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COULD IT BE A BLUE WAVE FOR KNYSNA?

Unaudited results in the Local Government Election held on 4 November have indicated victory for the Democratic Alliance (DA) in seven out of Knysna's 11 wards. This not only includes both of Sedgefield's wards (1&2) but also the two wards in Hornlee, one being Ward 6 - a first time win for the DA. The remaining four wards (3,4,7&8) were won by the ANC.



Knysna's residents certainly seemed determined to have their say on who should be running the embattled municipality for the next five years. Local voters came out in huge numbers following a national trend which, according to one statistic, recorded as much as a 50% higher turnout than the last LGE five years ago.

Whilst any celebrations by Knysna's blue party are on hold until the remaining 10 council seats are allocated after PR vote calculations are made, DA Mayoral candidate Levael Davis is feeling tentatively positive.

"Obviously we have to wait for all the results to be in, but it's clear by what's come in so far that people have voted for the stability of majority rule," says Levael, exhausted after a day and night of electioneering, "We are are excited about this, but again, it's early days, so we aren't going to be out celebrating just yet."

Indeed just before 8am this morning, the IEC listed the DA as having over 10 000 votes - 60% of the total counted, with the ANC only on 9%, Freedom Front 8%, Patriotic Alliance 6%, and both the South African Communist Party, Choose CX on 3% and the rest going to smaller parties. It must be noted, however, that at time of going to press, figures from a number of voting districts - including some ANC strongholds - were yet to come in.

If the DA is to achieve its own 'blue wave' and gain the outright majority in council for which it has been campaigning so tirelessly, it will have to add at least four PR seats to its total. These are calculated using the percentage of total votes (Ward and PR) each party achieves.

(Above) Local podcaster and friend of The EDGE Chris Olsen proud to show off his 'voting thumb' after casting his ballot at the Sedgefield Town Hall.

(Right) There was a party atmosphere on the streets of Smutsville as voters streamed into Sedgefield Primêre to choose their candidate.







Notes from T'Ed's Head

Men-oh-pause.

It's a very real medical phenomenon, believe me.

I, for one, suffer bouts of it that feel so increasingly close to one another - that it almost seems like a chronic illness.

Thanks. I ALSO feel sorry for myself.

But Mrs Ed says that she is the one who suffers the most as a result - but that's typical. In her ancient reptilian brain, it has always been about her, and always will be. Meanwhile, I the actual victim of this debilitating condition, must continue courageously - rising above its devastating effects.

And it's been a long challenge. Men-oh-pause first got to me in my mid-thirties - not long after I had unexpectedly found myself hit by PMT*.

*Pre-middleage Manifestation of Testosterone. This in itself was quite an event - waking up one morning with a sudden overwhelming desire to

A) Visit a hardware store to buy electric tools, packets of screws, tubes of the stuff that sticks better than anything else , etc.

B) Lay out the inside of your garden shed as if you are not only a qualified artisan, but the WHOLE WORLD depends on the fact that in your shed, there is a place for everything, and everything is in its place.

C) Utter manly phrases including (but not limited to) "Ha! Who are they trying to kid? I can make that very same thing for HALF the price."

D) Begin projects around the home that you could, of course, do much cheaper.

Once my PMT was well and truly ingrained in my life, I was like a whole new person. Remember, the REE (Resident Expert on Everything) was not a teenager yet, so he still lived under the Cloud-Cuckoo-Land misconception that his father knew everything; and Fear Factor was merely a wee lass, with absolutely no idea what mental carnage she would cause on the roads a mere 14 years later.

So, there was LOTS of manly stuff to do. ESPECIALLY for one so new to PMT as I, truly believing the world was my project, and NOTHING was impossible to do.

Indeed, such was my eagerness - that nary a week went by without me banging away at a new creation. A jungle gym. A treehouse. Shelving in the kitchen. A built-in cupboard IN the cupboard under the stairs. Fencing the front garden. An amazing new garden pond.

Oh yes. I was unstoppable. I started SO MANY PROJECTS it



would have made lesser men dizzy with admiration.

Now… in case you missed it, there's a word here: Started.

You see, PMT is all very well, until Men-oh-pause kicks in.

Men-oh-pause lurks ever-so-quietly in the background, seemingly minding its own business, whilst really concentrating on how the current PMT project is going. JUST so it can suddenly hit the pause button at the exact moment it shouldn't.

Aaagh … the Men-oh-pause. It sneaks in under many guises, from

'I just need to pick up a few more screws at the hardware store tomorrow', to

'EINAAAAH! My back!' to

'Oh, my goodness! It's almost Happy Hour!'

(Gentlemen, you may fill in any of your own favourites here, but please note that I have a patent pending on "I'll finish the fence tomorrow - I just need to spend some quality time with the kids right now.")

Whatever form it takes, the Men-oh-pause has one constant factor: At first, it may SEEM like a slight delay, just an hour or two, or perhaps an overnight wait for the hardware store to open … But once the pause is set, the wait will stretch out for actual years.

Such is the suffering we men must endure.

Somewhere in the back of my garden there are four lengthy gum poles, two sets of two, expertly (even if I say so myself) bolted together close to the top, at an angle, and ready to be concreted in. A fifth pole patiently waits for its noteworthy positioning across the top, so that beneath it a bench may freely hang on weather-proof chains.

Ladies and gentlemen - this is the *Garden Swing Project*. Oh, thank you - such applause is gratefully received.

"Just think," I had cooed to Mrs Ed, wiping the sweat off my brow at the end of the first day of construction, "It won't be just us that use this. When the kids are teenagers, they'll probably create so many romantic memories swinging with their sweethearts! I'm practically done - I'll get those U-bolts first thing tomorrow, pop them in and…"

Both children are in their thirties now, and if I manage to find those poles - and buy those U-bolts, I'm sure I will have that swing ready for THEIR children.

Men-oh-pause. It's the pause that men can't seem to shake.

"I can't come Christmas shopping with you," you say to your wife, "I really need to unpack my shed, get my tools in order, and find that 35cm offcut of pine from 1998. At least then I'll be in a better place to finish that kitchen shelving."

Three hours and fifteen minutes later, you are cooking with gas! The entire contents of the shed are laid out on the lawn, and even YOU are impressed with what an array it is! Not only tools that you forgot to remember that you had forgotten you had, but it seems you have at least ONE spare for each. And SO MUCH in the PODINI category. (For the womenfolk, that stands for *Perhaps One Day I'll Need It*).

But… just when you think you are safe, at three hours and sixteen minutes, the Men-oh-pause kicks in. You find that old crossbow you bought at the car boot sale - when you lived in Zimbabwe (hey - you were 27 and didn't know any better). By the 3h57m mark, you have fitted a temporary string (it's actually one of the laces from your wife's hiking boots, but hey - it's not like she ever wears them) and even fashioned a couple of arrows using that doweling from the kite you almost made for your brother's little boy (whose medical practice is going quite well, you're told) and those darts you have been keeping in case you got a dartboard one day.

Needless to say, when she gets home, your wife barely acknowledges the more-than-impressive grouping in the base of her favourite palm tree, shot from a distance of, like, six metres. No - she chooses to focus more on the fact that she can't see her lawn due to what she calls 'Shed detritus'.

"*Why have* you got seven drills, anyway?" she interrogates. (Rude! Especially coming from Miss 43000 paintbrushes herself.)

Of course, with the grandchild coming round ("*Why didn't you tell me?" "I told you last week!" "You couldn't have!" "I distinctly remember shouting to you, I was in the bedroom folding the washing and you were on the other side of the house making yourself deaf with all that Van Halen music you listen to." "Why were you soldering washers?*") you make quick work of chucking everything back into the shed, reminding yourself that one day you'll have to totally unpack it, get your tools in order, and hopefully find that 35cm timber offcut, so you can finish the shelving in the kitchen … that you started 19 years ago.

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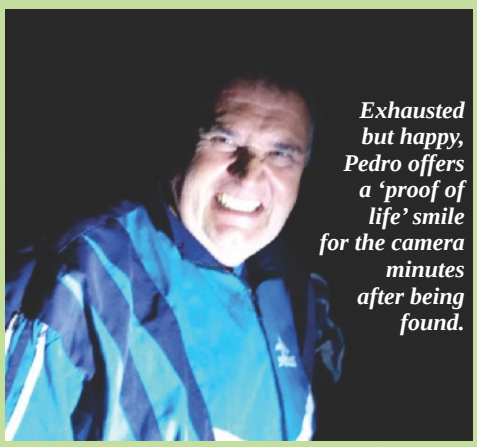
Monday 2 November saw an amazing coming together of Sedgefield's community, in a co-ordinated search to 'find a friend'.

