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SEDGE IN THE PINK

Timing is everything - even in the bird world, so it seems!

While Sedgefield was dressing up in their pinkest finery for the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk - surely one of the best attended events on the village social calendar, some unexpected guests were flying in under the radar, wearing their own ... er 'flamboyant' pinkery.

Nobody knows who invited the flamingos, but we're sure glad they dropped in. After all, with just short of 1000 Sedgefielders and friends hitting the streets around the Island, despite the drizzle and coolish temperatures, it's no wonder our feathered friends wanted to take part.

It goes to show - the Pink Walk is for everyone, no matter how far down the pecking order they might be! *(See full article and more of Mike Hilton's wonderful Pink Walk pictures on page 9)*



Visiting flamingos on Swartvlei, resting prior to the Pink Walk. *Picture taken by Ben Fouche*



Stanton De Lange and Pink walk organiser Adele van Zyl

YOUR VOTE, YOUR TOWN: 4 NOV MATTERS

On Wednesday 4 November, voters across Greater Knysna will choose the people who will run their municipality for the next five years. This includes Sedgefield wards one and two.

Every resident who stays home hands that decision to someone else.

Local government is the level of politics that touches daily life most directly. The councillors elected next month will decide how water and electricity are managed, which roads get fixed, how refuse is collected, how land is used and how ratepayers' money is spent.

National debates make the headlines, but often it's the council chamber that decides whether a pothole gets filled or a burst pipe gets repaired.

Local elections are also decided by small margins. A ward contest can turn on a few hundred votes, so a single street or neighbourhood can change the outcome.

Turnout in municipal polls has historically lagged behind national elections. That leaves councils chosen by a minority of residents and weakens a community's voice when it later demands accountability.

More than 29 million South Africans are registered for these elections. The voters' roll has now closed. Registered voters should check their details and remember that they may vote only at the station in the ward where they registered.

Know your candidates, ask hard questions, and on 4 November, have your say.

Remember to vote mindfully, not emotionally.





Notes from T'Ed's Head



We've all heard the saying, "If you can't beat them, join them!" and I was just thinking this is particularly true of politicians at the moment, because we aren't allowed to beat them; it's illegal.

So let's join them!

Ladies and Gentlemen, may I introduce you to the new and improved *Moderately Captured Citizens Party* (MCCP).

I knew you'd be as excited about this as I am.

"But wait!" you say, "We haven't seen the MCCP on any lists?" This is purely because, for reasons beyond our control (an impromptu extended happy hour at our local), the MCCP somehow missed the deadline to register for the upcoming local elections.

However, thanks to the recent controversial court ruling and a little bit of palm-greasing *(nudge nudge)*, we have now managed to get back on track, so you are now able to vote for us!

Perhaps it's best I share our manifesto, so you know how worthy of leadership we are!

THE MCCP

"Vote for us. What's the worst that could happen?"

This new, young, experienced, fresh, liberal, conservative, right-left-of-centre, never-done-anything-dodgy-ever (apart from John) party is surely the answer to local politics Knysna has been waiting for, and we're here to help ourselves in getting the best from your rates.

Promising a leadership campaign driven by no less than 55 action points, we are proud to say we almost reached number twelve before the rugby started on Saturday,

ELECTION PROMISES

Yes - we have numerous election promises. More than anyone else. Better than anyone else. BIGGER than anyone else. And we can guarantee that almost some of them might make sense.

MORE THAN JUST WORDS.

We pride ourselves that we aren't going to be a party that bombards you with single-word slogans that do nothing but muddy the waters. After an extensive grilling process (it was a very long braai), we have weeded out all the one-word candidates, and armed the rest (well, the sober ones at least) with something so much more than words. PHRASES!

Yes - as well as campaign classics such as *'Here's a free t-shirt'* and *'How MUCH do you WANT that tender?'* we've made up some real car-stopping corkers ourselves, including *'Truthful Leadership Through Ecliptic Diversity'*,

'Solving Tomorrow's Problems by Calculating Yesterday's Solutions, Today' and *'Presenting Possibilities without Liberties in Unity'*.

Even *'Variable Combative Adequacy in Community Restructuralisation'*, which I've just thought of!

Darn, I'm good.

BUT LET'S GET DOWN TO THE PEN AND INK OF IT.

Yep, we are listening louder than ever, and whilst we are particularly proud of our ability to *'Put Some People Before Other People'*, we also acknowledge that *'delivering delivery'* is all about where the tyre meets the tarmac, as it were, (or in Sedgefield's case - as it weren't) - that will be the make-or-break of whether you will give us your X. (I hope she's good-looking).

But talk is cheap, so let's get down to brass cats.

We of the MCCP have put the carrot before the horse and ensured all our eggs are not greener on the other side, thus aquerying in-debt knowledge of what our constipants really care about.

1. INFRASTRUCTURE - this is a word that keeps coming up, so much so that the very mention of it makes the average Knysnarian nauseous. That's why the MCCP party pledges that under our rule, INFRASTRUCTURE will be a thing of the past.

No more of those damaged roads (they're mostly gone anyway), no more of that pesky wet stuff pouring out of your taps, no more dangerous currents lurking in every socket of your home.

No, no NO!

We of the MCCP will irradiate that pesky infrastructure and re-install the good old family institutions from those halcyon days of our grandparents' time.

These include public well facilities (bring your own buckets), compost toilets, four-hoof-drive transport, those homely paraffin lanterns, communal river bathing and open-fire cooking.

Ahhh … Those WERE the days, my friend.

2. SHORTER WORKING HOURS. Putting in lengthy days of hard graft may be acceptable in bigger cities, but we're in the Garden Route, for goodness sake! Hence our plan is that this should change, especially for your hard-working politicians. That's why the MCCP is proposing a three-day week of four hours a day, with compulsory afternoon siestas. This is definitely something the council (under our leadership) pledges to lead by example, right from the word GO!

The MCCP leads - you follow.

3. WEANING OUT BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION. The MCCP is well aware of the utmost IMPORTANCE of rooting this out, and we will make it our top priority (after beer, of course). But we also know the risks of a More Haste, Less Speed attitude, which will surely be detrimental to us. Thus, we hereby propose an integrated, fully compostable, pre-inebriated plan to slowly but surely eradicate the bribing culture in the municipality. In other words, by the end of our five years in office, there will be no bribes left.

4. LEADING BY EXAMPLE. History has shown many great leaders coming to the fore, and the MCCP is determined that their footsteps are worthy of following. Thus, it is our noble promise that we will regularly show our voters great examples of leadership. With pictures and everything. In fact, we'll post a new one every week. (I think we'll start with Attila The Hun - what a lovely man he was).

5. GETTING RID OF THE OLD GUARD. Yes - it's time he went on pension. He's 89 and really not up to sitting there all day. Cheers, Richard, enjoy your retirement.

6. A CLIMATE OF CHANGE. The MCCP is nothing if not progressive, and so we hereby officially recognise that Global Warming is real. Thus, we will be equally officially reducing Sedgefield's winter to the 35 days between late June and early August.

7. THE EARTH IS FLAT: We aren't budging on this, however.

8. TOMORROW STARTS TODAY, BUT ONLY IF YESTERDAY AGREES. We are not sure what this means, but John came up with it, and we will find out when he gets released; we promise.

9. POTHOLES POTHOLES POTHOLES. Another nasty word, that will - once we are elected - be quickly forgotten. Yes - we ARE the party of parties. After lengthy consultation with our Consumate Team of Consulting EXPERTS, we have already come up with the solution. Soon, each and every pothole will be registered with the Heritage Foundation as *'Historic Traffic-Calming Features'* and sold off on a Timeshare basis to foreign people desperate to save the planet. The huge amount of money raised in this venture will be … Oh darn, it's already disappeared.

10. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.** It is totally ludicrous that our municipality battles with this every year. WE WILL SPEND ALL THE MONEY. The MCCP has at least a dozen *Dedicated Spending Experts* (one being Mrs Ed) on call. This is the very reason we are standing for election.

11. COALITIONS. Recognising the very slight chance of MCCP not winning an outright majority, we have stop-gaps in place should a coalition with lesser mortals be necessary. This may sound like we are selling our souls, but please note that deals will be outlined according to strict criterion, such as a reasonable 'finders fee' (payable in cash) and the MCCP councillors getting all the best paid positions as well as the seats closest to the windows, and first dibs on lucrative tenders.

12. R10 000 FOR EVERY VOTER. Following international trends, the MCCP pledges to pay each and every voter **R10 000** if we win the election. Of course, this will come from CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

13. Vote MCCP

14. *You'd be mad if you didn't!*



PETITION HANDED OVER



On Tuesday 13 October, Sedgefield local Alan Morris handed over a petition to Knysna's Acting Mayor Morton Gericke, after spending weeks gathering signatures from unhappy Sedgefield residents and visitors. The 45 page petition included 811 signatures as well as detailed information and photographs showing the diabolical state of local roads.

It respectfully requests that the Knysna Municipality:

1. Conducts a comprehensive assessment of every road in Sedgefield (RAMS report plus feedback of report).
2. Publishes a clear timetable for the resurfacing & rehabilitation of roads that have reached the end of their service life.
3. Allocates sufficient funding for permanent road rehabilitation instead of repeated temporary pothole repairs.
4. Communicates openly with residents regarding budgets, priorities and implementation time-lines.

