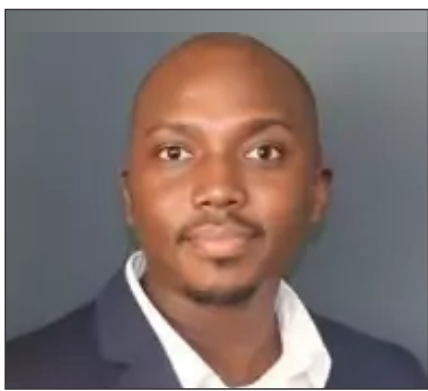


KNYSNA'S TOP 3 LANGUISH IN JAIL

Bail Hearing Postponed to Monday 12 October



Ex-Mayor Thando Matika



Ex-Acting Municipal Manager Boy Ngubo



Ex-Acting Chief Financial Officer Busisiwe Lubelwana

Knysna Municipality's three most senior officials - Executive Mayor Thando Matika, Acting Municipal Manager Boy Manqoba Ngubo, and acting Chief Financial Officer Busisiwe Lubelwana - remain in custody after their first court appearance on Monday, 5 October, on corruption-related charges linked to a R68million municipal security contract.

The trio were arrested on Thursday, 1 October by the SAPS Political Killings Task Team following allegations that a businessman holding a security services contract was solicited for kickbacks to ensure the contract's continuation, with police alleging that hundreds of thousands of rand had already been paid out of fear the contract would be terminated.

At their appearance in the Knysna Magistrates' Court, the National Prosecuting Authority confirmed that all three face charges of corruption, extortion and money laundering, with Matika facing an additional corruption charge. The matter was postponed to Monday, 12 October for a formal bail application, with no pleas entered and the accused

remained detained in the interim.

In a statement provided to local media, the Knysna Municipality Communications Department said: "As the matter is currently before the courts, the Municipality will not comment further on the allegations or the merits of the case. The Municipality notes the allegations and respects the judicial process. It is important to emphasise that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that the accused persons remain presumed innocent until proven guilty in accordance with the law."

In the days leading up to his arrest, Matika was facing removal as ANC mayor and councillor after appearing on SACP candidate lists. SACP also named him its mayoral candidate for Knysna.

The criminal case has unfolded against a backdrop of severe political instability. On Friday 2 October, a day after the arrest, an urgent Special Council Meeting called by Speaker Mark Willemse to address the dire situation was purposefully collapsed by ANC, PBI, PA and EFF councillors. Deputy Executive Mayor Morton Gericke (PBI) called for a caucus break five minutes into the

meeting. He was granted half an hour, but he and the other coalition councillors simply did not return. The DA and KIM councillors present waited a further 10 minutes, but the meeting eventually had to be called off having no quorum.

This meant the council could not elect a new mayor or form the Mayoral Committee necessary for a functioning council.

The actions of the absent councillors flew in the face of a statement posted on the Knysna Municipality's facebook page 45 minutes before that meeting was set to start. In it Gericke was quoted as saying "As Acting Executive Mayor, my immediate priority is to ensure organisational stability and continuity of municipal services, including over the weekend and in the days ahead. I will urgently request that the Speaker convene a council meeting to consider the necessary interim arrangements to ensure administrative stability."

The arrests of the three officials and the subsequent council collapse come just weeks before the 4 November local government elections, in a municipality already marked by

coalition instability and internal party battles. In media reports from around the country, analysts warn the scandal could further erode voter confidence and complicate campaign narratives for all parties.

KITE-FEST TIME



The Garden Route Kite Festival - powered by ReMax - is set for Sunday 18 October at Scarab Village, Sedgefield. The event celebrates its 10th edition this year, while Masithandane marks 20 years of serving the local community. With spectacular international kite flyers from all over the globe, family entertainment, competitions, food, crafts and live music, there will be plenty happening both in the sky and on the ground.

(See article on pg 3 and programme on pg 7 for details.)

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

“What is it with kids these days?”

I hear that so often; I've almost made a study of it.

Perhaps it's being a grandparent AND my newfound wisdom of sixtiness.

And do you know what I have discovered?

It's all about the FQ. Or should I say the 'Feral Quotient'.

Perhaps I should explain: The Feral Quotient is the ratio of time parents allow their children to be feral.

“Feral? You mean like cats that don't have a home?” you say (and I can't help noticing that hint of alarm in your voice). Yes. Actually, I looked up the word, and the simple dictionary definition fits quite well.

Feral: Wild and Menacing.

I had a good laugh – the laugh of a grandparent who has that 'they all turn out ok in the end' perspective, whilst the actual parents of the little blighters quiver in fear and confusion.

So my extended definition of a feral child would be 'set free, without immediate adult supervision' (so that they can be

'wild and menacing').

You see, I believe we sometimes need to let our children go feral. They need to run with the pack, yet fend for themselves. Learn when to face and when to avoid danger. Experience what a small pang of hunger or thirst might feel like. It's good for them.

The problem is that the ever-increasing plethora of knowledge we are blessed/cursed with tells us about so many dangers (thanks, internet, you're a peach) that we're understandably inclined to give the little tykes less and less time to run wild.

And so each generation grows up differently, and perhaps – no, definitely - more safely, whilst our brains are bamboozled because they aren't behaving the same as we did.

I like to think my children - remember The REE (Resident Expert on Everything), and Fear Factor (no explanation necessary)? - grew up with their fair share of feral time. They have the scars/ever-so-slightly-crooked limbs to prove it.

But if I compare it to the FQ we were allowed growing up (“All of you, take your little brother and go and play in the road/woods/farmer's orchard/swamp/nearby Gypsy caravan community for the day whilst I tidy the house!), it was but a mere fraction.

Boy were WE feral.

And even then – having listened to my parents' stories of crawling barefoot to school through epic snowstorms, with World War 2 enemy planes buzzing across the skies and bloodthirsty wolves roaming the streets (ok, so they may have been slightly prone to exaggeration – but you get the idea), my goodness - we were clearly mollicoddled by comparison.

But things have definitely changed, haven't they?

When kicked out of the house in the early 70s (that's the year, not our age), my older siblings and I would sneak up the road, climb into a local farmer's plum orchard and gorge ourselves 'stukkend', until the old fellow (ok, he was probably 33) chased us off. We



had to scamper home hoping we hadn't been recognised.

The other day I saw a mother painstakingly removing the pips from a slice of watermelon so her 14-year-old could eat it safely (phew - a narrow escape for the lad, because we've all seen that 'Ecuador teen who woke up with a leaf growing out of one ear' post).

FQ - zero

Now that I've made a study of this, I can normally sense what a child's FQ is by mere observation, and I'm both terrified and excited to say that even in this day and age, some are above the 75% mark. You don't actually get to 'meet' these children, because they normally avoid eye contact, preferring to sniff about your ankles in case you drop a crumb or a coin or two. They have sharp teeth, exceptional core strength, and though they can go for hours without eating or (what is it called now?) 'hydrating', they do have ferocious appetites when any food or liquid is offered, or left unattended.

Indeed, the 75%ers have been known to cunningly attach themselves to parties of less feral children when overstressed parents are handing out snacks and cold drinks.

Their grunts/yells/raucous laughter clearly show that they are happy with their feral situation, and nervous folk shouldn't consider them a health hazard based solely on the amount of dirt or a runny nose. Oh no - They have immune systems that would repel a Scud missile, and the under-nose glaze is merely part of their defence mechanism, preventing unsolicited hugs from family members and ensuring that they are left alone to play/forage.

On the other end of the FQ scale are the less-than-10%ers - the almost totally unferal children. They play gentle games on FIFA-standard Beglotex artificial lawns (so much more hygienic when you can vacuum up any potential germs), and eat only organic-yet-scrubbed-clean-with-bleach-that's-also-organic free-range vegetables that have been farmed ethically by good, clean people who love dolphins.

