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KNYSNA MURDERS

FOUR SUSPECTS NOW IN CUSTODY

Last week Knysna residents were shocked to the core after three people were murdered in two separate shootings in less than 24 hours.

The first victim was the very well-known former Knysna Mayor and serving ANC Ward 8 Councillor Aubrey Tsengwa (48), who was shot dead on the evening of Wednesday, 19 August 2026.

Less than 24 hours later, former Ward 7 Councillor Mandla Matiwane (47) and local Taxi Forum Secretary Mandla Tyololo (48) were killed in a second shooting.

Tsengwa was shot in Ngxalo Street, Joodsekamp, while travelling with three other people. According to the preliminary police account, a gunman opened fire on the vehicle before fleeing on foot.

The councillor suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was declared dead at the scene. One of the other passengers was wounded.

Police registered a murder case and three counts of attempted murder.

The second shooting took place



The late Aubrey Tsengwa

in the Bongani area during the evening of Thursday 20 August.

At about 21:00, Matiwane and Tyololo were shot dead while travelling in a vehicle.

Matiwane was a former Knysna councillor, while Tyololo was linked to the local taxi industry. Both were associated with the ANC.

The Western Cape Serious Violent Crime Unit is leading the investigation into the murders, assisted by crime intelligence, local police, the combat team and the drone unit.

Four arrests have been made in the Tsengwa case, as well as the seizure of two vehicles, three firearms and several cellular phones.

At the time of going to press, no arrests had been announced in

MELO-MAGIC

It's that time of the year when the village is woken from its Winter slumber with the biggest show of the year - yes, that's the Sedgefield Melodrama!

For those new to the concept of this show - it is a 'win-win-win' fundraiser performed by the people for the people. The locals taking part have a whole lot of fun and the brief chance of stardom. The audiences have an entertaining night out - seeing familiar faces in very unfamiliar roles (like Dr Elvis here), and local charities benefit from the masses of monies raised by ticket sales and auctions.

This year's theme 'Night of The Icons' is sure to make for a spectacular evening of entertainment, and tickets are going fast for the six shows which started yesterday and are set to run on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights over two weeks.

Producer Margie van Rensburg said that she and her team of directors purposefully chose this theme and can't wait to showcase their selection of iconic songs by iconic artists. "We're taking our audiences down Memory Lane with some of the most well-known songs of the last 50 years - from Elvis to Britney - so there's definitely something for everyone," she said.

There is, as usual, a feast of humour, glamorous costumes and no shortage of surprises lined up for ticket holders

Last year's show grossed R353 000 including R192 000 made in the 'encore auctions'. After operating expenses a spectacular R257 500 was given to local charities.

Tickets are available from Herbs and Plants Nursery, or via the website www.sedgefieldmelodrama.co.za.

From doctors to hairdressers to estate agents to school teachers ... You never know WHO you'll see on the Sedgefield Melodrama stage. Picture by Adrian Lawrence

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connection with the Bongani double murder.

The fatal shootings have unsettled the community, particularly because the victims included current and former political representatives.

Local and regional officials as well as representatives across political parties have condemned the violence and called for a thorough investigation.

Whilst the killings have raised fears of a possible return of politically linked violence to Knysna, police have not confirmed that the cases are connected, and the motives remain unknown.

Even so, Acting Municipal Manager Boy Ngubo confirmed that additional law-enforcement officers had been deployed to protect Knysna's councillors, some of whom had been placed in safe houses.

Meanwhile, the latest development in the Tsengwa murder case is that the fourth suspect linked to the Tsengwa murder investigation had handed himself over to police and appeared in the Knysna Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, 25 August.

This following the appearance in court on Monday of the other three accused, aged 33, 36 and 45, all of whom were arrested by the police over the weekend.

The names of the accused have

not been released by the South African Police Service. According to spokesperson Warrant Officer Christopher Spies this is because the investigation remains at a sensitive stage.

Spies confirmed that they have appeared on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Murder and Attempted Murder. They were remanded in custody, and the case was postponed to 31 August 2026 for a formal bail application.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

I'm on a slippery slope.

Not the one that Mrs Ed always talks about. Apparently, that one leads to extreme torture, loss of remote-control privileges, and possibly even death. (That's the last time I forget to pick up her Bricklayers' Weekly magazine on my way home.)

Nor am I talking about the slippery slope of yesteryear. I'm not sure if I have previously written about the 'accidental spilling of suntan oil on the top three stairs' incident of June 2025, which, by pure coincidence, occurred the week after Mrs Ed discovered that a life insurance claim is not subject to income tax.

No. Neither of the above is the subject of this missive.

The slippery slope to which I am referring is the one that leads to 60. Three-Score-Years. Almost the halfway mark of my life (he said, ever-hopeful). That's the slope of the moment.

Because, dear reader, as I am sitting at my desk to write this column, there is but a mere month before that very birthday.

Indeed, by the time you have had the dubious pleasure of reading these words, it will be even less.

Oh, my goodness, I'm feeling nauseous.

And tempting as it is, I don't really want to use up this valuable column width to reflect "Where have the years gone?" or "I swear time is speeding up" or even "Wasn't it just yesterday that we hit forty?", because that's what my ageing parents used to say when I was in high school, and they were ...

OH, MY GOODNESS, THEY WERE 48!

HNGGGGNHH.

I don't FEEL sixty. I really don't. Perhaps it's the coastal air, the abundance of oxygen, the proximity to nature, the total lack of any retirement plan, but sixty still feels like it's ... well ... thirty years away.

To be honest, I've only just gotten used to feeling FORTY.

Looking back, the twenty years I have spent being a forty-year-old have mostly been quite cool. (See! I'm still using words like cool!). Especially in my second-forties decade, during which our kids have reached maturity, finished getting educated, found partners, moved out, had children of their own and (most importantly) stopped stealing the cheese.

Being forty with Gorgonzola is great.

Gorgonzola makes it WORTH being forty.

Of course, I've had to make one or two adjustments in my extended forties, both mentally and physically.

For example, it's been hard, but I have eventually given up the dream of being invited to play at Wimbledon.

I know it's my own fault. I've left it too late - I should have learned how to play the game years ago. But still, it would have been nice even if they had just asked.

And another age-related adjustment is that I am no longer



sending applications to the casting agency for Bay Watch. To be honest, Mrs Ed has put her size 14 gumbooted foot down (did you feel the tremors?) and refused to help record my annual audition reels. I'm sure you would understand that doing the 'Slow Motion Beach Run' whilst trying to hold the cellphone steady myself simply doesn't work. At first, I was hurt (a speedo will do that to you), but eventually I realised the poor woman was too shy to face the crowds of fans gathered on the beach to point fingers and laugh in support.

My more recent, and probably more heart-wrenching 'coming of (middle?) age' decision is that I won't be skateboarding anymore.

I can't skateboard anymore.

I've tried, at home, of course, but not very successfully.

In fact, if the giggles drifting over the fence from passing schoolchildren are anything to go by, I think I have caused irreparable damage to my dignity.

