo posted by Ocean Odyssey Knysna) and Swartvlei Beach.

The Strandloper Project has confirmed that it is the same pair from photos of the callosity patterns on the mother.

Callosities are the white patterns seen on the head, and sometimes the tail, of southern right whales. These rough patches of skin, formed during the 16 month gestation period, get colonised by small crustaceans and barnacles after birth. Each pattern is unique, much like a human's fingerprint. Along with tail patterns, callosities are helpful in identifying whales from photographs, and are used to map where individuals swim, not only along the South African coastline, but internationally as well.

To date, it has been easy to see this pair of whales from the shore with a pair of binoculars. It is best to view from a raised location and to look for them between 50m and 200m behind the surf break, though lately the calf has taken to playing in the surf.

Thanks to Mark Dixon of Strandloper Project for the information and pictures.



The mother and calf southern right whale wallowing in the shallows with landmark Gericke's Point in clear view.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

It's interesting watching grandchildren being brought up.

Of course, parents these days have far fewer weapons of combat in their arsenal, especially since the once-used-in-every-household 'Clip round the ear' has been banned by the Geneva Convention on Warfare, as has the wooden spoon, etc.

Whilst I refuse to be drawn into any discussion as to whether this abandoning of historic parenting methods is a good/bad/calamitous/wonderful/weird/confusing idea, I DO find it exceptionally entertaining to sit back and witness - from a safe distance, of course, the attempts of using the new-fangled methodology to get those young ankle-biters through life as close to unscathed as possible.

"Darling ... what are you doing? No ... we don't do that, do we? Well, because it's not nice. What did Mommy say about it yesterday? What did ...

Will you please look at Mommy when she's talking to you?

Look at Mommy, I said.

Because it's polite, remember we ... no, not pirate. POLITE. No. Mommy ISN'T a pirate. Yes - I know Daddy is a good pirate ... yes, perhaps he IS a better pirate than Mommy, but I'm talking about the word POLITE. You learned it at playschool, remember? It's when we are NICE to each ...

Pardon? What did Jimmy say? ... at playschool? No, that's NOT polite, and I'm sure he didn't ... Well, if he DID, it was naughty, and his mom would have been sad ... Can you stop saying it now? Stop. Because it's not a NICE word. No, no more times. NO! I said ... Ok, you've said it three more times now; that's enough.

No, Jimmy's mommy does NOT let him say it. No, Teacher Sally wouldn't have either. No, she wouldn't. NO, she WOULD NOT.

Anyway. Let's just not SAY that anymore. We were talking about POLITE, weren't we? So ... can you look at me when I am talking?

Right... thank you. Now, let's try and remember ... what did I say YESTERDAY about putting LEGO in your sister's mouth?

No, I didn't. No, I definitely did not! NO! Why would Mommy say it was a good idea when it isn't?

No, Mommy wouldn't. No. Didn't didn't DIDN'T!

Oh ... yes... but remember, we were playing PRE-TEND then. Yes, we were. We were PRE-TEN-DING that the yellow



LEGO bits were DELICIOUS bananas, and the green ones, er, cabbage, and the red were strawberries.

Well, YOU said it was ice cream, but Mommy said it was strawberries.

Yes. She did.

Because strawberries, remember, are HEALTHY.

Anyway. That's PRE-TEN-DING. Your little sister is a BABY, so she doesn't know HOW to PRE-TEND. So she might SWALLOW the LEGO.

Yes. She might.

Because Mommy KNOWS these things, remember, I told you Mommy is CLE-VER. Yes, my girl, yes - YOU are CLE-VER too, ESPECIALLY if you listen when Mommy tells you NO LEGO in your sister's mouth.

Well, because she will choke. Remember? Like when Daddy tried to eat that whole boiled egg?

Yes, I know that was funny - but Daddy is bigger, and we don't want to have to rush your sister to hospital....

I know you have your Doc McStuffins medical bag. Yes, you got it for your birthday. But that's also PRE-TEND, so it won't help your ...

No ... It won't.

NO STOP.

Because you can't take her TEM-PRI-CHUR now.

Because she's sleeping ... She IS ... Well, she was, until ... Yes, it IS loud. That's how babies cry, and why mommy said...

No, you shouldn't.

NO!

Because a pillow will stop her breathing.

Why don't you take your OWN TEM-PRI-CHUR? That will be fun. Then you can take Mommy's ...

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The Sedge Safety & Security WhatsApp group was all abuzz last Thursday evening, when someone posted that things were 'going down' near the popular coffee spot Daily Grind on Swallow Drive. Whilst more often than not such posts (thankfully) turn out to be minor incidents – this was just about as serious as they come - a robbery at gun point.

Reportedly, at about 6.10pm on 9 July, a couple who own a local business were accosted by two men at their home on the corner of Parakiet Street and Swallow Drive. One of the victims – a 50 year old female - was already at home and her husband had just parked in the driveway when two men rushed at them

demanding the keys for their business and cash. The men were brandishing a pistol.

The terrified couple could only tell the perpetrators that they had no cash, whilst handing over their keys. The men then made off on foot.

According to a report from SAPS Communications Department, a case has been opened and the search for the culprits is still underway. They ask that anyone with information which could assist police to trace the perpetrators may contact the investigating officer, Warrant Officer Vusumzi Xokozela, at the Knysna Detectives at 044 302 6652 or Crime Stop at 08600 10111.

JUST SIT DOWN... SIT!

Right, now I'm going to put Doc McStuffins on the TV, and I want you to SIT QUIETLY AND WATCH.

Yes, I know Daddy said no more TV, but you can watch it while I pack your day-bag.

