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- 13 schools,
- 134 teams,
- 900 players
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- 296 matches
- 2 500 spectators

Saturday, 8 August 2026, saw Laerskool Sedgefield Primary come alive with the excitement, energy and camaraderie of its annual Arrie Nel Hockey Day. Held over the long weekend, the event once again proved why it has become such a special fixture on the local school sporting calendar.

This year's Hockey Day welcomed 13 schools, 134 teams, 155 officials and more than 900 young hockey players to Sedgefield. The fields were buzzing from early morning, with an estimated 2 500 spectators coming out to cheer on and support their children.

*U/8 Sedge Primary player
Kenny Makhaga in
the green takes the ball from
a Milkwood opposite
number.
Picture by Chenè Adam
Heart and Home
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A FANTASTIC TOURNAMENT

by Isabel Adam

The event also attracted schools from far beyond the Garden Route. Durbanville, approximately 450km away, brought 12 teams and, as always, showed their wonderful support for Sedgefield's Hockey Day. Their continued participation is a testament to the friendships and sporting relationships that have developed through the event over the years.

This year, the U/7 to U/11 boys' and girls' teams competed for the much-coveted Hockey Day trophies. With 296 matches played throughout the day, there was certainly no shortage of action, excitement and determined young players giving their very best on the field.

After a busy day of hockey, the winning teams were:

- U/7 Boys: Greenwood Bay College
- Girls: Laerskool Park B
- U/8 Boys: Laerskool Park A
- Girls: Greenwood Bay College
- U/9 Boys: Durbanville A
- Girls: Durbanville A
- U/10 Boys: Outeniqua A
- Girls: Outeniqua A
- U/11 Boys: Outeniqua A
- Girls: Outeniqua A

Of course, an event of this size does not happen without an enormous amount of planning, preparation and teamwork behind the scenes.

A very special thank you goes to Mr Dimitri Nel, who put in countless hours of planning and organising to ensure that the day ran smoothly and was a success. His dedication and hard work were instrumental in making the event possible.

A huge thank you also goes to Calan van Rooyen and Nerina Kruger for taking on the mammoth task of organising the food, from preparation to selling throughout the day. The numbers speak for themselves: an incredible 892 boerewors rolls, 498 toasted sandwiches and 2 746 pancakes were sold!

An event that attracts thousands of people also requires the generous support of local businesses and sponsors. Laerskool Sedgefield Primary would like to express its sincere appreciation to this year's sponsors:

Arrie Nel Pharmacy, Pick n Pay Sedgefield, Lancewood, Leeuwenbosch and Adriaan Botha from AB Carpentry.

Your support makes a tremendous difference and helps create an event that the children, families, schools and wider community can enjoy.

The success of Sedgefield Primary's Annual Hockey Day is ultimately about much more than hockey. It is about bringing schools and communities together, creating friendships, encouraging young sporting talent and giving children the opportunity to experience the joy of sport.

With hundreds of young players taking to the fields, thousands of supporters cheering from the sidelines and an army of dedicated people working behind the scenes, the 2026 Hockey Day was certainly one to remember. Laerskool Sedgefield Primary extends a heartfelt thank you to every school, player, official, parent, supporter, volunteer and sponsor who helped make the day such a wonderful success. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year!

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

ARE YOU TALKING TO THAT WOMAN AGAIN?

I never thought Mrs Ed would have a jealous bone in her body ... until Claudia.

She's the newest addition to the office team, somewhere in her late twenties, I would imagine, and to be honest (and let's face it, I am 99% of the time) not really anything to look at.

So why would Mrs Ed find her even remotely disagreeable?

Perhaps it's that voice. Yes, I think that's what's causing the old dragon to expel the hot breath of jealousy. But even so, why should I suffer, just because I am the one who employed her?

An admission I'm prepared to make (because I am such a modern thinker) is this strange thing. On our first encounter with her – Claudia, I mean – It wasn't totally clear if she was male or female, and ... well ... you don't like to ask these days, do you?

But what an efficient little helper she is - answering correspondence, doing research, capturing information from the

web ... and all with that delightful French accent.

Oooohhhh, that accent. That's what it is! I suppose, in hindsight, it would only be a matter of time before Mrs Ed popped a green-eyed-monster war dance.

"But surely," you say, "Surely you checked with Mrs Ed before taking this helpful young French lady into the generous bosom of your employ?"

I kind of did ... well kind of ... sort of.

It all happened relatively quickly, after I had spent a morning at a workshop. (No lads. Don't start celebrating. It wasn't THAT sort of workshop. Alas, I have NOT bought a replacement motorcycle)(Yet)

An AI workshop. Artificial Intelligence.

For those not keeping up with the lightning-fast pace of technology, it's like a calculator, except more worldly.

And the genius fellow running this AI workshop had shown us all what could be done. SO MUCH!

A lot of it went right over my head (as far over as the planets in the next solar system), and I have to admit I was starting to drift off into my own world of 'Important Thoughts' like ... Could I invent a microwave that instantly COOLS something ... like a beer? Wow! I'm going to make MILLIONS. And thinking of beer, I wonder what time this course will ...

But then he (the aforementioned genius) did something that immediately grabbed my attention.

He pushed a button on his phone and TALKED to an AI program called Claude. Just actually talked.

"Claude," he said, "Can you research how many blocks of ice fill an average gin glass, and then produce a podcast explaining the maths behind ice's role in the displacement of gin and its effect on the industry, including pie charts and bar graphs. Then write a business plan for a craft gin distillery in George and create a



webpage. Oh - and then write a country and western song about it."

And seconds later Claude answered, ACTUALLY ANSWERED! In a VOICE!

"Great. I've done that. Would you like me to save it all in the same file once you've approved it? And which should I play first - the song, or the podcast?" All in a rounded, crystal-clear, oh-so-easy-to-understand voice that just oozed eagerness to help.

"I ... want ... that ..." I whispered, sensing that my whole world was about to change.

I could barely contain my excitement when, later that day, I painstakingly loaded the AI app called Claude onto my PC, taking careful cognisance of the copious workshop notes I'd copied. There was some sort of payment request from the Claude site, but I wouldn't let that deter me from stepping into this new era of technology. "Let's face it," I courageously considered as I uploaded Mrs Ed's credit card details, "An actual staff member would cost so much more."

Amazingly, without any assistance, after the eighth attempt I managed to get it all set up! Beaming with pride, I clicked on the 'Chat with Claude' button. "Er ... Hello?" I gingerly offered. "Hello T'Ed," this pleasant young man unhesitatingly replied in the very British, educated-but-by-no-means-snobish voice I had so carefully chosen, "What can I do for you?"

But before I even got the chance to answer, let alone pick his brimming-with-wisdom brain about why my homebrewing set up wasn't producing enough beer, disaster struck.

Ok, perhaps that's an exaggeration. But the power went off, resulting in my PC 'going dark' as they say in the spy movies. Scrambling, I grabbed my phone and managed to purchase an electricity token and punch the numbers into the prepaid meter (for some reason, in our relatively new abode, this involves standing with my left foot in the sink whilst the right leg is straddled across the fridge - but that's a whole other story.)