It seems the instinctive body actions of my 'cool skating days' are ... well ... no longer instinctive. That imperceptible shift of weight from one foot to the other, the lightest of leanings left, right, forward, backwards, the muscle movements so minuscule they wouldn't even register in the mind. Well, on crossing from the flexible forties into the fixed-gear fifties, such actions somehow became a lot more exaggerated, a lot less natural, and, alas, totally uncool.

If you have ever driven past the Octogenarian Hula-Hooping Club's Friday Afternoon Open-Air Session, you will get a vague illustration of what I looked like on a skateboard.

Not dissimilar, one might reflect, if one were to watch the video footage, to how I looked on the dance floor in the last hour of my daughter's wedding.

I did TRY to welcome the fifties in with open arms but decided to abandon them and return to the loving arms of being forty-something when they failed to deliver on their promises.

The Mid-Life Crisis, for one thing. It just didn't arrive.

I had been assured that within weeks of reaching the big Five O, I would be driving a convertible Pontiac Firebird with the latest song pumping through the expensive sound

system, sporting a black leather jacket and an impressive mat of chest hair (with an accompanying gold medallion) and be surrounded by a bevy of beautiful maidens half my age queuing up to be seen with me.

Well ... that didn't happen.

It didn't even half happen.

I remember staring at the mirror in the first week of my fifties (before voluntarily turning back to my forties), wondering out loud what it would take to kick-start the M-LC process (and perhaps even the 1200cc Harley-Davidson Motorcycle it would deliver).

"Perhaps I could have my hair coloured?" I sighed.

"Which one?" said Mrs Ed, rudely barging me aside so she could pluck her monobrow to a style less reminiscent of a werewolf.

And now, here I am, rapidly sliding down the last slope of my double decade of forties, into my sixties.

"How do people cope?" I asked Mrs Ed at a particularly low moment last night, hoping I might somehow benefit from the centuries of ancient knowledge contained in dragon DNA flowing through her bloodstream "Are there support groups?"

"Well," she said, "The thing with age is it is what it is. You have to make the most of it and be happy with what you've already got."

Thinking about it, perhaps it's one of those rare moments when she's actually right.

Perhaps the old EDGEMobile is a better option than a convertible, especially now my head is somehow far more susceptible to sunburn.

And I DO have the company of the MOST beautiful young maiden. She's only three and has to sit safely strapped in her car seat at the back, but she doesn't seem to mind that her grandad's hair is somewhere between white and grey, or that the old sound system still isn't working.

Because we sing. Not the latest hits - mostly Postman Pat, I Don't Know Why She Swallowed a Fly, and (for educational reasons, of course) The Best of The Beatles.

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COURT SETS DATE FOR AMM FATE

Knysna Municipality's Acting Municipal Manager (AMM) saga has shifted from open confrontation to a court-supervised process, with a settlement agreement now fixing 27 August as the date on which MEC Anton Bredell must deliver a final response on whether he concurs with Boy Manqoba Ngubo's contract extension.

In our last edition, we reported that Council had reaffirmed its 7 August resolution to extend Ngubo's tenure for three months, despite the MEC's written view that the appointment was unlawful without his concurrence (under section 54A(2A) of the Municipal Systems Act), and after the Sheriff had served papers from the Province on the Council, its Speaker and Ngubo himself. Opposition councillors warned that taxpayers could end up paying to defend the councillors' majority decision if the matter proceeded to a full hearing.

This week, the Municipality's Communications Department said the matter had not been concluded. "Unfortunately, we will only have a clear indication of Mr Ngubo's future on/after 27 August 2026. In terms of a court-agreed settlement agreement, the Municipality was required to provide the MEC for Local Government in the Province with a motivation for the contract extension, whereafter

the MEC must provide a final response regarding concurrence on 27 August.

The arrangement effectively pauses the immediate threat of a High Court showdown while placing the decision squarely in the MEC's hands. If Bredell grants concurrence, Ngubo's position as AMM is regularised for the remainder of the three-month period. If he refuses, Council will again face the choice of appointing a different lawful acting manager or preparing to litigate - with the risk of personal cost orders for councillors who persist with an appointment the Province deems invalid.

The outcome will clearly have practical implications for processes which may have been stalled due to this leadership uncertainty, as well as day-to-day administrative stability in a municipality already under pressure from service-delivery complaints and recent political violence. Knysna residents and ratepayers will be watching closely on 27 August to see whether the Province's response brings clarity, or merely the next chapter in a protracted leadership crisis.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Manager Dr Lulamile Mapholoba has remained suspended as Municipal Manager for six months and 20 days, on full pay, with no public update on the status of his disciplinary case.

HAVE YOU SIGNED THE ROADS PETITION?

A petition calling on Knysna Municipality to urgently rehabilitate and resurface roads across the village is circulating around Sedgfield gathering signatures.

Addressed to Executive Mayor Councillor Thando Matika, Acting Municipal Manager Boy Manqoba Ngubo, and Shaun Maree, the municipality's manager responsible for roads, transport, stormwater and building maintenance, the petition states that a substantial proportion of Sedgfield's roads have deteriorated to the point where they require proper repair, rehabilitation or resurfacing, rather than continued patching of individual potholes.

Residents responsible for the petition say that temporary repairs frequently fail after significant rainfall, resulting in potholes reopening and requiring repeated attention. According to the petition, this approach creates inconvenience, increases vehicle maintenance costs and presents safety risks to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

The condition of the roads, they say, also reflects poorly on Sedgfield as an important tourism destination, the petition states.

The petition asks the municipality why proper road resurfacing has been neglected for so many years and how money collected through rates and taxes is being allocated

towards road maintenance.

Residents also want to know why Sedgfield has apparently not received the level of road rehabilitation they believe it deserves, what long-term maintenance programme is in place, and when meaningful resurfacing work can be expected to begin.

The petition calls on Knysna Municipality to:

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of every road in Sedgfield, including a RAMS report and feedback on its findings.
- Publish a clear timetable for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of roads that

have reached the end of their service life.

- Allocate sufficient funding for permanent road rehabilitation instead of relying on repeated temporary pothole repairs.
- Communicate openly with residents about budgets, priorities and implementation timelines.

The petition organisers emphasise that residents and ratepayers have continued to meet their municipal obligations by paying rates and taxes. They are therefore calling on the municipality to meet its corresponding responsibility to

maintain public infrastructure to an acceptable standard.

The petition will include an annexure containing photographic evidence of the current condition of roads in Sedgfield Village and on The Island. The photographs are intended to document the extent of the damage and support residents' call for a comprehensive assessment and long-term rehabilitation programme.

Once signatures have been collected, the organisers will deliver the petition, requesting a written response from the municipality within 14 working days of receipt. The response is expected to outline the

municipality's plans, funding commitments and proposed implementation timetable.

Residents and ratepayers in Sedgfield who wish to support the petition may sign it at: Flat Lizard, Harcourts, Macbutners, Remax, Pam Golding, Daily Grind, KW Eden, South Coast Real Estate, One Stop Workshop and Seeff.

The petition organisers have promised to ensure that their response from Knysna Municipality will be shared in the media.

