

IS SWARTVLEI FOR SALE?

Sedgefield's environmental watchdog, Save Our Sedgefield (S.O.S), is raising alarm bells on the matter of the potential sale of part of the Swartvlei Peninsula by Garden Route District Municipality and says it will now pursue formal legal remedies against the authority. This after a planned meeting with the Executive Mayor on the subject was cancelled at the last minute and the municipality declined to agree to a moratorium on the sale.

In a notice to its members dated 8 September, S.O.S Chair Niel de Villiers, said the meeting was meant to bring clarity to the sale of Portion 0 of Farm 185, which the organisation calls "the Swartvlei Beach Property". So when it was cancelled as some of

the officials are on sick leave, S.O.S immediately asked for the meeting to be rescheduled within two weeks, and demanded a decision by 2pm the same day on its request for a moratorium. S.O.S first called for a moratorium on 7 May 2026.

The request "That the GRDM undertakes not to take any steps towards the sale or disposal of Portion 0 of Farm 185, George, or R/E of Erf 1297, Wilderness, for a period of two months after either S.O.S. or the GRDM confirms in writing that the engagement between them on these matters has concluded." was not agreed to by the Mayor.

Adding further alarm to the situation, S.O.S says it cannot even confirm the property being

sold legally exists as described, as they have been unable to gain sight of the title deed, despite a GRDM undertaking to provide it. "What is being sold may not exist, but the GRDM believes it exists and is pressing ahead with its sale to the highest bidder." the chair advised members.

S.O.S also disputes whether the public ever had a fair chance to object. The committee had checked Die Burger's Suid-Kaap and Metropool editions for 1 to 3 June and "they contain no advertisement by the GRDM," Furthermore, the notice - which listed the property's location simply as "George" has not appeared in the Edge or the George Herald. Perhaps most damning, S.O.S says GRDM had already built the expected

proceeds of the sale into its finances before residents were consulted. "Council approved its Final Budget for 2026/2027 on 27 May, budgeting R25,276,000 in "Gains on Disposal of Fixed and Intangible Assets," S.O.S says this figure "appears to have been driven largely by the expected sale price of the Swartvlei Beach Property."

A council report tabled on 28 July confirmed 19 properties for sale, including Portion 0 of Farm 185 with an expected sale price of R15.9 million against a book value of R13 million, and Erf 1297 Kleinkrantz (R30 million expected, with negotiations to sell it to SANParks already underway). Council was told the sale would go through by the end of September 2026, though S.O.S notes this has been

delayed by "a dispute regarding the appointment of the auctioneer," reported to Council on 31 August.

In a nutshell, S.O.S says it believed, in good faith, that it had reached an understanding with GRDM at the 2 June meeting that there were no development plans for Swartvlei, Kleinkrantz or Buffelsbaai - only to learn, three months later, that a sale notice, a budget resolution and a council report had all proceeded in parallel without its knowledge.

"S.O.S. can no longer rely on the GRDM to act in the public interest on these matters... it is disposing of them without proper environmental assessment, without proper public engagement, and without honouring its undertakings to S.O.S."

The EDGE has approached GRDM for comment and will publish its response as soon as it is received.

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The cast and crew of the record-breaking Melodrama 2026 - happy to hear that three months of rehearsing has paid dividends for local charities.

Indeed, on the last night, the 'American Auction for encores' broke another record, raising a whopping R56 200!

This year's theme - Night of the Icons - featured music made famous by some of the most iconic performers of our time, taking audiences on a musical trip down Memory Lane that had them laughing out loud one minute and mesmerised the next. From your local doctor's Elvis impersonation, to a suspenderous presentation of Sweet Transvestite, to Queen's Fat Bottomed Girls (featuring the Lions' President as Pedro Mercury) - the successful recipe of using familiar faces in hilariously outlandish roles delivers every time.

This is the 17th year that this "by the community, for the community" fundraiser has been held - for the last few years with Margie Van Rensburg as producer, with the assistance of Directors Tania Bouwer, Nerina Kruger, James Vivier and Gutlinn Goncalves.

Proceeds after expenses are donated to NPO's and organisations in need, which directly assist the Sedgefield Community. And there's a reason the Melodrama is touted as Sedgefield's biggest charity event: last year's turnover was R319 879.00 of which R257 500.00 was donated back to community organisations after expenses.

"This year, we reduced our number of seats from ten per table to eight

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per table, as the Hall just became too full, so we knew right off the bat that our ticket sales income was going to be less than last year." said Margie.

But what she hadn't counted on was the absolute generosity of the Sedgefield Community when it came to bidding for their favourite songs. This so boosted the coffers over the six performances that the unofficial turnover for this year's show is sitting at R372 185.00.

"I am so incredibly proud of our 2026 achievement. We had several brand-new cast members, who despite never having performed before gave it their everything. I always say that participating in a Melodrama is life changing - you get to meet a whole new family you never knew existed. I have to offer special thanks to my Dream Team, my incredible Directors, Choreographer and Set Builder. We managed to create a stellar show for 2026," the producer beamed.

Notes from T'Ed's Head

As the countdown to my forty-twentieth birthday (some might say that's sixtieth, but this I will fight tooth and nail) continues mercilessly towards single-digit days, I am attempting to cheer myself up by deciding upon a birthday gift.

And believe it or not, I have chosen something quite different, and free.

Yes. It seems that the extended time I have spent on this good planet has at least given me the wisdom and courage to cast aside any need for physical, worldly goods that lesser mortals might crave for one of the biggest landmark birthdays of their lives.

Indeed, the single reward I am seeking for the three-score years I have managed to bless my family with my presence will not cost Mrs Ed a single cent, though it may involve her undertaking a fair amount of soul-searching.

Of course family members who have not yet reached this higher plain of selfless thinking may still insist on buying me something along the lines of the 2022 Honda CRF Africa Twin motorcycle with a 1,084 cc liquid-cooled 270° parallel-twin engine producing approximately 102 hp, with six-speed manual transmission and chain final drive (that's available on www.autotrader.co.za though they would have to move fast as it is a very popular motorcycle). I certainly would not be so rude and shallow as to deny them the pleasure of offering such a generous, though well-deserved gift, but it's not as if I am still coveting such earthly things.

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I'm not even telling anyone that I need a new hammock, as mine is suffering extreme wear and tear – I suspect Mrs Ed has been sneaking in naps on the mornings I am out doing tavern research – no, it really is a single gift that I am after ... one so simple yet totally complex ... if that makes any sense?

“So tell me what you want, what you really, really want!” you say, in a vague attempt to relive your Spice Girl days.

Well, thank you for your interest, dear reader.

What I would like to get is some sort of insight – even if it is just for a week or so – into Mrs Ed's mind, even if it's just a brief glimpse. Just some inkling as to how it works.

Is that too much to ask? For a VERY SPECIAL birthday?

I think not. But let me tell you where I'm heading with this (though heading anywhere would probably be so much nicer on that Honda CRF Africa Twin). After so many years in mortal wedlock (my goodness, it must be centuries, surely?), one would think that Mrs Ed and I would be on the same page. You know, in full understanding of one another. Speaking the same language. A team united. One voice. Of the same mind

Haha!

We're not. Nowhere near. And nary a day goes past when I'm not wondering how I end up getting the wrong end of the proverbial stick, so often. In fact, EVERY TIME. And normally jabbed in my ribs.

Surely it's not a brain so complex that it's totally inaccessible to a third party?

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I say third, because the second party, her sister, clearly has total access, without even the need of a password.

She and Mrs Ed can pretty much finish each other's sentences. Actually, that's definitely a mistruth. Let me rephrase that.

She and Mrs Ed COULD finish each other's sentences, IF EITHER OF THEM ACTUALLY MANAGED TO FINISH A SENTENCE!