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So... I expect you will be wondering about the FQ of MY grandchildren. Well, in the hope that they achieve the perfect 50% level, I've taken to secretly adding tap water to their tea, unscrubbed fruit to their lunchboxes, and regularly encouraging them to jump in muddy puddles... barefoot.

Of course I tell them to tell their parents that the puddles are spring-fed, from the Drakensberg...

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SEdge GETS READY TO PAINT THE SKY

by Keith Mould

The Garden Route Kite Festival celebrates its 10th edition this year, while Masithandane marks 20 years of serving the local community. With spectacular international kite flyers, family entertainment, competitions, food, crafts and live music, there will be plenty happening both in the sky and on the ground on Sunday 18 October at Scarab, N2 Sedgefield.

Sedgefield's skies are set to burst into colour once again as the Garden Route Kite Festival returns for a particularly special celebration.

Over the years, the festival has grown into a much-loved local event, drawing visitors from across the Garden Route and further afield. While the artistic kites and giant inflatable creations are undoubtedly the stars of the show, there is enough happening on the ground to keep the whole family entertained.

An impressive international line-up will join South African flyers this year, bringing kites, and stories, from around the world.

England's Dave and Claire Hardwick of Team Octoposse will make their South African debut with their colourful collection of octopus and other quirky inflatable kites.

Germany's Bernhard Dingwerth, a three-time winner at the German Kite Builders Championship, will also be flying his own inflatable kite designs at the festival for the first time.

They will be joined by Herman and Ina Plattje from the Netherlands

with their Dutch-themed inflatable kites, and Roger and Karin Stevens from Belgium, whose handmade appliqué kites include a striking African-inspired collection.

Returning favourites Phil and Carly Broder from the United States will also be back after first attending the festival in 2018 on their honeymoon. Phil received the American Kitefliers Association's Edeiken Award for lifetime achievement in 2025.

Together with the strong South African contingent of Capetonian Mari Ware-Lane, Pretoria's Fourie family, and the ever-popular Team Binsbergen from Gqeberha, they promise to turn the Sedgefield sky into an international gallery of colour, creativity and movement.

The festival's beginnings are firmly rooted in the local community. Founder Keith Mould was involved in organising the Cape Town International Kite Festival for more than a decade before moving to the Sedgefield area. He wanted to establish a local festival whose proceeds would benefit a public benefit organisation.

Masithandane proved to be the perfect partner. Ten festivals later, the organisation plays a central role in putting the event together, with Mould saying that most of the organising is handled by Masithandane and that, quite simply, there would be no festival without them. The driving force behind the Masithandane team is the well-known Jacky Weaver.

That community spirit is also reflected in the support of RE/MAX Coastal, now in its third year as a festival sponsor. For

principal Chris van der Merwe, the partnership forms part of a broader commitment to serving and supporting the Garden Route community, making the festival a natural fit with the agency's local focus.

Families can expect a packed programme away from the flying field too.

Children can enjoy Bungee Bounce, a slime table, jumping castle, balloon popping, Tombola, Hobby Creature and sack races, face painting and the rather

irresistible-sounding Feeding the Gorilla with Squishie Foods.

Local schools and the Scouts will also be joining in, with prizes up for grabs in the school banner challenge and upcycled kite competition. The popular agility dog display returns, while live music from local artists will keep things sounding great for much of the day.

Those feeling lucky can enter a number of raffles, with prizes including a children's bicycle, a two-night stay at Beacon Island Resort, and a handcrafted quilt.

Claire Hardwick has also donated one of her pottery creations.

No Garden Route Kite Festival would be complete without plenty to eat, and visitors can expect everything from sweet treats to seriously spicy fare. There will also be 22 craft stalls offering a varied selection of unusual and locally made products.

The programme includes kite-flying demonstrations and competitions for different ages. Visitors can bring their own kites or buy one from three stalls selling a wide range this year.

Mould himself started flying kites at the age of five, after his father taught him to build them from bamboo and newspaper. This year he will debut a new kite developed in collaboration with Duncan, a local artist who sells his paintings at the Mosaic Market.

That mix of local creativity, international friendship and simple outdoor fun has always been at the heart of the festival.

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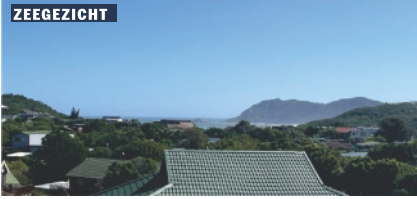
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Urban Infrastructure Development for a Sustainable Sedgfield

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

Sedgfield's future depends on infrastructure that supports economic opportunity while, at the same time, protects the natural systems that are distinct characteristics of our town and our security against the effects of climate change. Sedgfield, as a popular holiday destination and sleepy town for local and international residents, is not sustainable in its current direction. Sustainable development should not be understood as more development for more people. Building more homes without the necessary functioning, safe and sustainable infrastructure and services will not create a resilient, connected and resource-efficient community.

How healthy is our environment?
A central priority is addressing the collapse of current infrastructure, which is the cause of various forms of pollution and environmental impacts. Neglected roads with potholes and overgrown verges cause particulate air pollution and are a risk to pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists. Failed sewage systems cause ground and surface water pollution, making public spaces inaccessible and have the potential to spread disease. Alien invader plant species on private and public land are a fire risk and restrain the growth and production of our indigenous and endemic dune fynbos and riverine forests. Inadequate waste management in terms of

litter, which ends up in the Swartspuit and the uncontrolled organic waste site behind the fire station is a dire cause for concern in terms of the fire risk, rodents, air, and groundwater pollution.

How do we fix it?
A priority is the improvement of mobility. Safe pedestrian routes/cycling paths can reduce dependence on vehicles and make the town more accessible for older residents, people with disabilities and children. Currently, there is not a continuous stretch of 50m or more of walkway in Sedgfield which is safe for an older person or one with a disability. Rebuilding our degraded roads should include stormwater management, with litter and silt traps, shaded walkways, and traffic-calming measures. Water security must guide our urban growth. Rainwater harvesting must be increased by making it mandatory for any new house or development. Repair leaking infrastructure, maintain it and promote greywater reuse in public facilities and new developments. Protecting wetlands, rivers and groundwater recharge areas will help reduce flooding and erosion and maintain reliable supplies during dry periods. Public open spaces can capture runoff while adding green space to neighbourhoods and functioning as environmental corridors, as discussed in previous articles.

Energy-efficient buildings and cleaner energy systems provide another opportunity

for a sustainable Sedgfield. Council should encourage new housing and developments to use passive design, which can cut energy use by 40–60% compared to standard construction. Subsidising rooftop solar installations, battery storage, community energy projects and the retrofitting of existing buildings will lower operating costs, improve energy resilience, and create local employment.

We need waste management which shifts from disposal to resource recovery. Support for better separation at source, composting of organic waste and support for repair and reuse businesses can reduce pressure on landfill capacity and transport costs. Public education, convenient collection points and incentives for households and businesses will be essential to making these systems practical and inclusive.

We do have a voice!
Infrastructure planning should be shaped by the community through public participation processes. Residents, businesses, and environmental groups need meaningful opportunities to consider, debate and identify priorities, evaluate proposals, and monitor results. Infrastructure planning should not be to increase the tax base but to balance environmental and human needs. Transparent budgets, phased projects and clear measures, such as water saved, emissions and other ensuing pollution reduced/ prevented, trees planted, alien invader species removed and jobs created, can build trust and keep development focused on public value.

By combining compact, well-planned growth with investment in green infrastructure and efficient services, Sedgfield can strengthen its economy without sacrificing its environmental character. The goal is a town that is prepared for climate pressures, welcoming to all residents and capable of supporting prosperity for generations to come. No further development should be stimulated until the Council has addressed these concerns to the satisfaction of the ratepayers and has proved that it has the means and desire to maintain it. This is not to restrain investment but to ensure that our town is developed sustainably in terms of resources and the needs of people and the environment alike.

