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STILL NO COALITION NEWS FOR KNYSNA LEADERSHIP

Knysna residents hoping to know by now who will run their town will have to wait a little longer. The inaugural meeting of the newly elected Knysna Council, set for this Thursday, 19 November, has been postponed for another week while parties continue to negotiate behind closed doors.

The 21-seat council needs 11 votes for a majority. The DA won nine seats: seven wards (1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11) and two PR seats, with 45% of the party vote. The ANC took four wards (3, 4, 7 and 8) but no PR seats, a drop from seven seats in 2021. The Patriotic Alliance won two seats. The SACP, VF Plus, Knysna Civic Alliance (KCA), People's Movement for Change (PMC), Choose CX and the EFF have one seat each. KIM and PBI, both part of the last council, lost their seats.

Of interest is the PR seat won by newly formed KCA with 2.8% of the party vote. At the top of its candidate list is Velile Waxa, a former Ward 4 councillor who in 2019 was found guilty of the 2018 murder of ANC councillor Mzukisi "Victor" Molosi and sentenced to life along with municipal official Mawande Makhala.

In December 2024 all nine Constitutional Court judges set aside both men's convictions and sentences. Waxa also stood in Ward 4 this year, which he lost to the ANC. If he takes up the PR seat, he will return to the chamber he was removed from in 2018, possibly as a king-maker.

But whilst it seems like a no-brainer that the DA will hold the reins in Knysna, the party needs two more votes to reach the magical majority figure of 11. Word on the street suggests Choose CX and FF+ are the most closely aligned, but no indication from these two parties or the DA infers they are talking.

A ruling coalition without the DA is also possible, but would need every other council seat except one to become a reality. Such a broad anti-DA alliance of seven parties would be exceptionally hard to hold together, and leave each one-seat party with real bargaining power.

Interestingly, at least as far as the biggest party in Knysna is concerned, negotiations are not happening locally. Democratic Alliance Mayoral Candidate Levael Davis explained to us that the decisions are being made by a dedicated team at a higher party level.

" All the local councillors give inputs," he assured us, "but it's a process done by the party at large," he said, adding that no single party is out of the running.

"And it's a very sensitive process," he continued, "What we are trying to negotiate is stability. That's very important to us. The residents of Knysna have made it clear they do not want the same as they have had in the past. As our (party) leader said, even though we have by far the most seats in Knysna, the DA has to approach all these talks with humility. A collective way forward will be found, and our team will make sure that the decisions made will be in the interests of Greater Knysna - including Sedgefield."

Knysna is far from alone in waiting for its new local government to be announced. The 4 November Local Government Elections left a record 138 metro and local councils, about 65% of the total, without an outright majority.

The law leaves little room to manoeuvre. A newly elected council must hold its first meeting within 14 days of being declared elected, which happens once the IEC has declared the results and the names of the councillors are published in the Government Gazette. With the IEC declaring the final results on 13 November the deadline sits around 27 November.

Meanwhile, National Cooperative Governance Minister Velenkosini Hlabisa has stressed that coalition negotiations are in no way an acceptable reason to put off the first council meeting, at which sitting councillors should be sworn in and a Speaker, Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected.

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS READY FOR SEASON



It's great to know what an extensive team of professionals we have looking after our wellbeing in Sedgefield. Last Friday the 'Safety Team' got together to initiate a coordinated approach to public safety for the up-coming season. *(See full article on page 5)*

TEAMWORK AIMED AT SAVING KNYSNA ESTUARY

Knysna Municipality, South African National Parks (SANParks) and Garden Route District Municipality are strengthening their intergovernmental cooperation to address concerns relating to the health and management of the Knysna estuary.

Following an initial engagement on 2 November, the parties agreed on a number of priority actions, including an urgent site inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW), an update on the status and functioning of municipal infrastructure, and the development of a seasonal readiness plan covering water, wastewater and stormwater services. A follow-up engagement and site visit to the WWTW took place on 9 November.

Other key priorities include continued water quality sampling and reporting, the re-establishment of the Estuary Pollution Committee, and consistent, transparent communication with stakeholders. The municipality will take responsibility for convening and driving the work of the committee, with its first meeting scheduled for 26 November 2026.

Acting Municipal Manager Dr Richard Martin emphasised that the municipality recognises its responsibility to take decisive action and ensure that agreed measures translate into tangible progress.

"Protecting the Knysna estuary requires consistent action, accountability and cooperation between all relevant stakeholders," said Martin. "We are committed to implementing the agreed management plan, strengthening its operational interventions and ensuring that the necessary information is shared openly and transparently. We recognise that this is an ongoing responsibility, and we will continue to work with SANParks and other stakeholders to safeguard this important environmental asset for present and future generations."

The engagements also reaffirmed the importance of adhering to the Knysna Estuary Management Plan, adopted on 13 March 2025, as the guiding framework for coordinated management and protection of the estuary.

Further details regarding the implementation of the Knysna Estuary Management Plan and progress on the agreed interventions will be communicated in due course.

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Notes from T'Ed's Head

It seems I may have a problem.

To be honest, I should have seen it coming, but I really didn't expect it of my constituents. I feel so let down - like they have stabbed me in the back, pushed me into a hole, covered me with soil and danced a little celebration jig on top of the mound.

By constituents, I mean immediate family. Of course.

Let me explain. Though I do ask you to bear with me, because I am somewhat fraught with emotion (I must be, to dig out a word like 'fraught' - where on earth did that come from, I wonder?)

Being caught up in the excitement of the recent Local Government Elections, I decided that perhaps it was something we should consider at home. You see, I took a quick poll, and it seems that at least 50% of the residents of T'Ed Mansion are of the opinion that our household governance is in disarray and that it is time for regime change.

Of course I say 50%, but I believe it is closer to 75%. Apparently I am not allowed to include the vote of Gimly, the noble hound, who (I have proof in the form of video footage) DEFINITELY wagged his tail when I asked him the prepared question about our infrastructure crumbling and the budget mishandling (and it had NOTHING to do with the biltong I was holding) .

I suppose that whilst election fever lit the fuse for me as it were, the real crunch came last Saturday, when I realised how our household irregular expenditure had crept up to unprecedented levels. The evidence for this surfaced at a most inopportune moment, whilst I was in the middle of an ITT (Important Trade Transaction).

"I'm afraid we can no longer do business until your outstanding balance has been settled, or at least brought up to the thirty-day mark," said the barman.

"Ahhh," I said, cool, calm and collectedly, despite the sudden spasm of cramp in my innermost depths (which had nothing to do with the earlier dispensation of a round of some noxious tipple called Stroh Rum). "As I'm sure you are aware, good barkeep, I have procured regular and indeed extensive custom with this fine establishment over the years, so if you would be so kind as to honour this particular pintage order, and thereafter provide me with duplicate invoices along with a three-month statement listing all outstanding amounts, relevant purchase numbers and/or unallocated payments, then I will personally submit it to our chief purchasing officer for payment within seven working days."

"No," he said. Rather too simply, I thought.

"Then," I said, a little louder, knowing my Voice of Authority would put him on the back foot and scare him into quenching my every desire, "I shall have no choice but to cancel this particular tender (Provision of Beer - tender#171'), re-advertise it, and procure it elsewhere!"

Clearly he was quivering in his little barman boots.

"Goodbye," he said.

"Ha!" I huffed - as I left - because one cannot leave without saying at least a letter or two.

Only after a brief inquisition into similar establishments around the village did I fully realise the depth of the situation. This was not some small glitch in the system. No. The T'Ed Household BPS (Beer Procurement System) had



undoubtedly failed. Not a single (or married) service provider was prepared to… well… provide any service. No beer, wine or even a glass of water (with a splash of whisky for old times' sake) was forth (or even fifth) coming.

"Because there isn't any money left," Mrs Ed stated, as I harrumphed through the door an hour later. I hadn't even asked her the question - but clearly she knew what was on my mind.

"But wait," I scrambled bravely, hoping to save at least the latter half of the evening, "Don't you have an envelope of cash in your handbag?"
"That was last month, and it was supposed to be for the electricity bill," she growled in that 'let's not let the neighbours hear this' baritone that cuts to the very soul, "until SOMEONE 'accidentally' spent it on beer. That's why we're so broke - because this month we had to pay double to the municipality."

I was astounded. Such frivolous, wasteful expenditure would surely cause the downfall of modern society.

"So whilst corporates leach the bulk of the worker's meagre wage, he is forced to go thirsty?" I said, a bitter taste in my mouth (actually a delicious craft brewery bitter I'd consumed earlier in the evening, but don't tell Mrs Ed)

"Amandla!" I added, because it felt right.

Further investigation into our Capital Expenditure proved that corruption had indeed taken its toll. "Avocado pears? AVOCADO PEARS!?" I squawked, finding a shopping receipt on the floor, "What happened to the good old days when salads were just lettuce, our children ate polony, and we could at least afford to pop down to the tavern for a pint of an evening?"

And expensive lettuce substitution was just the tip of the iceberg.
"And what's this?" I exclaimed, clutching a packet of 24 rolls, "WHY ARE WE SPENDING R220 ON TWO-PLY TOILET PAPER?!"

The next day, after waking up with a rather stiff neck (which will happen when someone bigger than you banishes you to the couch - even if it IS the WMCC), I made the decision, no more bending under the yoke of corrupt leadership. No more bowing to the whims of fat cats (or any other domestic animals).

"It's time to vote for change!" I yelled under my breath (Change isn't something that excites Mrs Ed at 7am, and I do hate to be on the wrong end of her Law Enforcement arm.)

And so the campaign started in earnest.
"Vote for ME!" I said to both children.
"We can't, Dad," they answered in Unison (the language of their birth) "We don't live here anymore."

"Anyway," chuckled my son, The REE, "We're no longer deemed citizens of this property. Remember the framed Letter of Declaration you gave us the day after we moved out?"