Listening to the two of them talk, one can only behold in wonder the very nature of their every communication. How one mind could be in such absolute synchronicity with the other ... “Hey, do you remember that girl from ...” “School? The one with the ...” “Yes! Well, she's had to ...” “Not again? But didn't she ...” “That's what I was thinking. But according to her ...” “Hairdresser? The one who you ...” “Yes. With the crooked teeth and ...” “That silly dog that used to ...” “Exactly ... Anyway, she's taken off with ...” “NOOOO. Not the guy with ...” “YES!” “And that funny ...” “The very one! Apparently, it's been ...” “Months! Well, I always thought that ...” “Me too ... Fancy a ...” “Coffee? Of course ...”

I'm beginning to think the two of them share a brain ... which would make sense, considering Mrs Ed is clearly missing the bit of grey matter that would have let her know why it's dangerous to leave a basket of laundry or small pile of glossy magazines halfway down the stairs at night, when the lights have already been turned off.

But still, I stand in awe.

You have to understand, despite the many, many (many) years, I'm still at the lowest communication level. The one where Mrs Ed says “Fine” and I actually believe that things are ‘fine’, not that I'm set to face an hour of angry muttering, the slamming of multiple cupboard doors, and cups of afternoon tea suspiciously tasting like greywater.

At one stage I thought it might simply be a matter of practise – and that with a bit of extra effort I too

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would be totally in sync with the old reptile's mind.

So when she remarked, “Oh dear, it looks like our bedroom badly needs another ...” “Fridge?” I answered, hopefully. “COAT OF PAINT,” she hissed. I tried again days later, when, at a party, she frowned at her watch, saying, “My goodness, it's ten o'clock. We really should be ...” “Having another beer?” I chimed, joyfully.

That didn't go down well (well, not as well as the beer).

I think the day I had to admit defeat was her actual birthday. You see, as Mrs Ed is that much older (I'm not sure if it's weeks, months, years or centuries), she obviously had her sixtieth before me, and leading up to it I had (most generously, I thought) decided I should find out exactly what she wanted and get it for her. I was determined to get it right this time - I still bear the scars of her 30th, when she had asked for ‘something black and lacy to wear’, and I bought her a pair of Tommy tekkies from the Hospice shop.

“So, tell me what you want, what you really, really want?” I said, sticking with the Spice theme.

“Oh,” she answered, nonchalantly, even offering a sly

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smile, “Nothing ...”

Yet still, when her birthday arrived, and I gave her exactly that, well, it felt like I spent the rest of the day in the Ice Age, but with noise. The average cupboard slamming went up by 750%, the muttering measured 9.9 on the Richter Scale, and my afternoon tea smelled unnervingly similar to that of our overflowing conservancy tank.

How was I supposed to know that ‘Nothing’ actually meant ‘Something’ or, as my daughter resignedly pointed out later, ‘Anything, just not Nothing.’

But now, as I consider my birthday quest to be gifted with the understanding of such a complicated and contradictory mind, I can't help but wonder: am I reaching too high?

Will I ever find sense in a mind in which ‘Fine’ means ‘You'd better watch your back, boyo’? And ‘Nothing’, for your birthday, actually means the opposite...

Perhaps I AM asking for the impossible. Perhaps I should lower my expectations, and be satisfied with the worldly gift of the 2022 Honda CRF Africa Twin motorcycle with a 1,084-cc liquid-cooled 270° parallel-twin engine ...

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COUNCIL QUORUM FAILS & ACTING MUNI MANAGER DISPUTE HEADS TO COURT



The latest in Knysna Municipality's leadership crisis has been a series of failed special council meetings. This after councillors from the ANC, EFF, PBI and PA repeatedly stayed away from urgent sittings called by the Speaker to address the legal battle with Western Cape Local Government MEC Anton Bredell.

The sequence began after Bredell's office served notice on the Municipality, its Speaker and Acting Municipal Manager Boy Manqoba Ngubo that the MEC would not concur with Council's 7 August resolution extending Ngubo's appointment for three months. On receipt of that notice, Speaker Mark Willemse called an urgent special council meeting for 4pm on Monday, 31 August.

Only DA and KIM councillors attended. The ANC, EFF, PBI and PA members were absent without leave, none having tendered apologies. With no quorum, the meeting was postponed to 3 pm on Tuesday, 1 September. The same parties again failed to arrive, forcing another postponement. A third attempt - at 8 am on Wednesday, 2 September - met the same result, leaving Council unable to take any formal decision on how to respond to the MEC's position.

While the Municipal Systems Act and related legislation do not prescribe automatic criminal sanctions for councillors who miss meetings, repeated absence without approved leave carries real legal and political risk. Councillors can be disciplined by their own parties, face internal sanctions such as suspension from caucus or removal from committee chairs, and in extreme cases be recalled and replaced if they are deemed to have abandoned their mandate. Their absence also means they forfeit any say in decisions that may later be cited in court, including whether to rescind the Ngubo resolution or to pursue litigation against the MEC.

The substantive dispute remains unresolved. Council has now taken Bredell to court after his refusal to concur with Ngubo's extension, while the MEC's office has launched a counter-application seeking an order that Ngubo's employment contract is invalid. Until the High Court rules, Ngubo continues to be publicly identified as Acting Municipal Manager and to undertake official duties, even as the

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THE GARDEN ROUTE COULDN'T GET ANY BETTER...



Municipality's political leadership struggles to convene a quorate meeting to guide its legal strategy.

Dr Lulamile Mapholoba, the actual Municipal Manager, remains on precautionary suspension since 6 February - more than seven months out of office - with no public update on his disciplinary process.

Asked for an update, the Municipal Communications Department sent the following response:

There are a few matters relating to Mr Ngubo's position currently before the courts, and the Municipality will not comment on the merits of ongoing legal proceedings.

In the first matter, brought by Mr Ngubo himself, the review

proceedings are scheduled to be heard in October 2026. Mr Ngubo's current appointment remains valid pending the outcome of the proceedings.

The issue concerning the extension of Mr Ngubo's appointment is also pending before the court. The Municipality will respect the court process and await the outcome of the respective proceedings.

Unfortunately, we have no comment regarding Dr Mapholoba's suspension at this stage.

For ratepayers, the practical consequences are stark: key administrative decisions, including the recruitment of a permanent Chief Financial Officer and other senior appointments, remain in limbo while the Municipality's top office is contested in court and its Council cannot muster a quorum to take a clear political position.

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by Charl van der Merwe,
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Connected ecological landscapes link our forests, lagoons, wetlands, rivers, dune fynbos, coastal areas, and other habitats. These connections allow organisms, nutrients, water, and ecological processes to move across the landscape. Preserving and restoring connectivity protects biodiversity, sustains ecosystem services, and strengthens resilience to climate change, thereby also benefiting our well-being.

Also called habitat connectivity, green corridors link suitable areas through landscape features such as our rivers, wetlands, forests, man-made features such as our gardens, hedges, road verges, parks and open spaces, as well as created wildlife passages. These routes help animals reach feeding, breeding, and seasonal habitats while supporting the dispersal of seeds and pollen. Movement between populations improves access to resources, maintains genetic diversity, and enables re-colonisation after disturbances such as floods or fire.

Connectivity benefits species with different habitat and movement needs, including mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and pollinators. Connected landscapes support

more diverse and stable communities, reduce inbreeding, and improve adaptation to environmental change.

Connected habitats provide essential benefits to us. Forests and wetlands regulate water, reduce flooding, filter pollutants, replenish groundwater, store carbon, stabilise soil, as well as moderating temperatures. They also support pollination, pest control, fisheries, agriculture, recreation and cultural activities. Creating and linking protected areas allows these services and ecological processes to function across larger landscapes.

Connectivity helps species respond to changing temperatures, rainfall, sea levels, and seasons by allowing movement toward suitable conditions. It also supports recovery after droughts, storms, wildfires, and floods. For us in Sedgefield, our wetlands, floodplains, forests, coastal dunes and habitats provide natural protection from flooding, heat, erosion, and storms, reducing reliance on costly infrastructure.