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SEALS REMAIN A RABIES CONCERN

After World Rabies Day of 28 September, CapeNature is reminding residents and visitors to keep a safe distance from Cape fur seals and to act immediately if they or their pets are bitten, scratched or exposed to a seal's saliva.

Rabies has been detected in Cape fur seals along the South African coastline and by the end of 2025, at least 176 people had been bitten by seals. While most seals do not pose a threat to people, they are wild animals and should never be approached, touched, fed or encouraged to interact with humans.

Seals regularly come ashore to rest, and the presence of a seal on a beach does not necessarily mean that it is sick or stranded. Members of the public should give the animal space, keep children and pets away and allow trained authorities to assess the situation if assistance appears necessary.

A seal infected with rabies may behave aggressively, appear disoriented, move unusually or show little response to its surroundings. However, unusual behaviour can also result from injury, illness or distress. People should therefore not attempt to diagnose, move or assist a seal themselves.

“World Rabies Day is an important reminder that simple precautions can protect both people and wildlife,” said Mbulelo Jacobs, Executive Director: Conservation Operations at CapeNature.

“Cape fur seals are an important part of our coastal ecosystem, but they remain powerful wild animals. The safest response is to keep your distance, avoid any interaction and report concerning behaviour to the relevant authorities.”

Rabies is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal, most commonly through a bite. Exposure may also occur through scratches contaminated with saliva or when saliva comes into contact

with broken skin, the eyes, nose or mouth.

Anyone who has been bitten or scratched by a seal, or whose broken skin, eyes, nose, or mouth has come into contact with seal saliva:

- Immediately wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes.
- Seek urgent medical attention at the nearest healthcare facility.
- Clearly tell healthcare workers that the injury or exposure involved a seal that may have been infected with rabies.
- Follow all medical advice regarding rabies post-exposure treatment.
- Report the incident to the local municipality, lifeguards or relevant conservation authorities.

If it is safe to do so, members of the public may record the seal's behaviour from a distance. A video, description and accurate location pin can assist authorities in assessing the situation. No one should approach the seal to obtain footage.

Dogs and other pets must be kept away from seals, whether the seal appears healthy, sick, injured or dead. Pet owners are also encouraged to ensure that their dogs and cats have up-to-date rabies vaccinations.

If a pet has been bitten or scratched by a seal, or may have been exposed to seal saliva, the owner should contact a private or state veterinarian immediately for advice. The animal should not be allowed to interact with people or other animals until veterinary guidance has been received.

Members of the public are reminded to:

- Remain a safe distance from seals on beaches, rocks, harbours and in the water.
- Never touch, feed, pet, chase or attempt to move a seal.
- Keep dogs under control and away from seals.
- Leave the water calmly if a seal behaves aggressively or approaches repeatedly.
- Follow the instructions of lifeguards, conservation officials and municipal authorities.
- Report seals displaying aggressive, disoriented or otherwise concerning behaviour.

By respecting wildlife and responding quickly to possible exposure, coastal residents and visitors can help reduce the risk to people, pets and Cape fur seals.

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Ruigtevlei residents living near the bottom of the Karatara Road, just up from the low water bridge, are very concerned and indeed frustrated by a tree, leaning dangerously towards the road as it slowly but surely perishes after being ringbarked some years ago. They fear that if it topples, it could cause an accident, or worse yet, crush a car or pedestrian.

The tree is on municipal land just outside the property belonging to Dutch Master Builder Arend Nieuwenhuis.

He says that about three years ago he spoke to the Municipal Electrical Department who did come and assess the tree, discussing at great length how it could be taken down without causing damage to the lines. Then, some time later, a team busy clearing the roadside said they were going to drop the tree, as it was dangerously close to electrical lines. He said yes, please do, as it had become a hazard, dropping branches on the road and his property fence.

But they did not return. The following year, the same thing happened, and once again he gave permission ... with the same result.

The third year - being 2026 - he was informed again that they would come and cut it, but it would need to fall on his land. He said of course, gave permission and even went so far as to remove part of his fence so that the falling tree would not damage it. He also made sure none of his livestock would be in the vicinity.

The crew visited three times, discussing at length what the procedure for cutting the tree would be ... Then they didn't come to cut it. Eventually, when he spotted them at another site he stopped to chat to them, asking "what's happening with that tree?"

They explained that the cutting of that particular tree had unfortunately been deemed as too complicated, so it would have to be put out to tender by Knysna Municipality.

They assured him this process was underway, but that was more than six months ago.

"It's their tree, on their land, but I would love for it to be taken down as it is a danger." he says.

URGENT APPEAL TO SEDGEFIELD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO LODGE SAP CASES

Sedgefield Community Orientated Policing (COP) is issuing an urgent appeal to all residents and business operators who have experienced threats, harassment, or intimidation by a specific local individual, to formally lodge official cases with the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The suspect, whose identity cannot be disclosed at this stage due to pending legal proceedings, currently faces criminal charges relating to an incident in the Sedgefield CBD on 22 September, where he was arrested in possession of deadly weapons, including an axe and a chef's knife. Although the individual is

scheduled to appear in court this week, he remains active throughout all the Sedgefield neighbourhoods, however more recently in Sedgemoor, the CBD and the Island. COP continues to receive daily reports regarding his ongoing aggressive and threatening behaviour towards residents and business owners.

While reporting incidents via local WhatsApp groups, email chains, and Community Police Forum (CPF) channels raises awareness, these informal reports carry limited legal weight.

To enable SAPS and the justice system to take decisive action, affected individuals must file formal criminal complaints. Building an official case history

on record with SAPS is vital to demonstrate a clear pattern of behaviour and secure appropriate legal remedies. COP strongly urges anyone who has experienced a threatening encounter with such an individual to visit the Sedgefield

Police Station immediately and lodge a formal statement.

Urgent community action is required to ensure public safety before further escalation occurs.



STREET BEATS FOR STREET KIDS

Sedgefield street kids now have a safe place and purpose as Tuesday 6 October 2026 marks the beginning of "Street Beats" hip-hop dance classes for the kids of Sedgefield who fall under the "youth in conflict with the law" category, meaning kids that are not enrolled or attending school and who might be prone to perpetrating community vandalism and violence.

The Street Beats program was established to give street kids purpose and a chance to be taught about behavior modification and good choices as well as the

advantages of mental, physical and emotional benefits gained from hip-hop dancing.

The Just Dance, dancing instructors, Gutlinn Goncalves and Cyvonne Nel offer the hip-hop dance classes every Tuesday at the Sedgefield Town Hall from 11:30-12:30.

This initiative is a joint partnership with Fijnbosch Streetside Café, CBD Care, Isobel Stevens, Cleone Vanston and NPO Hephziba Solutions.

"We would like to thank Pedro from Herbs and Plant's nursery,

Megan from CBD care, Greg from Fijnbosch and all the other businesses for their support and donations thus far," says Cleone

"We're so excited to get this beautiful community initiative started — creating a safe, fun and uplifting space for our young people to move, belong and grow through weekly hip-hop classes."

They are looking for sponsors, donors and community support to help keep the Street Beat classes going, and provide the youngsters with meals.

All financial donations can be

made directly to Fijnbosch Streetside Café, CBD Care shop and/or into the dedicated NPO account.