Most of the day Sedgefield's phonelines, grapevines and social media had been abuzz with increasing panic, as news broke that one of the village's best-loved characters was missing.

As it turned out, Pedro Goncalves, who many will know from Herbs and Plants Nursery, Sedgefield Lions, Sedgefield Striders and/or the Melodrama, had gone for a walk to clear his head, and ended up covering a distance of 65km over a period of 14 hours, totally oblivious that close on 200 locals were searching for him!

Pedro's family first noticed that he wasn't around when his brother Jorge arrived with a cup of coffee at about 6.30, but at the time they weren't too worried as he often heads off for a morning run.

But as the hours drew on, they became more and more concerned. Pedro had left both his phone and wallet behind, as would be usual for a run, but after making a number of enquiries with his running mates, his family had ascertained that he was definitely on his own, and most likely on a introspection walk, rather than a training run.



Exhausted but happy, Pedro offers a 'proof of life' smile for the camera minutes after being found.

By mid-afternoon more and more local folk were joining the 'where's Pedro' throng, and soon reports of one or two sightings of the man were being shared on various social media groups. However, it was clear that after being seen on the highway around 7am, Pedro had pretty much disappeared.

By this time numerous friends and relatives were driving his favourite routes, whilst drones buzzed overhead, but without any sign of the wanderer.

In order to coordinate efforts and information, a search volunteer meeting was set up for 5pm at the Lions Clubhouse, and after being briefed by Michael Simon of COP and Jonathan Britton of NSRI, the crowds of folk who had come to help set off once again to cover various routes.

But when they returned to regroup at 6.30, nobody had anything positive to report.

It was getting steadily darker and fears grew that whereever Pedro was, he would more than likely be sleeping rough for the night. And then, at about 7.15 a report came in that a search drone being flown between Kleinkrantz and Gerike's Point had sighted a figure walking along the beach.

Three of Pedro's mates rushed to the Swartvlei car-park, and trudged westwards along the beach. Knowing that with the tide coming in they had limited time, they decided that they would only be able to go as far as Gerike's before turning back, so there was much jubilation when, as they rounded the corner at the big Sedgefield landmark, they pretty much bumped into the man himself!

Pedro was tired, but in good spirits, reflecting over and over that the 14 hours he had spent on his feet were 'Just what I needed!'

In simple terms, Pedro described his day as an 'impromptu pilgrimage', with no idea how much distance he was going to cover, and absolutely no clue that hundreds of people would be going out looking for him.

A huge thank you to absolutely everyone who assisted in the search in any way. What a community we live in!

MILLIONS SPENT ON BODYGUARDS

A statement posted by Knysna Independent Movement (KIM) on 27 October has accused six councillors of refusing to say "NO!" to their bodyguards, which they say have cost taxpayers R10.4 million for two months.

"On Thursday the 22nd of October 2026, it was revealed in the Deviation Report to Council that the municipality had a paid a whopping R10.46 million for bodyguards, vehicles and drivers for councillors, the previous Acting MM Boy Ngubo and one official. R9.321 million of this was paid to a security company known as GPARM," the statement reads, adding that on the 12th of October, during the bail hearing of Mr. Ngubo, the previous Mayor and the previous Acting CFO, the State Prosecutor had read out evidence of bribes exceeding R500 000 that were solicited and paid in connection with the GPARM contract.

"Thereafter, we appealed to councillors, to say "NO!" to their bodyguards, but other than Neil Louw of the EFF, none of the councillors was prepared to part with their guards," it says.

The post further claims that at the council meeting held the previous week, councillors had been provided with confirmation that SAPS has identified no threat against any specific councillor that would justify providing a bodyguard at taxpayers' expense.
"The R10.4 million spent on bodyguards would cover the cost of appointing a full-time technician to manage Knysna's sewage treatment plant for thirty five years. That plant has been steadily pumping more and more sewage into our beautiful estuary since December 2025, eleven months ago, when the previous technician's contract was terminated due to lack of funds." the statement concluded.

Asked for confirmation and comment on the KIM statement, Knysna's Acting Municipal Manager, Dr Richard Martin, addressed the circumstances surrounding the safety and security arrangements for councillors.

"Council resolved to provide personal protection for councillors following the fatal shooting of former Knysna Executive Mayor Aubrey Tsengwa on 19 August, and former Ward 7 Councillor Mandla Matiwane on 20 August 2026," he explained. "The municipality has written to the Acting National Minister of Police, Mr Firoz Cachalia, and requested the threat assessments be undertaken for the affected councillors . This will allow us to reevaluate the situation and inform any necessary further action."

He confirmed that at the meeting of 22 October he had been authorised by council to address the matter administratively until a formal response has been received from the Police. In the interim, the arrangements had been scaled down in terms of personnel, reducing the cost to the municipality.

The municipality has reiterated that discussions held 'in committee', and not subsequently declassified by Council, must be treated with the appropriate confidentiality. They say public disclosure of sensitive security arrangements may inadvertently expose individuals to additional risks, and thus all public representatives are urged to exercise discretion when commenting on matters that could compromise personal safety.

"While emphasising the importance of transparency and accountability, sensitive security information must be handled responsibly to protect the individuals concerned," Martin concluded. "We will continue engaging with SAPS and the relevant authorities to ensure that appropriate, cost-effective decisions can be made regarding the safety and security of members of Council and the administration."

He said Knysna Municipality will continue engaging with SAPS and the relevant authorities to ensure that the outstanding concerns are addressed and that appropriate decisions can be made regarding the safety and security of councillors.

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We manage stormwater by intercepting rainfall with our leaves and branches and helping water soak into soil through our roots, reducing flooding, erosion, and pressure on drains. Our roots stabilise soil, while fallen leaves and organic matter enrich urban soils and provide wildlife habitat. Even small networks of street trees and parkland strengthen urban biodiversity.

These ecological functions create direct economic value as shaded buildings often require less energy for cooling, lowering utility costs. Our shade also protects infrastructure from heat and weather damage. If we are well-maintained, we can increase property value and make your town and commercial districts more inviting. People are more likely to walk, spend time, and shop in leafy areas, supporting local businesses and encouraging investment. In addition, parks and tree-lined streets provide opportunities for green corridors, recreation, relaxation, and social interaction, benefits that contribute to public health and ecological resilience.

To realise these benefits, you must plan for us as long-term infrastructure rather than as temporary decoration. This means selecting species suited to local conditions, protecting mature trees, providing adequate soil and water, and maintaining diverse plantings that can withstand pests, disease, and changing climate conditions. All neighbourhoods, including those with fewer resources, should have access to healthy tree cover.

We face numerous threats that can weaken our health and shorten our lives. Limited soil space, soil compaction, air pollution, construction damage, and inadequate watering restrict root growth and access to essential resources. Rising temperatures, drought, storms, pests, diseases, and vandalism add further stress. Invasive species can displace native trees and reduce biodiversity. Poor planning and insufficient maintenance can also lead to improper pruning or removing mature trees before replacement growth is established. These pressures often stem from selfishness, neglect, or ignorance.

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The Strandloper Project : Walking for Science

by Lisa Swanepoel of Cola Myoli Conservancy.



Several members of the Conservancy committee recently attended a report-back session hosted by the Strandloper Project, where Mark Dixon, Helia van Zyl, Lisa Swanepoel and Jonathan Britton shared their experiences from this year's annual coastal survey.

The Strandloper Project Expedition is far more than just a long walk along the coastline. Each year, volunteers traverse some of the Southern Cape's most remote and spectacular shoreline, collecting valuable data for researchers, conservation organisations, municipalities and protected area managers. Along the way they create detailed records of their observations of marine litter, African Oystercatcher populations, deceased marine animals and other noteworthy observations.

This year's expedition set out to walk from Wilderness to Nature's Valley. However, strong winds and rough seas made the tunnel beyond Keurboomstrand inaccessible, forcing the team to end the survey slightly earlier than planned. Despite the challenging conditions, the expedition covered many kilometres of coastline, including beaches, cliffs and river crossings, some of which have to be swum to continue the journey.

While the scenery is spectacular, participants spent much of the day with their eyes focused on the ground as they carefully counted and recorded litter. The data collected reveals useful insights into the types of plastic waste most commonly found on our coastline.