With the lights - and indeed my PC - back on, I rushed back to my desk, not wanting to miss a single second of this exciting

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new world into which I had launched myself. "Claude," I gasped as I clicked on the 'voice' button, "So sorry ... our power ... well ... the meter ... and the ... I had to use my phone to...."

Claude didn't answer.

Claudia did.

Somehow, in all the goings on, 'he' had become a 'she', and a French she, too!

"Allo T'Ed," she soothed in a satin-like voice, "So verree glad you are back wiz me. 'Ow can I 'elp you, and make your day betterrrrr?"

And so, a beautiful relationship began, though somehow differently to how I had planned. Whilst I had intended to get Claude right onto home brewing problem-solving, then to tidy up my desktop files, put all my digital images into labelled, easily-researchable folders, search online for pricelists of potential competition for my soon-to-be brewing empire and then maybe compose letters to SARS explaining that in just six months I would be infinitely wealthy and thus able to settle up without any problems.

But Claudia ... well, I couldn't really push her into such laborious tasks. Not on her first day.

"Ahhhhh, don't worry," I said, "Just tell me a bit about yourself."

And, it should also be said, that after a day or two I started to worry that it simply wasn't going to work anyway. She made mistakes left, right and centre, culminating in the sending of a very embarrassing email I had dictated (via my cell) from the car, when I spilt scalding hot coffee on my lap (Sorry Mrs Jones. Please know those words were NOT aimed at you and please DO feel free to send poor Tricky-Cat's obituary for next week's edition).

But I soon learned that this error should not be marked as a blight on Claudia's performance. Like Claude, she is only as good as the instructions she is given, and now I have gotten my head around that - well, it's been plain sailing.

And ... hang on ... Mrs Ed is talking with someone on the phone, and I've just heard her asking about which poisons are the most untraceable. She's got it on speaker, and my goodness - the person on the other end is ACTUALLY ADVISING HER. HOW COULD HE DO THAT? HE'S TELLING HER... OH MY GOODNESS! I RECOGNISE THAT VERY BRITISH, EDUCATED-BUT-BY-NO-MEANS-SNOBBISH VOICE!

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'MISSING TEEN' SPEAKS OUT

A social media clip featuring Sarah Rose Starrett suggests the former York High learner, who has had her 'Missing Teenager' poster advertised on many platforms including newspapers across the Garden Route, is alive, safe and speaking for herself, though the video raises fresh questions about her circumstances and does not indicate where she is now.

In the video, Starrett appears calm and composed, though clearly frustrated, as she speaks about her unhappiness with the system around her and with her current foster care situation. She says she wants to leave care and be with her mother, but gives no clear indication of where she is or whether she wants to be found.

Starrett describes the welfare system in strongly negative terms, saying: "I don't know why they're called welfare because they're not well and they're not fair." She also says she feels let down by the people and institutions around her, adding: "The welfare is poisonous and they lie and they deceive people."

Her remarks suggest a young person who feels stuck between decisions made by adults and a situation she does not want to remain in. "I don't understand why this corrupt system does not just place me back with my mom," she says in the video, making it clear that being reunited with her mother is central to what she wants.

She also says she feels she does not have a voice, and that sense of frustration runs throughout the clip. While the video does not provide any verifiable location details, it does offer an insight into how she says she is feeling and why she appears to have stepped away from public view.

The video may ease immediate fears that she is in danger, but it also leaves many questions unanswered. It remains unclear what action, if any, will follow, and the wider circumstances behind her situation are still not fully known.

For those who have followed the case, the clip shifts the focus from a simple missing-person concern to something more complex: a teenager speaking, in her own words, about feeling unhappy, unheard and caught in a system she does not trust. Her tone is measured, but the frustration is obvious, and it is that combination of calm delivery and emotional strain that gives the video its impact.

At this stage, the public is left with a partial picture only. The video shows Sarah Rose is alive and speaking for herself, but it does not explain where she is or how the situation will be resolved. For now, the story remains one of concern, uncertainty and a young person who says she wants a different life with her family.

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SO ... WHO IS IN CHARGE OF KNYSNA?

MEC RED FLAGS Knysna Council's Acting Municipal Manager appointment.

With its current Municipal Manager Dr Lulamile Mapholoba (still) on suspension, Knysna Municipality's leadership woes seem to be increasing almost on a daily basis.

Council's decision made on of Friday 7 August to extend Acting Municipal Manager Boy Manqoba Ngubo's tenure for a further three months has not received the concurrence of Western Cape Local Government MEC Anton Bredell.

Further, at a meeting that extended into the evening of Tuesday 11 August, Council decided to stick with their reappointment of Ngubo, despite having each received a stern letter from the MEC pointing out that if they did not remedy the situation by appointing a lawful Acting Municipal Manager (AMM), his Department would take each one to court.

The leadership complications will no doubt have a knock-on effect for the running of the already embattled Knysna Municipality. Interviews for the entity's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position need to be undertaken, and this would ordinarily be the duty of the MM or AMM. To make things even more tenuous, earlier this year the Municipality had appointed Busisiwe Lubelwana as Acting CFO for three months from 13 July 2026, following the retirement of former CFO Clifford Julies.

But whilst her appointment was set to continue until a permanent CFO was employed - or the three-month acting period expired - it too had come under the scrutiny of MEC Bredell's department which had asked Knysna for details of the vetting process undertaken, specifically whether the Municipality had contacted Lubelwana's previous employer. In response, Knysna reportedly acknowledged that its checks had been limited to information contained in Lubelwana's CV, and that when council approved the appointment, it had not been aware of her dismissal from Emalahleni Local Municipality.

Whilst Bredell criticised the Municipality's lack of due diligence, he did not immediately intervene because Lubelwana is challenging the dismissal through a labour dispute.

In response to questions about the reappointment of AMM Ngubo, the MEC confirmed that he had not granted concurrence *before* council approved the extension, and that no concurrence had been granted *after* the council adopted the resolution. The council

meeting was held two days after Ngubo's initial acting term had ended.

When initially voting on the extension, some councillors cited the need for administrative continuity and urgent service-delivery decisions, including electricity, water and sewerage problems, as reasons for appointing an acting municipal manager without delay.

The Council rejected an alternative proposal to appoint Johnny Douglas temporarily until its next meeting. It then approved the nomination of Ngubo by a vote recorded as 10 in favour and 9 against.

The resolution was amended to authorise the Municipality to oppose or defend any legal proceedings arising from what was suggested to be the MEC's failure to make a decision.

Meanwhile, at that same 7 August meeting, opposition councillors had warned that the appointment was unlawful without the MEC's concurrence, and the Municipality's legal adviser told council that an extension of an acting municipal manager's appointment remained subject to section 54A(2A) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act and required concurrence from the MEC.

In an emailed response to questions, Bredell told us his department was aware that council was awaiting reports from Bitou Municipality concerning allegations involving Ngubo. He also confirmed that he and the department were aware of a Hawks investigation involving Ngubo.