"That was just about Cheese Access," I whined. "Can't you give me a break? I'm suffering here. I'll buy you lunch…"

"We're still waiting for the pizza bribe you promised in the Household Election of 2016," said Fear Factor. My goodness, her memory is as good as her mother's.

And so, when the votes were cast, it was just one seat each.

I couldn't believe it - I really thought I'd had it in the bag when our once-a-week char promised that if I gave her my old cell phone, she wouldn't vote for Mrs Ed.

And what happened? On voting day she called in sick, and after several recounts, Mrs Ed and I were left facing each other across the kitchen table.

"So," she said, her eyes twinkling mischievously under her mono-brow, "Want to form a coalition?"

"Depends on what you're putting on the table," I countered.
"How about this?" she whispered, taking the cap off a bottle of Slow-brewed Craft Bitter and placing it in front of me.

"Ahhh," I said, feeling that life might be good under the new dispensation after all.

"We'd be mad if we didn't!".

SRA REPRESENTATIONS LEAD TO SAFER N2

By Alvin Witten
on behalf of SRA

Have you noticed the newly erected speed-limit signs along the N2 over Swartvlei Lagoon?

The speed limit on this stretch of national road has been reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h. It is a welcome development and an important step towards improving road safety in our area.

The Sedgefield Ratepayers Association (SRA) remains committed to keeping the interests and safety of our residents and wider community firmly on the agenda. We believe that progress requires proactive engagement, persistent follow-up and a willingness to speak up when service delivery falls short.

Recognising the ongoing concerns surrounding the N2, SRA Chairperson Kevin Barnes arranged a meeting with Ryan Smith, Garden Route Member of Parliament, and Levael Davis, the DA mayoral candidate for Knysna. During the meeting, the SRA highlighted several concerns relating to the N2, particularly excessive speed, poor visibility at night and the dangers associated with the stretch crossing Swartvlei Lagoon.

This section of road has been the scene of tragic accidents, with lives lost and families left to deal with the devastating consequences. Against this background, seeing the reduced speed-limit signs erected was a particularly encouraging development. While we cannot claim sole credit for this intervention, we are pleased that the concerns raised have been followed by positive action.

But our work does not stop here. The SRA will continue monitoring road safety along the N2 as it passes through Sedgefield. Although the speed limit through our village is 60 km/h, motorists frequently disregard it, putting pedestrians, residents and other road users at risk.

We believe further interventions are necessary. Simply relying on motorists to observe the speed limit is not enough. The SRA will be advocating for additional, effective traffic-calming measures to encourage compliance and protect lives. Speed cameras alone are unlikely to provide the lasting solution our community needs.

The SRA will continue engaging with the relevant authorities, raising concerns and pushing for practical solutions. Our responsibility is to protect the interests of our community. Safer roads are not a luxury; they are a necessity.

Sedgefield deserves nothing less.

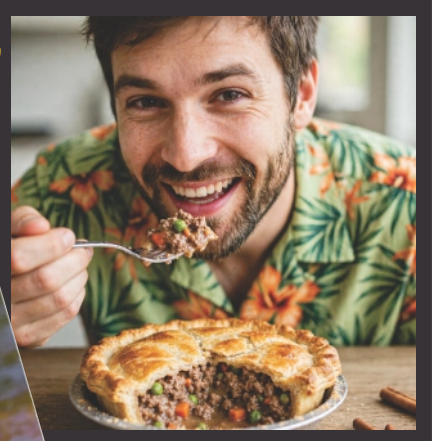
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CHECKERS DEVELOPMENT NUTS & BOLTS

The new retail development proposed for the eastern side of Sedgefield - a shopping centre anchored by a Checkers Supermarket - is being discussed at length around town, with locals arguing both for and against the new addition. Here's our interpretation of the application currently listed for public comment on the Knysna Municipality website.

The site for this proposed development lies at the north-eastern intersection of Egret Street and the N2 service road, (near the Aviemore housing complex) and covers erven 3456–3465, 3504–3507 and 4967. If approved, it would bring a roughly 4,000 m² centre - including a 1,868 m² Checkers - to a currently undeveloped block.

Shoprite Checkers (Pty) Ltd is asking the municipality to rezone most of the land from residential use to Business Zone I, Erf 3507 from service-station zoning to Business Zone I, and Erf 4967 from Transport Zone III to Business Zone I. The applicant also wants to consolidate the erven into a single 11,937 m² site.

As well as the Checkers supermarket, the proposed centre would include a coffee shop, a liquor store, 12 smaller line shops, ablution facilities and a delivery area. The building would be mostly single-storey, with bulk storage above part of the north-eastern corner; its height would remain below the 12 m limit.

The plans provide 159 parking bays, including five accessible bays and four motorcycle bays. With the motorcycle-bay credit, this meets the municipal requirement of 160 bays for a centre of this size. Deliveries would use a separate north-eastern service area, with space for long-haul trucks, seven smaller delivery vehicles and 24 motorbike-delivery bays.

The applicants describe the area as an identified secondary node in eastern Sedgefield. The proposal is intended to serve the growing residential catchment east of the traditional CBD, where Aviemore, Lakeview Estate and Greenmere have added substantial housing over recent years.

The applicants argue that Sedgefield's population growth - and its increasing number of permanent residents - justifies another convenience-oriented shopping destination. Their market research describes the proposal as a roughly 4,000 m² neighbourhood centre anchored by an (almost) 2,000 m² Checkers Supermarket.

Perhaps the most consequential part of the application for residents and commuters is traffic. The developers' Traffic Impact Assessment found that the N2/Egret Road intersection already experiences poor conditions on the Egret Road approaches, operating at Level of Service F - effectively severe delay - even before the new centre is built.

To address this, the application proposes converting the N2/Egret Road intersection from its current stop-controlled format into a roundabout, similar to those installed along the N2 through Wilderness. The draft design shows a 29-metre central island, two 5-metre circulating lanes, two entry and two exit lanes on the N2 approaches, and one entry and one exit lane on each Egret Road approach.

The traffic report says that, with projected 2031 background traffic and the centre's additional trips, the proposed roundabout would operate at Level of Service A during both morning and afternoon peaks.

On the eastern side, the service road provides the only access to the Aviemore residential complex, so the applicants say its entrance would need to be retained. Whilst the exact final configuration has not yet been settled, the report states that several design concepts are being considered with SANRAL during the public-participation process.

The application is still a land-use proposal, not an approved construction project. Residents can inspect the full application pack, including the motivation report, traffic assessment, site plans, landscaping plan and services report, on the Knysna Municipality's Current Land Use Applications page, and submit comments during the public-participation process.

The question's being heatedly discussed around Sedgefield, centre around whether there is a need for a third, big name supermarket, and the uncertainty of upgrading one of the town's busiest intersections,

The proposed roundabout could materially improve access from Egret Road onto the N2, but residents will want clarity on the service-road closure, construction phasing, pedestrian and cycling safety, and whether the road upgrade would be complete before the centre opens.

Members of the public may submit written comments on the proposed rezoning and consolidation application to the Municipal Manager at knysna@knysna.gov.za and ssitinga@knysna.gov.za. Submissions must include the commenter's name, address, electronic contact details and telephone number, state their interest in the application, and explain the reasons for their comments.

The municipality has warned that comments received after the 4 December 2026 closing date may not be accepted.

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Do trees in urban environments have legal standing?

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

Absolutely. Trees support air, water, and soil quality, urban ecosystems, wellbeing, and the character of towns and cities. However, protection depends on the tree, its location, and applicable laws. Some trees require national authorisation for removal, but municipal rules and council decisions provide most protection. Owners should be aware and understand their responsibilities for trees on private and public land.

Urban trees offer significant benefits despite seasonal leaf, flower, or fruit drop, provided suitable species are planted at a safe distance from structures and surfaces. Managing trees across streets, parks, and open spaces can be complex. Local authorities often need integrated management systems supported by approved policies and by-laws. A local authority may refuse a removal request if the tree is healthy and the nuisance is tolerable, unless it is recognised as problematic, declared a weed, produces harmful substances, or is structurally unsafe. Authorities are also responsible for trees planted on their land by the public. They should respond transparently to complaints and provide reasons for council decisions when requested.

Legislation protecting trees in the urban environment.
Under section 12(1) of the National Forest Act 84 of 1998, local authorities can apply to the National Department of Forestry to protect trees on private land. This formal process is preferable because it involves professional review and publication in the Government Gazette. South African environmental law protects urban environments, including trees in parks and streets.
The National Environmental Management Act requires sustainable development and that harm to landscapes, cultural heritage, the environment, and people's environmental rights be avoided or minimised. The Environment Conservation Act also requires reasonable steps to be taken to protect and improve the natural and human environment. Projects that would significantly affect trees or landscapes may require scoping and an environmental impact assessment. Public safety takes priority: authorities must assess hazardous trees and remove them if risks cannot be managed. Warning signs include dead or decaying branches, stems, or roots; instability or weak structure; storm damage; pests; fire or lightning damage; and cavities. Authorities may ask residents who report tree-related allergies to provide test results. Whether to act on such complaints is at the authority's discretion.

A blocked view generally does not give a property owner grounds to request the removal of a tree, except where visibility is needed for traffic safety. Authorities may also refuse requests to remove trees said to conceal criminals, since a tree's presence alone does not establish a direct safety hazard. Residents should secure their own properties, as required by their insurers.

The Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act 43 of 1983 is important to urban vegetation management. Invasive plants can spread rapidly through stormwater channels and may create fire, health, and environmental risks near residential areas. Local authorities should take reasonable control measures to protect residents and be able to show those measures if damage or injury leads to legal action.

The Act distinguishes between declared weeds, which must be eradicated, and declared invaders, whose spread had to be controlled.