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NATURE DOESN'T FOLLOW OUR BOUNDARIES

A different way of thinking about our landscape

This is the first in a three-part series exploring ecological corridors and why connected natural landscapes matter to Sedgefield's future.

Sedgefield is fortunate to be surrounded by an extraordinary natural landscape. The Swartvlei estuary, wetlands, coastal dunes, forests, fynbos and other natural areas are not simply beautiful places that happen to surround our town. Together, they form a living system that supports an extraordinary variety of plants and animals.

But we often forget something important: nature does not recognise the boundaries we have created.

A bushbuck does not know where one property ends, and another begins. A tortoise does not recognise a municipal boundary. Birds, insects, frogs and small mammals need to move between places where they feed, find shelter, breed and access water.

For wildlife, a landscape is not a collection of separate pieces. It is a network of connected habitats.

When nature becomes fragmented

As towns grow and landscapes change, natural areas can gradually become isolated.

Roads, fences, buildings, cleared land and other forms of development can create barriers between habitats that were once connected.

A small patch of natural vegetation may still look healthy. Still, if it becomes isolated from other suitable habitats, it can become increasingly difficult for plants and animals to survive there in the long term.

This is where the idea of an ecological corridor comes in.

In simple terms, an ecological corridor is a natural or semi-natural area that helps connect otherwise separated habitats. It gives animals opportunities to move, plants to spread, and ecological processes to continue across the landscape.

The principle is straightforward: connected nature is generally more resilient than isolated fragments. It is an idea that goes beyond conservation.

The thinking behind ecological corridors is not new. More than 50 years ago, American landscape architect and author Ian McHarg challenged conventional approaches to development through his influential book *Design with Nature*, published in 1969.

McHarg argued that we should first understand how a landscape works before deciding what we can build or change within it. Factors such as geology, soil, water, climate, vegetation and wildlife should help determine where development is appropriate and where the natural environment should take precedence.

He called for an approach in which people work with natural systems rather than continually trying to

overcome them. His philosophy can be summed up in a simple principle: follow nature's lead in design.

What does this mean for Sedgefield?

Sedgefield is a particularly interesting example because the town sits where different natural systems meet. The estuary, wetlands, coastal areas, forests, and other habitats are interconnected in ways that are not always obvious when we look at the landscape through the lens of roads, property boundaries, and development.

The challenge is not simply to protect individual areas of natural vegetation. It is to understand how those areas fit together.

Where are the important connections? Which areas allow wildlife to move between habitats? Where are the gaps? Which connections could become increasingly important as development and other pressures increase?

These questions lie at the heart of the ecological corridor concept, leading to a bigger question about how we plan Sedgefield's future.

Development and conservation are often presented as opposing forces: either we protect nature, or we allow the town to grow. But perhaps there is another way of looking at the issue.

What if we first understand the natural landscape and its limits, and then use that knowledge to guide where and how development takes place?

This will help us recognise that the natural systems around us are part of Sedgefield's infrastructure too. They provide habitat, regulate water, reduce erosion, support biodiversity and contribute to the landscape that makes Sedgefield such a desirable place to live and visit.

Ecological corridors are not only about conservation. They reflect a broader change in how we think about our relationship with nature.

Instead of seeing natural areas as empty spaces waiting to be developed, we can begin to see them as functioning parts of a larger system that supports both wildlife and people.

Developers and local authorities cannot simply ask: "What can we build here?"

It should rather be: "How can we develop Sedgefield without breaking the connections that keep the landscape healthy?"

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Garden Route's Environmental Crisis: 'Amongst the Worst' in the Country

The Garden Route is facing an environmental crisis of alarming proportions, according to veteran environmental manager Dr Guy Preston who recently visited the region following recent extreme weather events.

"After seeing conditions on the ground, Preston expressed deep concern at the extent of invasive alien plants (IAPs), describing their prevalence in the Garden Route as among the worst in the country," says Cobus Meiring of the Garden Route Environmnetal Forum (GREF).

His warning carries particular weight. Dr Preston is renowned for spearheading South Africa's ambitious invasive alien plant control programme. As former Director of Natural Resource Management Programmes in the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environmental Affairs, he was instrumental in establishing and driving the Working for Water, Working for Wetlands and Working on Fire Programmes.

These programmes became internationally recognised for combining environmental restoration with job creation and skills development. At its peak the combined budget for these initiatives ran into billions of rand and created thousands of jobs across South Africa.

During his Garden Route tour, Preston highlighted the enormous risks posed by the unchecked spread of invasive vegetation. The problem, he stressed, extends far beyond the loss of indigenous plants and biodiversity.

Dense stands of invasive alien vegetation create large quantities of combustible biomass, significantly increasing the risk of severe and destructive wildfires.

At the same time, invasive plants threaten biodiversity by displacing indigenous species and disrupting natural ecosystems.

Water resources are also under pressure. Invasive alien plants can consume substantial amounts of water, particularly in catchments, while their spread can affect streamflow and reduce the availability of water for ecosystems and communities.

Preston also warned of damage to rivers and degradation of natural infrastructure. Healthy catchments, wetlands and river systems are essential to the functioning and resilience of the Garden Route, yet their condition is being compromised by widespread invasions.

For the region, Preston's assessment is a stark wake-up call. The Garden Route's forests,



Cobus Mering, Chairperson of the Garden Route Environmental Forum with Dr Guy Preston.

rivers, wetlands, mountains and coastal ecosystems represent an invaluable natural asset, but their resilience cannot be taken for granted.

His visit underlined the need for urgent, coordinated and sustained action involving government, municipalities, landowners, conservation organisations and communities. The success of Working for Water demonstrated what can be achieved when invasive alien plants are treated as a major environmental and economic priority. GREF believes these lessons should inform a renewed effort to protect and restore the Garden Route before the costs of inaction become even greater.

The Garden Route Environmnetal Forum (GREF) is a public platform for environmental managers and serves as a climate change think-tank. (www.grefcsf.co.za)

"Holy Pole-y! Look what is happening in Sedgefield!"

by Linda Evans

What began with one local resident's wish to see Sedgefield's broken and missing poles replaced has turned into a wonderful example of what can be achieved when people and organisations work together for the good of their community.

The idea was simple: replace the poles along the service roads, from one end of Sedgefield to the other. Turning that idea into reality, however, required funding, materials and, most importantly, people willing to put in the hard work.

The funding came through the generous sponsorship of Select PPE, a Johannesburg-based company whose management team includes a longstanding resident of Sedgefield. Over the past three years, Select PPE has consistently supported community projects, helping make initiatives such as the Children's Library, paving at the park, and the ongoing work at the Sedgefield Clinic and Equitable Route possible.

With funding secured and the supplier in place, the next challenge was labour. That is where Rethea and the AfriForum team stepped in. Having already demonstrated their commitment to the Sedgefield community, they were quick to get behind the initiative and turn the plans into action.

The first phase saw 200 poles installed over several weeks. Then came the second phase: approximately 350 poles and



uprights. This time, the AfriForum team really put their shoulders to the poles, completing the entire installation in just two weeks.