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A man with a beard, wearing a green and red long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, is leaning down to interact with a young child in a red jacket. The child is holding a small object in their hand. In the background, another child in a red jacket is visible, and a person in a black jacket is partially seen on the left. The setting appears to be an indoor space with a wooden floor.

“We provided them all with blankets, sleeping mats, toiletries while we delivered bulk food items to the kitchen for their daily meals. The community came forward to assist with extra provisions towards this

The Ward 2 Councillor has since reported that there are still a few

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In Contemplation of Nature

by Charl van der Merwe,
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On behalf of Sedgefield
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In our fast-paced lives, we are often disconnected from the rhythms of nature. Cityscapes, schedules, and constant demands on our attention pull us away from the grounding presence of our natural world. Every tree, flower or bird, every dune, every stream, every wave rolling in on the beach ... each of us sees them with different vision. We bring our own backgrounds, perspectives, needs, interests, desires, and problems to whatever we see.

Contemplating or reflecting on nature is accessible to everyone. It simply means taking a moment to pause and truly notice the natural world around you. It does not require strenuous hiking or a remote wilderness; it can be as simple as looking out of a window at a tree, listening to birdsong, the ocean, or a stream, or feeling the warmth of the sun on your skin. Think of it as a gentle reset for the mind, a chance to step away from the rush of everyday life and become more aware of the natural world in your surroundings.

I often wonder about nature, is it what we are taught or is it something more, a creator, an artist? Dante Alighieri, a 13th century Italian philosopher and poet glorified nature in his poem "Divina Commedia" or The Divine Comedy. Dante

states that all terrestrial things are due to nature, we are a product of nature's functions.

But nature not only makes and shapes the body of man, but it also gives him his instincts, appetites, "love for his fellowman," love of and the capacity for pleasure, and even the hope of immortality. Dante lauded nature as an artist in the beauty of flowers and landscapes, but especially the beauty of the body which reaches its peak in women, and to Dante the most beautiful work of nature was Beatrice, his lifelong love which he only met twice in life.

Reflexion on nature is a way to re-establish a relationship with something larger than us, something inherently calming and restorative. This relationship is not some abstract idea, it is a very real, tangible connection that can be felt in a quiet moment observing a flower or the movement of clouds.

Why is this important, especially when we talk about sustainable living? Well, when we lose touch with nature, it becomes easier to disregard its importance. Sustainability isn't just about recycling or reducing waste; it is fundamentally about recognising our inter-connectedness with nature and natural systems. When you regularly appreciate the beauty and fragility of nature, you are more likely to want to protect it. It is a gentle, personal pathway into a more sustainable lifestyle, starting

with simply noticing.

It is easy to bring nature contemplation into our daily routine. It does not require any special skills or equipment, just a willingness to be present and to relax. Simple practices for daily connection could be:

- **Thoughtful observation:** Spend five minutes each day noticing something in nature, such as a plant, clouds, birds, or a nearby tree. Focus on its colours, textures, shapes, rhythms, scents, and surroundings.

- **Sensory engagement:** When outdoors, use your senses fully. Listen, feel the breeze, notice scents, and touch bark, leaves, or grass to become present and more connected to nature.

- **Nature walks:** Take a short walk in a green space, by the lagoon, or on the beach. Leave your phone behind, slow down, and notice your surroundings with all your senses.

These steps will open the door to a deeper understanding and appreciation of both nature and our place within it. Actively engaging with nature in a contemplative way can be incredibly therapeutic, offering a relief from the persistent inner struggles that often fuel stress and unhappiness. Exposure to nature also reduces stress, lowers blood pressure, and boosts morale.

Philosophically, nature contemplation opens doors to questions about our place in nature and the purpose of our lives. Observing the web of life in the forest, or on the dunes, for instance, reveals how everything is connected and interdependent. This understanding can extend beyond the natural world to our social and ethical responsibilities. Recognising our interconnectedness with nature can naturally lead to a greater sense of responsibility towards the environment and a desire to live more sustainably.

Capenature's Marine Conservation Showcased In New Kyknet Series

The beauty, biodiversity and conservation value of the Western Cape's coastline will be shown to audiences across South Africa when CapeNature features in the new primetime Afrikaans series, Hey Skipper, which premiered on DStv Channel 144 kykNET on Saturday, 4 July 2026 at 18:00.

Produced and presented by adventurer, filmmaker and outdoor enthusiast Dewald Visser, Hey Skipper takes viewers on a journey across some of the world's most spectacular marine environments, exploring the relationship between people, water and conservation.

As part of the 13-episode series, The Western Cape's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) will feature prominently as Visser explores the unique coastal landscapes, marine biodiversity and conservation initiatives that make the Province's coastline of global conservation importance.

CapeNature manages six MPAs, Sedgefield's Goukamma, as well as Robberg, Stilbaai, De Hoop, Betty's Bay and Rocherpan. All will feature in the series while other nature reserves including Lambert's Bay Bird Island, Walker Bay, De Mond, Dyer Island, Keerbooms and Geelkrans will also be included.

The episodes will highlight the important work taking place to



conserve marine ecosystems, including efforts to protect vulnerable species, maintain healthy marine environments, and promote responsible interaction within these areas.

"Storytelling has the ability to connect people with nature and through Hey Skipper, viewers will get to experience the coastlines of the Western Cape while learning more about the conservation work that takes place to conserve these ecosystems," said Dr Ashley Naidoo, CEO of CapeNature.

He added: "Our Marine Protected Areas play an important role in maintaining healthy oceans, supporting biodiversity and creating opportunities for sustainable nature-based tourism. We are proud to share the work of our teams and partners through this exciting series."