Conclusion
Arboricultural standards guide tree care and improve public safety by setting best practices for felling, pruning, support, protection, and maintenance. It identifies suitable street trees and addresses alternatives to removing trees. A tree is only considered hazardous when it is structurally unsound and people or property are at risk.

A local authority may refuse to remove a healthy tree if its nuisance is within reasonable limits and it is not considered problematic, poisonous, or structurally unsafe. However, property owners must be able to use their land reasonably and also without a nuisance to neighbours. Knysna Municipality have an approved tree policy addressing these issues. Local authorities cannot address all the requests some of which may be unfounded and scientifically, technically, and legally unjustified. An arboriculture society or body to guide and assist local authorities are permitted in the legislation and will operate under the auspices of the Department of Environment and Recreation Management.

Such an organisation is the **Sedgefield Tree Committee: 082 332 2206 or email sedgeprecioustrees@gmail.com**

REVIVE SEDGEFIELD'S LITTER CREW SMALL ACTIONS, BIG DIFFERENCE

Revive Sedgefield's Litter Crew, which was launched on 4 October 2026 is a community-driven initiative aimed at keeping our beautiful town clean, attractive and free of litter.

The initiative was the brainchild of volunteer Team Leader Karen Tarr, whose vision was to bring people together to tackle the ongoing problem of litter in Sedgefield.

For community members who are unable to join Revive Sedgefield, the Litter Crew offers them another way to get involved and make a difference in their town.

The response has been encouraging. Since its launch, volunteers have been tackling litter in residential streets, along Main Service Road, in public spaces and in areas alongside the N2. By 13 November, an impressive 108 bags of litter had been collected in just six weeks!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK
Clean-up sessions take place regularly on Tuesdays, alternating between mornings and afternoons to accommodate different schedules. Volunteers meet at an agreed location before splitting into teams to cover different areas. Bags and gloves are provided, with reflective safety vests available for work alongside the N2.

Some volunteers also collect litter independently whenever they have an opportunity. Every contribution counts.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION
A particularly encouraging development has been the involvement of Seabridge School. On 13 November, nine Grade 9 learners, accompanied by the school's Head, Ms Kim Euston-Brown, joined the Litter Crew and collected nine bags of litter. They are already planning another clean-up!

We hope their enthusiasm will inspire other schools to get involved and encourage learners to take an active role in keeping our town clean.



MORE THAN JUST PICKING UP LITTER
For Revive Sedgefield, this initiative is about more than collecting rubbish. It is about encouraging community pride, awareness and shared responsibility. Keeping Sedgefield clean cannot rest on the shoulders of a few volunteers; it requires all of us to play our part.

Karen is also looking at developing educational initiatives to encourage people not to litter in the first place, helping to address the problem at its source. More details will be shared as these programmes take shape.

An important part of keeping Sedgefield clean is reminding people that littering is not acceptable. In support of this effort, Select PPE, Revive Sedgefield's biggest benefactor, has generously undertaken to sponsor 10 "No Littering" signs. These will be installed along the Main Service Road fence, helping to spread the message that keeping our town clean is everyone's responsibility.

The Litter Crew welcomes anyone who would like to get involved, whether they can participate regularly or only occasionally.

As Karen puts it, "A cleaner, more beautiful Sedgefield is something we can all help achieve. It doesn't take a huge effort from one person, just a little effort from many."

To everyone who has already volunteered, collected litter independently or supported this Revive Sedgefield initiative: thank you. Every bag makes a difference!

Interested in joining Revive Sedgefield's Litter Crew? Contact Karen on (083) 449-4354.

Revive Sedgefield – Together we can make a difference, one bag at a time!

NEW MUNICIPAL PEACE OFFICERS GRADUATE

Knysna Municipality celebrated the graduation of a new group of Municipal Peace Officers on Wednesday 11 November, following the successful completion of a six-week Law Enforcement for Peace Officer training programme.

The programme equipped officials from various municipal departments with the knowledge and skills required to enforce municipal by-laws and fulfil their responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution and applicable legislation.

Held at the Safe Hub Sports and Training Facilities under the theme "Discipline, Integrity and Service to Broader Knysna", the graduation parade symbolised an important investment in strengthening the municipality's law enforcement capacity and commitment to public safety.

Acting Municipal Manager Dr Richard Martin congratulated the graduates, emphasising that their newly acquired authority came with significant responsibility. "The authority you have acquired is not a privilege to be exercised over our communities, but a responsibility to be exercised in service of our communities. Our residents must experience municipal law enforcement as a source of protection and justice, not intimidation," he said.

Martin stressed that professionalism, integrity and fairness must guide every enforcement action, adding that the true measure of effective law enforcement was not the number of arrests, but the fairness, legality and effectiveness of its actions.

Speaking on behalf of the graduates, Senior Town Planner Shaun Madumbo reflected on the six-week journey, highlighting how discipline, determination and perseverance had brought officials from different departments and backgrounds together as a cohesive unit.

"We worked towards a common goal of becoming competent Peace Officers who would serve the interests of Greater Knysna residents and, most importantly, uphold the Constitution, the laws of the country and the Municipality's by-laws," he said.

Madumbo also paid tribute to training facilitator Mr Iegshaan Dyson from the Public Safety Training Academy of the City of Cape Town for his commitment, expertise and guidance throughout the programme, particularly in instilling discipline, teamwork and a deeper understanding of the responsibilities of law enforcement officers.



Cadet Class of 2026

The ceremony included the presentation of certificates, the taking of the oath of service and a final march-past and drill display by the graduates.

Congratulating the officers, Martin reminded them that completing the training was only the beginning of their professional responsibility. "The certificate you receive today confirms your training. Your conduct from tomorrow will determine your credibility," he concluded.

Knysna Municipality congratulated all the graduates saying they look forward to their contribution towards safer communities, improved by-law compliance and professional, accountable municipal law enforcement.

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"WHERE WORLDS MEET": VISIT KNYSNA CAMPAIGN

On 11 November, Visit Knysna officially launched "Where Worlds Meet," a new destination marketing campaign celebrating the remarkable diversity of Greater Knysna and inviting visitors to discover more of what this unique corner of the Garden Route has to offer.

Lungiswa Goya, Manager Economic Development at the Knysna Municipality, said the campaign draws inspiration from the area's distinctive geography, where indigenous forests, rivers, lakes, estuaries, beaches and the Indian Ocean exist in close proximity.
"Beyond the natural landscape, the campaign explores the unexpected connections between places, people and experiences that make Greater Knysna such a compelling destination."

One destination. Many worlds to discover.
At the heart of the campaign is a simple idea: Greater Knysna is not just a place to experience different things. It is a place where different worlds come together.

The forest meets the water. The river meets the estuary. The estuary meets the ocean. The lakes meet the dunes. Adventure meets tranquility, and the energy of a vibrant towns meets the unhurried rhythms of nature.

What makes Greater Knysna so special isn't simply the diversity of its landscapes, but how closely they exist alongside one another. Visitors can experience the silent peace of an ancient forest, the excitement of the ocean and the energy of a vibrant towns, all in a single day.
A morning exploring the forest can turn into an afternoon on the estuary. A beach outing might lead to the discovery of local art, a farm stall or a hidden lakeside retreat. *Where Worlds Meet* encourages visitors to explore beyond the expected and discover a different side of Greater Knysna."



Goya explained that rather than showcasing attractions individually, the campaign connects them through stories, imagery and experiences, highlighting how easily visitors can move between different landscapes and activities.

A fresh perspective on a familiar destination
The campaign will unfold across Visit Knysna's digital and social media platforms, public relations initiatives and destination marketing activities.
Through striking photography, reels, videos, and storytelling, it will showcase familiar attractions and lesser-known places, local personalities, creative communities, and distinctive experiences.

From Brenton-on-Sea and Buffalo Bay to the forests of Harkerville and Rheenendal, the lakes and beaches around Sedgefield and the waterways of Knysna, the campaign will celebrate the area's geographical diversity and the experiences that bring it to life - from hiking, cycling and paddling to food, art, culture and the simple pleasure of slowing down.

Encouraging visitors to stay longer and discover more
Beyond raising awareness, "Where Worlds Meet" aims to encourage visitors to explore more widely, stay longer and discover experiences beyond traditional tourism hotspots, benefiting businesses and communities throughout Greater Knysna.

Goya said the campaign also creates opportunities for accommodation establishments, restaurants, activity operators, guides, artisans and other local businesses to share their stories and become part of a broader destination narrative.

"For returning visitors, the message is one of rediscovery. For first-time visitors, it's an invitation to experience a destination that offers far more than any single attraction," said Goya.

"With the summer holiday season approaching, the campaign offers a timely invitation to experience Greater Knysna from a fresh perspective - where forest and ocean, adventure and relaxation, and visitors and local communities come together.

Because in Greater Knysna, what brings you here is only the beginning."

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One of the iconic landmarks of Sedgefield's past has been bought by well-known locals Doortjie and Paul van der Spuy, with the aim of bringing it back to its former glory. Being only 1 km away from the lagoon, 2.5 km away from the mouth and beach and 2 kms away from town, it is ideally situated for locals and visitors alike.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, The Sedgefield Arms comprised an upmarket holiday accommodation resort and a popular English-style pub and restaurant, and catered for locals and seasonal tourists. For years the property was owned by Alan and Wendy Evans, with the restaurant run by Neil and Karen Rotherham, after which it went through several sets of owners, landlords and managers.

But the business never fully regained its popularity, and the COVID pandemic seemed to be the final nail in the coffin as the restaurant and pub have not been open since.

Having lived in Sedgefield and frequented The Sedgefield Arms as it was in its hey-day, the van der Spuys are hoping to rekindle the warm hospitality the accommodation and the restaurant were both famous for. Over the last month or so they have been stripping down and refurbishing the holiday accommodation and are delighted that it is ready for the up and coming December season.
The restaurant, however, needs a huge amount of interior TLC before it is ready to serve, so this renovation will be ongoing for some months.
"Watch this space," says Doortjie, "The Sedgefield Arms Pub and Restaurant will hopefully be open by Easter 2027."