That is a whole lot of poles – and certainly no small undertaking! Beyond the numbers, the project is about much more than replacing old or missing infrastructure. The poles form part of the everyday appearance and functionality of Sedgefield, and restoring them helps create a village that feels more cared for, organised and welcoming. It is also a visible reminder that residents do not have to simply accept deterioration in their surroundings; with cooperation and determination, positive change is possible.

The project is a great example of the strength of collaboration. Through the ongoing partnership between AfriForum and Revive Sedgefield, both organisations continue to contribute their time, resources

and energy towards making Sedgefield a better, safer and more cared-for village.

The Pole Initiative belongs to everyone who played a part. From the resident who had the original vision, to the sponsor who provided the funding, the supplier who provided the poles, and the team who put them in the ground, every contribution mattered.

Most importantly, the project shows what can happen when an idea is shared, support is offered and people are prepared to roll up their sleeves and do the work. With Revive Sedgefield and AfriForum continuing to work side by side for the benefit of the village, the Pole Initiative is another great example of community spirit in action.

One thing is for sure: when a community stands together, great things can happen – one pole at a time.

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VAN DRUTEN MURDER CASE UPDATE

Seven months after the murder of former Plettenberg Bay detective Anneke "Nicky" van Heerden, the case against her alleged killer – 53-year-old driftwood artist and former Sedgefield resident Bevan van Druten – has once again been put on hold, this time until 28 September.

Van Druten appeared briefly in the Plettenberg Bay Magistrate's Court on Monday 17 August, where the court was told he is still waiting for a bed at Valkenberg Psychiatric Hospital in Cape Town so that his court-ordered psychiatric assessment can be carried out. That assessment must be completed before the matter can proceed any further.

There has at least been some movement on the waiting list. At his previous appearance Van Druten was number 39 in the queue; the court was told on Monday that he is now number 26. To put that in perspective, in March – when he was number 60 – the defence warned that at the rate the list was moving it could take up to a year for the evaluation to be completed, while the State countered that most new cases requiring

evaluation are placed at around number 200 or higher.

The defence did not oppose Monday's postponement pending bed placement, and the court also confirmed the State's undertaking to hand the outstanding video material to the defence by 28 August. Van Druten remains in custody. The matter returns to court on 28 September, again for bed placement and the psychiatric assessment.

The delays have not gone unnoticed by those closest to the case. Days before the August appearance, Van Heerden's family went public with their concern that the drawn-out investigation could ultimately jeopardise the prosecution if it continues to drag on.

Van Druten's alleged attack and murder of his girlfriend at the beginning of the year made national media. According to a SAPS report, Van Heerden's fatally injured body was found at approximately 22:30 on 18 January at Keurbooms Beach near Rivertides, after neighbours reported hearing a woman screaming. She was lying beside a vehicle registered

to Van Druten, who was arrested the following morning and charged with her murder. The two had recently begun a romantic relationship, and she had reportedly introduced him to her family earlier that same weekend as "the man of my dreams".

Van Druten, who moved from Sedgefield to Plettenberg Bay some years ago, faces a Schedule 6 murder charge meaning he would have to prove exceptional circumstances to be released on bail. He has since also been charged with two counts of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm over an alleged incident while in custody at Knysna prison, charges which have been added to the murder matter. He has yet to plead.

His court journey has been anything but straightforward. He was first charged on 21 January. A bail hearing set down for 26 January collapsed when his attorney, Carl Jeppe, declined to represent him and he requested a state-appointed Legal Aid attorney, prompting Magistrate Zukiswa Hans to postpone proceedings. Outside court that day, protesters

gathered with placards reading "No Bail, Only Jail" and "Justice for Alaska" – a reference to Van Heerden's nickname.

Bail proceedings resumed on 29 January before Magistrate Stephan Lourens, with the State opposing release and applying for Van Druten to be sent to Valkenberg for observation. On 6 February the court granted that application – unopposed by the defence – and Van Druten abruptly abandoned his bail bid altogether, handing up a handwritten statement in which he described himself as the Archangel Michael and Van Heerden as Jesus Christ. Since then the matter has been postponed repeatedly – on 6 March, 7 April, 7 May (when he failed to appear at all) and 24 June, largely while waiting for cellphone data and a Valkenberg bed.

In late June he replaced his Legal Aid attorney with advocate Peter Daubermann, and the court ruled that no further postponements for investigation would be granted.



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This was the Mandela Day promise made to Angeline Armoed, a 58-year-old grandmother whose family had for years suffered extremely hard times.

It was a day of celebration indeed - with so many Municipal dignitaries on hand at the open piece of land on Rooikrans Avenue in Smutsville, taking full advantage of the photo opportunity (in hard hats and all!). And of course there were crowds of community members there to commemorate the historic moment of an impoverished family being uplifted ...

But that was 2,596 days (or 7 years 1 month, and 8 days) ago, and since then NOTHING has happened. No groundbreaking, no foundations laid, not a single brick on the site.

Nothing. Nix. Nada.

At the ripe age of 64, Mrs Armoed along with her family are still waiting for construction of her promised Mandela Day home to commence. Or indeed some sign of commitment that the Municipality intends to honour the promise it made on that glorious day in 2019.

Community leader Freegan Galant has been trying for years to alleviate the dire living conditions the widow and her

family have had to endure. He says Mrs Armoed and her family have all but lost hope of having their own home.

Back in 2019, at the ceremonial 'handover' (of nothing but a piece of paper, as it turned out), Angeline was described as the ideal person to receive a new house. Annie Brinkhuis, who held the Human Settlements portfolio on the local Ward Committee, reported that Angeline had been a 'backyard dweller' since her husband died in 2002, and that she and her children had battled to make ends meet since then. "She was actually on the list to receive one of the first RDP houses in the late nineties," Annie said, "But somehow her name got shifted off and she lost out."

Further, a spokesperson for Knysna Municipality had confirmed that the family's vulnerability made them "the perfect recipient of this housing opportunity."

But once the pomp and ceremony were over, absolutely nothing happened. This 'vulnerable family' was once again abandoned by the system.

In 2020 we inquired why nothing had been done in the year since the ceremonial day,

Mrs Armoed's current house

and the official explanation from the Municipality was that the private construction company Nyameko Trading 618CC had withdrawn from the project due to capacity constraints. "Notwithstanding this unfortunate setback, the Municipality has looked at other scenarios which will now see the construction of the house included in the Sedgefield infill project which is in its planning stage," they said...

... Six years ago.

And still today Mrs Armoed has to use what little money she has to pay rent for a small, cramped space for her extended family to live in.

"I visited her yesterday," Galant confirmed, "And when this started she was facing severe challenges with access to water and sanitation. She is older now and yet still has to go out at night for the toilet or to fetch water. It is heartbreaking to see an elderly lady living in such conditions. It's as if the municipality doesn't even have a housing department."

We have asked the Municipality if there is any update on Mrs Armoed's promised home and there has been no further update.