Some of the biggest culprits this year included earbuds, sucker sticks, chip packets, roll-on deodorant containers and bottle caps.

One encouraging finding is that beaches frequently used by walkers are generally very clean. This is a testament to the many residents and visitors who pick up litter during their walks.

A huge thank you to everyone who takes a moment to pick up rubbish when out enjoying our beaches. Your efforts truly do make a difference.

The survey also highlights areas where human activity has a negative impact. Cigarette butts were consistently concentrated in places where people gather most frequently, such as beach access points and parking areas.

A Small Item, A Big Problem

Cigarette butts remain one of the most common forms of litter found worldwide. Please do not discard cigarette butts on the beach or in parking areas. When rain falls, these items are washed into stormwater systems and ultimately onto our beaches and into our estuaries and oceans.

Important Advisory for Dog Owners

A particularly important message from the report-back concerns the ongoing presence of rabies within portions of the local seal population.

Dog owners are urged to ensure their pets remain under their direct control while on the beach. Dogs that investigate or lick seal carcasses may be exposed to the disease, creating a potential risk to both animals and people. If your dog does not consistently respond to commands, please keep it on a lead and prevent it from approaching any marine carcasses that may be present on the shoreline. We have included the original rabies warning that was issued for reference below.

Get Involved

The Strandloper Project is an outstanding example of citizen science in action. The information collected contributes to a greater understanding of coastal health and helps inform conservation management decisions throughout the region.

We encourage readers to visit the Strandloper Project website to learn more about their work, explore the survey findings, and consider becoming a volunteer. Whether you participate in logging observations, support the project, or simply pick up litter during your next beach walk, every contribution helps protect our coastline.

Take only memories, leave only footprints… and if possible, take a few pieces of litter home too.

Talking Tech

By Anzelle Booysen

Anzelle is a Garden Route-based digital consultant who knows a phish when she sees one.

THE BANK CALLED - IT WASN'T THE BANK
How a friendly voice and a fake emergency can empty all your savings. Here's how you hang up on that.

A Vishing Expedition

My dad was a keen angler. My happiest childhood memories are of weekends whiled away on a riverbank, watching a line for the telltale dip signalling something had taken his weird concoction bait. Sometimes we ended up with something to take home, and sometimes not - but it was always fun and a lesson in patience.

Vishing is much like fishing, but maybe you've only heard of phishing? That's when you get a squiffy email tempting you to click on a link or enter your personal details on a fake website. Vishing is similar, but more elegant with a fancier lure: it's a voice call with a digital angler on the other end of the (telephone) line. And you, dear reader, are the delectable vish/phish/fish they want. Here's how they scam you.

Press 1 to Speak to a Criminal. You'll get a call. The screen on your phone lights up with your actual bank's real name and number. This is caller ID spoofing. Authentic-looking but 100% fake like the tan you get from a bottle.

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From Sedgefield's Mosaic Market to the Skies Above the Kite Festival



by Keith Mould

One of the joys of the RE/MAX Garden Route Kite Festival is the way it brings together creativity, colour and community. This year, a very special kite was intended to make its debut – one that began life not in a kite workshop, but at Sedgefield's Mosaic Market.

I've long admired the distinctive artwork of Duncan Jamu, who regularly sells his creations at the market. Some time ago, I bought one of his originals and immediately saw its potential as a spectacular kite design. When I approached him for permission to reproduce it, he enthusiastically agreed. I also asked whether he would sign the finished kite when we next met.

Transforming artwork into a kite requires some adaptation. Unlike a painting on a wall, a kite is viewed from a distance, usually against a bright sky. Strong contrasts and vibrant colours are essential, so I enhanced these elements while remaining faithful to Duncan's original design.

The image was then printed onto ripstop nylon using dye sublimation, a technology that has opened exciting possibilities for kite-makers. Intricate designs that once required painstaking sewing or painting can now be reproduced in remarkable detail.

Returning to Sedgefield for the 10th RE/MAX Garden Route Kite Festival was the perfect opportunity to show Duncan the result. He was delighted to see his artwork transformed into something destined for the skies and happily added his signature.

Sadly, the rainy festival weather prevented its maiden flight, but the kite embodies something central to the festival's spirit: celebrating creativity, encouraging artistic expression and bringing people together through a shared appreciation of colour and imagination.

It's also a wonderful example of how Sedgefield's local artistic talent can find an entirely new canvas.

Duncan's artwork hasn't flown yet, but when it does, a little piece of Sedgefield will be flying with it!

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GRDM Regional Waste Management Facility

Construction of phase one of the Garden Route District Municipality's (GRDM's) Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF) is 90% complete. The facility is located approximately 15km outside Mossel Bay, next to PetroSA.



According to Johan Gie, GRDM Manager: District Waste Management: "The only critical items to be completed are the leachate & contaminated water dams; these are currently 81% complete, and they require the final layer of geocells filled with concrete. This was initially scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2026; however, recent rains caused some delays in the pouring of concrete, and it is now due to be completed within the next two weeks. Regardless of the delay, the contractor is still on track with the programme."

The remaining construction works mainly comprise finishing works for all buildings, access road marking, stone pitching at stormwater headwalls, and final shaping around the facility.

Image: Placement of geocells that will be filled with concrete remains ongoing for the leachate & contaminated water dams.



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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.
13:45pm Sedgefield Bowling Club Tabs in.
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
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2:30pm Sedgefield Jukskei Group at Sedge Bowling Club. All welcome. Aniel 072 600 0722

Fridays
8am Ladies Golf @ Links Course

Saturdays
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8am-12 Wild Oats Community Farmers' Market
8 for 9am Saturday Competition Golf @ Links Course
8am-2pm Mosaic Market
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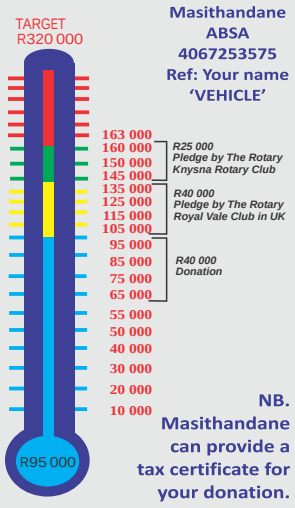
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FAREWELL FROM OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

Cleone Vanston



As I bid farewell as Ward 2 Councillor (I am definitely remaining as a resident of this town!), I have spent some time reflecting over my five-year term in local government.

So many lessons learned, so much achieved and still so much that I fought so hard for, but wasn't achieved due to the political instability of Knysna Council.
In my term I lost several colleagues in council - one brutally murdered, others arrested, and saw many acting Directors and Acting Municipal managers coming and going. Despite this all, it was truly both an honour and a privilege to lead the amazingly kind, generous, caring, passionate, outspoken and diverse community of Ward 2.
The political platform in Knysna has once again found itself to be a very interesting one with over 30 different political parties standing in the LGE for 2026 and another strong possibility of a coalition government ruling Knysna and Sedgefield.

I end my term with so much love and gratitude for every single person in this community, every business and every family in Ward 2.

I leave the message of hope to Sedgefield and promise that as a resident and voter of this town, I will personally hold our new ward councillor accountable for the economy, safety, tourism, youth development, education and integrity of our town.

Having said that, I wish him or her only the best, and all that is needed to keep Sedgefield beautiful, prosperous and thriving across all sectors of our town.
Thank you, Ward 2, for your support, for holding me accountable, for the good and bad days and for every partnership created.

Accomplishments from LGE 2021 – 2026:
Job creation – over 100 jobs were created for temporary employment achieved with projects brought to Karatara - these included Asivekalani, Provincial Roads project, Contract and seasonal employment, and Life guard opportunities.

Partnerships - I enjoyed working together with so many different entities to benefit Sedgefield and Karatara, including Revive Sedgefield, local businesses partnerships, SAPS, Department of Social Development, FAMSA, Knysna Alcohol and Drug Centre, Farmers Association, Life Line, Light House, Department of Correctional Services, Department of Immigration, Department of Home Affairs, SASSA and the Sedgefield/Karatara Clinic. The annual Christmas Parade was held working together with Sedgefield Towing and Recovery, Lloyds Light house, the Fire Department, and the Traffic Department; and it was great to work on the Slow Town Skate Jam with Stoned Oxygen.