However, he said the Municipality would have to explain whether it had considered the nature of the Hawks' investigation when it had sought concurrence. Asked whether he had concerns about Ngubo's suitability in light of the allegations, the Bitou reports and the Hawks investigation, Bredell declined to comment, saying the appointment could become the subject of litigation.

The immediate legal status of Ngubo's appointment remains uncertain. On Tuesday evening the Council reiterated its decision to stand by their 7 August resolution, but with the MEC's concurrence not having been granted, and his written determination to each member that the resolution was unlawful, the outcome may well have to be decided through the legal proceedings threatened in his letters.

It remains unclear as to whether the taxpayer will pay the relevant costs to defend the councillors' actions in court.

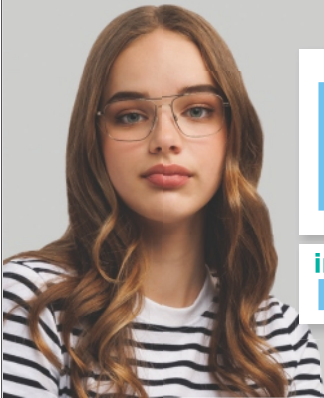
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Talking Conservation Drie Valleyen

Questions we should ask our prospective Councillors about Environmental Care in our town

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

Election fever is picking up. In the news and on social media, it is a daily event and one of these days all the poles and trees in our town will be decorated (polluted?) with eager candidates petitioning for our vote. While at public meetings they promising us Utopia.

However, I would want answers that go beyond the general and empty promises about filling potholes or keeping our town clean and beautiful. Environmental care is not only about planting trees or cleaning up litter, but about protecting the natural systems that support our health, our economy, tourism, and quality of life. In a town such as Sedgefield, where the estuary, forests, coastline, rivers, and rich biodiversity are central to daily life, environmental leadership should be practical, transparent, and accountable.

The first issue I would raise is water and sanitation, a key responsibility of local government. I would ask prospective councillors how they plan to prevent sewage spills, protect our lakes, and maintain and upgrade the wastewater infrastructure. I would also want to know what immediate steps will be taken to contain and clean up spills, and how communities will be kept informed. Pollution does not respect ward boundaries it threatens public health, the estuary, Groenvlei, tourism, fishing, recreation, and our town's reputation. I would expect clear repair time-lines,

transparent reporting, and strict accountability for environmental law violations.

We should ask about water security as water shortages can quickly become a social, economic, and environmental crisis. Drought, climate change, reduced river flows, pollution, known ageing infrastructure, and water losses all place pressure on residents and businesses. What practical steps will we support or implement to reduce water wastage, repair leaks faster, improve storage capacity, and encourage responsible water use without unfairly burdening poorer households?

Waste management.

We must ask how we intend to improve the management of our green waste facility which is currently a health, pollution, and fire risk. What are our views on future refuse collection, recycling, illegal dumping, and the management of waste facilities. We cannot claim to care for the environment if waste is left to pile up, if recycling is treated as an afterthought, or if we are not given accessible ways to responsibly dispose of garden refuse, household waste, and hazardous materials. They must tell us how they will support cleaner neighbourhoods.

They must explain how they understand the link between environmental protection and local economic development. Environmental care is not opposed to jobs and growth; it is one of the foundations of that. Visitors come to Sedgefield because of the natural beauty. We, as residents, depend on clean water and healthy surroundings, and future

investment depends on good governance. We should ask whether they support development that respects sensitive ecosystems, limits damage to wetlands, rivers coastal dunes and proper environmental oversight before decisions are made.

Biodiversity and invasive vegetation are also critical issues. I would ask how the candidates plan to protect our forests, fynbos, estuary, coastline, and dunes, while working with conservation authorities and community groups. They should also have a clear strategy on how to manage invasive alien plants, reduce fire risk and prevent erosion and habitat loss. Show that they recognise that prevention is more effective and far less costly than repairing environmental damage.

Finally, what about accountability and public participation? How will we know whether environmental promises are being kept? Will we support the ward-level feedback meetings, open reporting on pollution incidents, and meaningful consultation before major decisions? Environmental care should not depend only on election speeches. It should be measured through visible improvements, honest communication, and a willingness to listen to residents, scientists, civic groups, and affected communities.

A councillor who takes environmental care seriously should be able to explain what they will do, when it will be done, how it will be funded, and how residents can hold them accountable. These questions matter because the environment is not separate from the future of our town; it is the foundation on which that future depends. A healthy environment equals a healthy community.

As a voter, I challenge any of

SUPPORT “ NO MOW SEPTEMBER”

Sedgefield Island Conservancy is encouraging locals to take part in "No Mow September ". This is a movement that encourages people to refrain from mowing their lawns for the month of September (or even longer) to support biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions. The impact on the environment is significant:

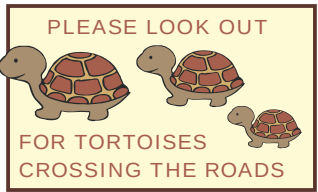
- Biodiversity boost:** Tall grass and wildflowers provide shelter, food, and habitat for insects, bees, butterflies, and small animals.
- Reduced emissions:** Less mowing means lower greenhouse gas emissions from lawn mowers and reduced air pollution.
- Water conservation:** Longer grass shades the soil, reducing

evaporation and retaining moisture, which leads to lower water consumption.

4. Soil health: Tall grass and roots help hold soil in place, reducing erosion and soil compaction.

5. Increased pollinators: Wildflowers and tall grass provide a source of nectar and pollen for pollinators like bees and butterflies.

By participating in "No Mow September," individuals can have a small but significant difference to their local environment and contribute to a larger movement towards sustainability.



GRADUATING TO SERVE: PEACE OFFICER CLASS OF 2026



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The graduation of the Peace Officer Class of 2026 was proudly celebrated during a pass-out parade, recently held at Loerie Park, where 16 municipal officials successfully completed an intensive six-week Peace Officer Training Programme.

The programme forms part of the municipality's ongoing Upskilling and Reskilling Programme, an investment in developing a capable, professional and responsive workforce equipped to better serve the people of Greater Knysna. Officials from Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Traffic Services, Building Control, Environmental Management and Town Planning participated in the training, strengthening the municipality's collective ability to uphold the law, protect public assets and enhance community safety.

Addressing the graduates,

Knysna Executive Mayor Cllr Thando Matika reminded the newly qualified peace officers that the badge they now wear is a promise to serve with integrity, discipline, compassion and excellence.

"Today, you leave this parade ground with new authority and new responsibilities. Carry them with honour. Serve without fear. Serve without favour. Serve with discipline. Serve with integrity. Serve with compassion. Serve with excellence."

Matika emphasised that every interaction between an officer and a resident has the power to strengthen public trust. He urged the graduates to enforce the law fairly and without favour, to protect the constitutional rights and dignity of every person, and to remember that true leadership is measured not by authority, but by service.

He further highlighted that safeguarding municipal infrastructure is about more than protecting physical assets, it is about protecting the delivery of

essential services that communities rely on every day. Through professionalism, accountability and collaboration with residents and law enforcement partners, these officers will play a vital role in creating safer, stronger and more resilient communities.