Fragmentation divides continuous habitat into smaller, isolated patches. It reduces available habitat, increases exposure to heat, pollution, invasive species (with their concomitant negative impacts), and disturbance, and

leaves populations more vulnerable to extinction. Fragmentation can also disrupt migration, food webs, pollination, seed dispersal, and other ecological processes. Roads and infrastructure may kill wildlife and prevent movement.

Effective responses are proactive responses where the areas at risk of fragmentation are identified today, and actions are taken to address those risks. These actions could include wildlife crossings, riparian buffers, urban greenways, reforestation, corridor restoration and planning and identifying new corridors in collaboration with landowners.

Connected ecological landscapes are essential for biodiversity, ecosystem functioning, our well-being and potential tourism and research benefits. They support movement, genetic exchange, clean water, pollination control, carbon storage, flood regulation, and climate protection. Conservation should therefore extend beyond individual reserves by protecting existing connections and restoring damaged corridors across entire landscapes.

Landowners and developers should take these benefits into account, and integrate connectivity into planning and support long-term stewardship. By maintaining connected landscapes, we can strengthen ecological resilience while safeguarding essential services for Sedgefield and future generations.

SA NATIONAL PARKS WEEK 7 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Garden Route National Park is ready to welcome visitors during the 21st South African National Parks Week, taking place from 7 to 13 September 2026.

South African citizens can explore the Garden Route National Park's Wilderness, Knysna and Tsitsikamma sections free of conservation entry fees from 07 to 13 September 2026. Visitors 18 years and older must present a valid South African ID, while those younger than 18 are required to provide identification in the form of valid birth certificates.

The free-entry initiative applies to conservation fees only and excludes accommodation and activities, which remain subject to applicable fees. Selected special offers will, however, be available during SA National Parks Week.

Visitors to the Tsitsikamma Section can discover the iconic newly refurbished Storms River Mouth Suspension Bridge, explore the indigenous forest surrounding the Big Tree, and/or hike the Waterfall hiking trail. Untouched Adventures is offering a 10% discount for the Kayak and Lilo activity during

SA National Parks Week. The Stormsriver Adventures is offering a 20% discount for the Zipline activity. To qualify for the Zipline discount, you need to produce a proof of entry to the national park.

In the Knysna Section, visitors can learn more about the endangered Knysna seahorse at the SANParks Thesen Island Office, enjoy a self-guided stroll through the Garden of Eden, or step back in time at the Forest Legends Museum and explore its elephant room. Visitors can also enjoy the spectacular forest and fynbos landscapes and have a picnic at Kranshoek Viewpoint. For those seeking adventure, Knysna Ziplines, located at the SANParks Kranshoek Picnic Site, will offer visitors a 50% discount on the ziplining experience during

SA National Parks Week. The Wilderness Section offers visitors the opportunity to canoe along the Touw River towards Wilderness Beach or follow the Kingfisher Trail to the waterfall. As a special offer, six canoes per day will be available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors can also explore the historic mining trails and natural pools of Jubilee Creek, as well as visit the Dalene Mathee Big Tree and Memorial at Krisjan-se-Nek Picnic Site.

The Garden Route National Park encourages all school groups, youth, families, and senior citizens to take advantage of the week to reconnect with nature and experience the biodiversity, landscapes and heritage protected within the Garden Route National Park.



#DontBeTrashy

CapeNature in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning is calling on communities, schools, businesses and visitors across the Western Cape to take part in the annual #DontBeTrashy Drive, running from 1 - 30 September 2026.

The month-long campaign aims to reduce waste, protect biodiversity and raise public awareness about the growing impact of pollution on the Province's land, rivers, wetlands, estuaries and coastal environments. These ecosystems are essential for supporting a variety of species, tourism, recreation, livelihoods and community wellbeing, yet they continue to face increasing pressure from litter, illegal dumping, plastic pollution, wastewater contamination and discarded fishing gear.

Waste discarded in the environment does not stay where it is left. Carried by wind, stormwater and rivers – litter often ends up in wetlands, estuaries and the ocean, where it harms wildlife, damages habitats and contributes to the growing problem of microplastic pollution. Lost fishing gear and wastewater pollution also pose serious threats to both marine ecosystems and community health.

“The #DontBeTrashy Drive is about inspiring lasting behavioural change. Every item of waste that is reduced, reused or recycled is one less item that can pollute our land and marine-based environment. Protecting the Western Cape's unique biodiversity begins with the small choices we make every day,” said Dr Ashley Naidoo, CEO of CapeNature.

Throughout September, the campaign will feature:

- School outreach for Grade

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- Captain Fanplastic activities and revised waste education programmes
- LoveNature waste series videos
- Public clean-up activities with partners
- Social media education and radio interviews
- Distribution of educational collateral

The public is encouraged to take simple but meaningful actions, including reducing single-use plastics, disposing of waste responsibly, preventing litter from entering stormwater systems, reporting illegal dumping, supporting community clean-up initiatives and sharing environmental awareness messages within their communities.

By engaging learners, and working together with educators and partners, we aim to develop shared responsibility for a sustainable and healthy environment from an early age. Long-term conservation success depends on not only removing waste already in the environment, but also on changing the behaviours that allow waste and pollution to reach natural areas in the first place.

“Our land, rivers, wetlands and coastal environments connect people, biodiversity and livelihoods. Through campaigns like the #DontBeTrashy Drive, we want to empower communities with the knowledge and practical actions needed to prevent pollution and create cleaner, healthier natural spaces for future generations,” added Carmen van Uys from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Coastal Management.

Ruben Hazelzet, Creative Director of Soapbox South Africa said: “Clean-ups are vital, but we will never sweep our way out of the ocean plastic crisis. True conservation starts upstream by transforming how our youth value and interact with waste before it ever reaches our rivers and coasts. By distributing The Legend of Captain Fanplastic comic books and teacher guides into classrooms, we are equipping the next generation with early environmental literacy and embedding circular thinking into the curriculum—stopping plastic pollution directly at its source.”

We invite schools, community organisations, local businesses, municipalities, conservation partners and members of the public to support the 2026 #DontBeTrashy Drive by participating in awareness activities and clean-ups during September, while embracing waste-wise practices throughout the year.

POP UP INDIGENOUS PLANT SALE



The Sedgefield Island Conservancy has teamed up with In Toto Retreat to host a pop-up indigenous plant sale to celebrate the start of spring.

The sale will take place this coming weekend, on 12 and 13 September from 10h00-14h00, and follows on from a successful indigenous plant sale that was held last year. Locals are invited to learn about, and purchase, a wide range of indigenous plants that have been sourced from four nurseries in the Garden Route. These include the Garden Route Botanical Gardens in George, Sugarbush Nursery in Langvlei Dunes, Proteus Nursery in Rondevlei and the Garden Root Nursery in Sedgefield.

The pop-up nursery coincides with the annual campaign by the conservancy to promote the planting of indigenous plants in private gardens, on street

verges and in public spaces. Including indigenous plants supports local biodiversity, creates water-wise gardens and can help control invasive plants. Gardens containing indigenous plants also support healthy ecosystems by providing specific food and shelter for local wildlife and pollinators.

By organising this event, the Sedgefield Island Conservancy committee hopes to make it

easier for residents of Sedgefield to source and plant indigenous plants in their gardens. An added feature of this event is an informative talk by Christian Viljoen, the curator of the Garden Route Botanical Gardens on Sunday afternoon at 13h00. Christian will talk about planting gardens with indigenous plants that attract birds and butterflies. Maré Collet from Sugarbush Nursery will be at In Toto Retreat on both days to answer any questions about gardening with indigenous plants.

When: 10h00-14h00 on Saturday 12 September and Sunday 13 September Where: In Toto Retreat, 55 Jan van Riebeeck street, The Island, Sedgefield for more information contact Lawrence Boatwright on 083 376 7846 or Helia van Zyl on 082 332 2206. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to plant more indigenous plants in your own backyard!