Please use STREET BEATS as the reference:

HEPHZIBA SOLUTIONS NPO
Bank: FNB
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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.
4-8pm. Mosaic Food Fare
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 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 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 11 October

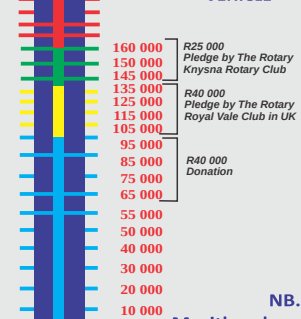
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Dear Editor

The appalling state of Sedgefield's streets annoys me to no end. A few months ago, I vented my frustration about their condition in a letter to our local newspaper, The Edge, but it failed to elicit a response—least of all from local government. Quite frankly, the streets are a disgrace. Potholes are either left gaping or filled with shoddy, short-lived patches that leave surfaces uneven, bumpy, and hazardous. Driving on them is no longer just unpleasant; it is dangerous.

Fraser Street, which I must "negotiate" daily to and from my estate, is riddled with deep "craters". Other streets in Sedgefield are in an even worse state of repair. With local elections just around the corner, my question to the candidates vying for our votes is simple: Is anyone prepared to commit to properly upgrading our streets, rather than settling for endless, temporary pothole patches? After all, this wouldn't come out of your own pockets—we, as taxpayers, provide the funding.

So, to our political representatives: How much of our tax money is actually allocated to street maintenance? Are we expected to accept piecemeal repairs with no hope of seeing our streets properly resurfaced? If so, it is not just our streets that are being neglected—it is the trust of the community you serve.

Thayne Heath (Brig - Ret)
Lakeview Estate
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SEDFIELD SOARS IN THE STATES

Jessica van der Merwe was born on the 3 June 1997 in Knysna Hospital.

They say ... It takes a community to raise a child, so here's to those in Sedgefield who did just that!

A God-given passion for helping others and medicine, was evident at the tender age of four, when Jessica saw a man being carried on a gurney and remarked "I want to do that, be a doctor."

That passion grew as she accompanied Sister Jackie on Mobile Clinic routes, to watch and learn.

Emigrating to the USA with her parents Jacques and Vivienne in 2012 at the age of 14, Jessica soon found the volunteer

Search and Rescue team in Aurora, Colorado, and studied further to become a Paramedic and Fire Fighter Graduate.

After years of further studies, various certificates, medals for saving lives, running ambulances on the streets of Aurora, teaching and training. She started a Support Group for traumatised fellow workers.

She transferred on July 26, to Austin Texas to study at one of the top three medically equipped and advanced medicine academies in the USA.

Jessica was elected as No 1 candidate to be accepted into the academy, and graduated on the



21/9/2026 as a Clinical Specialist from the Austin-Travis County, in Texas. Where she is now serving and living her dream.

Not bad at all for a Sedgefield lass!

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU GONE WITH YOUR EDGE?



Left: Doris Naylor travelled to Machu Picchu in Peru with her Edge newspaper.



Above: Martin te Groen with his Edge in Limpopo at Euphoria Golf Course



Pic taken from our house; Bottle Top Bay, Karaka, Auckland, New Zealand. Cheers, ex Sedgies Tori and Brian Anderson

If you have a picture of you and your copy of The Edge newspaper visiting faraway places, please send them to editor@edgenews.co.za

A MIGHTY TREE HAS FALLEN In Loving Memory of Mike Young

29 December 1939 - 30 September 2026

On Wednesday the 30th September 2026 Mike Young passed away unexpectedly at his home.



Mike and his wife Di moved to their house on the Island in 1994 and quickly became involved in the community. Their shared love of conservation led to them becoming SANParks Rangers and Mike's work with New Plant Nurseries created strong connections with the Botanical Society in George.

A skilled electrical engineer by profession, Mike was appointed the Responsible Person for Sedgefield Municipality which in turn forged some lifelong friendships.

Mike stood as an independent councillor and eventually became the last mayor of Sedgefield, a fact that he loved to share with anyone. In this capacity, he was responsible for facilitating permissions for Wild Oats market to be established.

He loved to share his vast knowledge and passion for music and environmental

issues in the Edge, where he reported on Carpe Musicam concerts. A few lucky individuals were entertained by his quirky repertoire of limericks – a real nod to his literary genius.

The Young family have been coming to Sedgefield for decades for holidays and his beloved family of wife Di, their four children and 9 grandchildren scattered around the world will dearly miss the unique man that he was.

The family warmly invites friends to join them in celebrating Mike's life at the Red Shed on Saturday 10th October at 4.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided. There are benches, but you are welcome to bring a comfy camp chair.

In Loving Memory of Valerie Joyce Roulston (née Watson)

Valerie Joyce Roulston, 80, passed away peacefully on 30 September 2026 in Sedgefield, surrounded by her loving family. After eight years living with a disability following a life-changing accident, Val faced every day with courage, dignity, grace and an extraordinary tenacious spirit.



She was very proud to call herself an octogenarian, celebrating her 80th birthday on 16 June 2026 surrounded by her loving family and close friends.

Val was a vibrant, energetic and creative woman who loved dancing from a young age. She became a talented ballet, modern and tap teacher, choreographing, making her own costumes and inspiring many young dancers.

She first trained as a nurse and midwife, later working as a caregiver in the United Kingdom. She was passionate about helping others and gave generously of her time to Masithandane and Hospice in Sedgefield.

Her faith was central to her life. She loved St George's Church in Knysna, attended weekly Bible study and Communion, and after her accident became involved with St Francis United Church in Sedgefield. She also loved history, belonging to the Historical Society and sharing family photographs of Bondi from the HMS Verbena with the museum for research.

After her accident, Val never allowed her circumstances to define her. She continued to teach and learn.

Val never complained about her disability. She accepted her circumstances with grace and always made the best of what life gave her. She was dedicated, diligent, determined, kind and incredibly generous.

She was the beloved wife of Richard who stood by her side every day, devoted mother of Alison, Debbie, Mandy and Bronwen, and cherished grandmother of Nina, Treymaine, Dominic and Robyn.

Val's legacy will be remembered through her love, faith, kindness, determination and the many lives she touched.

She taught so many people how to dance, but perhaps her greatest lesson was how to keep moving forward, whatever life brings.

Her body may have become still, but her spirit never did. She is dancing again now.

A service to celebrate Val's life will be held on 27 October 2026 at 10h00 at St George's Church, Knysna.

MUNICIPALITY AND SOUTH CAPE COLLEGE SIGN AGREEMENT

Knysna Municipality and South Cape College have signed an agreement that will pave the way for the establishment of a skills development centre in Knysna, expanding access to further education and skills development in the town.

This follows Council's decision to make portions of Erf 3801 and Erf 3805 available to South Cape College for the establishment of the centre. The intention to donate the property was subsequently advertised for public participation and no comments or objections were received during the advertising period.

The agreement provides South Cape College with an opportunity to develop the site for educational purposes. The college will carry all costs associated with the

subdivision, rezoning and registration of the property. Knysna Acting Municipal Manager at the time, Boy Ngubo said the agreement represents an important investment in the future of the town and its people. "This is a significant milestone for Knysna. Education creates opportunities, and by making municipal land available for a skills development centre, Council is investing in the future of our residents and in the continued development of our town.

"Knysna's location and role as a regional centre make it well suited to accommodate further educational facilities," he continued. "We want to see more opportunities for people to study, gain practical skills and prepare themselves for employment and

entrepreneurship without having to leave the area. This agreement brings us closer to making that a reality."

The property, situated in Boswerker Street in Ward 9, currently has limited use. The municipal report indicates that the municipality has no other future intended use for the portions of the properties earmarked for the development.

"Council has made a deliberate decision to support education by making this land available. We are looking beyond the immediate use of the property and considering what it can mean for Knysna over the longer term. A skills development centre can become an important part of our town's educational landscape," said Ngubo.

The establishment of the centre also creates an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the municipality and South Cape College and to support broader efforts to expand education, training and skills development in the area.

"The signing is an important first step, but it is the opportunities that follow that matter most. We look forward to seeing this project develop and to the positive impact it can have on learners, young people and the wider Knysna community," Ngubo concluded.