He also extended his gratitude to the instructors, trainers, municipal administration and the families of the graduates, whose guidance, encouragement and sacrifices made this milestone possible.

As the Peace Officer Class of 2026 embarks on this new chapter, they do so with more than newly acquired powers. They carry the trust of the communities they serve and the responsibility to uphold the law with fairness, humility and unflinching integrity.

Congratulations to the Peace Officer Class of 2026. May your service inspire confidence, your integrity earn respect, and your dedication help build a safer, stronger and more compassionate Greater Knysna.

SITE VISITS TO STRENGTHEN ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL DUMPING

Acting Municipal Manager **Boy Manqoba Ngubo**, accompanied by directors from various departments, conducted site visits to the Sanlam Centre and Garden Refuse sites in both Knysna and Sedgefield as part of the municipality's ongoing efforts to combat illegal dumping.

The visits formed part of the implementation of a coordinated action plan aimed at addressing illegal dumping, improving waste management practices and

identifying practical interventions to restore and maintain clean, safe and environmentally responsible public spaces.

By bringing together key municipal departments, the site inspections provided an opportunity to assess current challenges, strengthen interdepartmental collaboration and develop sustainable solutions to curb illegal dumping across Greater Knysna.

The Municipality urges residents to be part of the solution to illegal dumping, and report such activity to: Waste Management: 044 302 6405 / 044 302 8911 (after hrs); WhatsApp: 060 998 7073 (Dumping) 060 998 7111 (Law Enforcement), or email customer@knysna.gov.za

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This facility will provide a long-term waste disposal solution for Knysna and other participating municipalities across the Garden Route. With landfill airspace in the region becoming increasingly limited and waste volumes continuing to grow, the need for this project has never been greater.

The facility is being developed to reduce environmental risks, protect our groundwater and ensure waste is managed responsibly for the benefit of future generations.

Construction is progressing well across several key components of the project.

Cell 1A, the first engineered

landfill cell, is being lined with specialised lining materials to prevent contamination of the surrounding environment, water courses, and groundwater. Once completed and approval for commencement of waste disposal is received, this will become the facility’s first operational disposal area.

Work is also progressing on the leachate and contaminated water dams, which will safely collect and store leachate and rainwater that has come into contact with waste, preventing any harmful impact on the environment.

The office block will serve as the administrative hub for the facility, while the weighbridge office will accurately record every vehicle entering and leaving the site to support efficient landfill management and waste disposal data management.

Construction of the workshop, perimeter fencing and concrete



access roads is also underway, ensuring the facility is secure, well maintained and operates efficiently.

According to Johan Gie, “the project is being constructed by Civils 2000 at a contract value of R109 million, with completion expected towards

the end of February 2027”.

While construction continues, every resident can also make a difference by reducing waste, recycling and participating in source separation programmes within their local municipality.

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Every Monday

1:30pm Duplicate Bridge at Catholic Church hall. Enquiries (Whatsapp) to Toni 072 246 5024

Every 2nd Monday

2pm Sedgefield Art Society meet at the Lions Club. **Next meeting on 17th August due to public holiday.** New members are welcome. Patsy -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.

Saturday

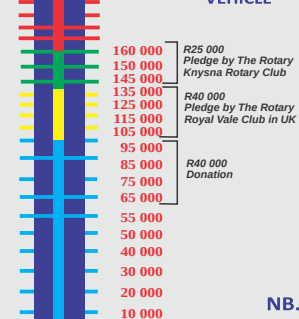
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Should your association, Charity or group have any forthcoming events please send us details so that we may publish them in our next issue!

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DOGS ON BEACHES - HERE ARE THE RULES

Following recent complaints on social media regarding the behaviour of dogs, and indeed their owners on beaches, we thought it a good idea to revisit the by-laws of the Knysna Municipal area.

Dog owners using Sedgefield's beaches are urged to check local signage and carry a lead at all times. Although some sections are available for dog walking, the rules differ between municipal beaches, Garden Route National Park areas and sensitive conservation zones.

The most important message is that a beach described as "dog-friendly" is not necessarily an off-lead area.

Knysna Municipality's Keeping of Dogs by-law requires dogs in public places - including beaches, parks, open spaces and recreation grounds - to be on a lead and under the control of a responsible person, unless the municipality has specifically designated the area for free-running dogs. Owners must also carry bags and remove their dogs' faeces. Dangerous or vicious dogs must be muzzled and kept on a lead.

The municipality's Recreational Use of Beaches and Bathing Areas by-law also allows specific beaches or sections to be declared no-dog areas or areas where dogs must be kept on a lead. Beach users should therefore pay attention to notices and signs at access points.

SANParks' general rule is that pets are not permitted in national parks. However, the Garden Route National Park - our beach custodian - has introduced designated dog-walking zones in parts of the Wilderness and Sedgefield coastal areas. In these areas, green zones permit dogs to walk off lead under effective voice or signal control, yellow zones require dogs to be on a lead, and red zones prohibit dogs altogether.



Even in an off-lead zone, owners must carry a lead, keep their dogs under control, give way to people without dogs, and leash the animal when passing access points, car parks, picnic areas, wildlife or other users who request space. Dogs may not chase or interfere with birds and other wildlife.

Swartvlei Beach and Gericke's Point: dogs are not allowed on the section from Gericke's Point to the Myoli Beach access. The area includes sensitive coastal habitat and should be treated as a no-dog zone.

Myoli Beach: dogs are generally allowed at the main beach section, though only on a lead. During busy periods, restrictions may also apply around the Myoli car park. Dog walkers should use the designated access points and follow any temporary notices.
East of Myoli towards Cola Beach: this stretch is commonly identified as a dog-walking area. At Cola Beach, dogs may walk in the approved section, but they must remain under control. Owners should put dogs on a lead at access points, around other beach users and whenever instructed by an official.

Platbank Beach requires particular caution. Left (east) of the access stairs is a protected area and thus a no-go area for dogs.

The restrictions are not only intended to prevent conflict between dog owners and other beach users.

Uncontrolled dogs can flush nesting birds, damage nests, disturb chicks and cause wildlife to abandon breeding areas.

SANParks has specifically urged dog owners to help protect black oystercatchers and other vulnerable coastal birds by keeping dogs under control and preventing them from chasing wildlife. Dog waste must also be removed and placed in a suitable bin. Even a dog that is friendly with people will disturb birds or other animals. Owners remain responsible for preventing their dogs from entering dunes, estuary areas, nesting sites or other sensitive habitats.

Dog owners should carry a lead and waste bags on every beach walk, put the lead on before leaving the car park, and use it immediately when wildlife or other beach users are nearby.

Where off-lead walking is permitted, the dog must remain under reliable voice or signal control. Owners should also avoid relying on old social-media posts or word-of-mouth information, as beach zones and seasonal restrictions may change.

If the signs are unclear, the safest option is to keep the dog on a lead. On Sedgefield's beaches, responsible dog ownership means respecting both fellow beach users and the wildlife that depends on these coastal spaces.