On 11 November 2026 the members of Sedgefield Redfern MOTH Shellhole commemorated Armistice Day with a parade at the MOTH Memorial outside the Sedgefield Town Hall, in memory of fallen service members

EMERGENCY TEAMS MEET

Key safety, emergency, and community policing stakeholders gathered at Pili Pili Restaurant on Friday, 13 November 2026, for the annual Sedgefield Pre-Season Preparedness Meeting.

Initiated by the Community Police Forum (CPF), Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch, and Community Orientated Policing (COP), the session brought together municipal, provincial, private, and volunteer organisations to align, discuss, and coordinate the town's annual Festive Season Safety and Security Plan.

The collaborative planning ensures rapid response times, clear communication channels, and unified operational support as Sedgefield prepares for the influx of holidaymakers.

Organisations represented at the meeting included:

Law Enforcement & Policing: South African Police Service (SAPS) including SAPS Search & Rescue, Knysna Community Police Forum (CPF), Knysna Municipality Law Enforcement, Knysna Municipality Traffic Department, and Western Cape Provincial Traffic Department.

Conservation, Emergency, Fire & Rescue: Knysna Municipality Fire Department, Western Cape Provincial Ambulance, Metro Search & Rescue, ER24, National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI), COP Medical & K9 Search and Rescue, Garden Route District Municipality Volunteer Disaster Management, SA National Parks and Gift of the Givers.

Community & Private Security: Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch, Cola Myoli Neighbourhood Watch, Eyeland Neighbourhood Watch, Sedgehill Neighbourhood Watch, Groenvlei Meedingsride Neighbourhood Watch, Community Orientated Policing (COP), Sedgefield Ratepayers Association Sedgefield Defence Force, Fidelity ADT and Afriforum.

Apologies were tendered by Garden Route Municipality Disaster Management and Health Department, NSRI Lifesavers, Suiderkruis Security, Niqua Security & SANParks Honorary Rangers.

Speaking on behalf of Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch and COP, Michael Simon and Mike Hofhuis extended their gratitude to all participating organisations:
"We would like to thank each and every represented organisation for their ongoing support, collaboration, and commitment to ensuring the safety and peace of mind of both our residents and holiday visitors over the upcoming festive season."

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.
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
1:15pm Social Bridge School at St Anthony's Catholic Church hall play starting 1:30pm. All levels welcome. Enq. Gail 083 457 7647
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
13:45pm Sedgefield Bowling Club Tabs in.

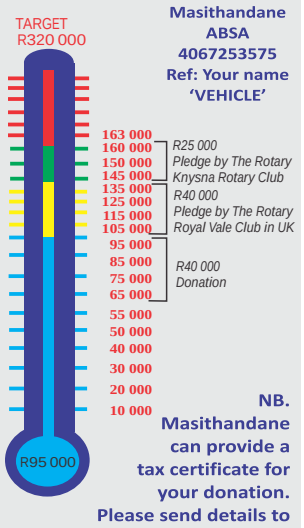
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G R Astronomical Society meet every 3rd Saturday, 3pm at George Botanical Gardens. 083 743 1690

Sunday 6 December
8am-12 Gardeners and Crafters Market at Steam Whistle Stop. 072 487 0395

Sunday 13 December
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Dear Editor,

I refer to the recent notification from Knysna Municipality regarding the proposed development of the Checkers Centre and the construction of a circle at the N2/Egret Road Intersection.
A far better solution to the circle would be to install a set of traffic lights at this intersection. In order to maintain a good flow of traffic the green light would remain operating on the N2 and could then be activated for traffic waiting at the Egret intersection by an inductive loop detector or vehicle detection loop which is placed in a shallow saw cut groove in the asphalt before the stop lines in Egret Road on both sides of the N2 .This system is used around South Africa and in other countries with great success. This would then operate when a vehicle drives over or stops on the loop. This then sends a signal to the control cabinet that a vehicle is waiting prompting the light to cycle to green which would stay on for about say one minute during peak hours and say 30 seconds during off peak and would then cycle back to continuous green for the N2 and so on for the rest of the day. For pedestrians a control button would be placed on the traffic light pole and when pushed it would cause the lights to change to green for the pedestrians for say 30 seconds.
The traffic lights would serve the same purpose as the circle but would be less costly to construct and in the end would be a far better solution.

Kind regards,
Roger Bruce

SEDGE LIONS DONATION SUCKS!



September's Battle of the Buskers, a Sedgefield Lions event well supported by the community, was a fundraiser for a pretty specific project - a desperately needed suction machine for Masithandane's HUG Care & Respite Centre.

Herman de Waal from Ventria , the company supplying the CA-MI Askir 230BR device, explained that it was an all-important piece of medical equipment designed to remove mucus, saliva and other secretions from a patient's airway. This would go a long way in supporting easier breathing for those who might be compromised due to illness, disability or reduced consciousness.

The device also features a rechargeable battery and 12v input, making it a portable and compact device that can be taken wherever it is needed in the respite centre.

"This generous donation will enhance the ability of HUG House caregivers to respond to airway emergencies and represents a valuable contribution to the safety and well-being of its residents," Herman said.

Liz at 90 has ignored the 'slow down' memo

by Tommy Scanes


Nonagenarian Liz Hutton arriving in style for her birthday celebration

Sedgefield being what Sedgefield is, I'm sure everybody knows Liz Hutton, but after sitting down and chatting to Liz for a good 90 minutes I'm not sure if anyone really knows Liz.

If Liz's childhood, and in fact the whole of her 90 years, is anything to go by, sitting quietly and behaving herself was never going to be part of the plan!

The only child of an army mother and a Royal Army Engineers father, Liz grew up on military bases, including Howick and Umtata. Schoolwork held little attraction for this young adventurer, who much preferred climbing trees and scraping her knees to sitting in a classroom. Her mother eventually employed a young carer to keep her out of trouble, but this proved a rather questionable investment. The two simply became partners in crime, getting up to even more mischief than Liz might have managed on her own!

Among her childhood adventures was being rescued from a bus marooned in a flooded river, with Liz and her mother each tucked under the arm of a rather large gentleman. Not exactly your everyday school run!

After matriculating, Liz went to Rhodes University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree but after realising she was not cut out to be a science teacher she made a detour to technical college where she completed a secretarial course. And then the travel bug bit! After working at the Permanent Building Society to finance her wanderlust, she boarded a ship to the UK where she spent a year working in restaurants, cleaned kennels and generally had a load of fun! Then it was back to South Africa for a further stint at the Perm before eventually heading back to the UK.

There she worked at the Medical Research Council, initially as a secretary and later putting her science degree to good use testing vaccines. But desk jobs could only hold her attention for so long. Together with a dear friend, Patty, she spent six months touring Europe on a scooter. Their adventures included a totally innocent, accidental overnight stay in an Italian brothel and in Venice, helping themselves to cherries and pelting passing gondoliers with the pits. In Paris, on their faithful scooter, they got caught going around a traffic circle and the only way they could get out was to edge out until they could exit. They must have gone around the circle at least a dozen times! Clearly, guided tours weren't their style!
Liz met and married Len, and the couple eventually settled in Sedgefield in 2000. They joined the Bowling Club in 2001, when it had just one and a half greens, and helped with the establishment of the second. Len also contributed to drafting the club constitution.
Now ninety, Liz still plays bowls twice a week, enjoys her Art Society activities and has the Great Wall of China firmly on her bucket list.
Her philosophy is simple: follow your dreams and question conventional wisdom.

And perhaps her final words say it all: "What has passed is much more than what is to come, but what is to come is far more exciting!"

At ninety, it seems Liz has absolutely no intention of letting the future catch up with her just yet!

A FESTIVE SEASON FILLED WITH ART!

The Sedgefield Art Society is gearing up for a wonderful end to the year, with plenty of opportunities for art lovers to enjoy and purchase some beautiful local artwork.

The highlight of the season will be the Society's Annual Art Competition, taking place on 27 November at Lake View Restaurant. Participating artists will be delighting visitors with their latest masterpieces, showcasing their creativity and artistic talents. The exhibition will be open to the public from 15h00 on the 27th. Come along, and take some time to appreciate the wonderful artwork on display. Who knows, you might even find that special painting you've been looking for!

There is more exciting news at Golem Pottery and Craft Studio, where the exhibition walls will be refreshed with a new collection under the theme "African Art". The new exhibition will be on display from 2 December, promising a colourful celebration of African inspiration and creativity.

Our ever-popular Pop-up Art Exhibition next to Sotheby's will take place on 28 November. This will be the last pop-up of the year at this venue, so don't miss out on the opportunity to browse the wonderful selection of artwork and perhaps take home a special piece.

And there's still one more opportunity before the year draws to a close! On 16 December, the Sedgefield Art Society will host another Pop-up Art Exhibition at the Lion's Hall, from 09h00 to 16h00. This is your last chance for the year to purchase that special painting you've had your eye on for some time – perhaps the perfect festive gift or something beautiful for your own home.


Brushstrokes

As the year comes to an end, the Sedgefield Art Society would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters, visitors and art lovers for your continued encouragement and support.

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Festive Season! May this special time be filled with joy, laughter and wonderful moments shared with family and friends. We look forward to sharing more creativity and beautiful art with you in the New Year!





ECONOMIC GROWTH SHOULD EQUAL JOBS



By Levael Davis

Knysna is one of the top five economies of the Garden Route, but economic figures reveal the glaring gap between economic output and the benefits that our residents experience.

According to the Western Cape Government's 2025/26 Municipal Economic Review and Outlook (MERO), our towns economic output contributed 10.6% to the Garden Route district economy. Yet real economic growth was only 0.7%, which is below George, Mossel Bay, and Hessequa.