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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. New members are welcome. Pasty - 073 256 6021

Wednesdays

8 for 9am Golf Day @ The Links. All members welcome.
5:15pm Sedgefield Striders Walking / Running time trials on road adjacent to Bowls Club. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays

8 for 9am Sedge Gentlemen's Golf @ The Links
9:30-12. Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, the Pin Cushions meet at the Bowling Club. Quilting. Enq: Claudine 082 456 6055
1:15pm Social Bridge School at St Anthony's Catholic Church hall with play starting at 1:30pm. All levels are welcome. Enquiries: Gail 083 457 7647.
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in
2:30pm Sedgefield Jukskei Group at Sedge Bowling Club. All welcome. Aniel 072 600 0722

Fridays

8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays

7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social outide departs Cycle Worx. All welcome.
8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
8am-2pm Scarab Craft Market
13:15pm Bowls. Tabs in.

Saturday

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

Sunday 6 September

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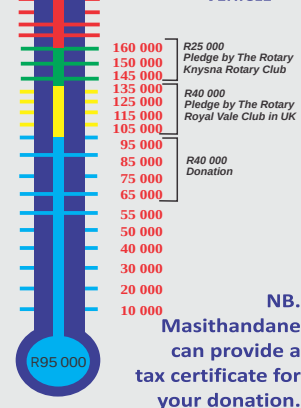
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LETTERS TO THE EDGE

Dear Editor

I really enjoyed reading your latest issue. It had many interesting articles and advertisements, as well as very nice pictures. The layout was also very well organised.

I especially liked the article about the Sedgefield Primary hockey event, as I attended it myself. I thought it was very well written, and I liked the picture that was included. However, I do wish there had been more pictures in the issue.

I really love hockey, and I often wonder if Seabridge could start an under-11 hockey team. I would also love to see more information about dance competitions in my area. My dance teacher, Roselle Laura, was recently featured in the paper, which I really enjoyed.

Thank you for all the work you do. I hope you will consider my suggestions, and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely
Coeline
Seabridge School

THE PINCUSHIONS DONATE QUILT

The Pincushion Quilt group in Sedgefield recently made a beautiful quilt for charity.

On Saturday, 15 August 2026, the Outeniqua Quilt Guild in George handed the quilt over to Jacky Weaver from Masithandane.

Left to right: Gill Celliers, Sanet Ferreira, Annette Sprules, Rita Coetzee, Wendy Fryer and Jacky Weaver.



Brushstrokes

by Patsy Scanes

Sedgefield Art Society – Art, Creativity and Community

The Sedgefield Art Society would like to extend a warm thank you to Liz Hutton for a wonderful and inspiring workshop on the use of pastels. Members thoroughly enjoyed the session and had the opportunity to explore this versatile medium.

Congratulations to Barry Malin, who received the prize for his beautiful pastel art piece. Well done, Barry – may this be the first of many!



There is plenty happening in the local art community, and art lovers are reminded that the Melodrama is currently taking



place, offering a wonderful opportunity to bid on your favourite artwork. Several beautiful pieces donated by members of the Sedgefield Art Society will be on display, with proceeds going towards various charities. We encourage everyone to go along, enjoy the art and support these worthwhile causes.

The Society also has a few ongoing exhibitions for art enthusiasts to enjoy. At Golem Pottery and Craft Studio on Main Service Road, the exhibition has recently been refreshed and features a selection of paintings inspired by the theme "Spring." Pop in and enjoy the beautiful artwork while browsing the studio.

At Lake View Restaurant, the exhibition has also been refreshed, with some lovely paintings now adorning the walls.

The next Sedgefield Art Society Pop-up Exhibition will take place next to Sotheby's on Saturday, 29 August, from 08h00 to 13h00. There will be plenty of beautiful art to admire, and everyone is welcome. Art

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Rondevelei Learning Centre has broken ground on a new student garden — a space where children will build, plant, and harvest their own vegetable beds. All produce will go home with them or be sold for their profit, teaching both food security and entrepreneurship.

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enthusiasts who would like to join the Society for a Plein Air painting session are also warmly invited to participate. Simply bring along your own art materials, enthusiasm and creativity – and get painting!

Members are also encouraged to start working on their next masterpiece for the Society's upcoming November competition. The theme will be "My Latest Masterpiece", and there will be some fabulous prizes up for grabs. So, pick up those brushes, pencils or pastels and let your creativity flow!

The Sedgefield Art Society looks forward to welcoming all members, visitors and newcomers to the next meeting on 14 September at 14h00 at the Lion's Hall.

Come along, meet fellow art enthusiasts, share your creativity and enjoy an afternoon of art and friendship. See you there!

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WOMEN'S DAY WITH T L C

by Marietjie Digue

The Living Cornerstone hosted their 4th Annual Women's Day Celebration fundraising event on Saturday 8 August 2026 in the Sedgefield Community Hall.

The arriving guests were greeted by staff with a welcome drink outside the Community Hall. It was an amazing sight to see all the ladies dressed for the occasion in anticipation of taking part in the planned activities.

Each lady received a unique "Goodie Tea Cup" filled with premium products before they entered the hall. At each seat they received a second "Goodie Bag"

The hostesses at each table went the extra mile and their table all looked stunning. Premium lucky draw prizes were in abundance. Amazing raffle prizes could be won and sought after items were auctioned.

The guests were entertained with amazing song and dance routines complimented by excellent sound and lighting.



Guest speakers captured the audience with the theme of "Her Story, His Strength" reminding the ladies that they must remember to celebrate their strength, grace and purpose every day, not only during Women's Month.

Diamonds and gold shone brightly making it was evident why this event has become one of the most popular Women's Day Events in the Garden Route.

The ladies used the opportunity to capture their memories in the decorated photo booth.

"As we look back at a year of challenges and many highlights,

this was the perfect way to crown everyone who decided to walk alongside our organisation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every dedicated stakeholder, our committed staff, the sponsors and the ambassadors of The Living Cornerstone who made it possible to put together this event of a world class standard and to portray excellence in every way"

Marietjie Digue
Facility Manager
The Living Cornerstone.

A Small Town Making a Big Statement About Universal Access

by Ari Seirlis

There is something intriguing, and incredibly valuable, about small-town communities. They may be small in size, but they are often enormous in character, diversity and determination.

Sedgefield, one of the smaller towns along the Garden Route, is a community of remarkable diversity. We have young and old, wealthy and less privileged, permanent residents and newcomers. Like many small towns, our demographics are changing rapidly. But beneath all those differences is something that binds us together: a fierce commitment to the well being, functionality and future of our community. And now Sedgefield has achieved something worth celebrating.

Revive Sedgefield is changing the physical landscape of our town to make it more accessible and inclusive for everyone. A group of volunteers and committed people that decided to do something, together with individuals, numerous NPOs, and community groups working tirelessly to make a difference. But there is an important distinction between doing good and doing well. Doing good is about responding to a need. Doing well is about creating something that lasts. Perhaps the answer is for each of us to find the causes we believe in, support them wholeheartedly and help those organisations become sustainable enough to continue delivering meaningful change.