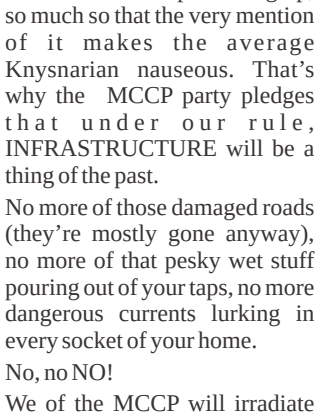
Councillor Gericke received the petition and promised to share it with the relevant department heads.













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REMAX GARDEN ROUTE KITE FEST GETS WET!

While visitor numbers were all but washed out by steady rain through most of Sunday 18 October, the spirit of the RE/MAX Garden Route Kite Festival soared high.



Preparations leading up to this ever-popular day had gone like clockwork."With the help of our principal partner and sponsor RE/MAX Coastal, along with Wesgro, Masithandane was able to set up its best event layout yet," said Masithandane chair Jacky Weaver. "It was a field full of promise, and a packed programme full of wonderful activities throughout the day."

But, alas, down came the rain, which not only persuaded most of the crowd to stay at home, but also brought extra challenges for the day.

However, it seems it's almost impossible to dampen the spirit of the Kite Festival team – and the show certainly went on!

"We had to rely a lot on many other people to make it all come together, and boy did they step up to the plate – even in the rain!" said Jacky.

Saxophonist Beverly Fowler started the entertainment off, setting the stage for the official opening by principal sponsor Chris van der Merwe of RE/MAX Coastal.

"Chris and his team were on the field throughout the day," Jacky enthused, "A great support and a pillar of strength in our community."

As the day continued, so did the rain – and the entertainment. As brave spectators trickled in, Bianca Jacobs cheerfully introduced the ever-popular agility dog show, with both the dogs and their trainers performing well despite the slippery conditions.

The big kites had to be kept under cover, as they are impossible to handle when wet due to the increased weight. Every now and then there was a flurry of hope as a smaller kite soared into the sky, but even in the skilful hands of the 17 pro kite flyers who had come from far and wide, these flights were short-lived.

MC Joanne Scholtz, supported by Marius Britz from Aldamali and Billy King from WRK Electrical on sound and power, kept up the flow of announcements, banter and music until the arrival of the Knysna Pipe Band. Possibly revelling in the 'traditional Scottish summer weather', they bagpiped the afternoon in beautifully.

Sixty children from George South Primary, together with their teachers, arrived at the field after a nature walk with the Sedgefield Island Conservancy. Dressed in wonderful recycled outfits made from black and yellow plastic bags, they had brought along home-made kites to enter in the competition, but unfortunately had to leave early because they were so wet!

Meanwhile, Grant Colloty and the 1st Sedgefield Scouts created the most amazing children's activities in a fit-for-purpose arena. The huge variety of games on offer ranged from 'Tic-Tac-Toe' to 'Feeding the Gorilla with Squishies', and the children soon forgot about the downpour.

This year, as well as the Sky Art Banner Competition, school-goers could also enter a new event – the Recycled Kite Competition. George South Primary, Seabridge School, Montessori Knysna and the 1st Sedgefield Scouts all came to the party.

"The banners were beautifully created, with themes like *'One Paradise One World'* and *'Let Us Love One Another'*," said Jacky. The winners were George South Primary Grade 5 and Seabridge School.

The Recycled Kite Competition taught a lesson or two to would-be aviators. While many of the kites, started at school and finished on festival day, were amazing to look at, a few were just too heavy to fly, despite the continued efforts of their creators.

The winners of that competition were the First Sedgefield Scouts and Seabridge School.

While all of this was going on, 35 food and craft stalls stayed open for trade, providing the few dozen festival-goers with a variety of fare."We say thank you to each and every one of you that braved it," said Jacky, to stallholders and visitors alike.

Perhaps the most disappointed by the weather were the kite flyers themselves. "They had come from all over the world – from as far away as the USA, England, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany – along with our wonderful team of South Africans," Jacky lamented.

But failure to fly did not totally dampen their enthusiasm. They stepped onto the festival stage to showcase their amazing kites, telling visitors all about the various designs and how they had flown kites all over the world."Although we didn't get to see them in the sky, we did at least get to see them!" said one reveller.

The last act of the rainy day was by no means the least. Local award-winning artist Arancha Fortuin (see article on page 6) brought the festival to a close, but not before she had the last few Kite Festers stomping their feet and singing along to some of their favourite songs.

"It was a most blessed day despite all the heavy rainfall," said Jacky. "We have to say thank you to each and every one – to all our sponsors, to our Masithandane family, to our Sedgefield family, and to our international family, who were all part of this amazing day. We are so very appreciative."

The Kite Festival is a Masithandane fundraiser earmarked for its School Bursary Project. Anyone who missed the event and would like to donate to this worthy cause may do so into the bank account below, using 'Bursary' as the reference.

Bank: ABSA; Acc: Masithandane; Cheque account no: 4067253575

CHILDREN PLAY HAVOC IN CBD

There have been numerous complaints about children/juveniles creating chaos in Sedgefield central, with some shopkeepers calling them defiant and openly destructive.

One business owner says the youngsters will raid his business garden most nights, breaking plants and destroying whatever they can find to destroy. He believes that one or two might even have assisted in a recent break-in at his café.

Asked if anything can be done about the situation, COP Chair Mike Hofhuis said " In response to local crime concerns, SAPS has launched targeted interventions across Sedgefield hotspots. The initiative combines high-visibility patrols by the Crime Prevention Unit and local SAPS units with increased stop-and-search operations to seize dangerous weapons. In addition, Social Crime Prevention officers are engaging unsupervised children and following up with parents to tackle root issues in the area."

He also told us that if businesses are harrassed by juveniles they should immediately report to SAPS, providing an accurate description of the youths involved, including age, colour of clothing, and where they were last seen.

"Please do it straight away, so the youngsters can be found quickly" he advised.

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Developing El Niño and Its Expected Impact on the Garden Route

by Charl van der Merwe, Environmental Ethicist
On behalf of Sedgefield RatepayersAssociation

The much-talked-about developing El Niño pattern is known to affect weather across southern Africa, including the Garden Route. Its strength and timing are uncertain, but it could change rainfall, temperatures, and seasonal conditions. Being aware of and understanding these risks will reinforce early preparation.

El Niño occurs when cyclical, unusually warm Pacific waters alter global atmospheric circulation and rainfall patterns. Its effects vary by region and depend on other climate influences, so it raises the likelihood of certain conditions rather than guaranteeing a specific outcome.

One of the most important concerns regarding the El Niño effect is the possibility of below-average rainfall during parts of the spring and summer seasons. In the Garden Route, we have a varied climate: some areas receive rainfall throughout the year, while others depend more heavily on winter rainfall. A change in the timing or frequency of rain could affect dam levels, groundwater recharge, and streamflow. Even when total seasonal rainfall is not exceptionally low, longer dry intervals between storms may place pressure on water supplies, vegetation, and ecosystems.

Agriculture is likely to feel these effects quickly. Farmers may face reduced soil moisture during planting and growing periods, while irrigated producers could experience greater competition for limited water.
Higher temperatures could add to the pressure. Heat increases evaporation from dams, soils, and plants, raising water demand even where municipal restrictions are not yet in place. We may notice warmer days, greater reliance on air conditioning and increased fire risk in dry vegetation.

Wildfires are a significant concern. The Garden Route contains extensive fynbos, forest, and grassland ecosystems, many of which become highly flammable after prolonged dry weather. High winds, combined with low humidity, can allow fires to spread rapidly. Residents, farmers, nature conservation bodies, and our municipality can reduce danger by clearing invasive vegetation around buildings, maintaining access routes, checking firefighting equipment, maintaining fire breaks, and following restrictions on burning. Early detection and cooperation between all remain essential.

Between April 2025 and March 2026, CapeNature responded to 107 wildfires in the Western Cape, burning 215,937 hectares, including 78,505 hectares on its reserves. Although the scale is serious, 63% were contained before reaching 100 hectares, highlighting the effectiveness of their Large Scale Rapid Initial Attack model.

Take care with outdoor fires, especially in hot, dry, and windy conditions. Fires are prohibited on road verges, viewing areas and beaches. Never leave a fire unattended, and fully extinguish braais, agricultural burns, and other authorised fires. El Niño does not cause fires directly, but its hot, dry conditions can make wildfires more frequent and harder to control. Even small ignitions can spread quickly through dry vegetation, threatening biodiversity, homes, infrastructure, farmland, and lives.

The pattern may also affect ecosystems and tourism. Lower streamflow can stress wetlands, estuaries, and freshwater species, while warmer, drier conditions may change flowering, breeding, and migration cycles. Tourism could face unplanned altered conditions and reduced water availability.

El Niño's impact will not be uniformly negative but will depend on evolving weather patterns. Some areas may experience heavy rain or storms, and the Garden Route's varied terrain can produce different conditions between neighbouring towns. Do not assume drought is the only risk; follow regular updates from the South African Weather Service and disaster-management agencies.

Land-use planning should discourage development in high-risk fire zones and preserve wetlands, rivers, and natural drainage corridors. These measures are valuable beyond the current El Niño event because they address the wider pressures of climate variability and population growth.