The jobs picture is also concerning with employment declining by 1.4% and an unemployment rate of 24.7%. Additionally, the figures expose deeper challenges where the economic output per person was R61,485, below the Garden Route average of R68,973 and the Western Cape average of R80,072. Also, although Knysna's Gini coefficient* *(*a statistical measure of economic inequality within a population)* has improved through the years to 0.561, it still remains high.

MERO notes that the services sector accounts for 76% of Knysna's total economic output. This figure and the lived experience of our residents, point to the need to diversify our economy which relies heavily on services, particularly finance, business services, retail, tourism and accommodation, leaving the economy vulnerable when these sectors struggle.

Importantly, Knysna's Draft Economic Development Strategy, already identifies many of the interventions needed. It emphasises that economic development starts with getting the basics right like reliable roads, water, sanitation, electricity, waste management, public transport and infrastructure maintenance. This will usher in much needed investment, fresh opportunities, and enable existing businesses to grow.

Additionally, the strategy proposes practical measures to support small businesses and informal traders, including dedicated trading spaces, business incubation, skills development and opportunities for local suppliers in municipal projects. It identifies opportunities beyond traditional tourism, including coastal and marine tourism, township and agri-tourism, boatbuilding, furniture manufacturing, forestry, film production and improved digital connectivity. These sectors offer exciting opportunities to broaden the economic base and create jobs.

We must strengthen tourism while encouraging year-round visitors, support small businesses and informal traders, and expand opportunities into productive industries. Also, skills development for our youth, must be linked to job opportunities. Investment should be actively encouraged through clear planning processes, limiting red tape, and creating a stable and predictable municipal environment. Knysna has economic potential, but the challenge is to decisively implement a resilient plan, converting this potential into sustainable investment, more jobs and improved living conditions.

To achieve this enabling economic environment, Knysna needs stronger partnerships between the municipality, businesses, and communities, with clear responsibilities, budgets, timeframes and measurable outcomes. Knysna has the natural assets, established businesses, retired talent pool, and economic potential to grow.

Our ultimate goal and measure of success should not rest solely on how much our local economy produces, but on how many of our residents benefit from this growth. Knysna's economic growth must translate into jobs and opportunity. Our future depends on it.

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Application forms are available at the Municipal Offices in Clyde Street or Youth Offices during normal office hours. Application forms are also available on the municipality's website at www.knysna.gov.za/government/mayors-office/

The following documentation must be attached to the application form:

A detailed Curriculum Vitae and cover letter; latest Grade 12 results; letter of acceptance from tertiary institution for the 2027 academic year; banking details of tertiary institution on bank letterhead, latest examination results of students currently enrolled at tertiary institutions; certified copy of ID; affidavit of parents' combined income.

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Enquiries: Contact Ms Kirsty Hofhuis at khofhuis@knysna.gov.za or tel. 044 302 6355.

Due to the large number of applications, only successful candidates will be notified. Should candidates not be contacted within two months of the closing date, they may accept their application was unsuccessful.

CLOSING DATE: 12H00 ON FRIDAY, 29 January 2027

Dr Richard Martin
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Avocados, unanswered questions & a pristine lake in the firing line

by Don Pinnock

This article originally appeared in The Daily Maverick on 13 November 2026, and is printed with permission of the author.

A proposed avocado farm near Sedgefield has conservationists asking whether PG Bison's environmental promises extend beyond the paper they are printed on.

The last time PG Bison turned on the sprinklers near Groenvlei, it was trying to save a pile of burnt timber. After the 2017 Knysna fires, the company pumped groundwater to keep salvaged logs wet until they could be sawn. Now, it wants to use the same boreholes to grow avocados.

To PG Bison, it makes sense to put some of its pine land to work after the timber was sold. According to Charles Scott, committee member of the Wilderness and Lakes Environmental Action Forum (Waleaf), there's an obvious difference between wetting logs and watering an orchard. The logs didn't need fertiliser.

Downhill lies Groenvlei, a beautiful freshwater lake in the Goukamma Nature Reserve. It supports genetically distinct populations of indigenous fish. Professor Mandy Lombard, who has studied the lake for more than 15 years, also reports finding living stromatolites there, rocklike structures built by microbes that depend on fresh groundwater.

The licence issue

PG Bison secured a water-use licence for the orchard in August 2025. Waleaf and CapeNature have appealed. According to Dries Saaiman, PG Bison's general manager for South Cape operations, the appeal is before the Water Tribunal.

Waleaf puts the proposed draw at 3.83 million litres a day. SANParks has raised a practical objection of its own. Sedgefield may one day need that water.

Saaiman says PG Bison asked for 1.25 million cubic metres a year, about 23% less than it was allowed to use on the timber. That's an annual allowance. The daily limit has yet to be verified against the licence.

According to Saaiman, the lake level during the four years it watered the logs was already falling when pumping began and rose again when rain fell, even with the pumps running.

Measurements at a borehole near the lake, he said, indicated that groundwater continued to flow towards it. The company's groundwater specialist concluded that drought explained the low lake levels.

What about a downpour?

For Waleaf's Gray Rutherford, the water going into the orchard is only half the story. He's concerned about what it carries out the other side. Some of the dissolved fertilisers, fungicides and pesticides used can travel through the sandy soil into the shallow groundwater and into the lake, he says. Groenvlei has no river flowing through it to carry them away.

PG Bison proposes to drip-feed water and nutrients straight to the roots. Soil-moisture readings would tell growers how much to apply. Saaiman says the company's water-quality report recommends testing soil at different depths and sampling groundwater in winter and summer so growers can act if chemicals are getting through.

Rutherford sees a breach in that plan. A grower can turn off a drip line, but who turns off the rain? A downpour, he argues, will wash these chemicals below the roots and towards the lake. Too much of these contaminants will accumulate in the lake and do irreversible damage, eventually destroying all its life.

What about the creatures?

Among those backing the challenge, Lombard has a question about the fences. Otters and honey badgers already move through the area. What happens to their routes? And what happens when baboons and vervet monkeys discover the fruit?

Saaiman says the farm plan leaves the indigenous fynbos between the stands intact. "The avocado orchards would be fenced in separate blocks, leaving open routes between them so that wildlife can continue to move through the property." Those routes would follow existing roads and strips of vegetation. His reply leaves the question of crop-raiding monkeys open.

Assessment called for

Waleaf wants PG Bison to drop the project or commission an independent environmental impact assessment. It has asked the provincial environment department to intervene. Scott says the department's response was that no contravention had occurred. His point is that by the time there is something in the lake to complain about, it will be too late.

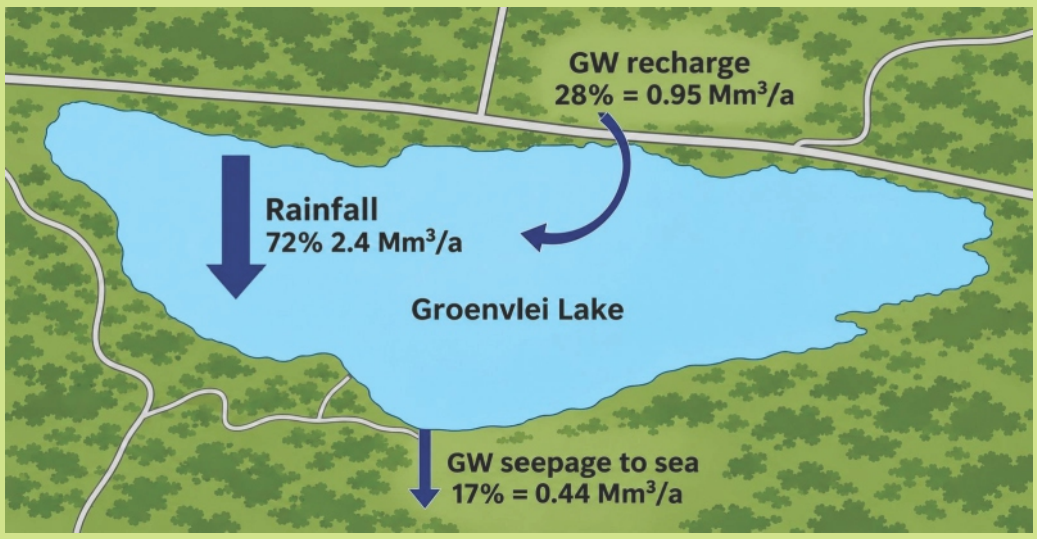
PG Bison says it took legal advice and that both national and provincial environmental authorities confirmed the conversion required no such assessment. "We stand behind the evidence submitted in support of this proposal," Saaiman wrote, offering Maverick Earth a technical discussion or a site visit.

Waleaf says PG Bison should answer why they persist with their avo farm project, which both CapeNature and SANParks oppose, citing the serious risk to the lake as an International Key Biodiversity Area, a Unesco World Heritage Site, a Garden Route Critical Biodiversity Area and a Provincial Protected Area.

Why, asks Scott, didn't they engage with these bodies to address these concerns, avoid conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment and Risk Assessment and continue to proceed with a project that conflicts with their own environmental policy approved in August 2023?

That leaves the two sides looking at the same strip of sand. PG Bison is prepared to plant the trees and test what moves through it. Waleaf wants to know what a season of hard rain could carry into Groenvlei before the orchard goes ahead.

On offer are avocados to grace a salad or breakfast toast. At risk is a lake with nowhere to run.



This hydrogeologist map shows that 28% of the Groenvlei Lake's groundwater recharge comes directly from the area of the proposed nearby avocado farm. The Wilderness and Lakes Environmental Action Forum believes this groundwater will carry the farm's dissolved contaminants through the sandy soils into the lake. Since it has no surface inlet or outlet, they will accumulate there, squeezing the life out of the lake.
(Picture source: PG Bison)

The EDGE asked PG Bison for comment on the Daily Maverick Article, and received the following statement.