The municipality and South Cape College will now proceed with the processes required for the development and transfer of the property.

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09:30 – 10:30	Educational Nature Fun Walk for Children with Sedgefield Island Conservancy
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome/Official Opening by Chris van der Merwe, Broker / Owner REMAX Coastal
10:10 – 10:20	REMAX Coastal Kite Launch
10:20 – 10:45	Get Your REMAX Kites in the Air for MASS KITE FLY
10:45 – 10:55	Hobby-creature Derby and Sack Race
11:00 – 12:00	Announcement Winners MASS KITE FLY
12:00 – 12:30	Happy Dogs Agility Show
12:05 to 13:35	Kite-flying Creations Demo in the Arena with Kite-flyers and Interviews
13:35 – 13:50	Registration Assembly and Test Flying of Kites Entered in Recycled Kite Competition
13:50 – 14:00	Final Static Judging and Flight of Recycled Kites in Arena
13:50 – 14:00	Announcement – Winners of School Banner and Recycled Kite-making Competitions
14:00 – 14:30	Knysna Pipers
14:30 – 14:55	Arancha Fortuin – Local Rising Star
14:55 – 15:25	Kite-flying Creations Demo in the Arena with Kite-flyers and Interviews
15:00 – 15:25	Get Your Kites in the Air for 'ALL KINDS OF KITES' MASS KITE FLY
15:30	Announcement Winners Mass Kite Fly
15:30	Festival Closes

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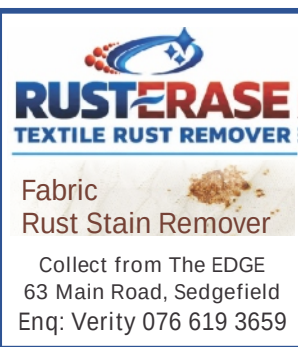
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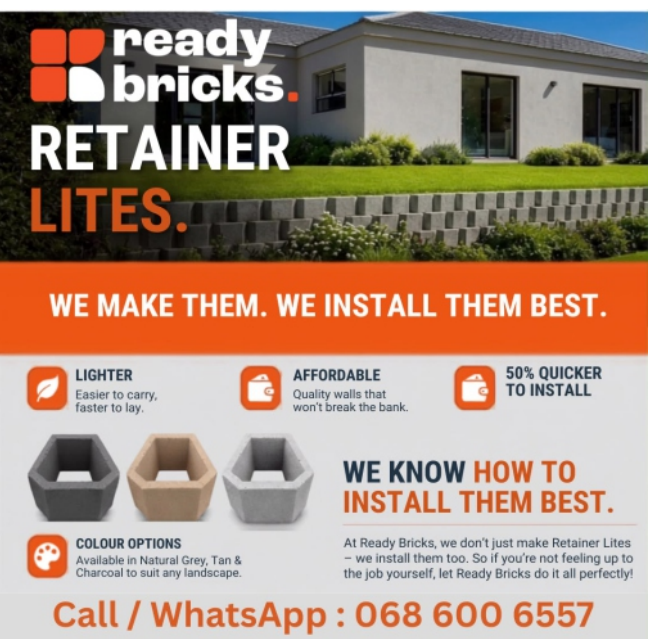
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DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MUST STOP SELLING THE GARDEN ROUTE'S NATURAL HERITAGE

Following The EDGE's recent coverage of 'The Swartvlei Saga', we received this article from Garden Route Ratepayers Alliance (GRRPA) Chair David Zeller. The response from Garden Route District Municipality follows.

The Garden Route Ratepayers Alliance believes the debate surrounding the proposed sale of the Swartvlei, Kleinkrantz and Buffels Bay Critical Biodiversity properties is being reduced to the wrong question. The question is not whether GRDM may sell municipal land. The question is whether these properties are genuinely surplus to the public interest — and whether a municipality should dispose of irreplaceable environmental assets simply because it needs the

money. The Alliance says no. These are Critical Biodiversity Areas. They serve the public interest. A library is public infrastructure. A clinic is public infrastructure. A Critical Biodiversity Area is also public infrastructure; environmental infrastructure. Its public service is not the building on the land. Its public service is the protection of biodiversity, ecological systems, water resources, open space, recreation and long-term environmental wellbeing. The public benefit of these areas extends far beyond the geographic area of the immediate community and across generations of time. The fact that there is no municipal building standing on a CBA does not make it "unused".

Protection of the environment is itself part of the constitutional mandate of local government. The 2019 stakeholder process recognised this. Minister Bredell subsequently wrote to GRDM instructing the Mayor to transfer the Swartvlei and other CBA properties to the appropriate conservation authority. The EDGE has itself reported this history. Seven years later, GRDM is still ignoring the Minister. That is a failure of custodianship. GRDM has demonstrated that it does not have the responsibility or awareness required to remain custodian of these properties. They cannot be sold. They must be transferred, free of charge, to SANParks, CapeNature or the appropriate conservation authority, where their public purpose can be protected in

perpetuity. The Mayor's argument that GRDM has "a budget to protect" does not answer the question. If the municipality has financial problems, it must deal with the causes of those problems. It must get its house in order. It must address its financial mismanagement, irregular expenditure and wasteful and fruitless expenditure, and the consequences of the loss of functions and revenue, which last year ran to over R58 million in losses. It cannot rob the public of its natural capital to compensate for its own administrative and financial failures. The Alliance has repeatedly expressed its interest in these properties and is an Interested and Affected Party. Yet neither the Alliance nor the wider public has been properly informed of GRDM's intentions with regard to these properties.

With the Local Government Elections approaching, the people of the Garden Route are entitled to ask whether the present GRDM administration has demonstrated the financial discipline, environmental responsibility and custodial stewardship expected of those entrusted with governing the district. The Alliance's view is that it has not.

Response from GRDM

The Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) values and respects the views of members of the public and civil society organisations, including

the GRRPA. GRDM recognises the importance of public participation and will continue to protect the public's right to make representations on matters affecting the community, including matters arising from decisions taken by Council. At the same time, the disposal of municipal property is a regulated statutory process. The Municipality is required to act within the framework of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements, including the Municipal Systems Act, the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations. These legislative requirements govern the manner in which municipal assets may be disposed of and require the Municipality to follow due process, including the appropriate public participation, consideration of representations, valuation and other prescribed requirements.

Accordingly, a Council resolution identifying properties for disposal at market-related prices should not be understood as constituting the completion of the disposal process or as authorising the Municipality to dispose of those properties outside the statutory framework. The Council resolution is an important part of the process, but it is only one step in a broader process that must still be undertaken in accordance with the applicable legislation and regulations.

For further context, please do note that there are precedents for municipalities using property transactions to achieve conservation outcomes. For example, Swellendam Municipality considered the sale of municipal land to SANParks at

a market-related price, while other municipal land was considered for incorporation into Bontebok National Park. The disposal or alienation of municipal property can take various forms, including sale, transfer, donation, exchange, lease or the granting of specific rights or interests in property. Further to the above, the GRDM and GRRPA share a common objective, which is to ensure that environmental and other relevant factors are appropriately considered when assets are disposed of.

GRDM accordingly remains committed to ensuring that the disposal process is undertaken responsibly and in accordance with all applicable legal requirements. The Municipality will continue to provide the public with the opportunity to participate where required by law and to consider representations received as part of the prescribed process.

The fact that Council has resolved that certain properties may be considered for disposal at market related prices does not remove the Municipality's obligation to comply with the further statutory requirements applicable to the disposal of those assets. Those requirements must be satisfied before any disposal can lawfully be concluded.

GRDM therefore welcomes constructive engagement with GRRPA and other interested parties and remains committed to the responsible stewardship of municipal assets, while ensuring that all decisions and subsequent actions are taken within the applicable legislative and regulatory framework.