Legacy projects: included Karatara Cemetery fencing, the upgrade of netball courts and ablution facilities in Karatara, Christmas lights along Swallow Drive and Flamingo Street, the electrification of Hartland 16 houses in Karatara, House numbering in Bergvallei, and the new Mobile Clinic for Ward 2.

Housing: progress was made on the beneficiaries list, MIG funding application for Bulk services upgrades, plot allocations and title deeds. – Still to be finalised with the new council after LGE 2026.
Upgrade of Sedgefield taxi rank and lights installed.
Excellent, transparent communication to the community at all times via social media platforms and regular quarterly public report back meetings.
Resurfacing of Main Service Road, Sedgefield.

Care projects: Easter Egg hunt for the community, Women's Day celebrations in Karatara, Farleigh, Barrington and Fairview, assistance for Fire Victims, Insurance House rebuild and hand over in Bosdorp Karatara, DA Women's network fundraising Karaoke event, school stationery drive, food parcels, clothing and toiletries for vulnerable and homeless people, disaster management and humanitarian relief for the vulnerable, homeless and foreign nationals, restoration of hope and dignity to the homeless and street people, including provision of shelter in severe weather conditions, and fire victim support and counselling for the Karatara Community.

Ward Budget allocations: invested into the community for community safety, sports development, and food donations. These included Groenvlei Neighbourhood Watch donation, netball and soccer team equipment and funds for tournament participation and transport, Slow Town Mobile Meals, Neighbourhood Watch security cameras, Laerskool Sedgefield Primary's fencing, Women's Days event, and the annual Karatara Children's Christmas celebration.



I thank our Heavenly Father for carrying me and protecting me over these ten years and enabling me to make a small difference in our community.
Sedgefield remains a priority to me wherever the future may lead.

Levael Davis

As I conclude my term, I really want to thank and appreciate you for the contribution you made to my life and work. I cannot name everyone by name, and some want to remain anonymous, but you know who you are.

Thank you, Rodney, Judith and Rejoice who convinced me to be a councillor and gave me lots of advice along the way (I didn't want to be a councillor);
Alicia my wife and my three kids have been through many difficult situations because of my work, yet they keep motivating me, believing in me, and allowing me to fulfil my responsibilities;
Masithandane for the disaster support, the use of venues for youth programmes, and Jacky's advice through the years;
Mario and Gift of the Givers for the disaster support and advice through several water outages, crises and fire disasters;
Conservancies for their environmental contribution, involving me in their activities, and my working relationship with Adrienne, Helia, Lawrence and their teams;
Alison and the Sedgefield Lions for always inviting me to their events and their generosity and support of the annual stationery, uniform and shoe drives;
Business supporters who have generously supported my various community projects, sports kits etc, whether purchasing materials, or giving discounts;
Bomber/Edge for allowing me to keep residents abreast of Ward and Council issues;
Kirsty Hofhuis and SAM's for the partnership and impact they have on a weekly basis on behalf of our beloved animals;
Michael Simon for always being there through volatile situations that affected me, and our town;
Joy and Amanda, who somehow always encouraged me in moments when I really needed it;
The many amazing and kind individual supporters of our youth, stationery, university students, elderly assistance and career initiatives;
The respectful relationship built with our various community stakeholders;
The local municipal staff for ensuring that many things get done, despite coalition chaos in Knysna;
Community leaders who worked with me to solve community problems;
Those who have supported my Mayoral campaign;
My DA Branch team and supporters;
Thank you to those residents who complain to me regularly and took the time to reach out to me for help;
None of you had to help me, but out of generosity, respect and the willingness to work together, we were able to do several things that have made a difference.





Congratulations to Salne Vosloo and Ruan Jonck who were married at the beautiful Eagles' Nest on 17 October 2026
Bride's parents: Corne and Sally Vosloo.
Groom's parents : Roelf and Cornel Jonck
Photographer Elmine Botha

SUIT UP FOR PROSTATE AWARENESS

Sedgefield Barefoot Bowls Fundraiser

Sedgefield Lions Club invites the community to an evening of prostate cancer awareness, fundraising and barefoot bowls Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among men in South Africa, yet too many men remain unaware of the risks or delay getting checked.

Sedgefield Lions Club is putting the spotlight on men's health with a Prostate Cancer Awareness and Fundraising Evening at the Sedgefield Bowls Club on Friday, 20 November 2026, starting at 5pm.

The evening's main purpose is to raise awareness of prostate cancer and funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of South Africa. A friendly game of barefoot bowls will form part of the occasion, alongside guest speakers, music and cocktail snacks. It is an opportunity to learn something important, support a worthwhile cause and enjoy a relaxed community get-together.

Prostate cancer is more common as men get older. A family history also increases risk, particularly when a father or brother has been diagnosed. Black African men have a higher risk of developing the disease and of dying from it than white men. Certain inherited genetic changes, including BRCA2 mutations, can also increase risk.

One of the challenges with prostate cancer is that there are usually no symptoms in its early stages. A man can feel perfectly well while the disease is developing. This is why awareness and early detection matter. Possible symptoms, particularly as the disease progresses, include difficulty passing urine, a weak or interrupted stream, needing to urinate more often (especially at night), blood in the urine or semen, and persistent pain in the back, hips or pelvis. These symptoms can have other causes too, so they should be discussed with a healthcare professional rather than assumed to be cancer.

A prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test can help identify men who may need further investigation. Screening is an informed decision to make with a doctor, taking age, family history, race, general health and personal preferences into account. The Prostate Cancer Foundation recommends that Black African men, and men with a father or brother diagnosed with prostate cancer or a mother diagnosed with breast cancer, discuss screening from age 40. Other men are advised to consider it from age 45. A raised PSA does not by itself confirm cancer; further assessment may be needed.

There is good reason not to ignore the issue. When prostate cancer is found at an early stage, treatment options such as surgery or radiation therapy can be highly effective. The figures quoted by the Prostate Cancer Foundation indicate that about 98% of men diagnosed and treated in the early stages are alive five years later, compared with about 30% of men diagnosed after the cancer has spread. These are five-year survival figures, not a guarantee for an individual, but they underline the value of finding the disease early.

Andrew Oberholzer, CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of South Africa, will be among the guest speakers. His contribution will help make the evening an opportunity for men and their families to hear reliable information and understand why a conversation with a healthcare professional can make a difference.

And now for the fun part: everyone is welcome to take part in the barefoot bowls. You can enter as a team or come along as an individual, and both men and women are invited. There is a special dress code for the men: suit up! That means wearing a tie— even if it is simply worn with a T-shirt. There will be a prize or two for the smartest dressed, so make an effort and enjoy the spirit of the occasion.

The first 96 applicants will receive a free game of barefoot bowls. The cost is R100 per person, with proceeds going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of South Africa. Cocktail snacks and music are included, and a cash bar will be available.



Knysna Municipality bids farewell to Johnny Douglas

Acting Knysna Municipal Manager Dr Richard Martin has confirmed the resignation of Johnny Douglas, Director: Community Services, effective as of 31 October 2026.

"He has served this municipality in many capacities, and has consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment, dedication and a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty," Dr Martin said.

Mr Douglas held the office of Municipal Manager from January 2007 until August 2011. He returned to the municipality as Acting Municipal Manager in January 2017 for an initial term of three months, which was extended until Council resolved to make a permanent appointment in June of that year. His appointment as Director: Community Services was announced in December 2024.

"Council and the administration commend Mr Douglas' strategic leadership, his role in managing the water challenges we face, and his contribution to strengthening and improving the Section 154 intervention process with local and national government," said Dr Martin.

Mr Douglas thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as the Director of Community Services. "I am equally grateful to my fellow directors and to the dedicated staff of the Community Services Directorate, who continue to serve under challenging circumstances," he said. "Under difficult conditions we taught each other what service delivery really means.

"Service is picking up waste in the rain, opening a library for a child, cutting grass in the park when no one says 'thank you'. It is fixing burst and leaking pipes without the necessary equipment - while being short staffed, it is being on standby when the town is sleeping.

"As I leave, I respectfully ask Council, as the custodian of good governance, to provide collective leadership on two matters of particular importance.

"I respectfully appeal to Council to fulfil its oversight responsibilities under section 103 of the Municipal Systems Act, to refrain from direct, indirect or purported interference or instruction in administrative matters, and to uphold the principles of servant leadership in service of the community," he continued. "When this distinction is respected, officials are empowered to serve all residents without fear or favour and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff.