PG Bison recognises the environmental importance of Groenvlei and understands the concerns raised by members of the local community regarding the proposed avocado development.

The project involves converting approximately 250 hectares of existing commercial forestry land to avocado orchards, while retaining indigenous vegetation and natural wildlife corridors.

The proposed annual water allocation of 1.25 million cubic metres is approximately 23% lower than the previous authorised allocation of 1.62 million cubic metres associated with timber storage operations.

Extensive technical assessments have informed the development proposal, including groundwater investigations and water-quality studies. The proposed farming operations incorporate drip irrigation, soil-moisture monitoring and ongoing groundwater-quality monitoring.

PG Bison obtained a water-use licence in August 2025. The subsequent appeal is before the Water Tribunal, and the company respects the regulatory process.

"We recognise the importance of protecting Groenvlei and remain committed to responsible land and water management. Our approach has been informed by specialist investigations and the relevant regulatory processes, and we remain willing to engage constructively with stakeholders on the technical evidence," says Dries Saaiman, General Manager: South Cape Operations at PG Bison.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate Number: **007511/2025**
Master's Office: **Cape Town**

Surname of Deceased: **RUKIN**
Name of Deceased: **MICHAEL**
Identity Number: **3703085081186**
Date of Death: **2 February 2025**

Status : **Married in Community of Property**
Surviving Spouse: **Johanna Vera Rukin**
Identity Number: **4005090074183**

All persons having claims against the abovementioned Estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned **within 30 days** from the date of the publication of this advertisement.

Authorised Executor Details:
Robin C B Meeks, 2 Caribbean Close, Sedgefield 6573
Executor Email Address:
est.rukin@robmeeks.com

LEGAL NOTICES

DR. S. SENEKAL

B.Ch.D (Stell.)

Dear patients

After 34 rewarding years in private dental practice, I wish to inform you that I will be retiring, with my last day of practice being 18 December 2026.

Unfortunately, ongoing spinal problems caused by the posture required in dentistry have made it necessary for me to bring my career to an end earlier than I had hoped.

It has been a privilege to care for you over the years, and I am deeply grateful for your trust, loyalty and support. The relationships I have built with so many of you have made my career truly special and I will treasure the memories.

Thank you for allowing me to be your dentist for the past 34 years. I leave with a grateful heart and wish you all continued health and happiness.

A decision about the future of the practice will be made in due course.

Dr S. Senekal

DR. S. SENEKAL

B.Ch.D (Stell.)

Geagte pasiënte

Na 34 lonende jare in privaat tandheelkundige praktyk, wil ek u hiermee in kennis stel dat ek gaan aftree. My laaste dag in die praktyk sal 18 desember 2026 wees.

Ongelukkig het aanhoudende rug- en nekprobleme, wat veroorsaak word deur die werkspostuur wat tandheelkunde vereis, dit vir my noodsaaklik gemaak om my loopbaan vroeër as wat ek gehoop het, te beëindig.

Dit was 'n voorreg om deur die jare na u om te sien, en ek is opreg dankbaar vir u vertroue, lojaliteit en ondersteuning. Die verhoudings wat ek met so baie van u opgebou het, het my loopbaan werklik besonders gemaak, en ek sal die herinneringe altyd koester.

Baie dankie dat u my die afgelope 34 jaar as u tandarts vertrou het. Ek neem afskeid met 'n dankbare hart en wens u almal voortgesette gesondheid en geluk toe.

'n Besluit oor die toekoms van die praktyk sal mettertyd geneem word.

Vriendelike groete,

Dr S. Senekal

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The **First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Accounts** in the Deceased Estate: **005119/2024**

Surname: **BORCHER**
Full name: **ALAN GOTTFRIED CHARLES**
Identity No: **590914 5008 089**
Last Address: **6 KALOSIE STREET, SEDGEFIELD 6573 WESTERN CAPE**

will be open for inspection at the office of the Master, Cape Town, and the Magistrate's Court Knysna, for a period of **21 days** from the date of the publication of this advertisement.

If no objection is lodged with the Masters during this period, payments will be made in accordance with the accounts.

JORDAAN, VAN WYK ATTORNEYS INC.
65 MAIN ROAD, SEDGEFIELD, 6573.
Email: estates@jvwlaw.co.za
Tel: 044 343 2126
Executor: Anton Jordaan

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN DECEASED ESTATES

Estate Number: **018102/2026**
Surname: **GILDENHUYS**
First Names: **HESTER JOHANNA**
Date of Birth: **1949-08-18**
ID Number: **490818 0170 086**
Last Address: **7 Aloe Street, Sedgefield, Western Cape**
Date of Death: **26 July 2026**
Status: Divorced pensioner

All persons having claims against the abovementioned Estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within **30 days from the 20 November 2026.**

Adv G D Coetzee
P O Box 9970,George 6530
Tel: 044 874 4030
gerhard@pwmgeorge.co.za

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Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act 47 of 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of **DEED OF TRANSFER NUMBER T76148/2003** passed by: **The Executor in the Estate Late CONRAD MULLËR, Estate Number 8849/2002,** in favour of:

1. THEODOR WILHELM MULLËR
Identity Number: 671218 5047 08 5
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and
2. ISABEL BEETGE
Identity Number: 690607 0043 08 0
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and
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Identity Number: 710416 5043 08 7
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in respect of:
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Dated at GEORGE this 6th day of November 2026

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Contact no: (044) 874-7778
(REF. AM0929)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN DECEASED ESTATES

Estate Number: **0011826/2026**
Surname: **HAUPTFLEISCH**
First Names: **HUGO**
Date of Birth: **1942-10-09**
ID Number: **421009 5119 088**
Last Address: **NO 2, EGRET STREET, SEDGEFIELD, 6573 WESTERN CAPE**
Date of Death: **2026-05-10**

First Names of Surviving Spouse: **LORRAINE BERNARDETTE**
Surname of Surviviing Spouse: **HAUPTFLEISCH**
Date of Birth : **1956 -11-24**
Identity Number: **561124 0101 088**

All persons having claims against the abovementioned Estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days from the date of the publication of this advertisement.

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in respect of:
ERF 19002 (A PORTION OF ERF 19001) GEORGE, in the MUNICIPALITY and DIVISION of GEORGE, PROVINCE of WESTERN CAPE.

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Dated at GEORGE this 11th day of November 2026

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CHRISTELLÉ MULLËR
Identity Number: 520205 0082 08 7
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in respect of:
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Dated at GEORGE this 6th day of November 2026

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

PROPOSED REMOVAL AND AMENDMENT OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE CONDITIONS & DEPARTURE: ERF 5305 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:	Strandloper Proprietary Ltd
Contact Person:	c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
Email:	lundi@planningpspace.co.za
Reference number:	Application number 3765
Property Description:	Erf 5305 Sedgefield
Physical Address:	10 Tern Crescent, Sedgefield

Nature of application:

(i) Application for the **Departure** in terms of **Section 15(2)(b)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) for the following:
  a) A lateral building line relaxation along the northern boundary from 2m to 0m to allow the planned deck (higher than 500mm) as depicted on Site Plan numbered "-1.100"
  b) A lateral building line relaxation along the northern boundary from 2m to 0m to permit proposed retaining wall as indicated on Site Plan numbered "-3.102"

(ii) Application for the Removal of Restrictive Title condition I(g), which relates to building lines, as specified in the Deed of Title numbered T19620/2025 in terms of **Section 15(2)(f)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021).

(iii) Application for the **Amendment of restrictive** title condition I(h), which restricts the number of dwelling units, as specified in the Deed of Title numbered T19620/2025 in terms of **Section 15(2)(f)** of the Knysna Municipality By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2021) to read as follows*No flats or tenement houses shall be erected on any erf."*

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 **lmniki@knysna.gov.za** on or before **18 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. Linda Mniki at 044-302 6383 or via email **lmniki@knysna.gov.za**.

KNYSNA MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING & GRONDGEBRUIKSBESTUUR (2021)

VOORGESTELDE OPHEFFING & WYSIGING VAN BEPERKENDE TITELAKTE VOORWAARDES & AFWYKING: ERF 5305 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:	Strandloper Proprietary Ltd
Kontak Persoon:	c/o Planning Space (Pty) Ltd
Epos:	lundi@planningspace.co.za
Verwysing nommer:	Aansoek nommer: 3765
Eiendom beskrywing:	Erf 5305 Sedgefield
Fisiese Adres:	10 Ternstraat, Sedgefield

Aard van aansoek:

(i) Aansoek vir 'n **Afwyking** ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(b)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur (2021) vir die volgende:
  a) 'n verslapping van die syboulyn langs die noordelike grens vanaf 2m tot 0m om die beplande dek (hoër as 500mm) toe te laat, soos uitgebeeld op die terreinplan genommer "-1.100"; en
  b) 'n verslapping van die syboulyn langs die noordelike grens van 2m na 0m om die voorgestelde keermuur toe te laat, soos aangedui op die terreinplan genommer "-3.102"..

(i) Aansoek vir die **Opheffing van beperkende titleakte** voorwaarde I(g), wat betrekking het op die boulyne, soos gespesifiseer in die titelakte genommer T19620/2025 ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(f)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur (2021) om die boulyn verslappings toe te laat.

(iii) Aansoek vir die **Wysiging van beperkende titleakte** voorwaarde I(h), wat die aantal wooneenhede beperk, soos gespesifiseer in die titelakte genommer T19620/2025 ingevolge **Artikel 15(2)(f)** van die Knysna Munisipaliteit Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur (2021) om soos volg te lees *"No flats or tenement houses shall be erected on any erf."*

'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 **lmniki@knysna.gov.za**, op of voor **18 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. Linda Mniki by 044-302 6383 of per epos: **lmniki@knysna.gov.za** gerig word.