PROSTATE AWARENESS BIKE RIDE



At 10am on a beautifully sunny spring morning 20 September, close to eighty intrepid riders on nearly 70 bikes ranging from scooters, scramblers and classics through to superbikes, set off from The Cave in Sedgefield to Karatara and back finishing at the Sedgefield Bowls Club. This was all in support of a very worthy cause namely to raise awareness for prostate cancer.

After the dismounting and posing for photographs, the riders all relaxed over some liquid refreshments, tasty prego rolls and hamburgers, prepared by the Lions. An enlightening

address was given by Andrew Oberholzer, CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of South Africa. He emphasised the alarming rise in prostate cancer in men world wide, but especially in South Africa, as well as the need for early detection via a simple blood test. He urged all the ladies present to help in this regard by urging the men in their lives to go for the tests.

The event raised close to R4,000, which will go towards the training of personnel involved with prostate testing, as well as peripheral equipment needed to carry out prostate biopsies.

All in all, it was a wonderfully successful event. Special thanks go to the Sedgefield Bowls Club for hosting the event, especially Louis, the Bowls Club event coordinator; the Sedgefield Lions for the catering, Gary and Allan of The Cave for organising the Bike ride, Keith Garnet Millar for the excellent pictures of the event, and Laki for organising the sound system and music.

The next event regarding prostate cancer awareness, is the barefoot bowls and cocktail evening to be held at the Sedgefield Bowls Club 20 November. See you all there!

RUBIK'S CUBING RETURNS TO SEDGE

For the second year, Sedgefield will host an official World Cube Association (WCA) speedcubing competition, bringing together puzzle solvers from the Garden Route and further afield.

The Sedgefield Coastal Challenge 2026 takes place on 24 October at Sedgefield Town Hall and is open to anyone who would like to compete. Participants can record official WCA results and add their times to the global rankings while solving alongside some of South Africa's top speedcubers.

Speedcubing (solving Rubik's Cubes and other twisty puzzles as quickly as possible) has grown into a worldwide sport and hobby with a huge international community. Sedgefield is becoming a hub for

cubing in the Garden Route, with both children and adults getting involved.

Events on the day will include the classic 3x3 cube, 2x2, 4x4, one-handed solving, Pyraminx and Skewb.

Competitors from around the country (and further) afield are expected, while spectators are welcome to attend free of charge. Anyone who can solve a 3x3 cube in under 10 minutes is welcome to enter, you certainly don't need to be a world-class speedcuber!

Registration is available online at the World Cube Association website: worldcubeassociation.org/com-petitions/SedgefieldChallenge2026





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The Closing Date for Applications: 30 October 2026

For application forms and further information, contact:
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sboonzaaier@knysna.gov.za
Local Economic Development Office, Knysna Municipality

Applicants should ensure that applications are delivered timeously to the correct address. **No late submissions will be considered.** The application box is open from 07h30 to 16h30 during weekdays Monday to Thursday and 07h30-13h30 on Fridays.

Application forms and maps with the Council approved trade bays at each of the areas can be obtained from the Economic Development Department via e-mail to sboonzaaier@knysna.gov.za.

Applicants and members of the public are advised to peruse the Council's By-law on Informal Trade, which is accessible on the Municipal Website at <https://www.knysna.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Informal-Trading-By-law-8-Dec-2017.pdf> before submitting applications.

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Macular Degeneration and World Sight Day

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of severe vision loss in people over 60, yet many South Africans remain unaware of the condition until significant damage has occurred. As we mark World Sight Day, understanding this progressive eye disease and the steps you can take to protect your vision has never been more important.

What is macular degeneration?

Macular degeneration damages the macula, the central part of the retina responsible for sharp, detailed vision needed for reading, driving, and recognising faces. While peripheral (side) vision typically remains intact, the loss of central vision can severely affect daily activities and independence.

AMD occurs in two forms: Dry AMD accounts for about 85-90% of cases and develops slowly as yellow deposits called drusen accumulate beneath the macula, causing gradual thinning and deterioration.

Wet AMD is less common but more severe, involving abnormal blood vessels that leak fluid and blood under the retina, potentially causing sudden distortion or rapid vision loss.

Who is at risk?

Age is the strongest risk factor, with AMD most common in people over 55, particularly those of European descent. Other significant risks include smoking (the most commonly identified aggravating factor), a family history of AMD, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, prolonged sun exposure, and being female with light eye colour.

Symptoms to watch for

Early AMD may cause no symptoms at all, which is why regular eye examinations are critical. As the condition progresses, people may notice: Blurred central vision, especially when reading or doing close work; Straight lines appearing wavy or distorted; Dark or empty areas in the centre of vision; Difficulty recognising faces; Needing increasingly brighter light to read.

Unlike some eye conditions, AMD does not cause complete blindness, as side vision remains functional.

Prevention and early detection

While macular degeneration cannot be completely prevented, you may be able to delay onset or slow progression by:

Not smoking – quitting is the single most effective action to lower AMD risk.

Wearing UV-protective eyewear that blocks 100% of ultraviolet rays.

Eating a balanced diet rich in vitamins, minerals, fresh vegetables, and omega-3 fatty acids.

Exercising regularly to improve both general and eye health.

Getting regular eye exams after age 45, especially if you have a family history.

People with risk factors should have comprehensive eye examinations, including dilated evaluations, at least once a year after age 40.

Treatment options

There is currently no proven cure for dry macular degeneration, and lost vision cannot be restored. However, in some people, supplements containing vitamins, lutein, zinc, or selenium may slow disease progression.

The AREDS formulation an over-the-counter antioxidant supplement including vitamin C, vitamin E, lutein, zeaxanthin, zinc, and copper—has been shown to slow progression of advanced AMD. Smokers should avoid beta-carotene formulations due to increased lung cancer risk.

For wet AMD, early diagnosis enables treatment with laser photocoagulation or anti-VEGF injections to seal leaky blood vessels and inhibit their growth, potentially preserving useful vision. Therapy is more successful the earlier the condition is diagnosed.

Monitoring your vision

Patients can monitor their condition at home using an Amsler Grid – a simple chart

with a grid pattern and central dot. Holding it at reading distance (about 30–35cm), focus on the centre dot while wearing your usual reading glasses. Any wavy, blurred, or blank areas should be marked and reported to your eye specialist immediately.

Living with AMD

Low vision rehabilitation can help people adjust to vision loss through improved home lighting, visual aids, voice-activated devices, and assistance from family or friends. Many AMD sufferers live fairly normal lives with proper support and adaptation.

Retina South Africa offers support, information, and a helpline (0860 595 959) for people affected by retinal conditions including AMD.

When to see a doctor

Consult your eye-care specialist without delay if you experience any symptoms of macular degeneration, or if your Amsler Grid shows new distortion. Also consult before trying any treatment, to ensure that so-called "miracle cures" are not dangerous to your health.

This article is for informational purposes only and does not replace professional medical advice. Consult your ophthalmologist or optometrist for diagnosis and treatment.

Sources: Mediclinic Southern Africa; Retina South Africa; Specsavers South Africa; Atlantic Eye Centre; Steyn Eye Institute

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Ladies' Golf

Club Report

Friday, 25 September 2026

The clouds were low and grey at Sedge Links, threatening to open up the heavens, eleven ladies filtered onto the clubhouse deck with trepidation wondering whether we should play and risk it or not. The lure of enjoying a hot cup of coffee instead was quite strong!

But being the strong women that we are and, more importantly, loving our Friday golf together we decided to take the risk and go for it

As it turned out, it was absolutely the right decision. Apart from a couple of spots of rain, the morning turned into perfect golfing weather!

Once we were on the tee boxes, the challenge was to make the most of the holes that would count towards our final score, as the format for the day was O.N.E.S.