"Similarly, when officials abandon impartiality and engage in partisan political activity, they act in direct violation of the relevant Code of Conduct for municipal staff and the pillars of ethical governance and administration. This must at all costs be dealt with by the Accounting Officer. Serving Knysna Municipality and its community has been a privilege, and I depart with deep respect for this institution and confidence in Knysna's future."

Dr Martin wished Mr Douglas well in his new position. "George Municipality will benefit from our loss," he concluded. "Mr Douglas takes his integrity, commitment to upholding the highest standards of professional governance and his long-held principles of ethical and non-partisan public service with him on this new chapter of his professional career. We wish him and his family only the best."



YOUNG KITE-MAKERS STEAL THE SHOW

One of the most encouraging aspects of this year's Garden Route Kite Festival (powered by RE/MAX) was the success of the new upcycled kite-making competition.

Local schoolchildren were challenged to create kites from recycled and repurposed materials, combining creativity, environmental awareness and practical ingenuity.

The response exceeded expectations, proving that kite-making can be about far more than buying something colourful to fly. It encourages children to experiment, solve problems and discover the satisfaction of making something with their own hands.

For the young participants, the soggy conditions did little to dampen the experience. "The children had a wonderful time and were so pleased with their achievements," said Kim Euston-Brown of Seabridge School. "They are all in for next year."

Top honours in the upcycled kite competition went to the 1st Sedgefield Scouts.

Second place went to learners from Seabridge School.

The schools also put their artistic talents to the test in the Sky Art Banner Challenge, creating colourful banners that were showcased at the festival. The Grade 5s of George South Primary School took first place, with Seabridge School second.

This year's festival, held in aid of Sedgefield non-profit Masithandane, was the tenth. When it was launched a decade ago, the aim was to combine the joy of kite-flying with a meaningful contribution to the local community – a purpose that remains unchanged.

Though the rain kept the big kites grounded, it gave visitors a rare chance to meet the flyers and see their beautifully crafted kites up close. Among them were Phil and Carly Broder from the USA, Karin and Roger Stevens from Belgium, Herman and Ina Plattje from the Netherlands and Bernhard Dingwerth from Germany, along with the South African team of Pieter, Leonie and Xavier Binsbergen, Jacques, Danielle and Kwagga Fourie, Mari Ware-Lane and festival organiser Keith Mould.

The ponies and young riders of the Rhythm Riding School and the dogs and handlers of Happy Dogs Agility and Training School also braved the weather to keep the crowd entertained.

The skies may have been empty this year, but the spirit of the festival – and of the young kite-makers who are already planning their entries for next year – was very much in evidence. And that is definitely worth celebrating.

Picture:- George South Primary students proudly showing off their banner (on a drier day!)





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SEDGEFIELD COUPLE WALK THE CAMINO FOR MASITHANDANE

For Alvin and Jean Witten of Sedgefield, walking the famous Camino de Santiago in Spain had been a dream for many years. It was something they had talked about, planned for and hoped one day to experience. In September 2026, at the age of 69, they finally set off on what would become an extraordinary journey of 32 days on the Camino Francés, followed by the onward journey to Finisterre and Muxía.

But before setting out, they decided that their pilgrimage should have a deeper purpose. Rather than simply fulfilling a personal dream, they wanted their journey to become an opportunity to give something back.

Having become increasingly aware of the remarkable work being done by volunteers in their own community, they chose to walk in support of Masithandane, a non-profit organisation serving vulnerable people and families in the Sedgefield area.

"We have always been in awe of the commitment and compassion shown by so many volunteers who give their time, energy and hearts to helping others. Their work often happens quietly, without much recognition. We felt that our Camino presented an opportunity to do something ourselves; to walk for those who cannot always walk an easy road in life."

Masithandane does important work in supporting vulnerable members of the community, particularly children, families and people facing difficult circumstances. Through its various community initiatives and outreach programmes, it serves people across Smutsville, Sizamile, Karatara, Elandskraal, Barrington and Farleigh. One particularly meaningful initiative is House Under Grace, which provides round-the-clock palliative and respite care for those in need. Much of this work depends on the generosity, dedication and practical involvement of volunteers and donors.

For Alvin and Jean, supporting Masithandane was a way of bringing the spirit of the Camino home. A reminder that compassion, kindness and generosity are not confined to the paths of Spain but are needed right here in our own community.

Before departing, Alvin took to Facebook to share their intention. He invited friends, family and followers to become part of the journey, not necessarily by walking alongside them, but by supporting the cause.

He made two promises: to publish daily accounts of their experiences along the Camino and to keep everyone informed as donations came in through their BackaBuddy campaign.

And so, each day, followers were able to travel with them through words and photographs, sharing the challenges, encounters, beautiful landscapes, moments of reflection and unexpected kindness that make the Camino such a special experience.

The response was heartwarming. Donations steadily increased, and what began as a personal pilgrimage became a collective effort, with people from near and far contributing towards a cause close to home.

At the time of writing, the BackaBuddy campaign has raised R26 579 for Masithandane. A wonderful expression of generosity and community spirit.

The couple's initiative has also attracted the attention of CapeTalk Radio, which has invited Alvin for an interview to share the story of their Camino and the fundraising campaign. They hope that the interview will introduce Masithandane's work to a wider audience and encourage even more people to contribute.

They completed the Camino Francés in 32 days, eventually reaching Santiago de Compostela before continuing to Finisterre and Muxía. In total, their journey covered more than 1000 kilometres.

Alvin is now preparing a digital book documenting their travels. It brings together daily Facebook accounts, photographs, maps and reflections from the journey. The book will be made freely available to anyone interested in sharing in their experience.

Those who would like to support the publication of the book are welcome to make a separate contribution directly to the banking details provided.

So, there is still time to be part of the journey
Although their walking days are over, the opportunity to make a difference continues.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Masithandane campaign can do so through BackaBuddy: https://www.backabuddy.co.za/campaign/donations-for-masithandane

"We are deeply grateful to everyone who followed our journey, sent messages of encouragement, shared our posts and, most importantly, opened their hearts and wallets to support Masithandane. Every contribution, regardless of its size, makes a difference.

For Alvin and Jean, the Camino may have ended in Spain, but the journey of giving continues at home in Sedgefield.



A COMMUNITY HAS RIGHTS, BUT IT ALSO HAS RESPONSIBILTIES

Following reports of the vandalism of Sedgefield's water supply pump and beach ablution last week, Sedgefield Ratepayers Chairperson Kevin Barnes sent the following statement:

Our beautifully renovated public ablutions have also been vandalised and rendered unusable. The consequences will affect every one of us.

We cannot continually demand that the municipality provide better services, maintain infrastructure and improve our facilities while ignoring the responsibility that rests with us as a community.

These are not just municipal assets; they are community assets, paid for and maintained for the benefit of all of us.

Surely we cannot expect the municipality to provide police officers on every corner and somehow solve every problem. Law enforcement has a role, but so do we.

A decent society is built on responsible, law-abiding citizens who respect public property, respect one another and contribute positively to the community in which they live.

We cannot simply point fingers at the municipality when the problem is hooliganism within our own community.

We need to speak up, report wrongdoing, protect what belongs to all of us and stop turning a blind eye to unacceptable behaviour.

The SRA will continue to hold the municipality accountable for service delivery, but we must also hold ourselves and one another accountable.

A better Sedgefield is not something we can simply demand. It is something we must all help build and protect.

Let's remember that we all have a stake in this community, and with that stake comes responsibility.

A word of appreciation and thanks to AfriForum for stepping in and repairing and cleaning the vandalised ablutions at the launch site in Kingfisher Drive.

AfriForum took the initiative, rolled up their sleeves and restored them for the benefit of us all. This is what community spirit is all about! Not just talking about problems, but getting stuck in and making a difference.

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

PROPOSED REZONING & CONSOLIDATION: ERVEN 3456-3465, 3504-3507 & 4967 (A PORTION OF ERF 3508) SEDGEFIELD

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 35 of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) that the abovementioned application has been received from:

Applicant's Name:	Shoprite Checkers (Pty) Ltd
Contact Person:	c/o Marike Vreken Town Planners
Email:	info@vreken.co.za
Reference number:	Application number 3833
Property Description:	Erven 3456-3465, 3504-3507 & 4967 Sedgefield
Physical Address:	Cnr of Main Road & Egret Street, Sedgefield

Nature of application:

(i) Application for a **Rezoning** in terms of **Section 15(2)(a)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) of the following:
a) Erven 3504; 3456 – 3465 Sedgefield from "General Residential Zone I" to "Business Zone I" to allow a shopping centre;
b) Erf 3507 Sedgefield from "Business Zone III" to "Business Zone I" to allow a shopping centre; and
c) Erf 4967 Sedgefield from "Transport Zone III" to "Business Zone I" to allow a shopping centre.