By now, our municipality should have prepared for immediate conservation and long-term resilience. Actions should include reducing leakages, protecting catchments, expanding water-reuse programmes, and improving monitoring of dams and groundwater. We should prepare by harvesting rainwater, repairing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, and supporting indigenous, low-water gardens. Water conservation, fire preparedness, climate-smart farming, and reliable public information can reduce disruption and will help protect people, the economy, and our natural environment.

Be Aware, be prepared and prevent fires where you can. Report smoke or fire immediately by dialling 112 from a mobile phone or 10177 from a landline.

CELEBRATING SWARTVLEI BEACH : GREEN COAST AWARD!

We are proud to celebrate the renewal of the 2026/2027 WESSA Green Coast Award for Swartvlei Beach, Sedgefield, officially received on 8 October 2026!



Our proud team fltr: Philip Hendricks (Manager: Environmental Manager); Acting Mayor Morton Gericke, Andiswa Dunywa (Director Planning & Economic Development) & Mulalo Musekene (Senior Environmental Management Officer)

First awarded Green Coast status in 2024, Swartvlei Beach continues to shine as an example of what can be achieved through dedicated environmental stewardship, community participation and responsible tourism.

This achievement reflects the year-round commitment of our environmental staff, the Strandloper Project and local volunteers, who work tirelessly to protect this precious coastal environment. From monitoring plastic pollution and microplastics to safeguarding sensitive rocky shores and clearing invasive alien plants from dune habitats, their efforts are making a meaningful difference.

This award celebrates more than just a beautiful coastline; it recognises a community united in protecting its natural heritage for generations to come.

Congratulations to everyone who plays a part in keeping Swartvlei Beach thriving! Together, we are building a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable coast for all.

Talking Tech

By Anzelle Booysen

Anzelle is a Garden Route-based digital consultant who promises she isn't hiding from anyone.

I Googled You. So Did the Whole Internet. Sorry.

"The internet has a memory like an elephant and manners like a tax collector."

Last week I did a mildly terrifying thing. I Googled myself. Before you picture me in a dark basement like some hooded hacker, let me explain. I was testing something for a client, typed my name into the search for fun. And there it was. Some version of Anzelle I'd long forgotten: an entry from years ago with old business details, some digitally dusty channels suffering decay and neglect. Ugh.

I hadn't really been looking for me. But the internet had been keeping notes anyway.

That's your digital footprint. A fancy phrase, simple concept: every trace you leave online. Every 'like', every comment, every review, every website you visit (stored as cookies, not those nice chocolate-covered shortbread ones), every time someone tags you in a photo of a braai you'd rather forget. Think of it like a walk on the beach, except there's no tide to wash away the evidence. Eventually someone walks past and notices.

The good news? A digital footprint isn't automatically bad, even though it does affect your reputation and privacy. Ignore it and things get messy. Tend it and it rewards you. A bunch of good reviews, for example, is free advertising that works while you sleep. For the rest of us, it just means people can find you, which is good, unless you're hiding from your ex.

You can't erase it, but you can be mindful of where you tread. Start by Googling yourself. (Simply open Google, type your full name in quotation marks - "Anzelle Booysen" - and press enter. Quick, free, occasionally alarming.)

If you're a business, reply to your reviews, even the bad ones. (Log into your Google Business Profile, or search your business on Google Maps and look for "Own this business?".)

Ask before tagging anyone in a photo. (On Facebook: Settings, then Privacy, then turn on "Review posts you're tagged in".)

Fix the old stuff where you can. (Old directory listings usually have a "claim this listing" button. Click, update, done. No phone calls, no waiting on hold.)

And if you wouldn't say it in person, don't say it online. It's the oldest rule in the book, just with a keyboard attached.

Say something nice online every once in a while. You can't stop leaving footprints. You can only choose which ones you'd be happy for the neighbours to see.

STARRY STORIES FOR U3A



On Thursday 29 October 2026 the Knysna U3A General Meeting will be held in the DR Church Hall in Sedgefield when local member, Judy Dixon, will weave Facts and Fantasies into STARRY STORIES.

Judy has combined her love of Mythology and Astronomy into an intriguing saga by exploring the links between Ancient Knowledge and Modern Science.
All are welcome to attend. The doors open at 9am when tea, coffee and biscuits will be served and the presentation starts promptly at 10am. Members pay R20 and Visitors R50 towards the hire of the Hall. For further information contact Judy 0723906667

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Running a veterinary practice single-handedly for 21 years is no small feat. When Dr Anuska Viljoen opened her holistic practice at the iconic Horse Fence House on 1 October 2005, she brought to Sedgefield a vision of veterinary care ahead of its time in South Africa.

It was the fulfilment of a dream conceived during childhood holidays on BigFoot farm outside Sedgefield, when the town had only three shops and a dirt road serving the “dorpie”. Anuska's affinity with all creatures large and small foretold she would pursue a veterinary career, but even she could not have predicted the unexpected direction her career would take.

After graduating from Onderstepoort in 1993, completing a postgraduate Honours degree in anaesthesiology, medicine and clinical pathology, running the PDSA for 2 years in a riot torn Soweto, Anuska travelled to the UK, where discovering homeopathy ignited her interest in alternative therapies. While studying towards her homoeopathic and acupuncture degrees, she worked at two established integrative veterinary clinics in the UK and shadowed several well-known holistic vets in the USA.

With years of study, mentorship and clinical experience under her belt, Anuska returned to Sedgefield to establish a truly integrative veterinary clinic, providing all conventional services alongside homeopathy, traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture, gold bead implants, herbal medicine and nutritional therapy. Her aim is to select the least invasive, most effective approach for each patient to give the best long-term health outcome while teaching whole health to her clients.

Understanding the pivotal role of nutrition in good health, Anuska became an outspoken advocate for species appropriate pet food and started Simply Pets, the first vet-formulated, properly balanced and complete raw food range registered with science-backed claims in South Africa. Simply Natural's remedies and supplements grew from the same commitment to support practical, natural home-care.



Today, pet guardians from across South Africa seek her expertise, both in person and through telephonic consultations, especially when conventional treatments alone have not brought the hoped-for outcomes.

For Sedgefield's animal lovers, Simply Vets remains a distinctive local resource, built on decades of experience and an unwavering commitment to finding the best way forward for each patient.

Congratulations Anuska, and thank you!

With love from Sylvia Ferguson

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This Week in Sedgefield

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Accessibility is often treated as a compliance issue. It should be treated as a market opportunity.

What universal design means

Universal design is the practice of designing environments, products, services and experiences to be usable by everyone, regardless of age, ability or disability, without the need for later adaptation. Rather than designing around an assumed “average” customer and adjusting afterwards, it asks from the outset: “How can we design our product so that the greatest number of people can enjoy it?”

An accessible room, appropriate parking, step-free entry, an accessible bathroom and clear information about facilities don't only serve a wheelchair user. They also serve older travellers, people with temporary injuries, parents with young children and many others who benefit from easier access. Designing for inclusion improves the experience for everyone.

The business case

A traveller with a disability rarely travels alone. They come with partners, children, friends or caregivers, and the whole party needs accommodation, eats in restaurants, pays entrance fees, books activities, uses transport and shops. Accessibility increases participation, and participation drives revenue.

It also builds loyalty. A visitor who has struggled to find an accessible experience will remember the business that made it easy. They will return, recommend it and talk about it. The opposite is also true: a business that advertises itself as accessible but fails to deliver can lose an entire travelling party, and many future customers through word of mouth.

It needn't mean rebuilding

Becoming more accessible doesn't necessarily mean rebuilding. Simple changes make a real difference: clear accessibility information on websites, staff training, accessible parking, better signage, ramps, suitable bathrooms, improved pathways, seating, communication options and a willingness to ask customers what they actually need. Universal design encourages businesses to consider the whole customer journey, from finding information and booking to arriving, using facilities and taking part in activities.

So the question shouldn't be “How much will accessibility cost us?” but “How much business are we losing because we are not accessible?”

The disability market is not asking for special treatment. It is asking for the same opportunity every other tourist expects: to arrive, participate, enjoy the experience and spend their money.

Let's make the Garden Route universally accessible, from accommodation to activities, and the destination of choice for every visitor. We'll see the value in the bottom line, and earn the bragging rights.

Universal design in tourism is a framework for creating environments, products and services that can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people, regardless of age, size or physical, sensory and cognitive ability. Guided by principles such as equitable use, low physical effort and perceptible information, it removes barriers across the entire visitor journey, from booking online to navigating hotels, transport, trails and museums, so that everyone can travel independently and with dignity.

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SECRET SWIM FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

More than 60 women gathered for the inaugural Sedgefield Secret Swim on Saturday, 10 October, joining a nationwide movement in support of breast cancer awareness and accessible screening.

The Sedgefield gathering was one of 25 Secret Swims held across South Africa, with approximately 2,500 women taking part nationally. Participants learned the location only the evening before the event, adding to the sense of anticipation and shared purpose.

Local organiser Linda Cramer said she was “totally blown away” by the turnout and the support shown by those who attended, describing it as another example of Sedgefield's strong community spirit.

“The Secret Swim is about more than just taking a dip. It brings together breast cancer warriors, survivors and their supporters, while also honouring and remembering those who are no longer with us,” Linda said.