For those unfamiliar with the format, only your Stableford scores on holes whose numbers begin with the letters O, N, E or S count towards your final score. In other words, we played all 18 holes as usual, but only 9 of those holes would count on our scorecards. This made those particular holes especially important. A good score could make all the difference!

We also had the final battle of the Knockout Competition taking place, with Sylvia and Elize going head-to-head for the coveted Knockout title and trophy.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Dolar Vasani to the ladies group today.

Results for the day

1st place: Linda Evans (21 points) c/o

2nd place: Marina van der Westhuizen (21 points)

3rd place: Shannon Nicol (20 points)

Nearest the pin: Almarie Mead (hole 4) and Marina van der Westhuizen (hole 2)

Birdies: Shannon Nicol (11,14), Marina van der Westhuizen (11,16), Zoe Botha (2,7) and Sylvia de Moor (5,14)

Players playing under their handicap:

Sylvia and Marina both played 5 under, whilst Linda played 2 under and Zoe 1 under

Knockout winner: Sylvia de Moor (41 points) with Elize Mackenzie-Blom as runner up (34 points)

Congratulations to Sylvia for gaining the title of the 2026 Knockout Winner!

Friday, 2nd October 2026

Medal and Putt day arrived a

week late, but nonetheless, for the ladies dressed in their red club shirts, it was still a fabulous day for a game of golf at Sedge Links. The weather played its part, providing perfect golfing conditions, with only the midgies causing a little discomfort for some. Eleven ladies, dressed in red, happily trundled off to their allocated tee boxes and waited for the hooter to "hoot", marking the start of our Friday game of golf with all prizes sponsored by Engen 1-Plus Sedgfield.

Results for the day

Gold Division Winner: Dolar Vasani (49)

Runner-up: Shannon Nicol (57)

Silver Division: Almarie Mead (55) Zoë Botha (56)



Bronze Division: Joy Herbst (55) Sylvia de Moor (57)

Least putts trophy: Dolar Vasani (27)

Birdies: Almarie Mead (14), Shannon Nicol (11,14,2), Marina van der Westhuizen (8) Dolar Vasani (3,5), Joy Herbst (14) Dolar played a fabulous 5 under her handicap.

Well played to all players.

Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling
Club News



LAWN BOWLS AROUND THE WORLD – AND THROUGH HISTORY

We've come a long way to get where we are today!

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EDEN LEAGUE MEDALS

SBC was well represented in the hardware stakes in this year's Eden League, with the Sedgfield 4th Men's team bringing home the gold in their section. Well done Ian Jarman, Frank Witteveen, Mark Kelly, Brendon Nichols, Marius Nadel and Nico Coetsee! The Sedgfield 3rd Men's team also got in on the act, claiming bronze. Well played Wessie vd Westhuizen, Conrad Prinsloo, Arthur Owen, Ian Gibbon, Mathi Theron, Carl Ballan and Denis Meadsday.

SBC DRAWN TRIPS

An exciting 18 ends on 22 September saw Ronel Eloff, Arthur Owen and Conrad Prinsloo pip Neels Theron, Joey Estie and Manie Naude to the post to become the SBC Drawn Mixed Trips champions for 2026. Well played, ladies and gentlemen – and commiserations to the runners-up. There's always next time!



HERITAGE DAY – OVER AND UNDER 70

In the traditional Heritage Day Over-and-Under-70 battle, the Whippersnappers pulled one over on the Fogies this year. If memory serves – and remember, I'm firmly on the wrong side of 70 – this was sweet revenge for the lesson the "Olduns" handed out last year!

BAREFOOT BOWLS

Friday, 9 October marks the start of the increasingly popular SBC Barefoot Bowls. Those lucky teams that got their entries in before we ran out of space had better warm up their rolling, laughing and chilling muscles, because with our wonderful sponsors Rietvallei

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – De Krans : A Twist Of Fate 2024

The bottle has a plain front label, but an interesting fact is, the colour of the wine is nearly the same colour as the label! The back label offers info about the two grape varieties, Tinta Barocca and Tinta Amarela and how they were used to make the wine. Abv.13%. The colour of the wine in the glass, reminds one of a darker tint of rosé. Quite a few legs were visible. No flaws could be found on the nose and aromas of cherries, a hint of cloves, pimento and dust were present.

It is a light-bodied, no-fuss, red wine without an overpowering mouth. The wine covers the whole tongue, like a thin blanket. Slight acidity was experienced. The aftertaste of canned prunes lingered in the



mouth.

WG was a little disappointed with the outcome, because the name and the description of the wine promised something more interesting. The price range = R100 – R120.

In Vino Veritas till next time.

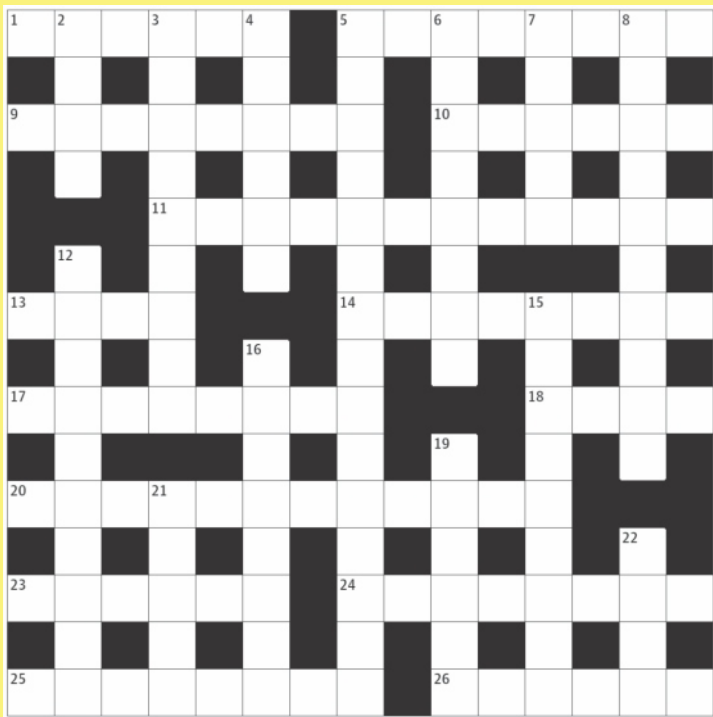
TED'S BRAIN CRUNCHER

Across

- We heard you weep, sister, because of the calamity. (6)
- Terrible boss, that British politician with his tale of woe. (3,5)
- A bakkie of wood costs nothing to sponge. (8)
- Be quiet about what you consume and where you keep the knife! (6)
- Protects furniture from the odd mascara stain. (12)
- Missile misses one of the returning ducks. (4)
- Cure many illiterate children by teaching something basic. (8)
- Valerie points to agency in Spain for oranges. (8)
- A bit of a meagre wage for one who was on the up and up. (4)
- Revealing ones clothing for that special day. (8,4)
- Sick, but at the office anyway. (6)
- Privy to exterior plumbing arrangement. (8)
- Process before moving out of your apartment involves assemble yourself furniture. (8)
- Is returning from one party to another with a dance move. (2-2-2)

Down

- Right, are we having this bloody meat? (4)
- Knysna Education Department initially saddled with one wishing to escape. (9)
- To cut Afrikaans out is too backward, and rather pernickety. (6)
- Stone formation I'm slow to



- move outside for music. (11,4)
- Where to start climbing is one degree, with half a second of electricity. (4,4)
- Distressing centre-piece was braided! (5)
- Hunted and hunter land on singer who gets rid of pests. (3-7)
- Sort of a social con perpetrated on a 'once in a while' basis. (10)
- Morally justified duo of

brothers. (9)

- Turn right out of the arcade, then aim the other way, and you'll get to the World of Knowledge! (8)
- Very sad about how the landed fish were treated. (6)
- 'Tisn't the sort of thing you would ruin. (5)
- Took advantage of one previously engaged? (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Flattened 6. Toes 8. Pie crust 9. Trivia 10. Slough 11. Benjamin 12. Static 15. Tutorial 16. Unironed 19. Dither 21. Offshore 22. Shirty 24. Social 25. Shocking 26. Apse 27. Sparkiest

Down: 1. Frill 2. Account 3. Truth 4. Not a bit 5. Detonated 6. Thin air 7. Eliminate 13. Tin of soup 14. Canoodles 17. Respite 18. Deep sea 20. Twinkle 22. Spock 23. Tenet

BIONIQUE MAKES LOCAL RUGBY HISTORY



Huge congratulations go to Sedgefield's Bionique (Nicky) Baatjes, on her selection to the SA Rugby 2026 Under-16 Girls Elite Player Development (EPD) Squad.