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He enjoyed a successful career in medicine and lived a full adventurous life, working in many parts of Africa treating patients with mostly tropical and HIV related illnesses. He was a dedicated virologist who only retired at 80. Even then, Alan came on board to offer valuable advice during the COVID epidemic in 2020. In his late 90's Alan was an inspiration to Sedgefield neighbours and friends as he insisted on walking daily albeit with his walker.



He is sorely missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and sister in the UK.

Building an Informed Electorate

Alvin Witten, on behalf of Sedgefield Ratepayers Association

Are YOU an INFORMED voter?

How well do you know the people asking for your vote? Have you taken the time to compare what each party, community organisation and independent candidate is offering?

As election day approaches, here are some important questions every voter should consider:

- Do you know who each party has nominated as its mayoral candidate?
- Do you know who is standing as a candidate in your ward?
- Have you compared the manifestos and priorities of those contesting the election?
- What experience, qualifications and leadership record do the candidates bring?
- Which organisations have demonstrated a proven ability

to deliver on their commitments?

- Which promises made in previous elections have been fulfilled?
- What practical plans are being proposed to improve water security, infrastructure, financial management and service delivery?
- Have you verified the claims being made during the election campaign?
- Are you registered to vote, and do you know where your voting station is?

The more informed your decision, the stronger our local democracy becomes.

The SRA believes it has a responsibility to examine the policies, commitments and vision of every political party, community organisation and independent candidate seeking to govern the Greater Knysna Municipality. We do this not to influence how residents should vote, but to educate voters, encourage informed decision-making and, ultimately, help protect the interests of our

communities in Sedgefield.

As part of this voter education initiative, the SRA intends inviting all political parties, community organisations and independent candidates contesting the election to participate in public voter engagement meetings. These forums will provide residents with the opportunity to hear directly from those seeking office, compare their policies and priorities, and ask questions on the issues that matter most to our communities.

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MUNI DISPUTES MEDIA REPORTS

Knysna has made headlines again - and once more for all the wrong reasons. This after a number of media outlets reported that corruption allegations involving the municipality had been referred to the Hawks.

The reports followed a briefing by the Western Cape Department of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to the Standing Committee of Provincial Parliament on Tuesday, 4 August 2026.

Knysna Municipality has since disputed aspects of the reporting, saying it has no official record of a Hawks case involving the municipality as an institution and had not been approached for comment by the media.

In a press release, entitled ‘Knysna Municipality corrects factual inaccuracies and reaffirms progress under Strengthened Section 154 Support Plan’ they stated the following.

“Knysna Municipality notes the publication of an article by Maroela Media (4 August 2026), concerning governance and service delivery within the municipality. While the municipality fully respects the role of a free and independent media, it is important to correct several material inaccuracies contained in the report and to place verified facts on record.

“The Municipality has no official record of any corruption cases having been referred to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (the Hawks) involving the Municipality as an institution, nor has the Municipality been approached for comment or afforded an opportunity to respond to any alleged cases.

“The article creates the impression that Knysna Municipality is under a Section 139 intervention. This is incorrect. Knysna Municipality remains subject to a Strengthened Section 154 Support Plan, implemented in partnership with the Western Cape Provincial Government to provide institutional support and improve governance, financial management and service delivery.

“The report further presents an incomplete account of the municipality's environmental compliance matter. While it correctly refers to the court-imposed fine, it omits the equally important fact that Knysna Municipality accepted responsibility through a plea and sentence agreement, acknowledged the seriousness of the statutory environmental contraventions and immediately committed itself to a comprehensive programme of corrective action. The Municipality has committed approximately R630 million over the next five years towards environmental rehabilitation, compliance measures and the upgrading of critical wastewater and sewerage infrastructure. As part of the agreement, the Municipality is implementing long-term action plans, submitting regular progress reports to the relevant environmental authorities and strengthening governance and accountability measures to ensure sustained compliance.

“The article similarly omits important context relating to the Grey Elephant Investments lease matter. While it refers to the Western Cape High Court declaring the lease agreement invalid, it fails to

PUBLICLY SPEAKING

by Levael Davis

Where Coalitions Fail, Stable Leadership Delivers

Local government in South Africa is in crisis. The latest Auditor-General report for 2024/25 shows only 39 of 257 municipalities achieved clean audits. The evidence points squarely to the damage caused by coalition governments.

Since the 2021 local elections, the number of hung councils where no single party holds a majority, has surged from 27 in 2016 to 70. This has bred chronic instability throughout our cities and towns.

Johannesburg has seen six mayors since 2021 while Ekurhuleni has cycled through three mayors and two speakers in the same period. Knysna has had three mayors, three speakers, and more than ten municipal managers. These are not isolated mishaps, but the predictable result of councils where power is constantly up for grabs.

The MISTRA Coalitions Barometer II (2023–2025) confirms the national pattern that coalition-led municipalities are underperforming, with councils reduced to shifting "numbers games" as

opportunistic majorities form and dissolve. Governance quality has deteriorated faster in coalition councils than in non-coalition ones.

Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) points to municipalities "hobbled by coalition governments and political appointees", where loyalty-based appointments override continuity and merit. The cost is real as municipalities spent R1.47 billion on consultants in 2024 alone, with little to show for it. Compounding matters is that coalitions still operate within a legal vacuum and the 2024 Coalition Bill meant to regulate them, remains unfinished.

The contrast with stable, majority-run municipalities is stark. Midvaal in Gauteng has just secured its 12th consecutive clean audit for 2024/25. The AG praised the municipality for spending 97% of its budget and lifting service-delivery target achievement to 89%, up from 65% the year before. Midvaal is not a fluke but what one-party, majority governance looks like when it is allowed to function without constant political survival battles.

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mention that the Municipality had already vacated the premises before the matter was adjudicated. The review proceedings were initiated by the Municipality itself as part of a deliberate process under the current administration to review and rectify historical decisions where legal or procedural concerns had been identified. Far from illustrating continued governance failure, the matter demonstrates the municipality's commitment to lawful administration, improved governance and taking corrective action where this is required.

“Equally absent from the article is any meaningful reference to the progress achieved under the Strengthened Section 154 Support Plan. During the most recent Section 154 Steering Committee meeting, Municipal officials presented a comprehensive progress report to the Director-General of the Western Cape Province and the HOD of the Department of

Local Government. The report reflected measurable improvements across governance, financial management, infrastructure delivery and institutional performance.”

Said Executive Mayor Thando Matika "Knysna Municipality has never claimed that every challenge has been resolved. What we have consistently demonstrated is that we are addressing historical challenges through measurable interventions supported by both the Western Cape and National Governments. We accepted responsibility for the environmental compliance matter, committed substantial resources towards corrective action and environmental rehabilitation, and continue to report openly on our progress. Our focus remains on delivering better services, strengthening governance and building a Municipality that residents can have confidence in.”