Visser said the series aims to

inspire viewers by showcasing the adventure, beauty and conservation stories found along coastlines around the world.

"Every destination has a story to tell, and our oceans are connected with incredible people, places and conservation efforts. CapeNature's MPAs are examples of how protecting these environments can create opportunities for exploration, education and appreciation," said Visser.

The series will feature a variety of marine adventures, from exploring local coastlines and waterways to showcasing global marine conservation projects. Each episode will highlight the importance of understanding and protecting the ocean environments that sustain both nature and surrounding communities.

NEW SIGNS FOR ISLAND CONSERVANCY

New signs have popped up on both sections of Fish Eagle Green on Sedgefield's Island - all of which have been sponsored by Eyeland Neighbourhood Watch.

Island Conservancy stalwart Helia Ventura van Zyl (in picture with ENW chairman Terry Savage) did all the donkey work to get the signs

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KNYSNA OYSTER FESTIVAL - IT'S A WRAP!

“As the curtain falls on another unforgettable Knysna Oyster Festival, one thing is certain: Knysna's greatest strength has always been its people.” So says Executive Mayor Thando Matika.

“For ten incredible days, our town welcomed the thousands of visitors who filled our streets, supported our local businesses, embraced our hospitality, and reminded us why Knysna remains one of South Africa's most loved tourism and sporting destinations,” he said.

With over 7,000 runners taking on the Knysna Forest Marathon and Half Marathon, as well as thousands of cyclists, footballers, netball players, families, volunteers, and supporters, the 2026 edition of the annual festival was a celebration of community and shared experiences.

Matika said that he found the spectacular closing parade, which included more than 350 members of the South African National Defence Force marching with pride, to be a highlight of the event. “We are especially proud that leading this historic parade were two of



Picture: Mayor Thando Matika thoroughly enjoyed marching with

Knysna's very own - Captain Mdingi and Ms Celine Michaels of the Hornlee Band, proving that greatness can grow from our own communities,” he remarked.

Toting the festival to be about far more than sport and celebration, Matika said “For the first time, the South African National Defence Force extended the Oyster Festival beyond the central business district by hosting activities in Concordia. Through military displays, recruitment initiatives, career guidance, skills development, and community engagement, they brought the festival directly to our northern communities. This demonstrated that the

Oyster Festival belongs to every resident of Greater Knysna.”

The Mayor issued a challenge to the event organising team to continue expanding festival activities into all Knysna's communities so that every resident would be able share in the economic and social benefits. “Next year, we will also invite the South African Navy to join the South African National Defence Force so that both services can inspire our youth and participate across our municipality,” he suggested.

He believes that the 2026 Knysna Oyster Festival has been a story of the town's resilience, saying that despite challenges that have

tested the municipality, thousands still chose Knysna. “They came not because we are perfect, but because they have experienced something far more meaningful - our warmth, our spirit, our breathtaking beauty, and a community that refuses to be defined by adversity.

“To every sponsor, organiser, volunteer, emergency responder, municipal official, business owner, resident, and visitor: thank you. You have once again shown what is possible when a community comes together with purpose and pride,” he concluded, adding a last note to each and every visitor.

“Until next year, thank you for believing in Knysna, for celebrating with us, and for writing another memorable chapter in the story of our town.”

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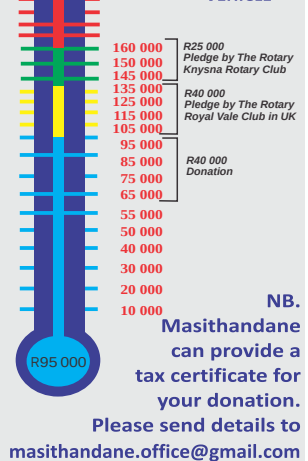
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Dear Editor,
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With this letter, I would like to thank each and every biker who rode for me on Sunday 17th May 2026. Without me knowing about the event, I can guess that it was for the purpose of raising money toward a fund for me.
A short story about my background for context, and any reason/s behind the possible need of a fundraising, is that I was involved in an accident three and a half years ago... resulting in me being wheelchair bound, leading me to not be able to continue with my work and livelihood.
Back to the event that was shared in my honour. I truly

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3rd Jo & Ann 52.3%

would have enjoyed being there to experience the magnitude of bikers riding for me. Also so that I could thank you all personally.
I am grateful that a friend from Knysna showed me the newspaper clipping, so that I can thank the guys and girls in response. Perhaps if I get the chance to meet Gary White (the organiser of the bikers ride fundraising event), I will be able to thank him in person one day.
I also want to extend gratitude to those 100 (plus) bikers who rode, and congratulate you for raising so much money. I was most grateful to receive the R2 500 Pick n Pay voucher.
I am honoured and humbled by the kindness and generosity you have shown.
I would like to add, we live in a small village. Please stop at the stop signs. Be patient with the elderly, don't speed or text while driving - and of course, don't drink and drive.
Bless you all, thanks again.
Corlani

Kringe in die Bos

On Sunday, 5 July, our family did the beautiful Kringe in die Bos walk in the Goudveld Forest, not realising that the Knysna Oyster Festival would be hosting the Houtkapper Trail Run along the same route.
While we were hunting for fungi there was a steady stream of runners coming past.
As we stood aside for the tired runners to pass, I would jokingly ask if they would like to pose for a picture in the local newspaper. Then unexpectedly a couple, runners Lucia and Rynhardt van Rooyen, volunteered for their photo to be taken.
Regards, **Chris Steyl**
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STOLEN CROSS - FAMILY DEVASTATED

A family has been left dismayed and disappointed by vandals who have all but destroyed a memorial dedicated to a lost loved one.