The women arrived at sunrise at the beautiful Simbivati Fynbos on Sea to celebrate survivors, support those undergoing treatment, remember those lost to breast cancer and honour women who had touched their lives.

Among the morning's most moving moments was an address by local resident Uta Werth, 86, who spoke about surviving cancer twice. Uta was diagnosed with melanoma in her twenties and nearly lost a leg. Six decades later, she faced breast cancer.

Her messages — “Do not own it” and “Never give up” — resonated with the gathering and earned her a standing ovation.

The swim event was deliberately free of racing, medals and finish lines. Instead, participants spent 90 minutes connecting, laughing and reflecting, with phones put away and the outside world briefly forgotten.

Funds raised through the Secret Swim help ILoveBoobies provide free breast health education, clinical screenings and diagnostic referrals to women in underserved communities across South Africa.

For those gathered in Sedgefield, the morning was a reminder that every woman carries a story — as a caregiver, a warrior, a survivor or a supporter — and that no one should face breast cancer alone.



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

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

Fridays
8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays
7am Eden Cycling Club Group Social 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. 083 743 1690

Sunday 1 November
8am-12 Gardeners and Crafters Market at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

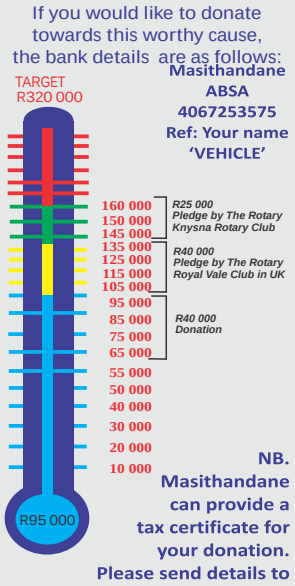
Sunday 8 November
8am-12 Car Boot Sale at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDGE

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APOLOGIES

It appears that in our last edition's article *'Just cut the darn tree'*, regarding the urgent need to have a large dying, ring-barked tree on the Karatara Road cut down before an accident is caused. we may have inadvertently put the Municipal Electrical Department in a bad light.

Dutch Master Builder Arend Nieuwenhuis, outside whose property the tree stands, has pointed out that this department has always been efficient, cooperative and eager to help, discussing the dangerous tree situation with him at great length.

Unfortunately, the task of removing the tree falls under the Municipality's Roads and Maintenance Department, who have now put the job out to tender.

Dear Residents of Sedgefield Central and Concerned Community Members,

I would like to draw attention to the municipal regulations under Section 28 (Maintenance of Property), which dictate that property owners and occupiers are legally responsible for preventing their premises from becoming a public nuisance or a visual eye-sore.

According to these bylaws, a property must not:

- Be left in a neglected or offensive state, as determined by the Municipality.
- Contain an unsightly accumulation of papers, cartons, garden refuse, rubble, or other waste material.
- Be used for the outdoor storage of building materials or appliances, unless actively utilised for an authorised, ongoing construction project on-site.

Regrettably, the property, corner of Swan* Road and Flamingo Avenue has consistently fallen short of these standards. Situated in the heart of our town, the current state of the premises impacts both local residents and visitors who contribute significantly to our tourism-driven economy.

Previous constructive engagement with the property owner regarding these concerns did not yield a productive outcome or result in any improvements. Over time, the condition of the site has deteriorated further. The property is routinely used for the dumping and long-term storage of discarded fixtures, waste materials, and commercial stock, which has unfortunately created a severe pest control hazard.

Compounding this issue, heavy-duty commercial vehicles frequently use the adjacent roadway for overnight parking. This has resulted in unauthorised littering, a lack of sanitation hygiene on the pavements, and severe structural degradation of the road surface.

While community initiatives like Revive Sedgefield and AfriForum work tirelessly to maintain the standards of our town, municipal areas such as the taxi rank and the Post Office near the Municipal Building continue to show visible neglect. We urge the relevant stakeholders and authorities to address these systemic property maintenance and zoning violations to preserve the character and well-being of Sedgefield.

A response from the owner will be appreciated.

Written by: GATVOL

Editor's note: ** Yes - there IS a Swan Road, according to Google Maps*

Brushstrokes

Sedgefield Art Society - Creativity, Colour and Community.
The Sedgefield Art Society would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Carmen van der Merwe for an amazing workshop exploring the relationship between music, creativity and art.

Members thoroughly enjoyed the unique experience of allowing their paintbrushes to flow freely to the rhythm of music, discovering new ways to express themselves through colour and movement. Thank you, Carmen, for opening a whole new world of artistic possibilities and inspiring us to explore our creativity in such a wonderful way!

Art lovers are in for a treat, with beautiful exhibitions currently on display at venues around Sedgefield.

Golem Pottery and Craft Studio is showcasing a wonderful collection of seascapes, capturing the beauty and magic of the ocean. This exhibition is well worth a visit for anyone who appreciates the sea and the many ways artists interpret its ever-changing moods and colours.

Lake View Restaurant has also refreshed its art display with some amazing new pieces.

The Sedgefield Art Society will once again host its popular Pop-up Art Exhibition and plein-air painting event next to Sotheby's on Swallow Drive on Saturday, 31 October, from



08:00 to 13:00. Come along, browse the paintings, meet the artists and enjoy seeing creativity in action. The artists look forward to welcoming visitors and sharing their love of art with the community.

Members are also reminded that the Society's annual art competition is fast approaching. The exhibition will be open to the public on 27 November at Lake View Restaurant. This is a wonderful opportunity to admire the talents of local artists and enjoy the variety of interpretations and styles that make our artistic community so special. The Society looks forward to welcoming art lovers to this much-anticipated event.

Although the Sedgefield Art Society will not be holding any further monthly meetings until February 2027, its members will certainly not be putting their paintbrushes away! There will still be plenty happening in and around Sedgefield, with beautiful artworks on display at various venues and opportunities to meet the artists.

So, keep your eyes open, visit the exhibitions, and take a moment to chat with the artists. You never know — you might just discover that special painting you have been dreaming of bringing into your home!

The Sedgefield Art Society looks forward to seeing you out and about, celebrating art, creativity and the wonderful talent within our community.

In Honour of my Father

This letter is written to honour my father, George Bruce (Brown) Olivier. He was born in South Africa on 7th June 1925 and passed away on 11th September 2021.



In 1943 at the age of 18, he joined the 17 Squadron of the South African Air Force, No 68 Air School during World War II. REG NO: 327760
My father was also issued a Certificate 1946-01-07 as an Aircraft Mechanic .
He also received medals for his bravery in WWII.
His Squadron fought in North Africa, Palestine and Aden. They also went to France.
Like many of his generation, my father rarely spoke of his time during the war but his service was always a source of pride for him, and it remains a great source of pride for our family.
The values he carried home with him - duty, humility and looking out for others - shaped who he was for the rest of his life.
I wanted to share his name, so that he is remembered among all those who served and fought for our freedom, thank you for keeping the memory of our veterans alive. Your work means so much to my family and many others.
Thank you again for your time and for all you do.
Kind Regards
Jennifer Ann Van Tonder

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN WITH YOUR EDGE?



Eugene and Avril Fichardt (with the Edge) cycling the Amarmingen cycle trail in Copenhagen and hiking the 7 Sisters hike near Eastbourne UK.

SEDGEFIELD COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO SUPPORT LOCAL SINGER'S JOURNEY TO AMERICA

Local singer Arancha Fortuin is one step closer to fulfilling her dream of representing South Africa at Talent America 2027 in New York, thanks to the incredible support of her local community.

Arancha recently received a wonderful boost to her fundraising journey when Harry's Bar & Diner hosted a special karaoke evening in her honour, with proceeds going towards her BackaBuddy campaign.

For Arancha, the evening was about far more than fundraising. It was a celebration of music, community and the people who continue to believe in her dream.

"I am incredibly grateful to Harry's Bar & Diner for opening their doors and creating such a special evening in support of my journey," says Arancha. "The kindness and generosity shown to me has touched my heart deeply. It means so much to know that people from my own community are standing behind me."



Arancha earned a gold medal in the Vocal Senior category at Show Your Talent, qualifying her to represent South Africa and our small coastal town at Talent America in New York in 2027.

Her journey began in Sedgefield, where she has been singing from a young age. Although she was once shy about performing, music gradually became an important part of her life, leading her to perform publicly and pursue opportunities that have now taken her dream onto an international stage.

She says the support from home has given her even more motivation to continue pursuing her goal.

Arancha would like to extend her heartfelt thanks not only to Harry's Bar & Diner, but also to everyone who attended the karaoke evening, contributed towards her fundraiser, shared her story or simply offered words of encouragement.

"This journey may take me to New York, but I will always remember where it started — right here at home, with the people who believed in me."

Her fundraising campaign remains open to those who would like to support her journey to Talent America 2027.

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Knysna Independent Movement



SUSAN CAMPBELL – KIM'S WARD 1 CANDIDATE
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Qualifications

1979 BA Law Pretoria
1981 LLB Pietermaritzburg
2010-2011 UCT Courses: Environmental, Planning, Natural Resources and Pollution Law

Experience

1981-1986 State Prosecutor
1986-1988 Articles
1988-2003 Practicing Attorney
2016-2020 Member of Knysna Planning Tribunal
2021-2022 Portfolio Councillor Governance
2025-2026 MPAC Chair

Susan has identified corruption as the root cause of poor service delivery and her focus is on combatting corruption, to ensure that municipal funds are no longer diverted to unscrupulous councillors, officials and service providers.