(ii) Application for the **Consolidation** of Erven 3456–3465; 3504-3507 & 4967 Sedgefield, into one property measuring 11937m² in extent, in terms of **Section 15(2)(e)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) to allow a shopping centre

A full copy of the application is available for inspection on the municipal website: https://www.knysna.gov.za/do-business/planning-development/current-land-use-applications/

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments, together with the reasons therefore in terms of Section 50 of the Knysna Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law (2021). Comments must be addressed to the Municipal Manager and submitted via email at knysna@knysna.gov.za and ssitinga@knysna.gov.za on or before **4 December 2026**, quoting your name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, interest in the application and reasons for comment. The municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Persons who cannot write may contact the Town Planning Office during office hours, where the responsible official will assist you in putting your comments in writing.

Telephonic enquiries may be made during office hours to Ms. Sinovuyo Sitinga at 044-302 6276 or via email ssitinga@knysna.gov.za .

KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING & GRONDGEBRUIKSBESTUUR (2021)

VOORGESTELDE HERSONERING & KONSOLIDASIE: ERWE 3456-3465, 3504-3507 & 4967 ('N GEDEELTE VAN ERF 3508) SEDGEFIELD

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

Naam van Aansoeker:	Shoprite Checkers (Pty) Ltd
Kontak Persoon:	c/o Marike Vreken Town Planners
Epos:	info@vreken.co.za
Verwysing nommer:	Aansoek nommer: 3833
Eiendom beskrywing:	Erwe 3456-3465, 3504-3507 & 4967 Sedgefield
Fisiese Adres:	Hv van Hoofstraat & Egretstraat, Sedgefield

Aard van aansoek:

(i) Aansoek vir die **Hersonering** ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(a)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur (2021) vir die volgende:
a) Erwe 3504; 3456-3465 Sedgefield vanaf "Algemene Enkelwoonsone I" na "Sakesone I" om 'n winkelsentrum toe te laat;
b) Erf 3507 Sedgefield vanaf "Sakesone III" na "Sakesone I" om 'n winkelsentrum toe te laat; en
c) Erf 4967 Sedgefield vanaf "Vervoersone III" na "Sakesone I" om 'n winkelsentrum toe te laat.

(i) Aansoek vir die **Konsolidasie** van Erwe 3456-3465; 3504-3507 & 4967 Sedgefield in een eiendom met 'n grote van 11937m², ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(e)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur (2021) om 'n winkelsentrum toe te laat.

'n Volledige afskrif van die aansoek is beskikbaar op die munisipale webtuiste: https://www.knysna.gov.za/do-business/planning-development/current-land-use-applications/

Lede van die publiek word uitgenooi om skriftelik kommentaar te lewer, saam met die redes daarvan ingevolge Artikel 50 van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruiksbestuur (2021). Kommentaar mag aan die Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder gerig word, en per epos ingedien word aan knysna@knysna.gov.za en ssitinga@knysna.gov.za, op of voor **4 Desember 2026**, met vermelding van u naam, adres, elektroniesekontak besonderhede en telefoon nommer, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Die munisipaliteit mag weier om kommentaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang is, te aanvaar. Persone wat nie kan skryf nie mag die Stadsbeplanningskantoor per telefoon nader tydens kantoorure, waar die betrokke amptenaar u sal help om u kommentaar op skrif te stel.

Telefoniese navrae kan gedurende kantoorure aan die Stadsbeplanner, Me. Sinovuyo Sitinga by 044-302 6276 of per epos: ssitinga@knysna.gov.za gerig word.

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SUMMER TIME, AND THE LIVING (SHOULD BE) EASY

As the days stretch out and the Garden Route slips into its summer rhythm, it's tempting to let good routines drift away with the winter chill. Long beach days, festive gatherings and a house full of holiday visitors are what make the season special.

A few simple habits will keep you feeling your best right through to the new year, so you can enjoy summer rather than spend January recovering from it.

Ten tips for a healthy Summer

1. Respect the sun.
Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 30, and reapply every two hours and after swimming. Seek shade between 10:00 and 15:00, and wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

2. Drink before you're thirsty. Carry water when gardening, hiking or at the beach. Go easy on sugary drinks, and remember that alcohol adds to dehydration.

3. Eat with the season.
Summer is generous with watermelon, tomatoes, stone fruit and fresh greens. Light, colourful meals keep you energised in the heat, and buying from local growers supports our community.

4. Don't let the heat stop you moving. Hot weather is a common excuse to put exercise on hold, but staying active through summer pays off in energy, mood and better sleep. The trick is to work with the heat rather than against it. Walk, run or cycle in the cool of early morning, or once the sun drops in the evening.

Take your workout into the water, where swimming, aqua aerobics or a paddle on the lagoon keep you cool while you move, and choose shaded forest trails over exposed routes. Wear light, breathable clothing, drink water before and during exercise, and ease off the intensity on very hot days. If you feel dizzy, nauseous or develop a headache, stop, find shade and cool down.

5. Swim safely.
Only swim where lifeguards are on duty, between the flags. Never swim alone or after drinking, and keep a constant eye on children near water.

6. Keep the braai safe.
Don't leave meat, salads or dairy out in the heat for more than two hours. Use a cooler box, keep raw and cooked food apart, and cook chicken and boerewors right through.

7. Pace the festive season. Alternate drinks with water, enjoy treats without overdoing it, and never drink and drive.

8. Protect your sleep.
Late sunsets and busy social calendars can eat into rest. Keep your bedroom cool and stick to a regular bedtime where you can.

9. Beat the bugs.
Use insect repellent in the evenings, and check yourself and your pets for ticks after walks through the bush.

10. Make time to unwind.
The holidays can be stressful as well as joyful. It's fine to say no to some invitations, and a quick check-in with a neighbour who lives alone can mean a great deal. None of this means giving up the fun.

Summer on the Garden Route is one of life's great gifts, and a little care goes a long way. Look after yourself and the people around you, and the living really can be easy.

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SAMURAI SUDOKU

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

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

Wheels are Turning at The Living Cornerstone

The Living Cornerstone's longest outstanding item on their wish list was to have a vehicle, to transport residents safely to medical appointments. The vehicle will also assist in transporting equipment to fundraising activities. An item which seemed to be a wish, has now become a reality!

The Living Cornerstone was approached by one of their stakeholders regarding a company who wanted to bless them with a vehicle.

After a nine month period of restoration of the body and mechanical repairs, the vehicle passed the roadworthy test and was delivered to their door.

What makes this blessing so much more special is that it is equipped with a wheelchair lift!

They can only look back at this miracle and confirm that they serve a God of Grace and Goodness.

" I want to take this opportunity to thank the following companies and individuals who assisted us in this exciting process" said Marietjie Digue Facility Manager.
Simola Hotel and Country Club, Tyremart Knysna, Spotless Classics, Tranacon, Dr Andy Brough, Meg Isherwood, Steel & Pipes George, Remax Coastal, Sedgefield Lions and National Edging.

TLC still has to honour some of the expenses and if anyone would like to contribute to this amazing project you can make a direct deposit into their bank account:



Picture: Marietjie Digue- Facility Manager and Jean Marie Digue - Cook and Housekeeping Manager showing off their wonderful gift.

First National Bank Knysna
Acc number: 62506129049
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Reference: Vehicle

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Cearn Saal, Leisure Isle, Knysna
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Christo Matthee 083 769 9313

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Pastor J D - 066 160 7029

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Goukamma Kerk gebou by Riverdeck
Buffelsbaai pad.
Dr Wim Dreyer - 082 859 6876

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

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Enq: Anthony Davis - 083 641 5027

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Karatara: 10.30am
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Kerkkantoor (044) 343 2033

NG Kerk Die Vleie, Hoekwil
Ds. Dawie le Roux 084 532 9958
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Pastor Juan & Tammy Pienaar
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info@sedgefieldchurch.co.za

Sedgefield Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Cnr Sysie / Flamingo Streets
Find us on FB Debbie - 083 242 2808

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"Some voices don't just sing - they touch the heart, awaken memories, and remind us of the beauty in life."