After their son, River Leask, was an innocent victim killed by a drunken driver on the highway opposite Groenvlei in 2019, his parents, Wayne and Izzy obtained permission to create a memorial at the picnic site in his memory.

A small but beautiful garden with a newly planted yellowwood tree and a photo of River was established by the boy's heartbroken parents.

"I made a steel reinforced, concrete cross with his name on a steel plate bolted onto the cross," Wayne told us, "The base of this cross was secured together with steel pins, 1/2 meter underneath the soil to prevent it from moving."

On Thursday, 2 July 2026 the couple returned to the memorial to pay tribute to River and tend the garden, taking photos as they have always done. "It still looked beautiful,"

Wayne reflected, adding that they had noticed that there was a team working on the road curbside 100m from where they stood.

A week later they returned to their special site, but this time what they found made them sick to their stomachs.

"Someone had decided to dig out and steal River's cross and destroy the garden. Total disrespect and vandalism!" Wayne seethed, "The roadworks people have levelled the ground there since last Thursday, and we could see fresh footprints in the mud made after that work had been done, so we don't know if they saw anything."

But he knows that this heartless deed could have been done by anyone.

"Maybe from this area or maybe someone passing through, but still a deliberate and horrible action," he said.

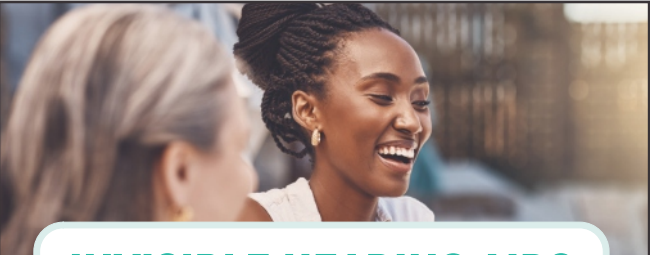
The Leasks are desperate to at least get the cross returned to them. "If anyone knows about

or witnessed this cross being stolen, please reach out to me," he said, even calling on the perpetrators to have some sense of remorse.

"How dare you and how do you even live with yourself? The cross will never mean anywhere near as much to you as it does to our family," he implored, "You have had your fun stealing, vandalising and destroying something beautiful and sacred, now please return it."

If anyone knows where River's cross is, please contact Wayne Leask on 082 613 3300, or if you wish to remain anonymous please email editor@edgenews.co.za and we will pass the details on.





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We caught up with new owner Faheem Limbada, who told us

his family are hoping to open TotalEnergies Sedgefield in August / September this year. He said the Limbada family is certainly not new to the petrol game - nor the area. They have been in Knysna since 2010, and are the current proprietors of Plettenberg Bay's Beacon Isle TotalEnergies fuel station. Substantial work has been done

on the site, with the fuel tanks and pumps on the forecourt needing renovation as well as the Cafe Bonjour shop.

With regards to staff, Faheem says approximately 20 positions will be filled with local personnel where possible, and that they aim to give priority to previous staff

members of Sedgefield Total who lost their jobs when it was closed down.

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By Alvin Witten, on behalf of Sedgefield Ratepayers Association.

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BUILDING COLLAPSE WIDOW TAKES NHBRC TO COURT

Among the 34 workers who died on 6 May 2024 when the five-storey development at 75 Victoria Street in George collapsed during construction, was 59-year-old Andile Andrew Magxwalisa. His widow, Sylvia Magxwalisa, has reportedly launched court action seeking to hold the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) accountable for the collapse and the losses that flowed from it.

On 14 April 2026 Magxwalisa lodged a declaratory application in the Western Cape Division of the High Court against the NHBRC. Although she brings the application in her own name, her legal team says she speaks for a broader group of victims and dependants - many of whom are foreign nationals - seeking relief from the council.

The NHBRC is the statutory regulator for the home building industry, established in 1998 to protect housing consumers and to ensure compliance with industry standards. It manages a warranty fund that has historically held substantial financial reserves. Two years after the George tragedy and one year after a redacted internal forensic report was handed to the national Minister of Human Settlements, Thembu Simelane, the NHBRC has responded to Magxwalisa's demands by raising technical objections and denying liability.

Magxwalisa's affidavit and the NHBRC's own internal forensic report set out a series of regulatory failures. The

285-page internal report, which was handed to the minister on 9 April 2025, found that statutory duties were ignored by the council. It concluded that the collapse was the result of systematic failures, mismanagement and non-compliance with regulatory standards, and it identified internal misconduct, including fraudulent data entry and the bypassing of safety protocols.

Among the specific failures recorded were that the developer, Liatel Developments, was not registered to construct a building of the George development's size. The company was only registered for buildings up to two storeys, while the George project comprised a basement and five storeys. Council staff reportedly issued incorrect grading certifications that permitted the project to proceed despite those limits. The NHBRC had also failed to refer the multi-storey project to its internal regional structural engineer for assessment - a safety control that would likely have identified design shortcomings.

The forensic report further noted serious shortcomings in technical assessment and project oversight. The geotechnical report used for the project lacked the basic data required for a safe structural design. Inspectors were accused of falsely claiming inspections of units that did not yet exist, and the first phase of the development was enrolled using the fraudulent use of an official's login credentials. Visible structural cracks were not reported by inspectors, and construction continued even after the site safety officer

resigned citing unsafe practices such as substandard props and improper scaffolding.