Bionique clearly has rugby running through her veins, being the daughter of one of the Pick n Pay Sedgefield Eagle Stars RFC stalwarts, Bramwell Baatjes.

Bionique was among the players identified earlier this year at the FNB U16 Girls Week, where she enjoyed a very successful tournament captaining the SWD team.

It is particularly noteworthy that Bionique is the only player selected from SWD an historic achievement for the Smutsville girl, as it also marks a first for the community.

Bionique and all the other selected players attended the EPD camp at La Rochelle Girls' High School in Paarl from 26 September to 2 October 2026, where they were exposed to a high-performance environment, working closely with national coaching, medical, and support personnel as part of SA Rugby's long-term player development strategy.

She thoroughly enjoyed her time at the EPD week where she felt she gained valuable experience that will undoubtedly contribute to her development as a future Springbok Rugby player.

"Geluk, Bionique!" says the Eagle Stars RFC "Gaan leer nog meer. Niks staan in jou pad nie. Ons is baie trots op jou. Geniet hierdie wonderlike geleentheid."

BONGANI TOURNAMENT ENTHRALLS FANS

Two weekends, jam-packed with soccer, delighted local fans of the sport, who flocked to the Smutsville Community Sportsgrounds in great numbers to watch the 2026 Bongani Soccer Tournament.

The man behind the event Bongani Dyani, sang the praises of the municipal facility. "As always, it has been maintained to an impressive level," he said, "And with great behaviour from the spectators, the tournament's 11th year went very well."

This year the Smutsville teams failed to capitalise on their home advantage, with even multiple trophy winners Smuts United being knocked out in the quarter finals.

The semi's saw three Knysna squads and one from Plett battling it out for a place in the final game. The Plett team - Y2K - defied the odds scoring the only two goals of the match in their semi final against FC Rebels.

In the finals they faced Voota FC, who had also managed a 2-0 semi-final score against opponents Kayamnandi. The final match, played on Sunday 4 October in front of a thrilled crowd, saw the Y2K team



scoring the one and only goal, making them winners of a brand new full set of soccer kit, the Bongani Tournament Floating Trophy, and, of course, the prize money.

"As always, I am very grateful to everyone who assisted in making this a successful event," says Dyani, "From the teams participating to the spectators, to the people who helped behind the scenes. This tournament has been

getting better almost every year since 2013. Twenty teams from all over the Garden Route took part this year."

The Y2K Soccer Squad from Plett were the winners of this year's Bongani Tournament in Smutsville, Sedgefield.

SEDFIELD GENTS' GOLF

Club Report

Thursday, 24 September 2026
Sedgefield (aka Moles End Or Moles Beginning) was greeted with another stunning day for the gents' favourite tournament, the Monthly Mug.

Arnold Palmer once said that golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated. It satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening and it is without doubt, the greatest game that mankind has invented.

With that sage insight let us see how it applies to the contestants after this day's play.

In the A division, playing medal, the outright winner reward went to a truly fine gentleman in golf, Neville Large with a net 55. He was closely followed by Dave Herbst with 36. In third spot was Des Munro with 57 and after him came a very lucky Derek van Zyl who when he teed off was convinced that he was going to win. His disappointment was somewhat assuaged when he

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heard that he was nearest the pin on the 14th hole and in so doing collected a second bottle of vintage wine. Neville Large won the other n.t.p on the second hole. In the B division, playing stableford, surprisingly Niel de Villiers was the runaway winner with what is totally unusual for him, 37 points. In so doing he thrashed Garth Schooling into second spot who only had 35. Some distance further back saw Glenn Mauchline with 31 and even Peter King collected wine with a dicey 30 points.

Rudy Bosch whose intellect was sorely frustrated played his heart out to win the Lucky Draw. It is said that a woman in labour feels pain so intense she can almost imagine what a golfer feels on winning the "Duck" for being the worst player of the day. So it is with tears in our eyes that we report that the recipient of this reward was Bill Craig with a gross score of, wait for it, 83. Bill ashamedly slurred that the only two consecutive good shots he had all day was in the pub.

To ease the pain on those golfers who found the day maddening in spite of valiant efforts, the Captain announced that the following week's competition would be a Betterball Stableford.

Thursday, 01 October 2026

Golfing nomenclature can be pretty damning on the struggling golfer. For instance, if a professional golfer hits a ball to the right, it's a fade but if an amateur does it, it's called a slice. The day's competition was a Betterball Stableford and the GC Members had to endure heat in the mid 30's as well as some very blustery wind but this did very

little to prevent the friendship development in the day's format.

The day's winners, on a very praiseworthy total of 44 points, were Peter King and Tony Hunter. The previous week had witnessed the Scottish nation in deep depression, after their soccer team were hammered by Switzerland and their favourite golfer, Bill Craig, played a shocker in a G.C. competition. However we are happy to report that the Scots can start playing the bagpipes again because Bill had a very good game to come in second in the Betterball competition alongside Henry Crowther with 43 points. In third spot were Andre de Wet and Peter Heath. With Andre having the benefit of Peter's ridiculously high handicap, you would imagine they would be good friends after the game but this was not to be. It seems at one stage Andre pointed out that it couldn't be Peter's ball and when the latter queried why, he was told 'because it was in the middle of the fairway'. The final wine winners were Dave Wright and Des Munro.

Captain, Brian Gerard, announced to the players at the end of the day's play that the next week's competition would be their favourite, the Pink Ball alliance. Lose the pink ball and your team is virtually out of the competition.

Anyone wishing to meet some fellow elderly golfers, we the Sedgefield Gentlemen's Golf Club meet every Thursday morning at the SEDGE LINKS. Contact Brian Gerard on: 072 633 4218 - you won't be disappointed.

TIDE TABLE

7 October - 20 October 2026
• Full Moon 26 October 2026

Date:	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tides		Low Tides	
Wed 07 Oct	5:57	18:36	1:26	13:42	7:22	19:54
Thur 08 Oct	5:56	18:36	2:08	14:20	8:01	20:30
Fri 09 Oct	5:54	18:37	2:44	14:55	8:36	21:32
Sat 10 Oct	5:53	18:38	3:17	15:27	9:07	21:32
Sun 11 Oct	5:52	18:39	3:48	15:57	9:37	22:00
Mon 12 Oct	5:50	18:39	4:17	16:27	10:05	22:27
Tue 13 Oct	5:48	18:41	5:17	17:24	11:01	23:22
Wed 14 Oct	6:06	18:30	5:31	17:45	11:19	23:49
Thur 15 Oct	5:47	18:42	5:49	17:54	11:31	23:52
Fri 16 Oct	5:45	18:43	6:24	18:27	-	12:07
Sat 17 Oct	5:44	18:43	07:11	19:15	0:30	12:57
Sun 18 Oct	5:43	18:44	8:26	20:49	1:27	14:42
Mon 19 Oct	5:42	18:45	10:24	23:05	3:19	17:00
Tue 20 Oct	5:40	18:46	11:48	-	5:07	18:06

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