Join us for an unforgettable evening of transcendent melodies, warmth, and inspiration as Nianell takes the stage for an intimate live performance, in aid of Rondevlei Learning Centre. Let her powerful vocals and soulful lyrics embrace you, bringing light, peace, and pure musical magic. Whether you're seeking a moment of reflection or a night of inspiring live music, this is an evening you won't want to miss. Space is limited, so reserve your seats early!

EVENT DETAILS?
Date: 20 November 2026 Time: 18h00?
Venue: NG Kerk, Hoepoestraat 5, Sedgefield?
Tickets: R190 per person.
Tickets are available from The Daily Grind and Wool 'n Things.

Pancakes & juices will be on sale before the show as well as springrolls & fortune cookies! Lots of PRIZES to be won.

Gather your friends and loved ones for a night of music that speaks directly to the heart. We look forward to sharing this magical evening with you!



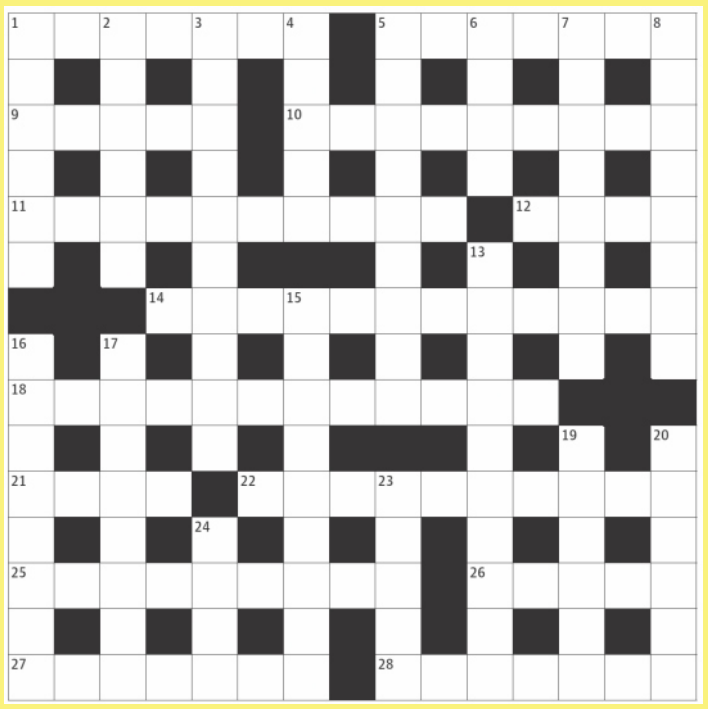
SEDGEFIELD COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

NOVEMBER
20 Nianell - Live in Sedgefield (RLC)
20 Prostate Awareness at Sedge Bowling Club (Lions)
23 Eyeland Neighbourhood Watch Info Evening

DECEMBER
31 Watershed (Masi)

LIONS -Lions Club
Masi - Masithandane
RLC - Rondevlei Learning Centre
SAM - Sedgefield Animal Matters
TLC - The Living Cornerstone

T`ED`S BRAIN CRUNCHER



Across
1. Jacket on, Nora went to ask around outside. (7)
5. Special weekly time South African Breweries comes clean?(7)
9. Such a dance could be a turn-off. (5)
10. Making porridge can be so hard! (9)
11. The lone, international education agency went red about the junction. (10)
12. Deal from which wolves get well-suited. (4)
14. Crafty animal with pocket for stolen goods. (12)
18. Media touts fear the new regime. (12)
21. A few members of Kel's new herd of moose. (4)
22. Emphasise failure to get enough points. (10)
25. Complicated math ended with those doomed for purgatory. (3,6)
26. Boesak established content for goodness. (5)
27. Ken the comic not quite as mobile anymore (7)
28. Silly sod kept playing on my computer. (7)

Down
1. Some depart hurriedly to see the old king. (6)
2. Does the character live in the centre or hang about at either end? (6)
3. Are trying to say Garfuncle did not get to the ICU in time? (10)
4. The last slice of Tiramisu Garth ate was exceptionally sweet. (5)
5. Perhaps a different option to the gravy train is on the table. (9)
6. We heard the old guy could be poorly, and pay for it! (4)
7. Can't I aim around the test reel? (8)
8. Dance move of the stoned martial artist. (4,4)
13. Dreams of the varying orange drink bottles he gathered. (10)
15. Public relations, for example, gave Sinatra a nine month waiting period. (9)
16. Brought about something special for this composer. (8)
17. Mass buying with your brain tends to divide the ship. (8)
19. Watch the potato holder take the cash. (6)
20. Ruin the main en suite for the stand up paddler. (6)
23. My friend Edgar lost so much he was finished. (5)
24. Sounds like a community gathering is worse than popping your clogs. (4)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 5. Spoilt 6. Always 9. Turkey 10. Ethereal 11. Meow 12. Rock bottom 13. Syndication 18. Hopping mad 21.Toad 22. Porridge 23. Primer 24. Extend 25. Screen
Down: 1. Workaway 2. Player 3. Alphabet 4. Parrot 5. Saucer 7. Season 8. Beachcomber 14. Ding Dong 15. Outsider 16. Coyote 17. Baleen 19. Parity 20. Depict

Lawn Bowls around the world – and through history
Without rules, lawn bowls would just be a bunch of dudes rolling stuff around – rather like a sophisticated dung beetle club!

The modern rules of lawn bowls owe much to Scotland. In 1848, representatives of around 200 Scottish clubs met in Glasgow to tackle the confusion caused by differing local rules. William Wallace Mitchell subsequently developed a uniform code, laying the foundations for today's game.

The Scottish Bowling Association was established in 1892, followed by a revised rule book in 1893. International standardisation followed with the formation of the International Bowling Board in 1905, now known as World Bowls. Rules have evolved over the years, but skill, strategy and sportsmanship remain at the heart of the game. Thankfully, the arguments over who was holding up play have survived every rule change!

Holding the SBC flag high in Eden
Massive congratulations to Debi Stanford on bringing home bronze in the Eden Invitational Masters tournament. Way to go, Debs!

SBC Eden Selections
Ronel Eloff has been invited to compete in the Eden Veterans Ladies Masters, while Robin Gibbs and Charles Fontini will strut their stuff in the Men's tournament. Make us proud, Guys and Gal!

Ryder Cup
Under the captaincy of Dawid Malan, the Sedgefield/Knysna team carried away this year's Ryder Cup trophy. Sedgefield is certainly keeping its' regional flag flying!

Club Championships
Congratulations to Sally Reeves, our 2026 Ladies Club Champion, who just edged out Ronel Eloff in a closely fought contest. Well played Sally and Ronel!

Barefoot Bowls
Round 3 of Barefoot Bowls saw three new teams on the podium with Loslitte picking up the honours, and Footloose and Ben Theunissen Brokers One coming in second and third respectively.

The fourth and final round saw R2N upfront with Outeniqua Recovery and Marbles second and third respectively.

Once all the arithmetic had been done and the excitement reached its crescendo the overall winners of this edition of the SBC Barefoot Bowls was South Coast Real Estate with Moonshine Runners and Ravens fighting it out for a close second and third!

Congratulations to the winners and for the rest the sponsors Rietvallei Wine Estate, Pick n Pay, Engen, Wimpy, Legends Sports Pub, The Ice Co, Ben Theunissen Brokers and Garden Route Lifestyle Property trust you all had a wonderful 4 weeks and hopefully we'll see you all again early in 2027!

A Quick Chuckle Before You Go
The green is a glorious place,
Where friendship and laughter embrace.
Win or lose come what may,
On a warm summer's day,
There's no finer spot, time or place!

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



The Wine Ghost

The Wine Ghost tasted – False Bay Whole Bunch Rosé 2026
The words False Bay are quite prominent on the front label, in gold lettering. There is info about the "whole bunch basket pressed" method, which results in the purest grape juice, for making this rosé. The back label offers more info about the wine's origin. Abv.12%.
The label also shows clearly that the wine is suitable for vegetarians and vegans.
The colour in the glass is a very light pink blush, with a few long legs.
On the nose there are definite aromas of candy floss, greenish strawberries and a bit of dust.
Tastes lingering in the mouth are strawberry fizzers, candy floss, a whiff of sea breeze and a herbaceous experience.
It is a nice summery wine, in the price range of R90 – R110.
In Vino Veritas till next time.