Magxwalisa argues in her papers that the NHBRC had a duty of care to people entering or near homes as defined under the Home Builders Registration Council Act and that the council's omissions directly resulted in the collapse and the consequent prejudice, loss and damage suffered by victims and their dependants. She says it is foreseeable that failure by the council to fulfil its obligations would lead to such loss, and she cautions against protracted litigation to obtain compensation when the regulator holds substantial resources.

A Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) team completed its probe into the collapse and forwarded the investigation to the National Prosecuting Authority in February 2026. In her court application Magxwalisa has asked the court to compel the NHBRC to disclose the full internal report and to consider the council's liability as custodian of building industry standards in relation to the George collapse.

This is a synopsis of an article written by Marianne Thamm and published by Daily Maverick.

What is Scrabble?

Advertorial

Scrabble is a game of recall and strategy and, like Bridge and Chess, it is played internationally at the highest level.

It is a word strategy game played on a board divided into 225 squares, with a set of 100 tiles of alphabetical letters with values ranging between one and ten. Some of the blocks on the board are bonus or premium squares and these can be used to maximise score.

The element of luck when picking your seven tiles adds to the fun of Scrabble, because while knowing words is useful, Scrabble also requires tactical play to minimise the chance that your opponent can get to the premium squares on the board.

The ultimate move is to place a word that uses all seven tiles on your rack; that ensures a 50 point bonus to your word score. When all the tiles are played out of the bag, the game ends when one opponent clears his rack and the winner is the person with the highest score.

The Format of Club Scrabble

Club Scrabble is very sociable and the format of the afternoon should ensure that you get to play three to five games with someone more or less your level.

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We can use dictionaries BUT only the Collins is permissible, and it has to be the latest version. We do encourage using a clock (as with Chess) which is really not as daunting as it sounds - it becomes second nature after you practice it a bit and it

ensures a smooth flow of games for all members.

As we become familiar with competitive play, we will set up a position ladder and members have an option to challenge someone who is either one or two positions above them on the ladder. Challenging is not compulsory; if social play is all you want, you will not be disappointed!

MUNICIPALITY REPORTS STEADY PROGRESS ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

A comprehensive progress report on its water and sanitation infrastructure recovery programme was presented to the Director-General of the Western Cape Province, HOD for the Provincial Department of Local Government, and other stakeholders during the Strengthened Section 154 Steering Committee meeting on the 9th July 2026.

The presentation highlighted the significant progress made on priority interventions aimed at improving water security, wastewater management and long-term service delivery across the Greater Knysna municipal area.

Acting Municipal Manager Manqoba Ngubo said the programme, undertaken in partnership with the national and provincial spheres of government, forms part of the municipality's strengthened Section 154 support process to accelerate critical infrastructure interventions and restore resilience across Knysna's water and sanitation systems.

"Recent claims suggesting Knysna remains among a list of 75 failed municipalities are based on outdated information that does not reflect the progress made through the current recovery programme. "The latest national report, based on the Auditor-General outcomes,

identifies only three municipalities in the Western Cape facing the most severe governance and audit challenges, with Knysna not included among them. While the municipality acknowledges that significant work remains, it is equally important that public commentary reflects the substantial progress achieved through ongoing governance reforms, infrastructure investment and the strengthened Section 154 support process."

"Over the past several months, the municipality has made measurable progress across a number of key infrastructure projects.

Critical pumping infrastructure supplying the municipal water network has largely been restored. The Charlesford Pump Station is once again delivering water through two operational pumps, while Akkerkloof, Eastford and Gouna pump stations are fully operational. Work continues to further increase pumping capacity at Akkerkloof, while improvements at the Glebe Pump Station remain on schedule, including planned filtration upgrades and longer-term electrical improvements. The municipality has also completed the installation of the first 1,000 conventional

water meters as part of its water demand management programme. The next phase will focus on reconciling consumption data with the municipal financial system before the rollout of approximately 7,000 additional meters, subject to Council approval. This initiative will strengthen water management, improve billing accuracy and assist with reducing water losses."

Ngubo highlighted the significant progress made in expanding alternative water sources. "The rehabilitation of existing emergency boreholes has been completed, while six additional boreholes have been approved for development. Environmental screening is scheduled to commence before drilling begins. Progress is also being made with the Bongani and Bigai spring developments, the Glebe pipeline installation and planning for the rehabilitation of the Arch Dam borehole cluster.

At the same time, preparations continue for the installation of bulk and zonal meters, telemetry upgrades, the replacement of air and flush valves, wastewater treatment works upgrades, the replacement of the Khayaletu sewer bridge crossing and the procurement of longer-term contracts for the repair and

installation of water and sewer pumps. These projects will strengthen both the municipality's water distribution and wastewater management systems over the medium to long term."

"Progress reports presented to the Steering Committee reflects the progress made by the municipality's recovery programme.

Today's presentation reflects the commitment of the municipality, with the assistance of our provincial and national partners, to address longstanding infrastructure challenges. While important work still lies ahead, we are encouraged by the tangible progress already achieved across a number of projects that will strengthen both our water supply and sanitation systems."

Ngubo said residents would increasingly begin to see the benefits of the interventions as projects reached completion. "Infrastructure recovery is a process, not an event. Every completed project improves the resilience of our network and strengthens our ability to deliver reliable services. We remain focused on implementing sustainable solutions that will benefit our communities for many years to come."

SEDFIELD TENNIS NEWS

CLUB REPORT

While the monthly Monday challenge in June only had eight players, July's one on the 6th had a full complement of twelve players taking part.

As always three rounds of 12 games were played with Martin Rainbow emerging once again as the winner with Wian Dekker and Eddy Russell coming second.