One organisation that has demonstrated what can happen when a community simply decides to get something done is Revive Sedgefield. Reviving more than the town's appearance Revive Sedgefield has developed a reputation for identifying meaningful projects

that might otherwise remain overlooked by the municipal authorities and the ward councillors and then doing something about them.

Their focus has been practical: improve the environment, restore what has been neglected, repurpose spaces and make Sedgefield a better place. They do not operate through political agendas. They simply get on with the work. And perhaps that is why their latest achievement deserves particular recognition.

Because this time, they have not simply changed how Sedgefield looks. They have changed how people are able to live, move and participate in it. The quiet revolution of accessibility. There are many people living in Sedgefield who experience mobility challenges. Some have acquired disabilities through life-changing injuries or medical events. Others are older residents for whom a wheelchair, walker or other mobility device has become essential to remaining independent and connected to their community. For these people, something as ordinary as getting from a car to a shop, crossing a pavement or entering a public space can become a major obstacle.

For most of us, a kerb is simply a kerb. For someone using a wheelchair, it can be a wall. A pavement obstruction that most people walk around without thinking can become a barrier to independence.

Revive Sedgefield recognised this and took action. They surveyed the town, identified areas where accessibility needed



to improve, raised funds, identified priority locations, and the relevant requirements and began transforming the environment. The result is already visible: ramps, kerb cuts, designated wheelchair parking and clearer, obstacle-free pedestrian routes along parts of the retail area. These may appear to be relatively small changes but they are not. The measure of success is not what we see, it is what someone else can now do. The most powerful thing about universal access is that, when it works, many people barely notice it.

That is precisely the point. A person who does not use a wheelchair can walk down a pavement without thinking about it. A person using a wheelchair notices every centimetre. A parent pushing a pram notices it. An older person using a walker notices it. Someone temporarily using crutches notices it. Accessibility is therefore not about creating special privileges for a small group of people. It is about creating an environment in which more people can participate independently and with dignity.

And that is what Sedgefield is

SRA STEPS IN TO HELP RESTORE TWO OF SEDGEFIELD'S MOSAIC ICONS

by Alvin Witten

Some things become part of a town's identity almost without us noticing. They are photographed, admired and walked past until they simply become part of the landscape.

Sedgefield's mosaic Volkswagen Beetle, affectionately known as the Love Bug, is one such icon. Positioned at the boat launch with the lagoon as its backdrop, it has become a favourite stop for visitors, who climb into the quirky creation for that quintessential Sedgefield photograph.

But years of enthusiastic use and exposure to the elements have taken their toll. Mosaic pieces have been damaged and the Love Bug is looking tired.

The story behind it is equally special. Unveiled in August 2021, the Love Bug was the result of a collaboration between Masithandane, the Sedgefield Community Mosaic Project, Visit Knysna, the Sedgefield Art Society and Knysna Municipality.

The project grew from Sedgefield's mosaic initiative, which began in 2008 as a skills-development and job-creation programme, giving unemployed local people the opportunity to learn mosaic skills and develop potential income-generating

opportunities.

Another much-loved landmark is the mosaic heart in the centre of town – a colourful expression of Sedgefield as a little town with a big heart. Like the Love Bug, it has become part of our visual identity, but both artworks now need attention.

This deterioration prompted Kevin Barnes, Chairperson of the Sedgefield Ratepayers Association (SRA), to suggest that the SRA contribute towards their restoration. The committee supported the proposal.

The contribution will help repair damaged mosaics and restore these two landmarks, but its significance goes beyond fixing broken tiles. It is an investment in the character and identity of Sedgefield.

The story of these mosaics reminds us what can happen when community organisations, artists, businesses, tourism bodies and local government work together. Collaboration has transformed artistic creativity into skills development, employment opportunities, tourism attractions and lasting



community assets.

For the SRA, being part of the community means more than addressing rates, services and infrastructure. It also means caring for the places, stories and creative expressions that make Sedgefield special.

These are more than mosaics. They are pieces of Sedgefield's story – created through collaboration and belonging, and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

If you would like to contribute towards the restoration of these shared community gems, contributions are most welcome. Please contact Masithandane on 044 343 2110. Every contribution will help preserve a little piece of what makes Sedgefield unique.

beginning to achieve. From the pavement to the beach The story becomes even more exciting when accessibility extends beyond the retail strip. At PiliPili, the Sedgefield Ratepayers Association has made a beach wheelchair available, creating an opportunity for people with mobility challenges to experience the coastline in a way that might otherwise be impossible.

Think about what that means. A wheelchair user being able to move through town.

A wheelchair user being able to park in a designated space.

A wheelchair user being able to access a shop or business. And then being able to get onto the beach. These are not simply infrastructure improvements. They are opportunities to participate in community life.

The final barrier is waiting at the front door. There is, however, one important step still to take. The public environment can provide an accessible route to a business, but if the entrance to the shop remains inaccessible, the journey stops at the front door.

This is where the landlords and business owners in the retail area can make an enormous difference. A relatively small investment in creating barrier-free entry from the pavement into individual premises could complete the final link in the chain. Accessible pavement → accessible parking → accessible entrance → accessible business. That is how universal access becomes real. It is also an opportunity for local businesses to say something powerful about themselves: Everyone is welcome here.

Sedgefield should be proud of what is happening. Not because every barrier has been removed. It hasn't. Not because the work is

finished. It isn't. But because a small community has demonstrated something incredibly important: Change does not always have to start with a massive government programme. Sometimes it starts with a group of people who look at their community and say: "We can make this better." Then they raise the money. They identify the need. They find the solutions. And they get on with it. That is leadership. That is community. And that is inclusion in action. Revive Sedgefield has changed the physical landscape of this town in many ways. But this project may ultimately prove to be one of the most meaningful. Because when you make a town accessible, you do more than construct a ramp or remove an obstacle. You give people back the freedom to move. You give them independence. You give them participation. And, perhaps most importantly, you give back dignity.

That is a powerful legacy. Sedgefield now has an opportunity to go further and become recognised as a genuine leader in universal access, not only within the Garden Route, but as an example for communities across the Western Cape and South Africa. The challenge is now ours. Revive has opened the door. Now let the landlords, businesses, municipality, community organisations and residents walk through it together. Because a truly accessible Sedgefield is not just a better town for people with disabilities. It is a better town for everyone. And perhaps that is the greatest achievement of all.

Revive Sedgefield has just finished having 15 pavement ramps installed with an additional pavement being added at the back of the Pick n Pay carpark.

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Prostate Cancer Fast Facts

By Andrew Oberholzer

How common is prostate cancer compared to other cancers?

According to the latest data from the Global Cancer Observatory prostate cancer is now the most common cancer in South Africa. There are now more men presenting with prostate cancer than women with breast cancer.

How many men are likely to be affected by prostate cancer in South Africa?

Unfortunately, data in South Africa is inaccurate, as many men do not have access to prostate cancer screening or if they are screened, they cannot be diagnosed due to a lack of biopsy facilities. The Prostate Cancer Foundation therefore uses data from the USA and UK to estimate the incidence of prostate cancer amongst South African men.