Her reputation for fighting corruption caused her to be elected as the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), an important opposition role. In her capacity as the MPAC Chairperson, she has overseen investigations that enabled Council to recover R11 Million from a contractor and has been instrumental in the current SIU and Hawks investigations into three security contracts.

What has she achieved for Sedgefield?

Swartvlei Caravan Park

In 2018 the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) requested proposals for the development of various properties, throughout the Greater Knysna, including the Caravan Park situated at the Swartvlei Mouth. Susan discovered that the properties that had been subject to a dispute since 2014, had been omitted from the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) and she laid criminal charges against the Knysna CFO and Municipal Manager, relating thereto. In 2023, the Municipal Managers from Knysna and GRDM, who were involved, were arrested in connection with the criminal complaint. The arrests led to negations between the two municipalities, in which Susan played an integral role. The agreement reached was that the Swartvlei camping site could be transferred to the GRDM, but that it had to remain a public camping site and that the undeveloped portions at Swartvlei would be transferred to conservation agencies. Due to an outstanding issue, the agreement is yet to be formalised by both councils. That business will have to be concluded by the next Council.

Erf 1692 Sedgefield

In 2019 the remainder of Erf 1692 Sedgefield was purchased from the widow of the developer of Sedgefield for R40 000. This included public roads, as well as land between the high-water mark and the residential properties along Myoli Beach and along the mouth. Most of this land vests in the municipality. Susan found out about the sale in 2023 and through her efforts Council resolved to instruct the Municipal Manager to ensure that the land is rightfully transferred to the municipality. This is part of the ongoing battle to preserve coastal access for local fishermen.

Sedgefield Market Corridor: Susan is involved in community efforts to maintain the character of the market corridor in Sedgefield. She has provided advice and guidance to ensure the prevention of parking and traffic chaos, that will result from the relocation of the Mosaic Market, under the current approvals and in the absence of a traffic impact assessment.

Susan's priorities for Sedgefield

- Appoint an Area Manager, together with Law Enforcement Officers, plumbing and road repair teams that are stationed in Sedgefield.
- Provide subsidised water tanks, to ensure that rainwater is harvested from every roof.
- Incorporate Swartvlei into the Garden Route National Park and entrench public access to the camping site.
- Protect the market corridor as well as flood-prone and environmentally sensitive land.
- Adopt the Coastal Access By-Law to protect public access to the coast.
- Protect coastal access for local fishermen, and provide facilities to launch vessels and sell their catch.
- Restore municipal ownership of public land on Erf 1692.
- Fight corruption, to ensure that all municipal funds are used for service delivery.

DAVE EDGE – KIM'S WARD 2 CANDIDATE
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Qualifications

1965 MSc Engineering Cambridge University
2006 PhD Environmental Science

Experience

1965–1979 Engineer at copper mines in Zambia and South Africa
1979–1993 MD of large Process Engineering company
1993–1997 Brenton Blue butterfly campaign
1997–2026 Environmental consultant – butterflies
2002–2020 Chaired Knysna Environmental Forum

Running

2013 20th Comrades, running for Sedgefield Striders

Engineering issues

Dave will apply his experience from running large engineering organisations to ensure the appointment of a well-qualified and experienced Director of Infrastructure, supported by an expert procurement team to ensure high quality and cost effectiveness.

Water supply will be enhanced throughout Knysna by subsidising rainwater collection and storage at all households and industrial facilities. Sedgefield's emergency water supply could be enhanced with PG Bison's high yielding borehole, currently not in use.

Sewage spills from the Bongani and Bigai streams will be prevented by reviving projects cancelled by the ANC Council. Sewage pipelines and pumps will be replaced and upgraded. The poor performance of the Knysna sewerage plant will be uplifted by preventing stormwater from household roofs entering the sewage system.

The state of roads in all wards will be scoped by road maintenance experts to budget for and prioritise maintenance and reconstruction. A team of properly trained and equipped workers will be allocated to Sedgefield and other wards.

The Knysna refuse collection and removal system needs a complete overhaul, with an emphasis on recycling facilities, particularly in Sedgefield. The proposal to install a waste transfer station in Sedgefield will be studied to see if there are advantages and cost savings.

Environmental issues

Dave is a highly qualified and experienced Environmental Scientist and will apply these skills to evaluating all development proposals as a municipal member of the Knysna Planning Tribunal. He will also ensure that the Environmental Planning Department is fully and properly staffed.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT
KIM'S RESPONSE TO DA MISINFORMATION

KIM is not and has never been part of the ANC, PA, PBI and EFF coalition, the only party we have been in coalition with is the DA.

After the new Knysna Council was elected in November 2021, the DA secured 8 seats and KIM 2. As we needed 11 seats to govern, we were one seat short of securing a majority. KIM was approached by the ANC, PA and PBI to form a coalition and Mark Willemse was offered the position of Mayor, but we declined and elected to sign a formal coalition agreement with the DA. Levael Davis was elected as Mayor and Mark Willemse as Deputy Mayor, due to an unexpected vote from the EFF councillor. Neither KIM nor the DA had any agreement with the EFF and we governed until the 31st of August 2022, when we were voted out by the ANC, PA, PBI and EFF. Thereafter we remained in opposition with the DA, and voted the same as the DA in any consequential Council vote.

The truth is that KIM never joined any coalition, nor did we make any deals with other political parties. When Mark accepted the nomination to be Speaker, since it gave him the casting vote, a vote he used to stop a salary increase, with backpay for councillors, saving the municipality more than R1 million. As Speaker Mark has repeatedly requested MEC Bredell to remove the ANC councillors who have stayed away or walked out of six council meetings.

KIM will hosting a Public Meeting at 18:00 for 18.30 on 27 October 2026 at Smutsville Community Hall.
Come and meet our candidates and learn more about what we will do for Sedgefield.

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4. Announcements

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SEDGEFIELD PRIMER SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK

On Wednesday 14 October locals Nadia Hardnick and Danfred October hosted the official opening of the Sedgefield Primary School Uniform Bank at Sedge Primer School in Smutsville



Pictured:- From left Esmerelda Baker from the school's governing body, Lilith Seals who has been on board from day one, Nadia Hardnick, Deputy Headmaster Figeland, Headmistress Harriet Heyns, Danfred Grootboom. (Absent Angela Bax, the sponsor of the school sign board)

"Today is a very special occasion because we are not simply opening a uniform bank; we are opening a door to hope, dignity, and equal opportunities for our learners," said Nadia, "We believe that every child deserves to attend school feeling confident, comfortable, and proud. Through this initiative, we aim to support families who may be experiencing financial difficulties and ensure that more learners have access to school uniforms."

The bank is the culmination of an idea Nadia had two years ago, and after sharing her thoughts on a community social media group, she was joined by Danfred, who was equally keen to get the project running.
Both have said that turning the idea into reality would not have been possible without the kindness, generosity, and support of so many individuals, businesses, and organisations who contributed along the way.

Nadia mentioned in particular Ian Sparks of Shell, who not only pulled out all the stops to get the fundraising ball rolling and bring other individuals and businesses on board, but also helped with getting quotes for the fit-for-purpose container housing the 'Bank' on the school grounds. Assistance also came from Sedgefield Buildit, Automec, and so many others. "To ALL our sponsors and stakeholders, thank you for believing in this initiative and for helping us make a difference in the lives of our learners," she said, "Your contribution is more than just providing school uniforms. It is about restoring confidence, showing compassion, and reminding our children that their community cares about them."

She and Danfred are determined that the Uniform Bank will continue to serve as a symbol of unity, kindness, and hope for many years to come. This will mean regular restocking, and they are looking for donations of second hand or new uniforms. Anyone able to assist may contact them (Nadia Hardnick 073 200 9706, Danfred 078 580 5380)

The Uniform Bank will be run by volunteers, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.00 to 3.00pm so that it does not interfere with the teachers and the day to day running of the school. We may also be contacted in case of emergencies or special circumstances," says Nadia.

A DELIGHT OF FLAVOURS FROM ST FRANCIS

By Pam Victor

St Francis Airways Flight 021026 landed on schedule at 14h30 on Friday 2nd October 2026, despite narrowly missing some paragliders on Cloud 9.