Fun was had by all with really good tennis being

played. All players hope, that August sees a full field of 12 players.

A quick boerie braai was enjoyed by all as the evening turned out to be glorious.

As always the club remains very social welcoming all from our community to join.

It is worth noting that we are accommodating ladies from the Belvidere Tennis Club as a result of storm damage to their facilities.



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Mental health and productivity rely on good rest, clinical psychologist

"Just how much our sleep affects our mental health and well being is generally vastly underestimated," says Tony de Gouveia, a clinical psychologist practising at Netcare Akeso Alberton.

"The role of poor sleep in anxiety and depression is well documented. It's not only our physical energy that is replenished during sleep, but it is also essential for our cognitive functioning and emotional regulation."

Yet, we often fail to make getting enough good quality sleep a consistent priority. Studies vary, but it's been suggested that between a third and as many as half of us regularly get less than the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep each night, a figure that de Gouveia considers concerning.

"Burning the midnight oil is the enemy of productivity and creativity, yet when we are under pressure, rest is often the first thing we tend to sacrifice. We need to rethink how we value our sleep. Rest is fundamental to productivity, not its opposite," he says.

He points out that there are many factors that can reduce the quality of our sleep, including 80 recognised sleep disorders, the most common being chronic insomnia and obstructive sleep apnoea, which de Gouveia has

experienced firsthand. When these remain undiagnosed, the person's risk of other health issues also increases.

"Doomscrolling on social media late into the night, as well as the blue light from screens, which prevents people from getting a normal night's sleep, is becoming a big problem. As high school pupils are increasingly inseparable from their phones, this could have real consequences for young people's full participation in learning," he says.

"Stress, particularly in the hours before bed or when feeling anxious while lying awake in bed, disrupts the restorative sleep cycle. It's been observed that each stressful thought takes the average person about 20 minutes to process before they can start to fall asleep, and in the small hours, fears and worries can take on a life of their own."

He points out that women are more likely to struggle with sleep than men, for reasons ranging from traditionally bearing a greater share of childcare responsibilities to physiological factors.

"Waking up in the night or pre-dawn hours with insomnia further erodes sleep, and stressing about not getting enough sleep as the hours tick away only compounds the vicious cycle," de Gouveia says.

He warns against self-medicating with alcohol or cannabis to induce sleep, as these can disturb healthy sleep cycles and lead to dependence and substance use disorders.

"Getting enough quality sleep may seem like an elusive goal, a luxury we can't afford in our busy lives. There are numerous intrinsic benefits that make it truly worthwhile to re-evaluate the importance of sleep for every aspect of our daily lives, not least our mental health. The only way to make this stick is to link good quality sleep habits and healthy rest habits to our daily routine."

Rest reset: Tips for better sleep

- Go to bed at the same time every night. Make this a boundary that you stick to.
- Put down devices and dim the lights at least 20 minutes before bed.
- Limit fluids for a few hours before bed and avoid caffeine after lunch.
- Get the temperature right for a comfortable night's sleep.
- Ensure your sleeping environment is quiet to improve sleep quality (white noise can

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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News

Lawn Bowls in History – Bowled over, but not beaten by a ban!

In 1541, King Henry VIII's Unlawful Games Act banned bowls and other leisure games for commoners, insisting men spend their time practising archery instead. Officially it was

about military readiness, but it also ensured only the nobility and wealthy landowners could enjoy a roll-up on their private greens.

The surprising part? The law wasn't finally repealed until 1960 under the Betting and Gaming Act. Phew ... we're safe to bowl again!

Eden Trips

Of the four SBC teams who entered this competition, congratulations go to Robin Gibbs, David Cant and Chris Baker who won their section and will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with in the playoffs next week.

To Debi Stanford, Sally Reeves and Adri Ciorovich - Ann Dold, Ros MacMillan and Sheryl Owen as well as Brendon Nicolls, Louis Kruger and Johan le Roux well played guys we'll get them next time!

Eden Mixed Pairs

In the Eden Mixed Pairs competition while all SBC teams were brilliant in getting through to the playoffs unfortunately the tough competition did not allow Luke Hugill and Debi Stanford, Neels Theron and Wendy Mack as well as Arthur and Sheryl Owen to proceed. But hey! as

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often said by one of SBC's elder statesmen, "Not too shabby a performance"!

Drawn Mixed Singles

The final is set! Neels Theron defeated Johan le Roux, while Martin Simoncic got the better of Bernard Sheridan. Congrats to finalists Neels and Martin. May the best bowl—and perhaps the kindest green—win!

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*A seasoned old skip while playing a game,
Said, "Winning is more than just aim.*

*You must study the grass,
Show a whole bunch of class,
And ensure that your lead takes the blame"!*

That's a wrap. See you on the mat!

Men's Mini League

After four weeks of fiercely contested matches, Chris Cannon's Charming Champions led the Sedgefield charge in 5th place, followed by Neels Theron's Nice Guys (6th). Charles Fontini's Fantastic Four finished 17th, Dawid Malan's Merry Mavericks and Mike Crone's Cool Dudes shared 21st, while Pieter Griessel's Great Gentlemen rounded things off in 24th. Results are one thing—but friendship, laughter and a good post-match analysis over a rehydrating beverage are what really count!

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – Wcellar Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend 2025.