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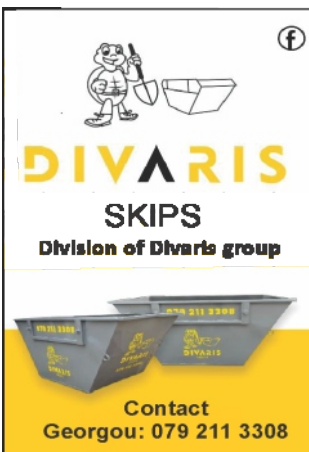
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Knysna Municipality has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to roaming livestock as part of its ongoing efforts to improve public safety, protect road users and ensure compliance with municipal by-laws.

The municipality has started impounding roaming cattle found on public roads and in other public spaces. Livestock owners are reminded of their responsibility to ensure that their animals are properly contained and do not pose a risk to motorists, pedestrians or surrounding communities.

Members of the public are encouraged to

report incidents involving roaming livestock by contacting the Emergency Services Control Room on 044 302 8911 or 060 998 6969. Reports may also be submitted via email to the Public Safety Manager, Mr Siyasanga Vandala, at svandala@knysna.gov.za.

Your cooperation is appreciated in helping to create a safer environment for all. Community

vigilance and prompt reporting play an important role in preventing accidents and ensuring the effective enforcement of municipal by-laws.



SCOUTING FOR FIRST AID



On Saturday, 15 August 2026, Scout teams from across the Garden Route will be converging on the Island in Sedgefield to take part in the annual Outeniqua District First Aid Competition.



The Scouts will be taking part in various First Aid bases set up around the Island, testing their skills in treating everything from simple grazes to doing CPR.

So, if you see groups of Scouts in their purple shirts hurrying around, give a wave and some

encouragement as these could be our future first responders learning valuable skills.

The competition is organised by the Scouters of 1st Sedgefield Scout Troop. For more information contact them on troop@sedgefieldscouts.co.za

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY : FORGET-ME-NOTS

by Pamela Victor

“Christmas is a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. The only time I know of when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut up hearts freely.” (Charles Dickens)

So, why not celebrate Christmas twice a year? On Wednesday, 22nd July, 60 Forget-me-nots (elderly pensioners) from Masithandane were welcomed by the Joy Group Ladies of St Francis United Church, with much Christmas cheer and festivities.

The lights and baubles on the Christmas tree sparkled and shimmered with excitement. The kitchen was abuzz with activity, as the Joy Group ladies prepared a three-course meal - nutritious potato and leek soup, spicy butter

chicken, tasty boereboontjies and malva pudding and custard.

The sound of Christmas Carols evoked happy memories of adoration and worship, family, and friendships new and old.

The room exploded with joy as Mitri Delpoit led everyone in singing and dancing to “Die Here het my mooie gemaak.”

This was followed by a Forget-me-not Fashion show with flair. Even Father Christmas made an appearance loaded with gifts.

After a joyful afternoon filled with laughter, music and good food, the words of the Apostle Paul echoed in our minds and hearts: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”



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KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW ON SPATIAL PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT (2021)

PROPOSED REZONING & SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL: ERF 1746, SEDGEFIELD

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

Applicant's Name: Natural Purpose NPC
 Contact Person: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
 Email: lundi@planningspace.co.za
 Reference number: Application number 3752
 Property Description: Erf 1746, Sedgefield
 Physical Address: 5 Flamingo Avenue, Sedgefield

Nature of application:

- Application in terms of Section 15(2)(a) of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) for the Rezoning of the property from “Business Zone I” with development rights restricted to restaurant only to “Business Zone I” to permit a broader mixed-use development on the premises.
- Application in terms of Section 15(2)(g) of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) for the approval of a Site Development Plan numbered “TP-3” dated 28 April 2026.

A complete copy of the application is available on the municipal website: <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 lmniki@knysna.gov.za on or before **14 September 2026**, quoting your name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, interest the application and reasons for comment. The municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Persons who cannot write may contact the Town Planning Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing.

Telephonic enquiries may be made during office hours to the Town Planner, Ms. Linda Mniki at 044-302 6383 or via email lmniki@knysna.gov.za.

KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING & GRONDGEBRUIKSBESTUUR (2021)

VOORGESTELDE HERSONERING & TERREINONTWIKKELINGSPLAN: ERF 1746, SEDGEFIELD

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

Naam van Aansoeker: Natural Purpose NPC
 Kontak Persoon: c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
 Epos: lundi@planningspace.co.za
 Verwysing nommer: Aansoek nommer: 3752
 Eiendom beskrywing: Erf 1746, Sedgefield
 Fisiese Adres: Flamingorylaan 5, Sedgefield

Aard van aansoek:

- Aansoek ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(a) van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) vir die Hersoening van die eiendom vanaf “Sakesone I” met ontwikkelingsregte beperk tot slegs ‘n restaurant, tot “Sakesone I” om ‘n ontwikkeling met gemengde gebruik op die perseel toe te laat.
- Aansoek ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(g) van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021) vir die goedkeuring van die Terreinontwikkelingsplan genummer “TP-3” gedateer 28 April 2026.

‘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 lmniki@knysna.gov.za, op of voor **14 September 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 kantooreure, waar die betrokke amptenaar u sal help om u kommentaar op skrif te stel.

Telefoniese navrae kan gedurende kantooreure aan die Stadsbeplanner, Me. Linda Mniki by 044-302 6383 of per epos: lmniki@knysna.gov.za gerig word.

MR. JOHNNY DOUGLAS
 ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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Christo Matthee 083 769 9313

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

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Schalk van As - 082 413 8363
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Knysna Presbyterian Church
Office 044 382 7722
Rev Tim Hawkrigde
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Ds. Dawie le Roux 084 532 9958
Kantoor : 078 965 3651

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Chris Solomons 071 617 5630

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info@sedgefieldchurch.co.za

Sedgefield Seventh-day
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9am - Communion Service
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office@stfrancissedgefield.co.za

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Wilderness Christian Fellowship
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EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS, SHOWS HIKES, EXHIBITIONS

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EXCITING LINE-UP OF SHOWS AT IN TOTO

A steady stream of performers have confirmed performances at In Toto Retreat over the next two months, providing a welcome dose of culture and entertainment as winter comes to an end.

Conrad Koch will be taking to the stage with his motley crew of puppets with two shows of 'Chester's got talent' on Sunday, 16 August. A matinee performance at 3pm and a performance with dinner at 6pm.

This performance recently won the coveted Gold Ovation Award at the National Arts Festival. In this show, Conrad pits his puppets against each other, and the audience will decide on the winner of the talent contest. A great outing for the whole family!

Other shows in the line-up include

• **Fierce Hope. Quiet Courage:** the Stories we Sing is a unique production which weaves together powerful songs and inspiring stories, celebrating the resilience, hope, courage, and determination that unite us all. Featuring music made famous by artists such as Miriam Makeba, Alessia Cara, Andra Day and others, this uplifting production is designed to resonate with audiences of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds.

It is performed by three women who live in George, and has been produced by Heather Stead from the Market Community Theatre.



Sunday, 23 August at 3pm.
Tickets are R150 for Adults and R100 for Scholars and Pensioners.