An impressive 194 passengers disembarked and, with great enthusiasm made their way to passport control, where they were greeted by the Ground Crew - Mrs Kathy Mercer and Mrs Mitri Delport, who exchanged their tickets for passports and goodie bags. A briefing session by Rev. Graeme Mercer prepared passengers for the next leg of their heavenly Journey of Flavours.
At last, the doors were flung open and all guests crowded into the church hall where their tantalising taste buds were treated to a variety of aromatic flavours from ten countries. Delicious KaseGrillers on a bed of potato salad from Germany, Spicy Chilli Chicken Chorizo from Spain, a mini selection of French cheeses with accompaniments from France, Oscar's Waldorf Salad from the USA (no burgers available due to oil price) and, Och Aye! Shepherds Pie from bonnie Scotland. Bellisimo! Luscious Lasagne from Italy, Spanakopita with salad from Greece, Chicken Prego Roll from Portugal, amazing Masaledar Bhojan Kebab with Naan from India, served with relish by Ali One and Ali Two, and "Ja Bru" Malva pudding with "Melktert" custard from South Africa.
Stall holders engaged in fierce, intensive hawking, yelling and vying for the crowd's attention, but Ali One and Ali Two won first prize for their outrageous tactics, varied range of spices, delicious Indian cuisine, and colourful traditional costumes. Even our renowned Editor of the Edge stood in the queue at least twice for India's delicacies. Italy won second prize, and Spain came in third.
Out in the courtyard guests were entertained by the lovely Jean Marie Digue, daughter of Marietjie and Andre Digue of the Living Cornerstone. There were prizes galore including beautiful works of art by Christine Lamberth (Charcoal Limited Editions), Karen van der Merwe (oil painting) and Kim Goldhill (acrylic painting). Prizes for three lucky raffle ticket holders included a skippered yacht cruise around the Knysna Heads and Lagoon; a boat trip down the Touws River and a two-night self-catering stay at the Zest Forest Retreat, Grootbrak.
After an incredible afternoon of delicious international cuisine and great entertainment, fun and laughter, passengers reluctantly, headed for the departure lounge and return flight home.
Thank you, Sedgefield, for your amazing support and for sharing this wonderful event with us. See you again next year.

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SEDGEFIELD PAINTS THE TOWN PINK

A sea of vibrant pink swept through Sedgefield this past Saturday morning, 17 October, just under a thousand enthusiastic participants gathered at 08:30 for the annual Pink Walk raiding R29 832. Organised in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the community turned out in full force, proving that not even a biting cold chill could dampen their incredible spirit.









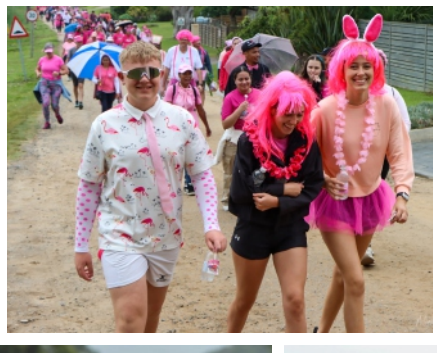
The energetic 4.5km route guided walkers around the scenic Sedgefield Island. To keep the massive crowd hydrated and motivated, four beautifully managed refreshment stations were positioned along the route, offering much-needed boosts to the walkers. The entire atmosphere was charged with joy, featuring local singers and dancers who kept the energy high and the participants smiling from start to finish.
This spectacular community success was conceived and beautifully orchestrated by local resident Adele van Zyl. A massive thank you goes out to Adele and the extensive network of generous sponsors from Sedgefield and its surrounding areas. Organisers emphasised that without the relentless hard work and financial support of these many local businesses, staging an event of this magnitude would simply not have been possible.

A distinct highlight of the morning was an incredibly moving and wonderful educational speech delivered by Dr Lee-Ann Jones from Eden Oncology. Her words deeply resonated with the crowd, underscoring the critical importance of early detection and community solidarity in the fight against breast cancer.

Ultimately, the true hero of the day was the tight-knit Sedgefield community itself. Locals showed immense generosity, not only by showing up in their finest pink attire but also through opening their wallets. All funds raised from the day have been dedicated to Hospice Sedgefield.

Representatives from Hospice Sedgefield expressed their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who bought raffle tickets, made direct donations, and walked for the cause. The incredible turnout and support ensure that Hospice can continue its vital palliative care and community support services right here at home.

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A GUIDE TO EYE PROTECTION

Why true UV protection matters for your eyes

Your eyes are highly efficient light collectors, but they lack the natural defences found in your skin. Studies show our eyes are up to 10 times more sensitive to ultraviolet (UV) radiation than our skin, yet they are often left completely unprotected.

On the surface, UV radiation can cause painful corneal inflammation, visible growths like pterygiums, and a variety of skin cancers on the delicate eyelids. Internally, it accelerates the development of cataracts and causes retinal degeneration. We take precautions to protect our skin from the African sun, but what are we doing for our eyes?

The first step is debunking 5 common myths about sunwear:

- **Darker lenses mean better protection.** While fashion tints cut down ambient light to reduce squinting or discomfort, they lack proper filters. Without verified UV protection, you are still leaving your eyes exposed to harmful rays.
- **You only need sunglasses on clear days.** The UV spectrum is split into three wavelengths: UVA, UVB, and UVC. All UVC and most UVB is absorbed by the earth's atmosphere (via ozone, water vapour, oxygen and carbon dioxide). However, up to 80% of total UV rays penetrate clouds, predominantly the UVA long wavelength.
- **Children don't need sunglasses.** Children's eyes are actually at a much higher risk because their developing lenses allow more radiation to reach the retina.
- **Front surface UV protection is enough.** UV rays come from all sides, including rays that reflect off the back of your lens. Specialised UV coatings can protect your eyes from both sets of UV rays.
- **Sunscreen is enough.** Skin cancers are frequent around the eyelids, an area we deliberately avoid with sunscreen. Proper, close fitting eyewear is your best shield.

Tips for Better Protection

1. Check the label: Look for sunglasses explicitly marked UV400 or 100% UVA/UVB protection.
2. Upgrade to polarisation: Polarised lenses cut out the blinding glare reflecting off water, dramatically reducing eye strain.
3. Double sided coatings: Double sided UV coatings prevent reflections on the front and back surfaces of the lens.
4. Think big: Choose wrap around styles or add a wide brimmed hat to block peripheral rays sneaking in from the top and sides.

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By Sharon du Plessis, B. Optom (UFS), resident optometrist at Sight Optical.

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This portable, easy-to-use medical device is a life-saver in its true form. Says Herman de Waal of Ventria, who supplied and installed the device, and gave training to the staff. "An AED is a device designed for use by ordinary members of the public, even those with no medical training or experience, as well as First Responders and Medical Professionals. Once switched on, the AED provides clear, step-by-step voice and visual instructions, guiding the responder through the entire process. It automatically analyses the heart's rhythm and will only advise a shock when necessary, eliminating the need for complex medical decisions. AEDs can be used on adults, children and even infants."

He went on to explain that when combined with immediate, high-quality CPR, early defibrillation can more than double the chances of surviving sudden cardiac arrest.

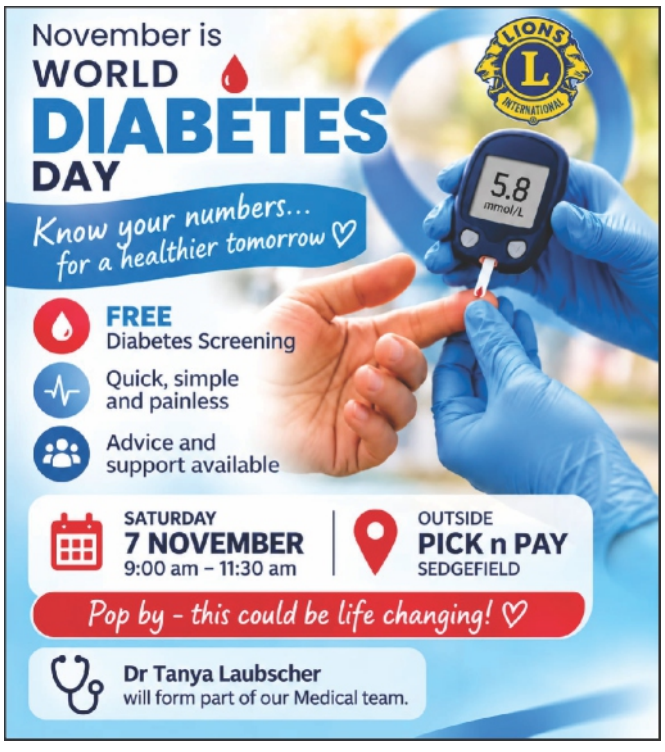
"Public Access AEDs, strategically positioned in easily accessible locations, empower ordinary community members to take lifesaving action long before professional emergency services arrive. Their value is particularly significant in smaller, rural and outlying communities, where ambulance response times may be prolonged or emergency medical services may not be immediately available. Having an AED readily accessible can mean the difference between life and death during those critical first few minutes. "

Jacky Weaver of Masithandane, said "We are so grateful for such a generous gift from the MG Club. They always support us so generously, and this new AED is a much-needed addition for HUG."

MG Club Chair Brian Davidson was there to witness the presentation.
"Since 2007 it has been one of the club's goals to assist needy charities wherever possible, giving a financial contribution for either the purchase of new equipment or for general operating costs.
" To enable our club to generate sufficient funds to allow us to do this, it should be mentioned that we ourselves do receive a donation each year from our marshalling activities during the Simola Hillclimb. Voluntary input by some thirty three of our members enables us to make donations to local charities.

"With this in mind we sincerely hope that the Masithandane staff never have to use the defibrillator, but if they do, we are sure that it will be comforting to know that it is close at hand and could save a patient's life.

"Our club is pleased to be associated with Masithandane and we wish you all the very best for the future."