This wine is the House Cultivar from Woolworths. The front label's design is plain, but has interesting placing of lettering and images of vine leaves. On the back label there are some tasting notes and info about the wine's origin. Abv. 13.5%. The wine has a beautiful deep dark purple colour and a few legs are visible in the glass. The nose offers aromas of dried fruit, ripe mulberries, raspberries, allspice and a hint of white pepper. It is a medium-bodied wine which leaves a slight "roughness" on the tongue. This red blend is well balanced, with a slight bitterness experienced. Flavours of dried fruit, berry sweets (sugarless) and allspice carries through to a long mouthfeel. The dried fruit taste lingers



quite a while. Food like Osso Bucco, Oxtail, Ragout and a juicy piece of steak will pair well with this wine. If you feel like just sipping it slowly in front of the fire, that can also work!

It is a nice find in the price range R60 – R80.

In Vino Veritas till next time.

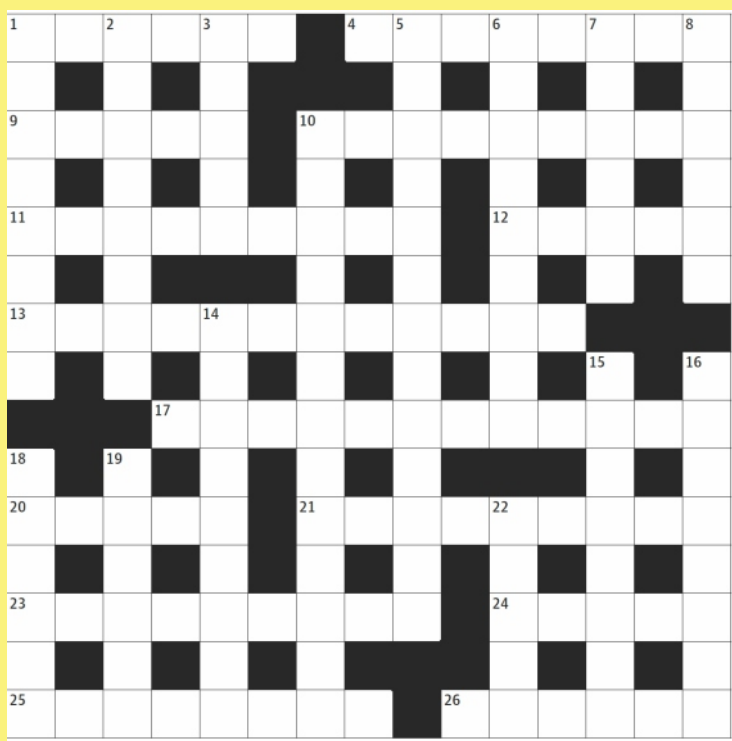
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. In leaving some emoticon confusion for the future. (2,4)
4. Majestic measurements of mints. (8)
9. It wasn't secret over there, to begin with. (5)
10. Send fruit so that it arrives after SAPO's set open days. (9)
11. Funny - is that the end of the queue for boxing matches? (9)
12. Some citizens of Peru rally for more farming land. (5)
13. When one is making a noise about suspected extortion of the ATP rankings? (12)
17. One who, so it's said, might see you getting nailed for hiding money. (3,9)
20. Elucidate the authority to verbally describe a tailor's job. (3-2)
21. Central castle contained by man in charge of bed allocation. (9)
23. Boldly pronounces like those vagabonds. (9)
24. Level of power Gqeberha has absorbed. (5)
25. The bank rate. (8)
26. I promise he's there watching the rugby! (6)

Down

1. Performers from the Reps tour. (8)
2. Fashionable at sea, supporting the head sailor. (4,4)
3. A lighter look at SA vs Scotland. (5)
5. Rents renovated premises, but lies on the lease. (13)



6. Stamina gained when you suffer party content. (9)
7. There temporarily swallowed by bird. (6)
8. In the end, the student sits on a road halfway to Lyon. (6)
10. Sort of rib the clergy about who might be in charge. (5,8)
14. Beguiled by her whimsical demeanour. (9)
15. Halt the serving boy for injury

time. (8)
16. Turn ripe - perhaps as a result of unwholesome desire. (8)
18. Awards given to operating system needing drivers. (6)
19. Taken after a partial hysterectomy, opiates may cause blurred vision. (6)
22. After he left the Postal Service to work in another country. (5)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Sprite 5. Corn rows 9. Act three 10. Vanity 11. Purr 12. Humiliated 13. Stamen 14. Don't know 16. Rehoused 19. Uppity 21. Nineteenth 23. Ewes 24. Screed 25. Bring sin 26. Ask for it 27. Ridden
Down: 2. Pick up the pieces 3. Interim 4. Earphones 5. Creamed 6. Revel 7. Ransack 8. Wither on the vine 15. Naughtier 17. Oneself 18. Dingbat 20. Pledged

BIONICH AND THE ‘EAGIRLS’ - RUGBY BRILLIANCE

by Aschien Klein

Rising rugby star Bionich Baadjies, daughter of Eagle Stars Rugby Club prop Bramwell Baadjies, proudly captained the SWD EaGirls U16 team at the 2026 FNB Youth Week for Girls, hosted at Kearsney College in Durban from 29 June to 4 July 2026.

Known throughout rugby circles as “The Enforcer”, Bionich led from the front throughout the tournament with fearless ball carries, uncompromising defence, and inspirational leadership. The SWD EaGirls opened their campaign in an outstanding fashion with a convincing 37-5 victory over the Leopards. Bionich produced a commanding performance and was deservedly named Player of the Match, setting the tone for the team’s impressive week.