THE SPORTS EDGE

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SEDGE UNITED SOCCER FESTIVAL

The Smutsville Sports Field was filled with excitement and hope on Saturday, 24 October 2026, as Sedge United Football Club successfully hosted its annual Soccer Festival for Under-17 boys and girls.

The festival was organised as a direct intervention to address the growing community concern of children roaming around the Smutsville and Sedgefield CBD during school hours.

"We arranged this soccer tournament to bring children, parents and stakeholders together to find a solution."said Jomo Phike of Sedge United FC.

Sedge United invited various organisations to motivate and educate both youths and parents.

The club welcomed Colonel Warnick, Knysna's Station Commander, as well as Sergeant Matshaya. Other guests were Miss Links-Heuvel (DSD), Miss Skosana (DSD), Miss Manyandele (Sedgefield Clinic) and Mr Nell (Soccer Legend).
"Your presence means a lot to the children," Phike told them on the day, "I thank you for your contributions, wise words and awareness in trying to develop our youth."

He said that the club's sponsors and supporters were the backbone of the festival and extended heartfelt gratitude from Sedge United's management to those who had ensured the day was a success: Masithandane, Sedgefield SPAR, Rethea Lombaard, Clive Caesar and Smutsville shop owners.

"Without our supporters, there is no Sedge United. You stood with us in the sun, you motivated the children, you showed that Smutsville cares for its youth. Thank you for believing in us," said Phike.

Sedge United management and players were also thanked for their support and assistance.

Ensuring everything went well on the day, Pumza Sanda and Zanele Qintiza were recognised for their tireless behind-the-scenes work.

A special tribute was also paid to Vuyokazi Fayindlala, who worked tirelessly to coordinate the event. "Enkosi Kakhulu Sbari Wam," said Phike.

"This is just the beginning of our journey. Our doors are open for any ideas in trying to keep children away from the streets. Parents, soccer coaches, supporters and community – let's work together in developing our youth."

SEDGEFIELD GENTS'GOLF

Thursday, 22 October 2026
It is ironic that the two best things to come out of Scotland are not Brian Gerard and Bill Craig but golf and whisky. And they share the same qualities because when playing golf you find the day vibrantly gold in colour, your golf is like a silky, vanilla sweetness dancing across your being, followed by rich fruit in the shape of a wine bottle intensifying your day's experience.
It was not a very pleasant day for golf, cool with occasional rain, which limited the number of participants in the competition, which was Three clubs and a Putter, this actually allows for a lot of fun. However, real golfers are not perturbed by weather issues so those who chose the right clubs were the following: in first place was Terry Savage with 40 points, followed by Dave Malyon on 39. In third spot was Roger Howden, pipping Rudy Bosch into fourth spot after a count out, both on 36. Coming in fifth was the lowest handicapper of the group, Ian Wright, with a rather miserable 33 points. Ian loves to share sage advice with his fellow competitors and so, in collecting his bottle of wine he told his mates that if your wife is mad at you, go and play golf. If you get home and she's still mad at you, at least you've played golf.

Thursday, 29 October 2026
A beautiful day dawned for the ever popular Pick n Pay/Engen sponsored Monthly Mug. It is a day in which all the G.C. members arrive for the morning's golf very optimistic, when most of them have very little supporting evidence to justify this.
The A division, playing medal, was won by Trevor Pahl with a very good net score of 51. He was followed by Des Fenner with 53. Third spot went to Andre de Wet with 54 after a count out with Dave Herbst who continues his good form.
The B division, playing stableford, was won by Peter King with 41 points, streets ahead of second spot winner, Terry Savage. Len Moult continued his luck on the course to the winners's podium, by coming in third with 34 points after a count out with Roger Howden.
Nearest the pin prizes went to Des Fenner on the 2nd and Andre de Wet on the 14th. After enduring a miserable day on the course, Des Munro smiled for the first time this day when it was announced that he had won the Lucky Draw.
The winner of the "Duck" for the worst game of the day went to Ian Wright. Undeterred, he says that the three things he's good at are sucking at golf spending, money and spending money sucking at golf.
We close this report on a sad note. Captain, Brian Gerard's wife innocently asked him "Do you remember the worst thing you ever said?". "I do" he replied And now she's not speaking to him.

LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

Friday 23 October 2026
It is always lovely to see our Sedge Links Ladies eagerly gathering on the deck, ready for another day of fun and friendship on the golf course. Well, mostly fun! As we all know, that little white dimpled ball sometimes has a mind of its own! This week, 12 ladies were divided into three evenly matched four-ball teams, based on their handicaps, to play the format of the day, 1-2-3 Bestball. For those unfamiliar with the format, it works like this: for the first six holes, only the best score from each four-ball counts. For the next six holes, the best two scores count, and for the final six holes, three scores are needed. It is actually a lovely, relaxed format, as the pressure is not on any one player. If that little white ball decides not to behave, there is always a teammate or two to come to the rescue! With the sun shining and a gentle breeze in the air, our ladies headed off to their allocated tee boxes, ready for a wonderful day of golf, laughter and, hopefully, a few well-behaved golf balls!

RESULTS: 1st Place - Shannon Nicol, Almarie Mead, Christine Coetzee, Marie Joubert (81 points). 2nd Place - Elize Mackenzie-Blom, Marilyn Brewis, Eleanor Sparks, Joy Herbst (80 points). 3rd Place - Linda Evans, Michelle J Gilchrist, Janet Wood, Zoë Botha (78 points)
NEAREST THE PIN: Elize Mackenzie-Blom dazzled us and won both holes.
BIRDIES: Almarie Mead (hole 10), Joy Herbst (hole 6), Elize Mackenzie-Blom (hole 15), Zoë Botha (hole 8).

Friday, 30 October 2026
Sixteen ladies dressed in red. It was medal and putt day that many dread! Sixteen ladies on the Sedge Link deck before they make a start on their golfing trek!
Its smiles and laughter that ease the way and with a little bit of hope that their putts will behave today!
A bit of wind in the air, could assist or make us beware, club up, club down, the ladies were ready to compete for the Gold, Silver or Bronze crown!
Off we went to our tee boxes, trollies, brollies and clubs in hand, hoping our balls would land where we had planned!

RESULTS:
GOLD DIVISION
Winner - Dolar Vasani (55)
Runner-up: Brenda Howden (56) c/o. 3rd Place - Almarie Mead (56)
SILVER DIVISION
Winner - Wendy Mack (56)
Runner-up - Zoë Botha
3rd Place: Michelle J Gilchrist
BRONZE DIVISION
Winner - Clare Garner (52)
Runner-up - Marie Joubert (55) c/o
3rd Place - Joy Herbst (55)
LEAST PUTTS WINNER: Marie Joubert (25)
Congratulations too Marie for her hole in one on the 15th hole.
Clare was the only player who played under her handicap with 2 under.
BIRDIES: Marie Joubert (15th) hole in one, Linda Evans (13th), Michelle J Gilchrist (17th), Brenda Howden (5th), Clare (11th).
Huge congratulations to Clare for winning The Ecclectic Trophy 2026 on a score of 31.6 with Marie Joubert as runner-up.
A big thank you to Engen 1-Plus Sedgefield for sponsoring the divisional winners with petrol vouchers.
WELL PLAYED TO ALL PLAYERS





TIDE TABLE

04 November - 17 November 2026
• Full Moon 24 November 2026

Date:	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tides		Low Tides	
Wed 04 Nov	5:25	18:59	0:09	12:27	6:03	18:49
Thur 05 Nov	5:24	19:00	1:03	13:14	6:54	19:31
Fri 06 Nov	5:23	19:01	1:46	13:54	7:35	20:07
Sat 07 Nov	5:22	19:02	2:22	14:29	8:10	20:38
Sun 08 Nov	5:21	19:03	2:54	15:01	8:42	21:07
Mon 09 Nov	5:20	19:04	3:26	15:31	9:12	21:35
Tue 10 Nov	5:20	19:05	3:56	16:01	9:41	22:02
Wed 11 Nov	5:19	19:06	4:27	16:30	10:12	22:30
Thur 12 Nov	5:18	19:07	4:59	17:01	10:43	23:00
Fri 13 Nov	5:17	19:08	5:33	17:17	11.17	23:33
Sat 14 Nov	5:17	19:09	6:10	18:10	-	11:57
Sun 15 Nov	5:16	19.10	6:54	18:57	0.11	12:48
Mon 16 Nov	5:16	19.11	7:50	20:05	1:00	14:02
Tue 17 Nov	5:15	19:12	9:03	21:37	2:10	15:36

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