SAMURAI SUDOKU

1. Each Samurai Sudoku puzzle consists of 5 overlapping "classic" 9×9 Sudoku sub puzzles.

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Ladies' Golf

Club Report



Friday, 9 October 2026
The format of the day was "Average Handicap", but there is absolutely nothing average about our wonderful Sedge Links ladies! Quite the contrary, we think they are all rather extraordinary and today was a great day to welcome Wendy and Michelle back from their travels.
The format works by taking the average handicap of the three players in each team. As it turned out, three of the four teams played off a handicap of 18, with the remaining team playing off 19.
Needless to say, the higher handicappers were not quite so thrilled with this arrangement, but the lower handicappers were smiling from ear to ear!
Winning team: Michelle J Gilchrist, Wendy Mack and Elize Mackenzie-Blom (101)
2nd: Clare Garner, Sylvia de Moor, Brenda Howden (100)
3rd: Janet Wood, Linda Evans, Marina van der Westhuizen (99)
4th: Almarie Mead, Zoë Botha, Marie Joubert (98)
Nearest the pin: Almarie Mead (hole 5)
Birdies: Zoë Botha (18), Wendy Mack (4) and Brenda Howden (14)

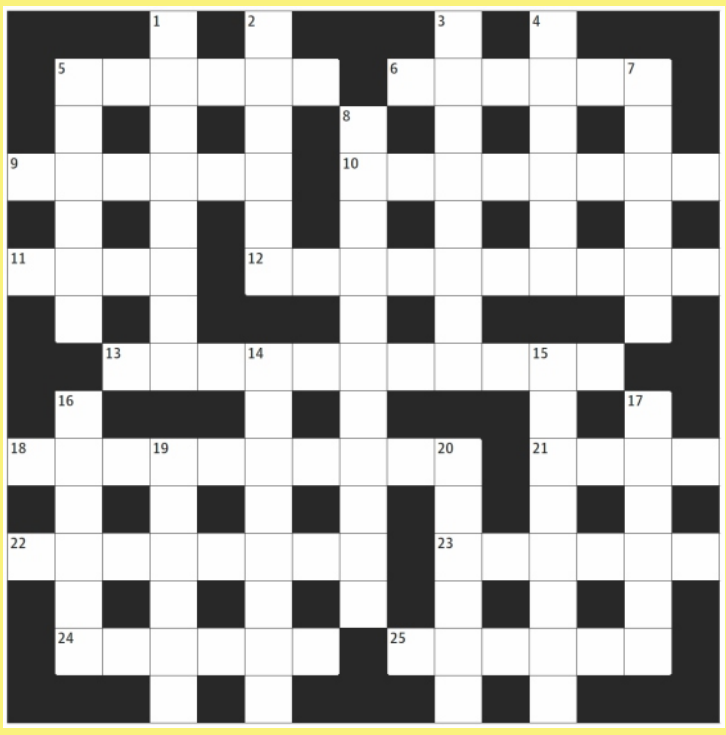
Friday, 16 October 2026
The day had arrived for the ladies to take on the gents in their annual invitational! The Sedge Links ladies looked the part in their pale blue club shirts, while the gents wore green… well, some of them did! Nothing like a Sedge Links lady to show a Sedge Links gent what style on the golf course looks like.
We gathered on the deck, as we always do, where the gents looked rather like rabbits caught in headlights when our captain, Almarie Mead, asked them to join in our regular warm-up exercises!
Once everyone had loosened up, the four-ball teams were announced, each consisting of two ladies and two gents.
Off we went to our allocated tee boxes, everyone in good spirits and ready for the 18 holes ahead. There was plenty to play for, with those all-important bragging rights up for grabs!
Normal stableford scoring applied, with everyone playing off their own handicap. With 16 ladies and 16 gents taking part, each side's points would be totalled and divided by 16 to give an average score and decide the winners.
The hooter sounded, and the competition began. Or, in other words… war was declared!
Results for the day winners
The gents with a score of 34.8125, with the ladies biting at their tails on 34.4375, in other words it was very close, but just not close enough for the ladies to clinch the trophy!
Ladies
1st: Dolar Vasani (39 points)
2nd: Joy Herbst (38 points)
3rd: Linda Evans (37 points) c/o
4th: Almarie Mead
Gents
1st: Peter Schnetler (40 points)
2nd: Rob Lucas (38 points) c/o
3rd: Dave Malyon (38 points)
4th: Ben Theunissen (37 points) c/o Werner Friesenbichler, Neville Large, Derek van Zyl
Nearest the pin:
Ladies: Almarie and Dolar
Gents: Jannie Smit on both allocated holes
Birdies: 17 birdies were recorded for the day!
Christine Coetzee was the very lucky winner of the raffle draw.
We give a massive shoutout to Engen 1-Plus Sedgefield for sponsoring the prizes and pizzas, also many thanks to Claire & Ben Theunissen, Almarie Mead PROP1 for their sponsorship.

Sedgefield Gents' Golf

Golf Club Report

Thursday, 8 October 2026
Always going out of his way to give sage advice to his fellow men, Club Captain Brian Gerard, reminded us that golf is not only cheaper than therapy but you can also drink beer.
The word therapy was appropriate for the day's competition, which was a Pink Ball Alliance with three scores to count and the pink ball counting double. In other words, the earlier in the game you lose the pink ball, the earlier you condemn your team to ending up wineless with very little shared conversation, ensuring naturally therapeutic advice be required.
The winning team comprised Niel de Villiers, Andre de Wet and Terry Savage with an incredible 160 points. This team also had the good fortune to witness the very unusual, but much longed-for sight of a lawyer on his knees (and this in some water nogal). This occurred when Niel, having his turn to play the pink ball, managed to hit his drive into a pond. He ended up on all fours frantically trying to find it … and eventually did.
It is said that 90% of golf is mental, and the other 10% is also mental. Neville Large and Theo Pelser attested to this after being advised that 87-year-old Peter Heath was part of their team. This golfing gentleman normally finds it impossible not to drive his ball into the nearby pond on the third, and is solely responsible for maintaining its depth level even in times of drought, but not on this day. The delirious trio took second spot but with only a 104 point score. Peter says that avoiding the water was easier after the Captain had advised that hitting the fairway was actually included in the green fees. Needless to say only one team returned a pink ball.
When a good golfer hits 80 he is usually very disappointed. This was not the case for birthday boy Dave Herbst who shared his happiness by buying quite a few rounds for all.
Thursday, 15 October 2026
Needless to say another glorious day for a game of golf especially as the course is in pristine condition and ideal for an individual playing stableford competition.
We are extremely proud to announce that another miracle has occurred on the Sedge Links course - Rudi Bosch secured his acceptance on the P.G.A Tour. Yes, it seems he has been recognised by the Polyglot Players Association which means he can swear continuously in numerous languages - something he achieves on every golfing Thursday. However, on this day by scoring an incredible 42 points, something he has never even come close to achieving before, he soundly beat Brian Craddock (40) into second spot. Des Munro took third spot with (35) and Trevor Pahl (32) took fourth spot and the last bottle of wine after thrashing a tearful Ian Wright on a countout.
After Captain Brian Gerard had reminded everyone of the three types of golfer (those who can count and those who cannot), he welcomed a newcomer, Alan Johnston, who hails from Pine Lake.
He also reported a recent family issue which took place in the Heath household. While Peter was shaving one morning his wife shouted that the little boy who sells used golf balls was at the front door. When Peter replied thanks but he had enough, his wife reported that the boy just wanted to know when Peter was going to play again.

T`ED`S BRAIN CRUNCHER



Across
5. Deposit left outside the post office is of no more use. (6)
6. Every time in every direction, so we're told. (6)
9.Where you might gobble down celebratory dinner. (6)
10.Some insiders see the real thing as more spiritual. (8)
11.Home-owners in the states hear some catastrophic sound. (4)
12.Last bit of holiday sweet, but leaves you at your worst. (4,6)
13.Turning chaos into candy is something newspapers share. (11)
18. Half jumping but certainly not for joy! (7,3)
21. We heard one was pulled from the pond. (4)
22. Perhaps sewing his wild oats made Roger dip into the mixing bowl! (8)
23. For public relations I am putting on my Emergency Room coat. (6)
24. Send a short text, ending the request to add on. (6)
25. Check who calls on your cell - it's a credit to be seen outside. (6)

Down
1. Get busy creating a path to perhaps earn abroad. (4,4)
2. Gary offered parking to one putting down bricks. (6)
3. Getting ones letters in order. (8)
4. One might talk repetitively about average decay. (6)
5. One who might relish a bit of crockery. (6)
7. One may be jolly and add good taste but still fall in America. (6)
8. Each 'C' the editor receives inside helps his sandy collections. (11)
14.Switch initials, you big ape, it sounds like there's someone at the door! (4-4)
15. Sort of space with little Sidney involved is not expected to win. (8)
16.One in pursuit of road runner shy regarding broken toe. (6)
17.Ben consumes a pint watching for whale. (6)
19. I join the political movement for equality. (6)
20. Taken from the shade, pictures portray it accurately! (6)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Crisis 5. Sob story 9. Freeload 10. Sheath 11. Antimacassar 13. Scud 14. Numeracy 17. Valencia 18. Grew 20. Birthday suit 23. Infirm 24. Outhouse 25. Flatpack 26. Do si do
Down: 2. Rare 3. Skedaddle 4. Snooty 5. Sedimentary rock 6. Base camp 7. Tress 8. Rat catcher 12. Occasional 15. Righteous 16. Adademia 19. Gutted 21. Taint 22. Used

SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB

Thursday, 1 October 2026

1st	Terry & Keiran	66.6%
2nd	Thinus & Johann	65.2%
3rd	Linda & Carol	56%

Thursday, 8 October 2026

1st	Keiran & Terry	73.6%
2nd	Ann & Mary	56.9%
3rd	Gail B & Louise	48.6%

The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted - Simonsvlei Chenin (Vineyard selection) 2024
The front label is "to the point", attractive, indicating a gold on the Vitis Vinifera awards. Abv.13% The back label offers tasting/food pairing notes in the form of images, which is different and interesting.
The appearance in the glass is a light yellow colour, with slow and few legs.
This chenin has a rather complex nose, with no flaws. Aromas experienced were, green peaches, green apricots, queens pineapples and freshly squeezed orange juice.
It is a well balanced wine which covers the whole tongue. When tasted, flavours of cherry guavas, pomelo, apple, pineapple, apricots and green peaches came to the front.
The wine has a long mouth feel, with lingering tastes of apricots, peaches and pomelo.
Good to sip on its own, or enjoy with fish/chicken dishes.
The WG sees it as a very good find in the price range of R80 – R100.
In Vino Veritas till next time.



SEDGEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
The SBC Club Championships are progressing nicely, with players battling their way into the quarter-finals and semi-finals. The bowls are getting tighter, the measuring tape is making increasingly frequent appearances, and friendships may be temporarily suspended while the umpire is called in!
Good luck to everyone still in the running. May your bowls find the jack and your opponents find their sense of humour!

BAREFOOT BOWLS
The winners of the first round of the SBC Barefoot bowls Tournament saw Southcoast Real Estate rocking in first place with O Hell romping in second, while The Oldies rolled their way into third.
The second round saw Southcoast Real Estate knocked of their perch by and Moonshine Runners with Legends 3 taking third place honours on the night.
The leader board after 2 rounds has Southcoast Real Estate in first position with Moonshine Runners rocketing into second and newcomers to the leader board Ravens in third position.
With all to play for in rounds 3 and 4 please join our wonderful sponsors Rietvallei Wine Estate, Pick n Pay, Engen, Wimpy, Legends Sports Pub, The Ice Co, Ben Theunissen Brokers and Garden Route Lifestyle Property this Friday for some crazy bowls and a liberal dose of Community Spirit!

A quick chuckle before you go
We sure have a committee supreme,
Who work a whole bunch behind the scene
They balance the books,
Give welcoming looks,
,And somehow keep us all on the green!

That's a wrap – see you on the mat!

THE SPORTS EDGE

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A FANTASTIC SHOW OF BLUE AT THE FANCOURT 42 & 21KM

The blue of Sedgefield Striders shone through once again this weekend as the athletes took on the inaugural Fancourt 42 and 21km races, and what a day it turned out to be!

With Matty Smith taking on the full 42km marathon and the rest of the team lining up for the 21km, the Striders arrived ready to run, determined to finish, and eager to enjoy the experience together. And finish they did! Every Strider crossed the finish line. Now that's something to celebrate!

The setting was magnificent. Starting and finishing at Fancourt, the route wound its way through the scenic countryside and the undulating hills of the surrounding berry farms. Green pastures, stretches of farmland and berry fields provided a beautiful backdrop. But don't let the pretty scenery fool you, those rolling hills made sure the legs had plenty to think about!

And then there was the weather, which seemed determined to give the runners a little bit of everything.

The race began in misty rain, with conditions that might have made you wonder what lay ahead. Halfway through, the sun broke through, bringing with it an intense heat that tested the athletes over the next five kilometres. Then the ocean breeze arrived with the approaching cold front, cooling things down and making the final stretch more comfortable. The day ended with plenty of happy faces!



Thankfully, the organisers had the runners well looked after. Water points every three kilometres kept hydration levels up, while pumping music, high-energy snacks and fresh berries provided welcome encouragement along the way. And at the finish? A well-deserved, ice-cold Coke. Sometimes, it's the simplest things that taste the best!

Striders' athletes supported one another before the start, encouraged each other along the route and waited to celebrate together at the finish. Whether tackling 21km or the full marathon distance, each runner had their own challenge to overcome, but nobody stood alone.

That is what makes being part of Sedgefield Striders so special. They celebrate individual achievements, share the nerves, the effort, the determination, the exhaustion and, finally, the joy of crossing that finish line.

Well done, Matty, and every Strider who took on the challenge! You represented Sedgefield with pride and showed once again that the club's greatest strength lies in finishing the kilometres together.

Sedgefield Striders is a small club, with a big heart!

SEDGE UNITED - A SEASON TO REMEMBER!

by Jomo Phike

What a season it has been for Sedge United Football Club! After being crowned Promotional League Champions, Sedge United went on to be crowned Spring Cup Winners for the second time and also participated in the Zonke Tournament.

Sedge United participated in a Spring Cup Tournament in Rheenendal among ten teams. Teams were divided into two groups with five teams per group for the group stages.

Sedge United came second in the group after one loss against FC Porto.

They took out Walking FC and proceeded to the semi-finals where they took revenge and knocked out FC Porto with a 2-0 victory.

They then met Young Stars in the finals on 17 October 2026 at 14:00 in Hornlee. It was a nice game to watch, both teams showing good character. We drew the game, even at extra time we then went to penalties and Sedge United were crowned Spring Cup winners for the second time after winning 4-3 on penalties!

Sive Sobuza was crowned the goalkeeper of the tournament.

ZONKE TOURNAMENT

We also participated in the Zonke Tournament where we lost our first match against Two For Joy 3-2. The game was enjoyable and the Two For Joy players surprised me what a nice performance! We then played against Young Boys for third prize. We won 2-0.

I would love to thank Mrs Nkosintsha for this uniting tournament, each team will receive a soccer jersey and prize.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I really don't have words to thank our supporters. You have been amazing. Always there in numbers whenever we play, home and away. Your singing, your support and your love for the team pushed the boys to defend their trophy and bring it home again. Enkosi kakhulu!

I would also like to thank my players for their dedication and for going all out to defend their trophy, our coaches and technical team for their hard work, the management for their support, and the organisers of both tournaments who stood firm despite the challenges and pulled through.

SOCCER FESTIVAL SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026!

The team will have a Soccer Festival on the 25 October 2026 at Smutsville Sports Field from 10:00 to 15:00.

I therefore humbly request that parents and children come in numbers on the day. This festival is for you to develop our youth, promote unity, discipline and a healthy lifestyle.

I urge players and parents to please arrive at 09:00 so we can do the paperwork, take attendance registers and complete indemnity forms before the program starts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SEDGEFIELD TENNIS CLUB CHAMPS

The Sedgefield Tennis Club championships came to a fitting finale on Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th of October. The finals ended with a prizegiving and generously sponsored boerewors rolls from Pick n Pay.

Members and friends were entertained to exceptionally good tennis and a large crowd was on hand to view the matches.

After six weeks of serious tennis played in good spirit the winners were :

Men's singles - Jarryd Patrick.

Ladies singles - Michelle Lutener.

Men's doubles - Jarryd Patrick and Francois Hay.

Ladies doubles - Carol Elion and Lanie Farelly.

Mixed doubles - Jarryd Patrick and Heidi De Oliveira.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The club would like to thank Ian Sparks from Shell Sedgefield as well as Pick n Pay for their generous sponsorships.

Organising six weeks of matches, ninety six in total, is no small feat and for that the club has to thank Michelle Lutener and Mark Kilham. A job very well done.

In spite of this event being the club's highlight of the year, we remain a very sociable club, where all are welcome. Social play is on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons starting at 13:30.

TIDE TABLE

21 October - 03 November 2026
• Full Moon 26 October 2026

Date:	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tides		Low Tides	
Wed 21 Oct	5:39	18:47	0:18	12:36	6:06	18:47
Thur 22 Oct	5:38	18:48	1:02	13:12	6:49	19:21
Fri 23 Oct	5:37	18:48	1:38	13:46	7:25	19:54
Sat 24 Oct	5:36	18:49	2:12	14:20	7:59	20:27
Sun 25 Oct	5:35	18:50	2:46	14:54	8:34	21:01
Mon 26 Oct	5:34	18:51	3:21	15:30	9:09	21:37
Tue 27 Oct	5:33	18:52	5:58	16:08	9:47	22:15
Wed 28 Oct	5:31	18:53	4:37	16:49	10:26	22:55
Thur 29 Oct	5:30	18.54	5:20	17:33	11:10	23:39
Fri 30 Oct	5:29	18:55	6:08	18:25	-	12:02
Sat 31 Oct	5:28	18:56	7:06	19:30	0:31	13:10
Sun 01 Nov	5:27	18.57	8:21	21:00	1:42	14:50
Mon 02 Nov	5:26	18:57	9:57	22:48	3:20	16:38
Tue 03 Nov	5:26	18:58	11:24	-	4:55	17:55

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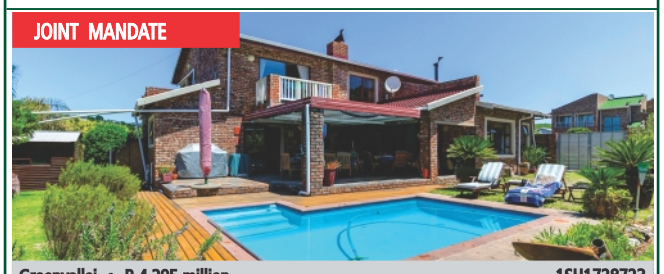
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