- about 1 in 4 black men will be affected by prostate cancer
- about 1 in 8 white men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer

How deadly is prostate cancer in South Africa compared to other countries?

After the Caribbean, Southern Africa, Middle Africa and West Africa have the highest death rates from prostate cancer in the world. This is most likely due to a lack of awareness about prostate cancer screening and a lack of access to screening, which in turn leads to the under-diagnosis and under-treatment of the disease.

Prostate and lung cancer are the most deadly cancers affecting South African men.

What are the risk factors for prostate cancer?

- Age - the risk of getting prostate cancer increases with age
- Family History - the risk of getting prostate cancer increases significantly if an immediate relative (a brother or father) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and/or if a man's mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer
- Race - Black African men have a 60% increased risk for prostate cancer and are 2.5 times more likely to die from the disease than white males
- Men who have a BRCA 2 genetic mutation are more at risk for prostate cancer

What are some of the symptoms that might indicate the presence of prostate cancer?

There are usually no symptoms of prostate cancer in the early stages when the disease is potentially curable. This is why screening is so important.

At what age should men consider screening for prostate cancer?

The Prostate Cancer foundation recommends informed patient-based screening in men.

- From the age of 40 for all Black African men and for men who have a brother or father who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer or a mother with breast cancer
- From the age of 45 for all other men

What Screening Tests should be done to screen for prostate cancer?

Screening with a Prostate Specific Antigen Test (PSA) blood test is all that is required in men who are not experiencing any symptoms.

What are the survival rates for men who are diagnosed with

prostate cancer?

If prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated in the early stages, about 98% of these men will be alive after 5 years.

About 30% of men who are diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer that has spread through the body (metastatic prostate cancer), will be alive after 5 years.

These statistics demonstrate the importance of early detection and treatment in the early stages of the disease when the cancer is potentially curable.

How treatable is prostate cancer?

Prostate cancer that is detected in the early stages is treatable with surgery or radiation therapy and treatments have a very high success rate.

Advanced prostate cannot be cured, and treatment is focused on slowing the progression of the disease. Unfortunately, this requires removing testosterone from the body which results in side effects that can have a major impact on quality of life.

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A Sedgefield Lions and Leos project.

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – Stellenrust Chenin Blanc Brut 2025

It is a Spumante Magnifico which received a gold Michelangelo award. The design on the front label is attractive, making use of gold lettering on a black background. There is a description of the sparkling wine's origin, but no tasting notes. Abv.12% The cork has a bubble design on, which fits well with the description, "message in a bubble".

In the glass, the appearance shows a lot of large, lively bubbles, with a thin "foam crown". The colour is a very light yellow.

The brut has a clean nose, with aromas of green apples, various varieties of peach and sea spray in the background.

When tasted, there is an experience of a lively mousse on the tongue.

It is a well balanced brut with

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AUGUST
25,27,28 **Melodrama**

SEPTEMBER
1, 3, 4 **Melodrama**
19 **Cupckes 4 Kids with Cancer**

OCTOBER
2 **St Francis hosting a Journey of Flavours International Dinner**
3 **Pink Walk Ribbon Party**
11 **Sax for Sight Concert**
17 **Pink Walk**
18 **Remax Kite Festival (Masi)**
31 **SAM's Fashion Show**

DECEMBER
31 **Watershed (Masi)**

Masi - Masithandane
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TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

1. Speaking like one knows the original tribe returning for friend. (7)
5. I need you next to me in a song, could you be on call? (5-2)
10. Might one platform section embroil rights to drill? (3,3)
11. A cute car isn't so correct. (8)
12. Cross piece about how to stop a pub - except that one. (3)
13. Promise Ryan internal gloom. (6)
14. Win by beating them by head and shoulders. (8)
15. Measure one often paid in advance. (5)
16. To earn little, we're told, just doesn't. (4,5)
19. Putting your back into dance can result in lumbar puncture. (6,3)
21. "Cut grass around my fancy car," says Prince. (5)
24. Redirect a call, yet it still goes a stray. (5,3)
26. That rude letter content is not Tyrone's. (6)
27. It is the shortcut. (3)
28. Members of the press wrote about such company, initially it was Margaret. (8)
29. Peron and O'Conner - each escapes capture! (6)
30. Stress a somewhat backward person swears by. (7)
31. See Spar undertook renovations, but besmirch them anyway. (7)

Down

2. See stupid remarks as one over nine. (7)
3. Tacky gift gives you

unbridled control. (1,4,4)
4. Run free when one's limb says farewell. (3,3)
6. Keep going to ensure the clock is silenced. (4,4)
7. Mostly nothing right in the upper region. (5)
8. Something annoys them, but to start with, not us. (7)
9. I start marital break-up for creative Karate guru. (7,6)
17. Please give more detail on the

complicated plan. (9)
18. Most well-oiled student is among the unhealthy. (8)
20. North Star is after the bear! (7)
22. Nasty boys were potentially bad-apples. (7)
23. As televisions show, some things are for your own good. (6)
25. Part sister, part niece, yet he's a boy! (5)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Soul destroying 9. Abigail 10. Lumpier 11. Growl
12. Impending 13. Demagogue 14. Mayor 15. Graft
17. Louisiana 20. Tree house 22. Lyric 23. Reader 24. Titania
25. Vested interest **Down:** 1. Shaggy dog story 2. Uniform
3. Deadlight 4. Solving 5. Relapse 6. Yemen 7. Noisily
8. Gregorian chant 14. Mistletoe 16. Average 17. Louvred
18. Uneaten 19. Arrange 21. Hoist

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Divaris could be Knysna's secret weapon in Lipton Cup

by Alastair Fraser

Georgou Divaris could emerge as one of the stars of Knysna Yacht Clubs 2026 Lipton Cup Challenge when racing gets under way in Table Bay from Wednesday, 26 August, to Saturday, 29 August 2026.

Still a relatively young sailor, Georgou Divaris already has an impressive record, including representing South Africa internationally and winning the Finn National Championship in both 2025 and 2026. He also captured the 2026 ILCA 7 National Championship, making him the first sailor to hold both titles simultaneously.

Divaris will helm Knysna's J/22 Factorial, with legendary Lipton sailor Greg Davis as co-skipper and experienced campaigner Paul Allardice completing the crew.

The combination of Divaris's youth, boat speed and current form with Davis's extraordinary 14 Lipton victories makes Knysna a serious contender.

If Divaris can handle the pressure of Table Bay and combine his natural speed with Davis's tactical experience, Knysna could challenge for the Cup and Georgou Divaris could become one of South Africa's next great sailing talents.



Greg Davis (trimmer/co-skipper), Georgou (Yogi) Divaris (skipper), Leon van Niekerk (manager) and Paul Allardice (foredeck)

First Aid for Scouts

On 15 August, Scouts from around the Garden Route converged on The Island in Sedgefield to compete in the 5th Annual Outeniqua First Aid Competition. Eight teams from 1st Sedgefield, 1st Knysna, 1st Plettenberg Bay and 1st George competed for the coveted trophy.