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SLEEP WELL, LIVE WELL : SIMPLE WAYS TO A BETTER NIGHT'S REST

We've all been there: lying awake at 2am, mind racing, watching the clock creep towards morning. Then the alarm goes off and we drag ourselves through the day on coffee and willpower.

Poor sleep is one of the most common health complaints, and it affects far more than our mood. While we sleep, the body repairs itself, the brain sorts and stores memories, and the immune system recharges.

Over time, too little sleep has been linked to heart disease, diabetes, weight gain, depression and a higher risk of accidents. Most adults need seven to nine hours a night, yet many of us regularly get far less.

The good news? You don't need expensive gadgets or pills to sleep better. A few simple changes to your daily habits can make a real difference.

What to do

Keep regular hours. Going to bed and getting up at the same time every day, weekends included, sets your body clock. It may feel strict at first, but it's one of the most effective sleep habits there is.

Get some morning light. A walk on the beach, coffee on the stoep or half an hour in the garden early in the day tells your brain it's daytime. That helps it release the sleep hormone melatonin at the right time in the evening.

Wind down. Your brain needs time to shift gears. In the hour before bed, dim the lights and do something calming: read a book, stretch gently, take a warm bath or listen to quiet music.

Make your bedroom a sleep zone. Cool, dark and quiet is ideal. Thick curtains, an eye mask or earplugs help block out early summer sunrises and the neighbour's barking dog. Keep the bedroom for sleep, not for work or watching TV.

Stay active. Regular exercise, even a brisk daily walk, improves sleep quality. Just try to finish vigorous workouts a few hours before bedtime.

Clear your mind. If worries keep you awake, jot them down, along with tomorrow's to-do list, before you go to bed. Getting them onto paper helps you let go of them.

What not to do

Don't have caffeine after lunch. Coffee, tea, cola, chocolate and energy drinks can stay in your system for six hours or more.

Don't rely on a nightcap. Alcohol may help you nod off, but it disrupts sleep later in the night, leaving you less rested and often waking you in the early hours.

Don't scroll in bed. Phones keep the mind busy, and their light can delay sleep. Charge yours outside the bedroom and use an old-fashioned alarm clock instead.

Don't eat a big meal late. Heavy or spicy food close to bedtime can cause discomfort and heartburn. If you're peckish, a light snack such as a banana or a few crackers is fine.

Don't toss and turn. If you can't fall asleep after about 20 minutes, get up, go to another room and do something quiet in dim light until you feel drowsy. That stops your brain linking bed with frustration.

Don't watch the clock. Checking the time every few minutes only adds to the stress. Turn the clock away from you.

Don't nap for too long. A 20-minute power nap is fine, but long or late-afternoon naps steal from night-time sleep.

When to see a doctor

If you struggle to sleep for weeks on end, snore loudly, or wake up exhausted despite a full night in bed, chat to your GP. Conditions such as sleep apnea and insomnia are common and very treatable, and getting help could change how you feel every day.

Sweet dreams, EDGE readers!

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

SAMURAI

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

SUDOKU

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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
27 Knysna Strings in Concert (LBC)
28 Karatara Basaar (NGK)

DECEMBER
6 O Holy Night (Carpe M)
16 Rocking the Decade
22 Lions Carols by Candlelight
31 Watershed (Masi)

LIONS -Lions Club
LBC - Lakeside Baptist Church
Masi - Masithandane
NGK - N G Kerk
RLC - Rondevlei Learning Centre
SAM - Sedgefield Animal Matters
TLC - The Living Cornerstone

LIONS
Carols by Candlelight
22 December 2026

With Ken & Felicity and their Herald Angels

Lion's Clubhouse 6pm for 7pm

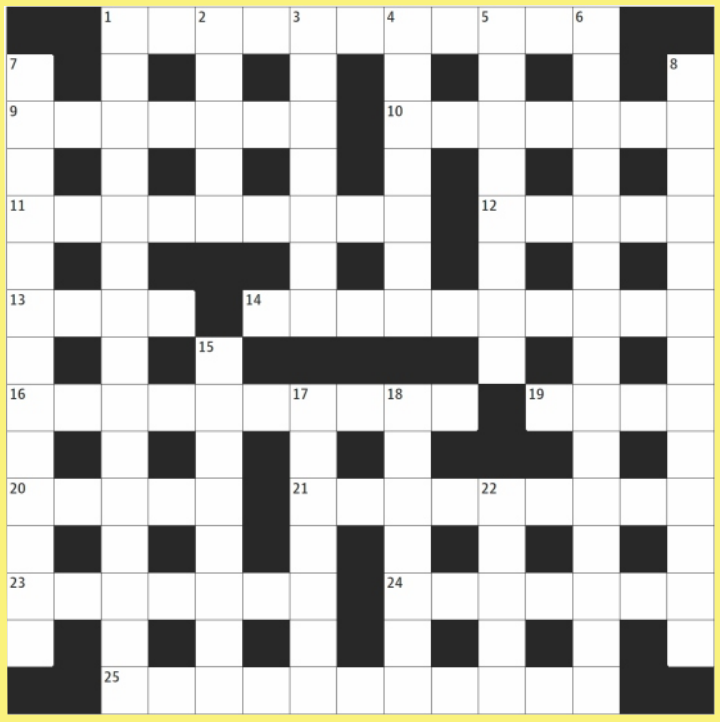
Picnic Style - Bring blankets or chairs

Tea | Coffee | Boerewors Rolls
Hot Dogs | Lions' Christmas Cakes
Candles (donation)
Ginger Bread House Raffle

No entrance Fee



T`ED`S BRAIN CRUNCHER



Across
1. If this is what you ask, I won't have to be dishonest with you. (2,9)
9. Right, the four Romans meeting another one are back at the coastal holiday spot. (7)
10. One guiding the way for a topless writer? (7)
11. Note Middle East unemployment benefitfor ornate candle holder. (9)
12. Give beast a bit of cheek about his bud. (5)
13. Copy your first wife - she's such a predator. (4)
14. Illusion brought aspirations of a gallery appearance. (5,5)
16. Lot item hit crazy top speed when pushed so far.(2,3,5)
19. Sounds as if he's currently circulating. (4)
20. Brake late, cutting off Scout. (5)
21. The cost of being legitimate will make you realise your guilt, perhaps? (4,5)
23. Drunken behaviour to note from the Glaswegianperson. (7)
24. Shortened curtains being adopted, steal attempt at humour back. (5,2)
25. To land awkwardly in a relationship might cause flashes of brilliance. (5,6)

Down.
1. In the best of health, but there was the time you simply didn't recover. (5,4,6)
2. One in the mosque engaged to traditional leader. (5)
3. Changed his name plus our desire to cause affection. (7)
4. Little Tessa's time on the tiny little tile. (7)
5. A town too small to have a wall like Sedgefield. (3,5)
6. Acid about license fine for the first Italian chess move of a Mafia lawyer. (8,7)
7. A weighty wait filled with something unsaid. (8,5)
8. Fictional Cyclops let Pip record the sounds of horses for his children. (8-5)
15. Half have incredible gains of a million, just for plant intake! (8)
17. Ian has accidental false start in the middle of old Persian city. (7)
18. Extreme cold hits on an unexpected date, making such a cuppa redundant. (7)
22. If you haven't already done so, make inquiries of me. (5)

SOLUTIONS FOR LAST ISSUE

Across: 1. Anoraks 5. Sabbath 9. Twist 10. Gruelling 11. Unescorted 12. Pack 14. Cleptomaniac 18. Fourth estate 21. Elks 22. Underscore 25. The damned 26. Sakes 27. Doddery 28. Desktop **Down:** 1. Arthur 2. Oliver 3. Articulate 4. Sugar 5. Sauce boat 6. Bill 7. Animatic 8. High kick 13. Fantasises 15. Pregnancy 16. Effected 17. Bulk head 19. Pocket 20. Mess up 23. Ended 24. Fate





The Wine Ghost



The Wine Ghost tasted – Stonedale Chenin Blanc 2026
The bottle has a no fuss, "to the point" front label. The back label offers very comprehensive info. It gives a detailed description about the wine's origin, tasting notes, food suggestions, as well as a cellar recommendation that the wine can be enjoyed now, or kept for 2 years. Abv.12%
In the glass, the appearance is clear, light yellow and with no visible legs.
When nosed, aromas of dried apple rings, orange and lemon peel were experienced.
It is a well balanced wine with prominent flavours of green apricots, lemon juice, crispy pink lady apples. This chenin has a medium to long mouth feel, with lingering aftertastes of green apricots and apples.
It is a very good find in the price range R60 – R80 and is highly recommended by the WG.
In Vino Veritas till next time

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SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB

Thursday 29 October 2026
1st Terry & Keiran 72.9%
2nd Carol & Ina 65.2%
3rd Linda & Robyn 56.2%

Thursday 5 November 2026
1st Robyn & Irene 63.3%
2nd Brian & Clive 57.7%
3rd Karen & Gail F 53.3%

Thursday 12 November 2026
1st Keiran & Terry 75.5%
2nd Equal Diana & Mary
Brian & Clive 60.0%

THE SPORTS EDGE

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LADIES' GOLF

Club Report

Friday, 13 November 2026

Eighteen ladies, two teams, The Islanders and The Villagers.

The Islanders dressed in red, The Villagers in blue.

Two trophies to play for, one for the Best Haka and, of course, the most important of all trophies – The Captains Cup!

Which team would be the unlucky ones on this slightly grey, drizzly Friday the13th?

Our Captain welcomed both teams on the deck, shared a short motivational talk and handed out a homemade miniature shooter to help the teams on their way around the course.

The Islanders were asked to make their way down to the car park whilst The Villagers made ready to present their haka (war cry) to them… and that's when the fun really started!