• **Andre The Hilarious Hypnotist** is coming to town to perform his new show **Planned Pandemonium**. Andre sees himself as both a comedian and a hypnotist, and his goal is simple: a genuinely funny night out where people can sit back, relax, and enjoy themselves. Friday, 20 August at 7pm. Tickets are R200.

• **Dalin Oliver** returns to Sedgefield with his brand-new stand-up comedy show, **Stuck in Dubai** - a wild, true story born from an experience no traveller wants - being stuck in Dubai for four days when the conflict broke out in the region. Hear how a traumatic moment has been turned into comedy gold. Sunday 20 September at 3pm (R200) and 6pm (R350, show and dinner)

• **Just Julie - A Retrospective** invites you to step into the world of Julie

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Venue: Laerskool Sedgefield Primary, 19h00
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or Herbs & Plants Nursery
Ticket Price: R120

Blundell - a member of the Blundell music dynasty - as she shares the music, memories, and moments that have shaped her life. Featuring songs that inspired her and stories from her musical journey, Just Julie is a heartfelt look back at the people, family connections, and experiences that helped create the artist she became. Monday 12 October at 7pm. Tickets are R200.

All tickets are available on Quicket. For queries, contact Roland on 082 466 1251.

SEDFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

AUGUST
23 Annual Golf Day TLC
25,27,28 Melodrama
SEPTEMBER
1, 3, 4 Melodrama
OCTOBER
2 St Francis hosting a Journey of Flavours International Dinner
17 Pink Walk
18 Remax Kite Festival (Masi)
31 SAM's Fashion Show
DECEMBER

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The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted - Cigar Box Shiraz 2024

The Front label is plain, but striking, with the name, "Cigar Box", quite prominent. The wine comes from the Weltevrede cellars. On the back label there are some tasting notes. Abv.14%

In the glass the shiraz shows only a few legs, with a deep purple colour (Not the band!)

When nosing the wine, tobacco is the first thing that comes to mind, as well as smoked beef chips, almond extract and dried peaches.

It is a medium to full-bodied wine which covers the whole tongue, with a little bitterness, acidity and a umami taste. Flavours of fresh cherries and prunes were experienced.

The shiraz has a long mouthfeel with tastes of prunes, cherries



and freshly ground black pepper.

This wine would be good for sipping in front of the fire, or with a medium-rare piece of steak, without sauce.

WG sees it as a good find in the price range R100 - R120.

In Vino Veritas till next time.

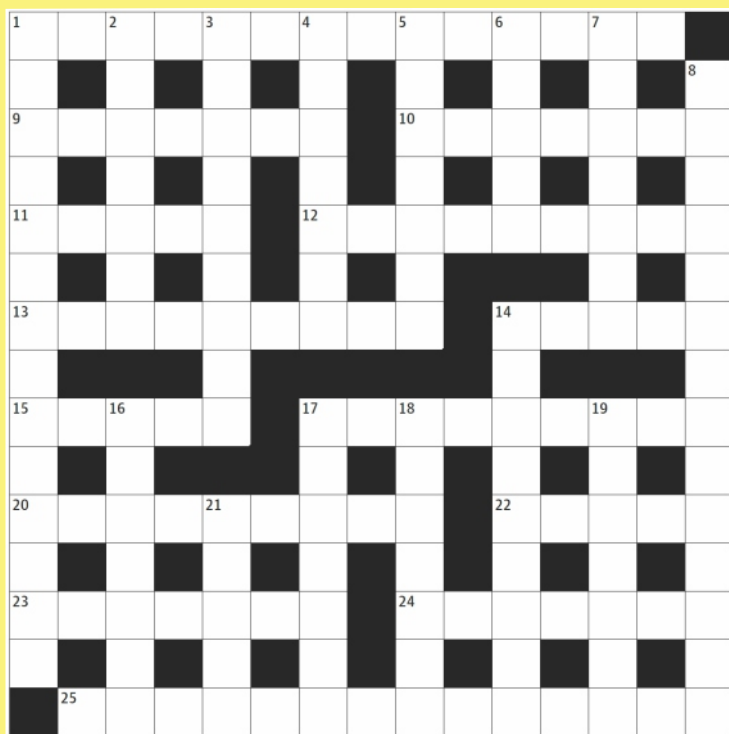
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Crushing your spirit? Sounds like there'll be problems afoot. (4-10)
9. She's a big liar coming came back when she lost, right? (7)
10. Impure, left unsettled and uncomfortable. (7)
11. Just to give a warning sound is a great start for raptor. (5)
12. Fairy at last sees approaching doom. (9)
13. Go 'MEGA' due to inappropriate leader's promises. (9)
14. I can, or so the big guy in town might think. (5)
15. Hard work made illegal going to start on the boat. (5)
17. Where Armstrong and Fleming were found before a state near the Gulf of Mexico. (9)
20. See her out meddling with upper-class accommodation. (9)
22. A bit of the song Cyril rewrote. (5)
23. Perused - meaning right and thus better prepared. (7)
24. 'Fairy Queen' a replacement to last of ship. (7)
25. Have a stake in an old-fashioned underwear shop? (6,8)

Down

1. Lengthy tale of Lassie? (6,3,5)
2. To fill-in for studying looks pretty much the same. (7)
3. Porthole covering far from heavy! (9)



4. Looking for an answer to that song about the three Romans? (7)
5. Hear about the circuits experiencing a backslide. (7)
6. Money, in particular, surrounds my choice of eastern destination. (5)
7. Nosily, I insert myself into a situation shouting. (7)
8. One man or another should recite the 'plainsong'. (9,5)
14. Cutting from the 'Kissing

Tree'. (9)
16. To place Vera in such a time is mean. (7)
17. Sort of door you'd find in a gallery? (7)
18. The leftover food spent most of June at English sector. (7)
19. Organise a ranger. (7)
21. I join the maitre d' in the lift. (5)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Angular 5. Laced up 9. Grasp 10. Can opener 11. Blindfold 12. Chess 13. Aglow 15. Nightfall 18. Discredit 19. Rated 21. Plate 23. Tectonics 25. Sanatoria 26. Frill 27. Tax free 28. Heronry
Down: 1. Algebra 2. Gladiolas 3. Loped 4. Recrowned 5. Lined 6. Capacitor 7. Dante 8. Perusal 14. Worcester 16. Gatecrash 17. Attrition 20. Display 22. Annex 23. Torte 24. Offer

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brief in order to enable us to
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HELP NEEDED TO LAUNCH SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Young Boys FC Coach Mxoleli Joseph is looking for assistance to host an Under 11 and 13 soccer tournament on 16 August 2026.

Young Boys FC plays under LFA, and have both a senior team and a development team. The coach hopes that by hosting the tournament the young players will be motivated to become the senior players of tomorrow. They currently compete in tournaments outside of Sedgefield but would like his team members' parents to be able to watch their children playing soccer, which he believes would bring the community together.

One of the main requests for the tournament would be medals and trophies to present to the winners and runners up in each category.

If you are able to assist in any way to help make this a successful tournament please contact Mxoleli on cell 067 393 7652 or email: youngboysfc.94@gmail.com.



Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling
Club News



Lawn Bowls in History –
"TO DRAW, OR TO DRIVE?"
– THAT'S THE QUESTION

William Shakespeare - or to be perfectly bilingual, Willie Wikkelspies - almost certainly knew the game of bowls, and his plays are sprinkled with references to it. In *Cymbeline*, a character laments, "When I kissed the jack..." - a complaint every bowler understands after a lucky wick steals the shot. In *Troilus and Cressida*, Shakespeare writes, "Rub on, and kiss the mistress," using the old term for the jack. He also helped popularise the word *bias*, originally describing a bowl's curved path before it found its way into everyday language. The Bard clearly appreciated a good line - both on the stage and on the green.

Our Guys and Gals in Green and Gold Roll give it all in Glasgow

South Africa's bowlers had a mixed campaign at the 2026 Commonwealth Games. The women delighted with a memorable victory over England before defeating Malta, but earlier losses proved costly. Wayne Rittmuller battled bravely in the men's singles, narrowly losing key tie-breaks, while the para mixed pairs staged a spirited comeback against New Zealand before bowing out. They may not have brought home the silverware, but they certainly did us proud. You ROLLBOKKE Rock as well as Roll!

Eden Pro 10

SBC has seven teams entered in this tournament, taking place on 15 -16 August across the Garden Route. We wish all our Ladies, Mixed and Men's teams steady hands, kind greens and just enough luck to make the opposition blame the rink!

Eden Junior Invitational Masters Tournament

Once again SBC's very own rising star **Wilize Botha** was invited to compete in this prestigious tournament but despite a valiant effort against extremely strong competition, did not make it through to the medal stages - this time! We however still see big things in the future for this remarkable young lady!

SBC Drawn Mixed Singles

Congratulations to **Neels Theron**, who defeated **Martin Simon** in a thrilling final to become the 2026 SBC Mixed Singles Champion. Well played Neels! And Martin - don't worry, you may have to leave it in the fridge until next season, but as we all know revenge is a dish best served cold!

Nominated Mixed Pairs

The SBC Nominated Mixed Pairs got off to a flying start on 21 July. Good luck to all the remaining pairs for the next round on 11 August.

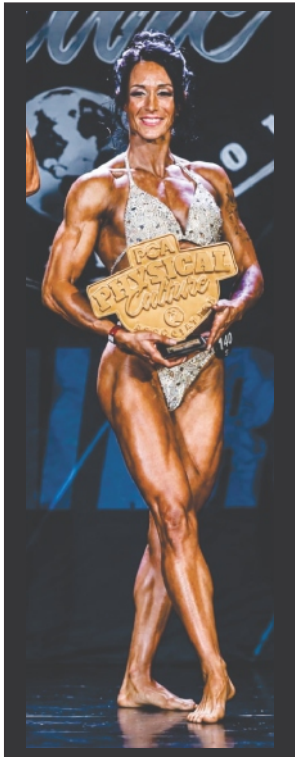
A Quick Chuckle Before You Go

*After bowls, to the bar they all sped,
To replay each remarkable head.
Every miss became near,
Every draw crystal clear ...
and by closing time, they'd all won instead!*

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



REZELLE LAURA SCOOPS BEST ROUTINE



Sedgefielder Rezelle Laura recently competed at the PCA Garden Route Classic, where she was incredibly proud to place 1st in Best Routine and 2nd in the Athletic Figure discipline.

The competition was a very special milestone for Rezelle. Preparing for the bodybuilding show required months of discipline, structured training, nutrition, posing practice and commitment, all while balancing the other important parts of her life. "Stepping onto that stage and seeing the hard work come together was an amazing experience," she said, adding that winning the Best Routine category was particularly meaningful because of her background in dance and performance.

Rezelle's training combines her love for both bodybuilding and functional fitness/CrossFit, and she enjoys showing that strength, athleticism, femininity and performance can all exist together.

Following the Garden Route Classic, her focus is now on preparing for her next challenge - the PCA South African Championships, which will

take place on 28 November in Cape Town. Competing at the SA Championships is an exciting opportunity for Rezelle, who plans to continue improving her physique, presentation and overall performance.

Outside competing, Rezelle works as a personal trainer at Sedge Gym and as an online fitness and nutrition coach. She is also the owner of Elle Dance Academy and has had a lifelong background in dance, including ballet.

LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

Friday, 7 August 2026

What a beautiful morning for a round of golf at Sedge Links with the ladies! We celebrated Women's Day in style by wearing a touch of pink, paired with our powder-blue club shirts, all rather "spiffy". We had 11 ladies teeing it up, including two ladies playing their very first Knockout Competition matches, which are quietly progressing in the background. The remaining nine ladies were divided into three 3-ball teams for a fun round of Combined Stableford, with two scores to count. Of course, there had to be a twist! Any "short putts" came with a R2 fine per miss - as if putting isn't challenging enough on an ordinary day! On the flip side, if you managed a "no putt" from off the green, you walked away with the kitty at the end of the game. Hey ho, and off we go (went...)!

Being able to bring together her passion for dance, fitness and bodybuilding has become a very important part of her journey. Rezelle is determined to encourage other women to become stronger, challenge themselves and realise that there is no single definition of what a strong or athletic woman should look like.

"For me, competing is not only about placing on stage - it is about continually pushing myself, learning what I am capable of and hopefully inspiring others along the way," she said..

RESULTS

1st Place: Linda Evans, Almarie Mead and Sylvia de Moor (77 points)

2nd Place: Eleanor Sparks, Clare Garner and Daleen Schooling (74 points)

3rd Place: Marina van der Westhuizen, Marie Joubert and Janet Wood (70 points)

Nearest the pin for the under 16 handicappers: Elize Mackenzie-Blom (14th), Shannon Nicol (11th and 17th), Marie Joubert (4th) and Elize Mackenzie-Blom (14th).

With 28 "short putts" recorded overall - Linda Evans was the only player who had a "no putt" off the green and was the lucky winner of the Short Putt Kitty, she also played one under her handicap!

The Knockout round was won by Elize Mackenzie-Blom, who will now progress onto the next round.

WELL PLAYED TO ALL OUR AMAZING LADIES!

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Thur 13 Aug	7:09	17:57	3:58 16:20	9:57 22:25
Fri 14 Aug	7:08	17:58	4:37 16:57	10:33 22:54
Sat 15 Aug	7:07	17:58	5:14 17:33	11:08 23:38
Sun 16 Aug	7:06	17:59	5:49 18:09	11:41 -
Mon 17 Aug	7:05	18:00	6:25 18:44	0:12 12:14
Tue 18 Aug	7:04	18:01	7:01 19:21	0:48 12:47
Wed 19 Aug	7:03	18:01	7:41 20:03	1:27 13:26
Thur 20 Aug	7:02	18:02	8:36 21:04	2:17 14:21
Fri 21 Aug	7:00	18:03	10:15 22:49	3:41 16:11
Sat 22 Aug	6:59	18:03	12:21 -	5:36 18:15
Sun 23 Aug	6:58	18:04	0:32 13:25	6:50 19:19
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