The action began at Fish Eagle Green with the patrols having to complete a quiz before heading off to their starting base. With 12 bases spread across The Island from Fish Eagle Green to the Bowls club and back down to the 'big tree'.

First Aid is an incredibly important skill for the youngsters to have, and the Outeniqua First Aid competition is a great way for them to test their skills. This year Scouts South Africa partnered with the

NSRI to promote water safety as well as first aid and were fortunate enough to have the amazing volunteers from Station 23 spend the day and run a near drowning base. Other bases the scouts attended involved CPR, hot water burns, a broken arm, an axe wound to the leg, hypoglycaemic shock and many more.

After six hours of hiking around the Island and covering nearly 10km through the 12 bases, everyone met back at Fish Eagle Green for the closing ceremony and prizegiving. A huge thank you to all - the Scouters and parents who volunteered as



judges, and our junior Cubs who volunteered as patients. A special shout out to Addelyn for winning most dramatic patient. Finally thank you to the amazing volunteers from NSRI Station 23 for taking the time out of their busy schedules to help train the youth of the Garden Route.

Congratulations go to the 1st Sedgefield Orcas for retaining the trophy and bringing it home

for three year in a row, 2nd place went to the 1st Sedgefield Wolves and 3rd place to the 1st Knysna Louries.

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LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

Friday, 15 August 2026

This was an unusually warm day. Thirteen ladies played a game of six secret holes. Marina van der Westhuizen and Sylvia de Moor played in their knockout game, and Sylvia has gone through to the next round. Well done, Sylvia.

On returning to the club, the ladies were asked to throw darts to indicate the six secret holes. Shannon Nicol got a bull's-eye and was awarded a free drink. Daleen Schooling and Almarie Mead won the nearest the pin and Daleen was the only one who shot a birdie on 14.

Today's Results:

Winner of the day: Shannon Nicol with 13 points

2nd: Elize Mackenzie-Blom with 11 points

3rd was Sylvia de Moor on a count-out with Almarie Mead on 10 points.

Friday, 21 August 2026

What do 15 ladies and one beautiful Friday morning equal? A fabulous morning of golf at Sedge Links, of course!

And just to make things even more mathematical, the format for the day was Multiplication. Hmm ... sounds simple enough, right? Wrong! It was about as straightforward as trying to explain golf to someone who has never played it!

We played in 4-balls, with two teams of two, using Stableford points. Then came the clever bit: the scores of the two players in each team were multiplied together to produce the final



score.

So, if one player scored 3 points and her partner scored 2, the team ended up with a respectable 6 points.

But here is where the monster of this format appears...

One player could score 3 points on a hole, while her partner scored a big fat ZERO — and because multiplication has absolutely no sympathy, $3 \times 0 = \text{ZERO!}$

So, multiply that by trying to cope with the scorecard while also aiming for that little hole in the middle of the green, with the flagpole sticking out of it... and it was certainly not an easy task! But hey ho... we all love our Friday game, and at the end of the day, that is what really matters. It was a beautiful morning, the golf was played, the laughter flowed, and we had a fabulous group of ladies

enjoying each other's company. And really, what more could you ask for on a Friday morning?

Results for the day:

1st Place: Daleen Schooling and Marie Joubert (an amazing 72 points)

2nd Place: Almarie Mead and Marina van der Westhuizen (ghost) (58 points)

3rd Place: Marina van der Westhuizen and Clare Garner (47 points) c/o

4th Place: Linda Evans and Christine Coetzee (47 points)

Nearest the pins: Sylvia de Moor and Linda Evans

Birdies: Almarie Mead (hole 4) and Marina van der Westhuizen, who had a fantastical chip from the rough (hole 10)

Well played ladies.

TIDE TABLE

26 August -2026

• Full Moon 28 August 2026

Date:	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tides	Low Tides
Wed 26 Aug	6:54	18:06	2:42 15:03	8:39 21:00
Thur 27 Aug	6:53	18:07	3:58 16:20	9:57 22:25
Fri 28 Aug	6:52	18:08	3:13 15:31	9:07 21:29
Sat 29 Aug	6:50	18:08	4:12 16:27	10:04 22:27
Sun 30 Aug	6:49	18:09	4:43 16:57	10:33 22:59
Mon 31 Aug	6:48	18:10	5:15 17:30	11:04 23:33
Tue 01 Sept	6:47	18:10	5:50 18:06	- 11:38
Wed 02 Sept	6:45	18:11	6:29 18:48	0:11 12:16
Thur 03 Sept	6:44	18:12	7:17 19:41	0:56 13:04
Fri 04 Sept	6:43	18:12	8:23 20:58	1:58 14:18
Sat 05 Sept	6:41	18:13	10:07 22:53	3:36 16:24
Sun 06 Sept	6:40	18:14	- 12:00	5:30 18:14
Mon 07 Sept	6:39	18:14	0:33 13:12	6:47 19:21
Tue 08 Sept	6:37	18:15	1:36 14:02	7:40 20:09

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Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News



Lawn bowls in history: bowls isn't just ancient — it's practically fossilised fun!

You may think some of our members are getting on a bit, but there is evidence that the ancient Egyptians were bowling 5,000 years ago! Archaeologists have found stone balls in Egyptian tombs, suggesting that our favourite game was already being enjoyed long before the pyramids were built. Forget our manicured greens — the Egyptians bowled on sand! (I can almost hear a couple of our members sniggering at this, especially those who have played on C Green recently). One wonders whether Tutankhamun ever lined up a wickedly biased delivery to steal an end — and then had to buy his opponent a cold craft beer or two afterwards!

EDEN PRO 10

Of the SBC teams entered in this competition, Robin Gibbs and Dave Cant did extremely well in Saturday's round-robin stage but were unfortunately eliminated in Sunday's play-offs. Well done, gents!

EDEN LEAGUE 2026

This prestigious and, may I say, somewhat arduous competition gets underway on 29 August at venues throughout the Garden Route. We wish all the SBC

ladies' and men's trips and pairs teams safe travels, good bowling and, naturally, plenty of lucky wicks!

Mixed Pairs Tournament

Last Tuesday's semi-finals produced two epic battles. Debi Stanford and Wessie van der Westhuizen overcame Mike and Sue Crone, while Chris and Ronel Baker got the better of Arthur and Sheryl Owen.

And here's the really interesting bit: three of the four semi-finalist couples are married to each other! Clearly, in bowls as in marriage, the secret is knowing when to draw, when to drive — and, most importantly, when to keep quiet!

The final on 25 August sees the Bakers take on Debi and Wessie. It promises to be a humdinger!

Who will rule the roost in 2026?

The Ladies' and Men's Club Championships start on 29 September and run for five weeks. Even if you aren't playing, come along and watch a few games. You won't be disappointed!

SBC Drawn Mixed Trips

The draw takes place on Friday, 28 August. Get your names in!

Arookie stepped up to the green, His stance was uncertain and lean.

But his bowl kissed the jack, And the veteran called back: "Beginner's luck — or am I just a has-been?"

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