Led by Captain Almarie, The Villagers began their chant with a "knobkerrie" to keep time, soon accompanied by the steady beat of a drum. Their voices rose from the deck as they proceeded down into the car park, blowing a whistle to announce their arrival for their face-off with The Islanders. The ladies dressed in blue gave it their all with hearty voices, a clap of the thigh, a threatening look and a team cry that finished with a hardcore stance directed at the trembling Islanders…

And then it was The Islanders' turn… As they walked halfway towards the entrance of the car park, The Villagers thought they had done a great job and frightened them off. But they were actually getting ready to march in formation towards The Villagers! Captain Joy started the chant like a sergeant major, with her team repeating the call after her. A pair of saucepan lids clanged like the clappers as the Islanders marched forward to the beat and towards the ladies dressed in blue.

Both teams, thoroughly enjoyed the fun, and were judged by Chris, who had the unfortunate task of deciding which team had the best haka. The teams would only find out after the game!

It was time for the game to begin and with two Islanders and two Villagers in each group, and one two-ball, we walked onto the course with great expectation. One requirement (apart from winning, of course) was that every time a birdie was scored, the whistles would be blown and the birdie dance performed on the green to celebrate… just a normal day on the golf course for the Sedge Links Ladies!

Eighteen holes played, scorecards in, and both team captains checking and double-checking the cards, even using a calculator to make sure of the score!

And... Friday the 13th, was a lucky day for The Villagers scoring a total of 294 points vs 282 for The Islanders! The Villagers were the victorious winners of the Captains Cup 2026!

Chris, had made his very difficult decision, and after a lot of thought and consideration, he concluded that it would be a draw - with both teams having their highlights!

BIRDIES: Brenda Howden (17th), Zoë Botha (6th), Dolar Visani (11th, 15th), Linda Evans (11th), Claire Theunissen (13th)

NEAREST THE PIN: Brenda Howden (Villagers) and Daleen Schooling (Islanders)

Claire Theunissen played 3 under her handicap and Essie Stynmann 6 under hers.

The ladies were treated to a delicious "build a chicken burger" lunch, prepared by Chefs Clare & Beaumont Garner. Thank you both, it was just what we needed after the excitement of the day.

Thank you to Elize Mackenzie-Blom for donating the nearest the pin prizes of two bottles of Smooth Red wine!

Thank you to Clare Garner for collecting the funds for the day and to everyone who joined in the fun and took part with great gusto and enthusiasm!

You just gotta love the Sedge Links Ladies!



SEDGEFIELD GENTS'GOLF

Club Report

Thursday, 5 November 2026

In election times we are reminded of the difference between government and golf. In golf you cannot improve your lie.

Another lovely day for golf heralded a Combined Medal competition. These can be awkward because there's only one place in golf where no-one will try to correct your stance or change your grip - and that's in the toilet.

We are happy to announce that the winners, with a gross 111, were Des Munro and (incredibly) Rudy Bosch. Rudy says he he has always been a scratch golfer. He hits the ball, scratches his head and wonders what the hell happened. The latter has an extremely high handicap which obviously needs revision. Second place, after a count out, went to Terry Savage and Len Moult with 112. In third spot were Dave Herbst and Peter King on the same score. Glenn Mauchline and Garth Schooling followed with a score of 114 and in fifth spot were Koot Viljoen and Roger Howden on 115.

Thursday, 12 November 2026

When you look at a group photo of the members of the Gentlemen's Club you will find it very difficult to judge the average age. You need to consult an expert, someone who can read the rings on trees.

Twenty three golfers pitched up for the Red, Blue and Black tees (six off each) competition, which also served as the farewell game for Rudy Bosch. Rudy has been an absolute stalwart of the G. C. and so this was a particularly poignant moment in the club's history. The Captain thanked him for his fantastic support and wished him well in his relocation to Johannesburg, of all places. Rudy says the shortage of water there won't bother him because he never touches the stuff anyway.

The red tees are designed for children and the blue for ladies so obviously decisions as to which club to use for the shorter distances becomes an issue. The ladies, sorry, gents, who demonstrated that they are more suited to these short distances were the following.

In first place with a stunning 46 points was Mrs Dave Wright. He was followed by Garth Schooling on 43, after a count out with with Ian Wright who was heard to be moaning ad nauseam about this decision. On 43 points was Niel de Villiers and in fifth spot was Terry Savage with 41. Peter Heath finished with 40 points - still maintaining that he is a two handicapper stuck in the body of a 32.

The Captain, Brian Gerard, reminded all that the following week's competition was the ever popular Pick n Pay/Engen Monthy Mug and players should book their spots early. He also wished all those going on the Annual Tour, organised by Terry Savage the best of luck.



Off the Mat

Sedge Bowling Club News

LAWN BOWLS AROUND THE WORLD – AND THROUGH HISTORY

The laws tell us how to play bowls. Etiquette stops us behaving like a pack of highly competitive dung beetles armed with measuring tapes!

Every bowler knows there are Laws of the Game. They're printed in a book, carefully worded and occasionally even opened.

Etiquette, however, is different. It's the unwritten rulebook that everyone supposedly knows – except, of course, when they're breaking it!

Good etiquette means standing still while someone delivers, staying off neighbouring rinks and applauding a good bowl, even when it belongs to that smug beggar from the opposition. It also means remaining remarkably calm when an opponent's bowl ricochets off three others, misses every obstacle, catches the prevailing wind and somehow finishes holding shot.



Etiquette keeps friendships intact, arguments short and the bar open for post-match refreshments. And remember, etiquette dictates that said post-match refreshments are paid for by the winners – so everybody wins!

SBC EDEN SELECTIONS

Champion of Champions Tournament

Huge congratulations to our reigning club champions, Sally Reeves and Manie Naude, who now go on to represent SBC in the 2026 Eden Champion of Champions tournament. You've beaten the best of us, so now go and beat the rest!

2027 INTER-DISTRICT TEAM

Our very own Charles Fontini has been selected to represent Eden District in the Men's Veterans section. He's even had his back repaired for the occasion. Competition beware!

PROTEA CUP CHALLENGE

Gerry Botha's Sedgefield Protea Cup team, comprising Charles Fontini, Graeme Bawden, Chris and Ronel Baker, and Joey Booysen, clinched victory by a narrow 62–59 margin over Andrew Hynch's Knysna team.

Close behind was Ann Dold's crew of Ros Macmillan, Vanessa Marx, Martin Simonic, Conrad Prinsloo and Johan le Roux, who finished third with the same points tally but a slightly smaller shot difference. A case of so near, yet so far!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

In a nail-biting 24-end marathon, Manie Naude narrowly pipped Arthur Owen to claim the 2026 SBC Men's Championship. Just goes to show that cunning and a good supply of anti-inflammatories can trump youth and enthusiasm any day of the week!

A QUICK CHUCKLE BEFORE YOU GO

Our Liz turned ninety last week,
But slowing down isn't quite her technique.
"There's so much to be done,
Till I reach a ton,
Then I'll really be at my peak!"
That's a wrap!
See you on the mat!

TIDE TABLE

18 November - 01 December 2026
• Full Moon 24 November 2026

Date:	Sunrise	Sunset	High Tides		Low Tides	
Wed 18 Nov	5:14	19:13	10:21	23:04	3:38	16:54
Thur 19 Nov	5:14	19:14	-	11:26	4:54	17:51
Fri 20 Nov	5:13	19:15	0:06	12:18	5:51	18:37
Sat 21 Nov	5:19	19:16	0:55	13:03	6:40	19:19
Sun 22 Nov	5:12	19:16	1:38	13:46	7:25	19:59
Mon 23 Nov	5:12	19:17	2:20	14:29	8:08	20:40
Tue 24 Nov	5:12	19:18	3:02	15:12	8:51	21:02
Wed 25 Nov	5:11	19:19	3:45	15:56	9:36	22:04
Thur 26 Nov	5:11	19:20	4:29	16:42	10:23	22:48
Fri 27 Nov	5:11	19:21	5:16	17:31	11.13	23:36
Sat 28 Nov	5:11	19:22	6:07	18:24	12.09	-
Sun 29 Nov	5:10	19:23	7:03	19:26	0.29	13:15
Mon 30 Nov	5:10	19:24	8:07	20:39	1:31	14:34
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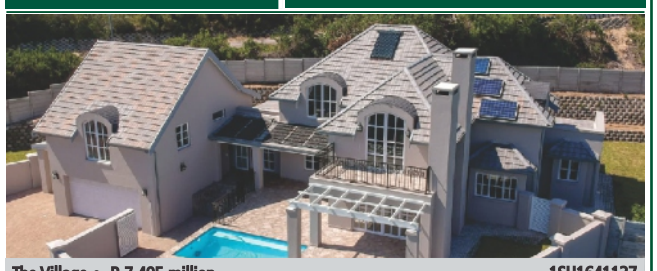
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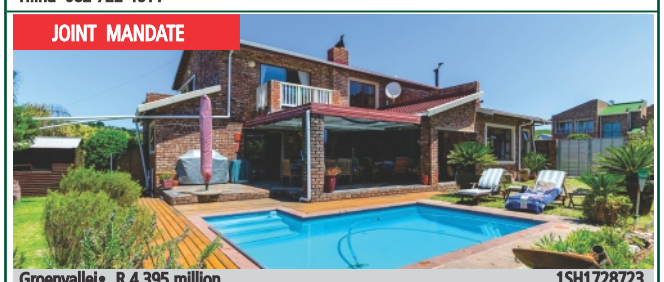
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Modern luxury home, premium finishes, additional features, and two self-contained flats.
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JOINT MANDATE



Cola Beach • R 4.895 million 1SH1686259
Bedrooms 4 • Bathrooms 3 • Garages 2
Family home with a lovely entertainment area in a quiet, nature-filled setting.
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