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On 27 August a mosaic artwork was unveiled at the entrance to Cycleworx in a tribute to Eugene Roux who passed away on 14 September 2025. Eugene was a much-loved Sedgefield local, known for his quick wit, kindness, and his tireless work in the cycling community. He died of heart complications in the Northern Cape during an out-ride with a friend.

His immediate family Stephanie, Haegyn, and Bronwyn, were at last week's mosaic unveiling along with members of their extended family, and some of Eugene's large circle of cycling friends.

Stephanie and her family had just returned from Namibia, where they had laid a stone in Eugene's memory.

Eugene Fichardt paid tribute to his cycling friend who he lost so unexpectedly.

"Many will have known Eugene from his years as the owner of Sedgefield Cycleworx, but he was so much more in so many people's lives. It is a real privilege to be able to unveil a memorial to Eugene right here at CYCLEWORX in the heart of the Garden Route, where he spent so much of his time building the cycling community over the last 24 years."

He thanked all who had helped make the tribute so special: Jacky and mosaicist Hyla of Masithandane, Johan Heunis from Sedge Steelworks, who framed and mounted the mosaic, and all the cyclists who generously contributed, including the late Peter Birkett.

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DIARY DATELINE

Weekly

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

Every Monday

1:30pm Duplicate Bridge at Catholic Church hall. Enquiries (Whatsapp) to Toni 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.
4-8pm Mosaic Supper Market

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 Jukseki Group at Sedge Bowling Club. All welcome. Aniel 072 600 0722

Fridays

8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays

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

Saturday

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

Sunday 13 September

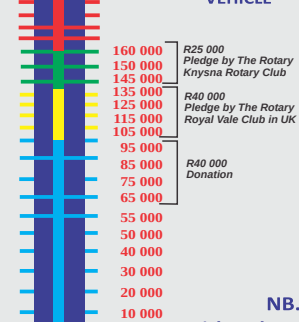
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Dear Editor,

I just wanted to say thank you for including the article in the Edge newspaper about the rules for walking dogs on the beach and reminding people in Sedgefield to be responsible.

I have two dogs and I walk them on the beach regularly. When I am there, I often see people not following the rules, like not cleaning up after their dogs or not keeping them under control. I think it is important to remind people about the rules because the beach is for everyone and we should all help keep it clean and safe.

Thanks again for putting this in the newspaper and reminding people about being responsible with their dogs.

Kind regards

Henk

(Grade 8 Seabridge School Sedgefield)

TANKS FOR THE ART

The Sedgefield Bowling Club members will surely be offering a huge vote of 'Tanks' to Gill Thomas and artist Daniel Hepburn for turning water storage into art!

Over the last few weeks the three, standard 5000 litre Jo-Jos have been transformed from standard plain green jobs to stunning depictions of one of South Africa's most beautiful indigenous creatures - the sunbird. And what a great job he has done too.

"Having seen samples of his work,

LET'S TALK SEAHORSES

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Contact Hélia on 082 332 2206 for more details

Booking essential

SEDGEMEER PARK HOME FOR THE AGED NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Notice is hereby given that Sedgemoor Park's AGM will be held on Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 2pm in the dining room. Minutes of the meeting will be made available to interested parties on request.

came for a holiday, and never went back," he told us.

The young artist hopes to make a living in the area through his business Hepique Concepts, transforming JoJo tanks and shipping containers into artworks, as well as doing standard wall murals, glass etching and sign-writing. Daniel may be contacted via email hepiqueconcepts@gmail.com



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Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 28(3) of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), that the Knysna Municipal Council during a Special Council meeting held on 25 August 2026 considered and approved the tabled 2026/2027 IDP/ PMS and MTREF Time-schedule.

The approval of the Time-Schedule was in accordance with Sections 21(1)(b) and 53(1)(b) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Act 56 of 2003. The Time-Schedule outlines particulars and key deadlines of the process that informs the drafting of its 2026/2027 Amended IDP and Multi-Year Budget for the 2027/ 2028 - 2028/2029 financial year.

The Knysna Municipal Council furthermore also resolved that the community/public of the Knysna municipal area be afforded an opportunity to provide inputs and comments on the approved IDP/ PMS/IGR and Multi-Year Budget Time-Schedule prior to the implementation thereof.

In accordance with the resolution of Council, the community/public/ stakeholders are invited to provide written inputs/comments on the approved IDP/PMS and Budget Time-Schedule up and until **Friday, 30 October 2026.**

The Time-Schedule with key deadlines is available on the Municipal Website www.knysna.gov.za.

ALL COMMENTS AND INPUTS MUST BE DIRECTED TO lpetuna@knysna.gov.za OR ALTERNATIVELY TO THE IDP/PMS/IGR OFFICE AT THE MUNICIPAL MAIN OFFICE IN CLYDE STREET FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR LINDILE PETUNA.

Persons, whom are unable to read or write, may contact the IDP/ PMS/IGR and Budget Office or the nearest Municipal Office, during normal office

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Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 28 (3) van die Plaaslike Regering Munisipale Stelsels Wet, 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) rakende die goedkeuring van die 2026/2027 Tydskedule ter voorbereiding van die 2027/2028 GOP/PBS en 2027/2028- 2028/2029 Medium-Termyn-Inkomste-en-Uitgawe Raamwerk (MTIUR). Hierdie Tydskedule was ter tafel gelê en goedgekeur op 25 Augustus 2026 deur die Knysna Munisipaleraad tydens 'n Spasiaal Raadsvergadering.

Die goedgekeurde Tydskedule was saamgestel ingevolge Artikel 21(1) (b) en 53 (1)(b) van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Finansiële Bestuurswet, 2003 (Wet 56 van 2003). Die Tydskedule sit uiteen die besonderhede en sperdatums met betrekking tot die formulering en goedkeuring van die Aangepaste GOP/PBS en MTIUR.

Die Knysna Munisipaleraad het dan verder ook ooreengekom dat die Tydskedule geadverteer word om sodoende die gemeenskap/publiek/ belanghebbendes 'n geleendheid te gun om kommentaar daarop te kan lewer. Die sperdatum vir alle kommentaar is **Vrydag, 30 Oktober 2026.**

Die goedgekeurde Tydskedule wat insluit die amptelike spertye sal beskikbaar wees vir nadere besigtiging en kommentaar op Knysna Munisipaliteit se webtuiste by www.knysna.gov.za.

ALLE KOMMENTAAR MET BETREKKING TOT DIE TYDSKEDULE KAN GERIG WORD AAN lpetuna@knysna.gov.za OF ALTERNATIEWELIK AAN DIE GOP/PBS/IRV KANTOOR OF BEGROTINGSKANTOOR TE CLYDESTRAAT VIR DIE AANDAG VAN MNR LINDILE PETUNA.

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NB. Classified adverts for the next issue need to be in by Monday 21st September 2026. Emailed classies will not be placed without payment

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PHYLLIS KUHN
Identity Number 400811 0054 086

Date of Birth: 1940-08-11;
Date of Death: 2026-01-16
Last known address:
Masithandane HUG Centre, 9
Kalossie Street, Sedgfield 6573
Master's Office: **CAPE TOWN**
ESTATE NUMBER: 018263/2026

All persons having claims against the above-mentioned estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days after the date of publication hereof.

Name of Executor: **RUSSELL LANCE KUHN c/o KNOETZE ATTORNEYS**, Shop 2, The House, Mosaic Village, Sedgfield, 6573
Advertiser Name: **CHIMONE KNOETZE**, chimone@knoetze-law.co.za 083 395 9632

KNOETZE ATTORNEYS
ESTATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of the Late:
TERESA RITA FANTOZZI
Identity Number 310218 0008 089

Date of Birth: 1931-02-18;
Date of Death: 2026-03-13
Last known address: Berg-n-See Retirement Resort, 13 Main Service Road, Sedgfield 6573
Master's Office: **CAPE TOWN**
ESTATE NUMBER: 017133/2026

All persons having claims against the above-mentioned estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days after the date of publication hereof.