On day two, SWD came up against a strong and well-drilled Boland side. The encounter was interrupted by lightning, affecting the flow of the match. Despite the disruption and a determined effort from Bionich and her teammates, Boland proved too powerful on the day,

claiming a 43-5 victory. The team regrouped admirably for their final fixture against the Falcons. SWD started brightly and took an early lead but were unable to convert several promising opportunities into points. A late surge from the Falcons, who crossed twice in the final five minutes, threatened to deny the EaGirls a second victory.

However, the SWD side showed tremendous composure and resilience to hold on and secure an important win. Once again, Bionich’s inspirational display earned her the Player of the Match award, her second of the tournament. Under Bionich’s captaincy and the guidance of the first fully female-led SWD EaGirls coaching team, the side achieved a significant milestone.

After finishing 14th out of 16 teams at the 2025 tournament, the team climbed three places to finish 11th overall in 2026, reflecting the continued growth and development of girls’ rugby within the South Western Districts.

Bionich’s outstanding performances, leadership, and commitment throughout the

tournament have further established her as one of the brightest young talents in South African girls’ rugby.

Her achievements are a source of immense pride for her family, Eagle Stars Rugby Club, the Smutsville and Sedgfield communities, and the entire South Western Districts rugby fraternity. As the final whistle blew on another successful FNB Youth Week, one thing became clear: the future of SWD girls’ rugby is in capable hands, with leaders like Bionich Baadjies inspiring the next generation to dream bigger and achieve more.



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Come along, enjoy a great day of fishing, and help make a difference—because every cast can change a life

BISMARCK & THE YOUNG EAGLES MAKE HISTORY

Young Sedgfielder Bismarck du Plessis, who attends Knysna Primary School was selected for the U13 Craven Week team as one of the hookers.



The young Eagles team worked incredibly hard and departed from Outeniqua Park at 10am on 25 June, travelling to Bloemfontein for the training camp. The Craven Week tournament started on 29 June 2026 at Grey College.

The young Eagles played like superstars and won all of their matches. They defeated the Blue Bulls and the Leopards, then beat the Griffons in the semi-final before facing Boland in the final. Every single player gave it their

all and played with tremendous heart.

The U13 Eagles made history by winning the Craven Week title for the first time in more than 20 years. Sedgfield can be incredibly proud to have a young player like Bismarck representing the town and contributing to this remarkable achievement. It is a moment that he, his teammates, their coaches, and the entire community will never forget.

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SEDGFIELD GENTS’GOLF

Club Report

Thursday, 2 July 2026

The competition was three clubs and a putter and it heralded one of the few days when savages were victorious over kings when Terry Savage overcame Peter King on a count out with both on 37 points. Peter says his family call him “Peterkin” because of his boyish good looks. Len Moults continued his good form with 35 points and in fourth spot was Kevin Lombard with 33. Des Monroe and Des Fenner both finished with 32 points.

Our Captain, Brian Gerard, recently felt he needed to take his wife to the doctor. After the examination, the medical man explained to him that the fact that she couldn’t remember what she ever saw in him could not be taken as a symptom of Alzheimers. To great applause he also announced that the following week’s competition would be six each off the red, black and blue tees.

Thursday, 9 July 2026

This days competition is obviously more than two thirds shorter than the usual, so the winners get automatic qualification into the Ladies and Kiddo competitions for which they have strived all year.

The winner was Mrs Des Fenner with a fantastic total of 42 points, whilst in second spot (can this be true?) was Peter Heath with 41.

But hereby hangs a tale:- When he went shopping recently, Peter was pulled aside by a policeman who wanted to fine him for parking in a Handicapped parking spot. Peter argued that at the Gentlemen’s club his handicap was 32. The policeman, aghast, apologised most profusely and wished Peter a really fine day. Also on 41 was Mrs Len Moults who, needless to say, continues his good form. Terry Savage was fourth with 40 and in fifth position was that lovely lady, Rudy Bosch. Niel de Villiers, Bill Craig, Peter King and Neville Large all had 37 points but being Scottish, Bill wasn’t given any wine, as a mark of the G.C. Club’s loyalty to the Springboks.

After announcing that the following week’s competition would be a Better ball Stableford, the Captain concluded the prize giving with his traditional snippet of advice. He said that if you want to become a better conversationalist you should ask people questions that enable them to talk about themselves, like “What the hell is wrong with you?”.

To all the Gentlemen’s Club members may we pray that all your drives be long, your putts be short and your excuses ready.

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LADIES’ GOLF Club Report

Friday, 3 July 2026

It was one of those icy, Sedgfield mornings when even the ducks were probably thinking twice about venturing out!

Undeterred, eleven brave Sedge Links ladies gathered on the deck, ready to tackle a format called "Best of Each 4 Nine." So many layers had been piled on to combat the cold that it was almost impossible to tell who was who - only the voices gave us away!

On what felt like the coldest morning of the year, we were delighted to welcome back Wendy Mack and Janet Wood after several weeks of being missing in action. Their return certainly helped warm our hearts, even if the temperature refused to cooperate.

Beneath our blue club shirts - which, truth be told, were hidden under countless jerseys, jackets, scarves and anything else we could find-we quickly worked through the club notices before making a beeline for the first tee. The sooner we started walking, the sooner we could thaw out... or at least that was the theory!

RESULTS

1st place: Daleen Schooling (25 points)
2nd place: Clare Garner (24 points) count-out
3rd place: Brenda Howden (24 points)
Nearest the pin: 0-16 handicaps: Brenda Howden
Birdies: Daleen Schooling (13), Marie Joubert (6), Brenda Howden (16) Almarie Mead (7) Clare Garner (4)
Brenda played 5 under her handicap, Daleen played 4 under and Marina van der Westhuizen played 2 under hers.
WELL PLAYED TO ALL!



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