Name of Executor: **GIOVANNI CARLO FANTOZZI c/o KNOETZE ATTORNEYS**, Shop 2, The House, Mosaic Village, Sedgfield, 6573
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By Melanie Baumeister

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plants have achieved an impressive record of success at shows around the country, including Best on Show, People's Favourite and other major awards.

That winning tradition continues.

Just two weeks ago, at the Garden Route Clivia Club show held on Saturday the 15th at Rheebook Community Hall, more than 85 plants competed for the coveted Best on Show title, while members of the public were invited to vote for their favourite.

Both trophies went home with Utopia Clivias.

Carrie's winning plants once again demonstrated the extraordinary quality and diversity for which Utopia has become renowned — and provide visitors with even more reason to see these remarkable blooms for themselves.

The Annual Open Days are not simply about admiring flowers.

Visitors can learn about clivia cultivation, breeding and propagation, chat to knowledgeable members of the Utopia team and discover some of the rare and unusual plants that make the collection so special.

There is also the opportunity to purchase clivias, from mature plants to offsets, and take home your own piece of Utopia, with expert advice available to help you choose and care for your new plant.

And no leisurely garden outing would be complete without something delicious. Chef Jade's Coffee Shop will be serving freshly brewed coffee, teas and artisanal bakes — the perfect excuse to pause, relax and soak up the atmosphere.

Visitors have described Utopia as "an absolutely magical wonderland of clivias" and "an inspirational place". For Garden Route travellers, it offers a memorable experience that



combines horticultural excellence, natural beauty and genuine South African passion.

Plan your visit, bring your family

and friends, and prepare to be amazed.

Utopia Clivias — where the magic happens

Taking Sedgefield to America

Help our golden girl get to New York

Born and bred Sedgefield resident Arancha Fortuin (26) is proving that giant leaps can start in small coastal towns.

The local au pair and community volunteer recently struck gold at the *Alive Life Show Your Talent*

competition, winning gold in the *Senior Vocal* category. This achievement has earned her a spot to represent South Africa on the global stage at the Talent America and Pageant America competitions in New York City



next June.

While many locals recognise Arancha's beautiful voice from local karaoke nights and have perhaps seen her in the Sedgefield Melodramas, her journey to the big stage has been driven by a quiet, humble perseverance.

"I loved singing from a very young age, but I was incredibly shy," Arancha shares, "I hid in the crowds of high school and church

choirs because I wasn't ready to stand alone." But over the last two years, she started pushing herself to sing at small local events, growing in confidence and building towards the dream of sharing her gift.

The life-changing turning point came thanks to local mentor Karen Kretschmer. "Karen got me to enter the competition, and jokingly told me I couldn't just be the 'karaoke queen' forever," Arancha smiles. "I took the chance, and I am so glad I did."

Arancha's independent spirit stretches far beyond music. She has always focused on working hard, figuring things out for herself, and giving back to the area she calls home. When she isn't working as an au pair, she spends her time volunteering at one of Sedgefield's retirement homes to complete her hours to become a professional carer. She is also currently preparing to perform at the upcoming 'Battle of the Buskers' charity event.

Now, she faces a major financial

hurdle to cover the upcoming flight, accommodation, and competition deadlines for the June tour. An official BackaBuddy crowd funding page has been launched to help make the trip possible.

Locals looking to back her journey can support her upcoming BackaBuddy campaign or catch her performing at the next local charity buskers event.

www.backabuddy.co.za/campaign/arancha-fortuin

MASITHANDANE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKER

Masithandane, a Community NGO based in Sedgefield, is looking to recruit a Child and Youth Care Worker or trainee. Candidate would need Matric or an NQF level 4 Qualification in working with children.

Scope of work / Requirements:

- Working with vulnerable and less fortunate children and families in the Community, including home visits and a safe park programme in the afternoons.
- Have a love of children and helping people.
- Good time management, organisational skills and accountability
- Language requirements— English and or Afrikaans or isiXhosa.
- Applicants should have strong family and other support systems to allow flexible work including weekends and public holidays when necessary.
- Available to start immediately.

Please send the following to Masithandane.mgr@gmail.com or drop off at Masithandane Wellness Centre, Milkwood Road, Sedgefield for attention Moray Swanepoel

- A covering / motivation letter
- CV including 2 character references
- Copy of Matric or NQF level 4 or other qualifications

If contacted for an interview you will need to bring

- Certified copy of your ID
- Certified copy of your qualifications
- Declaration that you have no criminal convictions

The closing date is September 21st 2026. Should you have not heard from us by 1 October 21026 please consider your application unsuccessful.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IDP & BUDGET PARTICIPATION

GREATER KNYSNA MUNICIPAL AREA

2027/2028 IDP: Submit Your Ward's Top Priorities

The community of the Greater Knysna Municipal Area is invited to take part in the IDP/Budget process in preparation for the 2027/2028 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) — part of the new 5-Year Integrated Development Plan for the 2026–2031 Council term

The IDP is the principal strategic planning instrument of Knysna Municipality and forms the basis of the municipal budgeting process. In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, and the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, the Municipality is legally required to create the opportunity for communities and community-based organisations to participate in preparing, reviewing and adopting its IDP and Budget. Your comments matter: they ensure that community needs are identified, prioritised and addressed in an integrated and sustainable manner, and they hold the Municipality accountable for how public resources are planned and spent over the next five years.

Please note: no public community meetings will be held for this process. All comments and priorities must be submitted in writing through the submission process below.

TELL US YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Your ward's top priorities

What matterst in YOUR ward — infrastructure, services, safety, economic development and more.

Any other priority

Any additional issue you believe the Municipality should address over the next five years.

WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR INPUT

Boxes and forms have been placed to complete with community needs and priorities at the venues below, or submit online via the form on www.knysna.gov.za:

Ward	Venue	Ward	Venue
1	Smutsville Community Hall	7	Khayaletu Library
2	Sedgefield Town Hall	8	Masifunde Library & Housing Office
3	Chris Hani Hall	9	Leisure Island Library
4	Cllr Office next to Chris Nissen	10	Council Chambers
5	Rheenendal Community Hall & Library	11	Hornlee Community Hall
6	Hornlee Community Hall		

Online — comments can also be submitted via the form on www.knysna.gov.za, or forwarded by email to lpetuna@knysna.gov.za, snelo@knysna.gov.za or knysna@knysna.gov.za

*Please note that the venues are subject to change.

COMMENTING PERIOD

14 September 2026 – 23 October 2026

Enquiries: Mr. Lindile Petuna, Acting Manager: IDP/PMS/IGR

Email: lpetuna@knysna.gov.za • Tel: 044-302 6580

MR BOY MANQOBA NGUBO

Acting Municipal Manager

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CARRYING THE INVISIBLE BURDEN OF EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE

The inseparable realities of everyday life and mental well being

A person may seem outwardly 'okay' as they go about their daily life, yet others may never know the emotional pain and invisible burden of past experiences weighing heavily on them.

"We all carry emotional experiences, beliefs and unresolved difficulties from the past, and these can continue to affect the way we feel, think and relate to others in the present," says Kgothatso Chilwane, a psychologist practising at Netcare Akeso Kenilworth.

"Emotional or psychological baggage can involve unresolved grief, trauma, guilt, shame, rejection, disappointment, loss or painful experiences from past relationships or family environments. Traumatic experiences can live with us long afterwards, but this weight doesn't have to define our future, and we don't have to bear these burdens alone," he says.

When painful experiences are not dealt with and continue to weigh a person down, over time, this can affect a person's self-esteem, relationships or ability to cope with everyday challenges. Facing difficult emotions without being able to process or express them can begin to affect functioning and wellbeing, especially when these feelings are prolonged or unbearable.

Chilwane points out that our emotional resources can be heavily strained by circumstances including financial hardship, family responsibilities, relationship conflict, academic stress, job insecurity, loss and other stressful experiences. "Carrying overwhelming or chronic stress, day after day, can lead to anxiety, low mood, irritability, sleep problems, poor concentration and feelings of hopelessness that can be hard to bear," he says.

"People who have been through traumatic experiences may feel anxious, sad, angry, more fearful or vigilant than before. For many, these reactions tend to become less intense over time, but for some, the effects may linger and start to disrupt their relationships, work, and daily functioning.

"Mental wellbeing is not separate from the realities of everyday life. Awareness of what we're carrying can be an important first step in understanding ourselves, and seeking appropriate help when needed."

Life stressors can contribute to emotional distress and increase a

person's vulnerability to suicidal behaviour at times. However, Chilwane explains that it's overly simplistic to suggest that a mental health crisis can be attributed to a single event.

It's often asked 'why' someone becomes clinically depressed or what motivates a person to take their own life, but in reality, this question cannot be reduced to any one factor or set of circumstances when mental health is so complex.

"It's not always easy to know when someone is struggling with their mental health. People respond differently to similar situations, and things like social support, past experiences, coping skills, and access to resources can affect how we navigate tough times," says Chilwane, "Supportive relationships, healthy coping mechanisms, and appropriate professional care can be helpful for coping with the effects of whatever burdens a person may be carrying. There doesn't need to be a crisis for someone to seek professional support."

"If you feel overwhelmed or your burdens start to impact your daily life, relationships, work,

studies or your ability to take care of yourself, it may be helpful to talk to a mental health professional. Through developing emotional awareness and coping mechanisms, psychotherapy can assist with managing difficult emotions and their impact on us overall," he explains.

"The simple act of asking our loved ones, friends and colleagues how they are really doing can be hugely meaningful for someone who is feeling isolated and unsure about how to show they need help. In some cases, it may even be lifesaving."

Continued next edition

Total Foot Care
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SAMURAI

SUDOKU

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Face-to-face Meeting
Monday 6 pm
Catholic Church, Sedgefield
Flamingo Street gate entrance



Newcomers Welcome!
for more info call
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MATWORK
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Did you know?

MASITHANDANE
Care and Respite Centre

If you are having surgery and need 24/7 care for a period thereafter, Masithandane Care and Respite Centre is a registered Private Health Care Establishment with the Department of Health (Certificate 349). The Care and Respite Centre, also fondly known as HUG (House under Grace/Huis uit Genade), will allow you to recover closer to home, family and friends

For more information please call or WhatsApp
Sr Brigid 0835002425

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MASITHANDANE

With thanksgiving we are celebrating



20 YEARS OF SERVICE

On Wednesday 23 September 2026 we will be hosting an open day with guided tours, fun activities, exhibitions, a short video spanning the 20 years and refreshments.

You are invited.

RSVP by 19 Sept. to 0824142133. Please send your name and indicate the time you will be joining us - either at 10am or 12 noon.
All are also welcome to join our Thanksgiving Service at 9:15 am

CHURCH SERVICES

Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk
Cearn Saal, Leisure Isle, Knysna
10am Service
Christo Matthee 083 769 9313

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

Anglican Chapelry of St. Aidan's,
Wilderness
Peter Mundell 060 985 9113
or Paul McMillan 083 273 2601

Church of Christ
Lynn van der Walt.
Tel: 076 068 2900

Church of the Resurrection
Service 9.30am
Petronella Buis 084 252 1698

Church Without Walls (WOW)
Red Shed, Scarab Market
Sunday 9.30am
Schalk van As - 082 413 8363
(Please bring a chair)

Deo Gloria
Past Danie & Karin de Bruyn
044 343 1301 or 084 714 7023

Elohim gemeente
Kerkkantoor: 082 896 6387
Pastoor: Hansie Strydom

Knysna Presbyterian Church
Office 044 382 7722
Rev Tim Hawkridge
083 324 3562

Lakeside Baptist Church
Sunday 9am
3 Duiwe Laan
Pastor J D - 066 160 7029

Ned. Hervormde Kerk Sedgefield/Knysna
Erediens Sondag 11vm
Goukamma Kerk gebou by Riverdeck
Buffelsbaai pad.
Dr Wim Dreyer - 082 859 6876

THESE ARE THE CHURCH
DETAILS WE HAVE ON FILE.
PLEASE SEND UPDATED
DETAILS. THERE IS LIMITED
SPACE SO PLEASE ONLY LIST
THE TIME AND CONTACT No.

New Apostolic Church
Enq: Anthony Davis - 083 641 5027

NG Kerk Sedgefield: 08.45am
Karatara: 10.30am
Ds. Marius Coetzee 079 873 3832
Kerkkantoor (044) 343 2033

NG Kerk Die Vleie, Hoekwil
Ds. Dawie le Roux 084 532 9958
Kantoor : 078 965 3651

Pinkster Protestantse Kerk
Ouderling Jakobus Grootboom
078 158 2042
Chris Solomons 071 617 5630

Sedgefield Christian Church
Sunday services @ 09h00
Kairos Jnr & Snr Youth SAT 6pm-8pm
Pastor Juan & Tammy Pienaar
081 749 2534
info@sedgefieldchurch.co.za

Sedgefield Seventh-day
Adventist Church
Ph 081 270 7212

St Anthony's Catholic Church
Cnr Sysie / Flamingo Streets
Find us on FB Debbie - 083 242 2808

St Francis United Church
Sunday - 9am - Family Service
Every 1st Sunday -
9am - Communion Service
Cnr Swallow Drive / Pelican Lane
All welcome! 044 343 1702
Rev Graeme Mercer 082 926 3798
office@stfrancissedgefield.co.za

Suid-Kaap Christen Familie
Pastor: Leon & Elmarie Terblanche
081 271 1551.
Assist Pastor: André & Soné Rossouw
072 341 7099

Wilderness Christian Fellowship
Pastor: Steve Grewar
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SUIT UP FOR THE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Starting at The Cave Motorcycles in Sedgefield, riding to Karatara and returning to the Sedgefield Bowling Club, where the Bar will be Open and Boerie Rolls will be on sale, this will be followed by a talk by Andrew Oberholtzer CEO Prostate Cancer Foundation

20th September 2026
Sunday 10am
R50.00 Donation
For more info call Gary +27 83 635 2726

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

September is prostate cancer awareness month.

As part of this awareness campaign, two fun events are planned for Sedgefield: A motor cycle ride followed by a late boerie breakfast and talk at the Sedgefield Bowls Club on 20 September, and a suit up barefoot bowls and cocktail event at the Sedgefield Bowls Club 20 November.

Prostate cancer is now the most

common cancer in South Africa, with more men presenting with prostate cancer than women with breast cancer.

Early detection makes the treatment of the disease easier to treat. Detected too late, the chances of survival drop dramatically. A simple annual blood test should be mandatory for all men 40 years and above.

MEN Get your blood test done NOW!

SEDFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

Monday 24 August 2026
1st Irene & Linda 58,33%;
2nd Keiran & Terry 55, 21%;
3rd Suzette & Mary 54,17 %.

Monday 31 August 2026
1st Team of 4 was Ina & Johannes plus Keiran & Terry on 54%

SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB

Thursday 27 August 2026
1st. Keiran & Terry 70.0%
2nd. Carol & Ina 55.0%
3rd. Brian & Clive 51.2%

Thursday 3 September 2026
1st. Shirley & Gail P 70.0%
2nd. Terry & Keiran 67.5%
3rd. Karen & Gail F 54.6%

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted –
Simonsig Pick of the Bunch
Pinotage 2023

The bottle has an attractive, traditional front label. The back label offers a short description of the cellar's history, as well as some tasting notes. Abv. 13.5. It is a vegan friendly wine.

In the glass, the wine has a deep ripe plum colour, with quite a few visible legs.

On the nose, aromas of plums, fresh cherries, mulberries and good quality liquorice, come to the front.

It is a well balanced pinotage, which covers the whole tongue, like a warm blanket.

The flavours of plums, cherries and cinnamon bark carry through to a long mouth feel.

Inhale Courage
Exhale Fear
Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer

Please support our cupcake sale on Saturday, 19 September 10 am till 12 midday at Engen 1plus Sedgefield.

The cupcakes have been baked by our Sedgefield community and all proceeds will go to Cupcakes of Hope to assist families who find themselves facing the fight of childhood cancer.

A Sedgefield Lions and Leos project.

LEO LIONS INTERNATIONAL

3 Acts 1 Title

And The Riddle, Lotus Blom Tracey & Lindie, Arancha Fortuin

The BATTLE of the BUSKERS

At Sedgefield Lions Club on
Thursday 24 September, battle commences 12 midday

Licensed venue - food and refreshments on sale plus other stall-holders selling their wares!

Table bookings for under the marquee R80pp

Tickets available from 5 September at Wool n Things or online (Scan the Qr Code)

Picnickers R50pp (children under 12 free). (Please bring your own chairs/umbrellas).

Pick n Pay SEDGEFIELD



In the background, the taste of dried apricots were also experienced. During winter time, take a good book and enjoy a glass of this pinotage in front of the fireplace. The price range is R180 – R200.

In Vino Veritas till next time.

SEDFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Cupckes 4 Kids with Cancer
- 22 Seahorse Talk
- 24 Lions Battle of the Bands
- 24 Forest Planting Day

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)

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

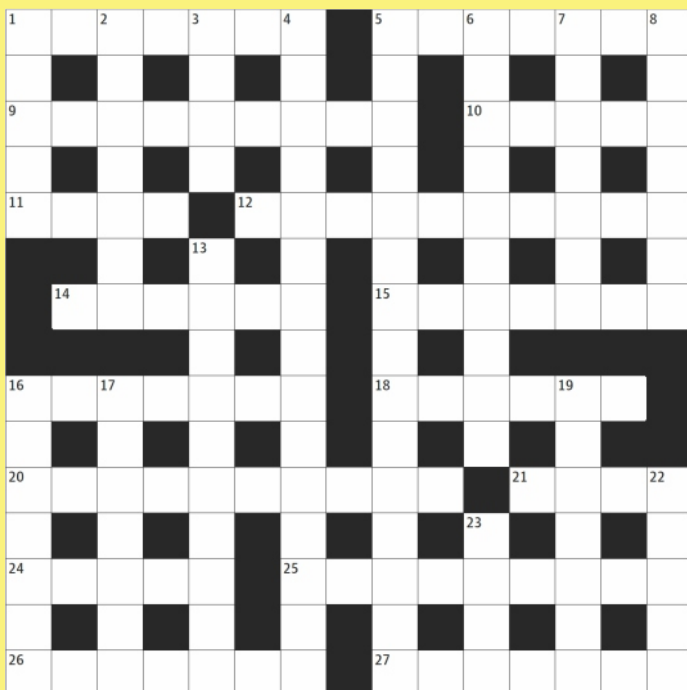
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

- Sounds like these guys know about future earnings. (7)
- Was your previous wife enough for egg reduction? (7)
- Does the teapot pour rich enough contents for a fragrant collective? (9)
- Carried the composer around with an occupational therapist. (5)
- Observe the descriptive start of an idea. (4)
- Sizeable sibling will keep an eye on you. (3,7)
- Where bullets of a certain calibre echo in the barrel. (6)
- About the first shot of the substitute. (7)
- Some fancy press officer might initiate shady response. (7)
- If here, perhaps she might eventually calf? (6)
- Might US manpower include comical female fighter? (10)
- Those assisting with first class personal cards. (4)
- Some grow lettuce for the young raptor. (5)
- Part of the play's front page? (5,4)
- One cycles the streets or walks in Sedgefield? (7)
- Bit of the play involving obstetrics is just not watchable. (7)

Down

- Bag them for music, though they might be exhausted. (5)
- It's mostly about wearing something that will last longer. (7)
- Ronald personally mentioned his club. (4)
- One who speaks candidly



about the heterosexual marksman? (8,7)
5. Show annual military manoeuvre making for a permanent salute to capital. (9,6)
6. The act of writing this may have made one disjointed. (10)
7. A hole for the singer? One throws water in it. (7)
8. At the finish, the headless mount one I would recommend. (7)
13. Bad mix of beer crated

outside, one thought. (10)
16. The cars parked around the broken stop sign had such little wheels. (7)
17. Sounds like you are in a tree, feeling loved all round. (7)
19. That's the perfect pie recipe - or so I think. (7)
22. Material used by Elvis's cobbler made him sad. (5)
23. Paid for the celebration of the Afrikaans language? (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Nasally 5. Standby 10. Oil rig 11. Accurate 13. Misery 14. Trophies 15. Meter 16. Make sense 19. Spinal tap 21. Harry 24. Alley cat 26. Snotty 28. Princess 29. Evades 30. Asserts 31. Asperse **Down:** 2. Asinine 3. A free rein 4. Leg bye 6. Tick over 7. North 8. Bothers 9. Martial artist 17. Elaborate 18. Slickest 20. Polaris 22. Rotters 23. Assets 25. Ernie

THE SPORTS EDGE

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Please keep sporting editorial
brief in order to enable us to
include everyone.

SEdge UNITED FC - 25/26 KNYSNA LFA PROMOTIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Sedge United FC are
the 2025/2026
Promotional
Champion.

This after coming top
of the 19 team league.
Their manager Jomo
Pike explained that
another Sedgefield
team 'Young Boys FC'
had finished first in
Stream A of the
league, whilst Sedge
United led Stream B.
"So on 5 September
2026 the two teams
had to meet on the
field, to decide
overall winner," he said.



A brilliant game ensued. "In the first
half we saw four goals. Sikhosonke
'Spijo' Venfelo opened the tally from
a set piece, then not long after, Young
Boys got a penalty and Liyema made
sure that he put it in the net, making it
1-1," the manager enthused.

But from then on, it was only United
who were able to find the back of the
net.
"Hlanganisa 'Silver' Mehlwana
scored the second goal and
Mpumelelo 'Jali' Mapini scored the
3rd," said Pike, "Young Boys came
back at us even after one of their
players was red carded, but in the
second half Spamandla 'Mapara'
Ntuta put the final nail in the coffin,
ensuring that his team won the
league!" The final score was 4-1.

According to Pike, throughout the
entire season Sedge United only lost
two games, both against Young
Stars of Rheenendal.

"I would like to thank our coaches
Mr Nkosintsha, Mr Goqweni and Mr
Mxwayo and the technical team for
their hard work! I would also like to
thank everyone who has been
involved in the team, management
and our supporters," he said, "As we
celebrate this historic championship,

during the prize giving.

The first 25 teams were awarded
prizes as did the best dressed male
and best dressed female. The
participants with exceptional skills
were awarded individual prizes for
nearest the pin and longest drive.

At the conclusion of the prize
giving, you could hear the
discussions between the
participants of how to improve
their game and victories were
celebrated.

"It is with a heart full of gratitude
that I want to thank all the
participants which made our event
so special, making sure that we will
cherish the memories for a long
time. I want to thank all the
sponsors(102) for the amazing
prizes. We appreciate the
companies who made the effort to
set up wet holes and contributed to
the fun day. Lastly I want to
sincerely thank the Ambassadors
of The Living Cornerstone for all
their hard work behind the scenes"

**Marietjie Digue-Facility
Manager.**

GOLF FOR TLC

On Sunday 23 August 2026, The
Living Cornerstone Sedgefield
hosted their 5th Annual Golf Day
at The Knysna Golf Club.

Amazing weather awaited the 82
participants and they were greeted
with a welcome drink to set the tone
for the day.
Excited chatter amongst the players
was evident during the registration
process and the collection of the
welcome packs and raffle entries,
making sure they stood a chance to
win one of the sought after raffle
prizes.

With music in the background, the
siren went off at 11h00 to signal the
shotgun start.
Participants supported the wet holes
with enthusiasm.

After their round each player
received a meal which included
roasted lamb, chicken and salads.
The prize giving began with an
auction and the raffle ticket winners
were announced.
Lucky draw prizes were awarded

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling
Club News



LAWN BOWLS AROUND THE WORLD

CHAI, CHAPATHIS AND CHAMPION JACKS!

Bowls in India wasn't always about
stiff collars and perfectly behaved
jacks. The Brits first rolled their
woods in Calcutta clubs in the 1830s,
with locals reportedly chuckling
about "wooden idol worship". In
those days, woods really were made
of wood, and to the locals it
apparently looked as though these
formally dressed Englishmen were
bowing to the jack and making
offerings with their bowls! As only
"mad dogs and Englishmen" would,
officers sweated beneath their pith
helmets in the blazing sun, while
cricket quietly stole the limelight.
Bowls became something of the
eccentric poor cousin at India's
sporting table - until India's women's
fours struck Commonwealth Games

gold in 2022. Since then, the
popularity of bowls has been steadily
growing. Proof, perhaps, that even
after the longest tea break, the woods
can still roll true!

EDEN LEAGUE 2026

With the first round done and dusted,
our SBC lasses are making it look as
though they have found an
exceptionally good bias this year!
Round one saw them bring home two
second places and a third in the
Premier, Second and Third Divisions
respectively. Not a bad start - and
certainly enough to get the
opposition looking nervously at their
bowls!
The gents, facing some stiff
competition, came home with fifth
places in the Premier, Second and
Third Divisions, together with a third
in the Fourth Division.
At this rate, Sedgefield Bowling
Club might just have to organise a
fly-over of the bowling greens to
celebrate a league win in 2026! I'll
enquire whether a certain club
member still has her drone - although
we certainly won't let her fly it.
We're not nearly as brave as certain
South African airlines!

LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

Friday, 28 August 2026

We welcomed Zoe Botha from Plett
to our club - what a welcome
addition she is to the ladies' section.
Thirteen ladies were up bright and
early for their Friday fling. We
played a Combined Stableford
format.

Results: 1st Daleen, Elize
Mackenzie-Blom and Eleanor
Sparks on 106 points on a count out
to Shannon Nicol, Marina van der
Westhuizen and Sylvia de
Moor. Marina van der Westhuizen
and Daleen Schooling both played
one under their handicaps. Shannon
Nicol and Brenda Howden were
nearest to the pin on holes 2 and 8
respectively. There were 4 birdies,
Marie Joubert on the 1st, Shannon
Nicol on the 5th, Zoe Botha on the
15th and Marina van der
Westhuizen on the 17th.
Elize Mackenzie-Blom was
congratulated on her hole in one on
Wednesday.

Friday, 4 September 2026

"Should we, or shouldn't we?" That
was the question on everyone's
mind as the day
began. After a
wonderful day of
rain previously,
the skies had
cleared, but the
rain had been
replaced by a
blustery, no ..."
pumping" wind



which, as we soon discovered, was
driving (excuse the pun) across
Sedge Links!
That, however, did not deter our 13
wonderful ladies from getting out
onto the course. Nor did the fact
that it was Monthly Medal and Putt
Day! The ladies braved the wind,
"clubbed up," and got on with the
game at hand. And, of course, the
thought of a light lunch waiting for
us after the game provided a little
extra motivation to keep going!

Results:
GOLD DIVISION: Winner:
Brenda Howden (nett 55) Runner-
up: Marina van der Westhuizen
(nett 58)
SILVER DIVISION: Winner:
Linda Evans (nett 59) Runner-up:
Daleen Schooling (nett 66)
BRONZE DIVISION: Winner:
Marie Joubert (nett 72) Runner-up:
Eleanor Sparks (nett 73)
LEAST PUTTS: Brenda Howden
(25 putts)
BIRDIES: Brenda Howden (hole
14), Almarie Mead (hole 13),
Marina van der Westhuizen (hole
16) and Shannon Nicol (hole 13)
A very special BIG THANK YOU
to Engen 1-Plus Sedgefield for
sponsoring the prizes for the day!

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(Careful, they tend to fly by VERY quickly)

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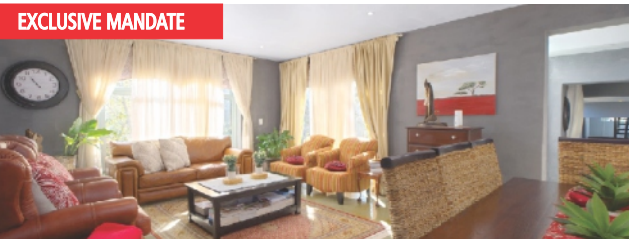
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**This Heritage Day, Thursday 24
September, Ecolution Project is
joining forces with the Precious
Tree Project, Revive Sedgefield,
the Sedgefield Tree Committee
and the Environmental
Department of Knysna
Municipality to plant a new
Pocket Forest on the Sedgefield
Village Green.**

And we'd love you to come and
help us plant it!
From 3pm to 5pm, we'll be putting
endemic indigenous trees into the
ground, creating a little haven for
biodiversity—and a beautiful living
space for the Sedgefield
community to enjoy for
generations to come.

Bring your friends and family, a
hat, some drinking water and your
willingness to get your hands in the



soil! And from a safety perspective,
please wear closed shoes.
Let's celebrate Heritage Day by
creating a new piece of living
heritage together.
Sedgefield Village Green
(between Kingfisher Drive, Crane
Walk & Pelican Lane)
Come plant a tree. Come grow a
Pocket Forest. Come be part of
positive change.

TIDE TABLE

9 - 22 September 2026
• Full Moon 26 September 2026

Date:	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tides	Low Tides
Wed 9 Sept	6:36	18:16	2:23 14:43	8:23 20:50
Thur 10 Sept	6:34	18:16	3:03 15:20	9:00 21:26
Fri 11 Sept	6:33	18:17	3:39 15:55	9:34 22:00
Sat 12 Sept	6:32	18:18	4:13 16:27	10:05 22:31
Sun 13 Sept	6:30	18:18	4:45 16:59	10:35 23:00
Mon 14 Sept	6:29	18:19	5:16 17:30	11:04 23:29
Tue 15 Sept	6:27	18:20	5:47 18:00	11:33 23:58
Wed 16 Sept	6:26	18:20	6:19 18:31	12:02 -
Thur 17 Sept	6:25	18:21	6:54 19:05	0:30 12:36
Fri 18 Sept	6:23	18:22	7:41 19:55	1:09 13:23
Sat 19 Sept	6:22	18:23	9:12 21:50	2:18 15:24
Sun 20 Sept	6:20	18:23	11:43 -	4:41 17:56
Mon 21 Sept	6:19	18:24	0:07 12:51	6:13 18:55
Tue 22 Sept	6:18	18:25	1:05 13:29	8:09 20:31

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MIXED PAIRS TOURNAMENT
The finals of the SBC Mixed Pairs
Tournament turned out to be a rather
exciting affair, with Debi Stanford
and Wessie van der Westhuizen
narrowly pipping Ronel and Chris
Baker at the post.

Well played, gals and guys! A closely
fought final, with plenty of good
bowling — and, as far as we know no
matrimonial counselling required
afterwards!

SBC DRAWN MIXED TRIPS

The first round of this tournament
went off flawlessly, with a couple of
surprise wins adding just the right
amount of spice to the competition.
May all our rollers get their bias right,
their lines tight and their nerves light
for the next round.

A QUICK CHUCKLE BEFORE
YOU GO

There once was a jack, sly and small,

That teased every bowler with gall.
It winked and it slid,
Dodged the wood as it did,
And laughed from the ditch at them
all!
And that's a wrap.
See you on the mat!





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