Waring said that residents should realise that the IDP process was linked to the municipality’s budget and that capital and operational projects on the IDP were much more likely to become a reality on the ground.

“This is why communities should get involved. They should come to meetings prepared with a list of the projects they consider essential to their neighbourhoods’ development and list them in the order they would want to see them happen. These needs can then be considered and possibly placed on the IDP projects list.

“It is also important that people realise that, for a variety of reasons, not all projects will make it onto the IDP projects list. However, there are other ways to meet some of these needs – council’s annual ward allocations have this past year assisted communities exactly where the IDP could not.”

IDP public participation meetings have been taking place since 15 April. Details for the remaining ward meetings are:

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You continue to amaze us with your creativity and talent,” said Ward 2 Councillor Louise Hart.

Persons wanting to learn mosaic or commission works, can contact Masithandane on 044 343 2110.

“Friendly family...Councillor Louise Hart proudly embraces the new family in town.

Picture: Desmond Scholtz
Residents of Karatara and Sedgefield Central would have noticed a whole lot of activity going on around them over the past few months. Some things were just little changes that made life a little bit easier, others were more significant and will continue to enrich the lives of others long after we are gone.

Ward Councillor Louise Hart has been an active local community leader long before she became a municipal ward councillor in 2011. It is this experience, combined with some useful funding from the Knysna Municipality, which have resulted in a whole lot of little and big projects being implemented recently.

CHAIRED BY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN DE VRIES (BACK RIGHT), regading a joint project with Knysna Rotary. In Sedgefield town, of disabled persons, toilets, two play parks, braai facilities and training in Bosdorp, as well as wheelchair ramps at the homes in Ward 2, ward allocation money has paid for fire fighting equipment as possible,” said Ms Hart.

“NO MORE MUD…” PARKING SPACES IN SEDGEFIELD’S MAIN STREET USED TO BE TARRED BUT HAVE THROUGH THE YEARS DETERIORATED BADLY. SOME WARD ALLOCATION FUNDS PAID FOR THE PAVING OF A SECTION OPPOSITE THE SANIPPER BUILDING, INCLUDING SOME SPACES FOR GARDENS, WHICH THE LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE COMMITTED TO PLANT AND CARE FOR. PICTURED WITH COUNCILLOR HART ARE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES LOCATED IN THE SANIPPER BUILDING (FROM LEFT): PAUL HURO (CAFE VIENNA), ANNALIE ENGELBRECHT (FURNITURE @ ADE) AND HAYLEY MCCOMBI (FNB).

“SAFER ACCESS…” LOCAL RESIDENT JOANNE VAN DER POEL (THIRD FROM RIGHT) JOINED WARD 2 COUNCILLOR LOUISE HART & SEDGEFIELD LIBRARY STAFF BEHIND THE MANDRILLS THAT WERE RECENTLY INSTALLED WITH WARD ALLOCATION MONEY. THE RAILS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED EASE AND SAFETY OF ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY & THE ADJOINING LIBRARY HALL. LIBRARY STAFF PICTURED HERE ARE (FROM LEFT): DANIFRED GROOTBLOOM, JUANITA GOUWS, BABAHLWA WITBOOI, YONDELA NODIYANI AND JEREMY COETZEE.

“I feel very privileged to be councillor in such a positive ward where people really want to see their neighbourhoods improved. People don’t just come with complaints but also with solutions, suggestions and good ideas. Like all wards, Ward 2 was allocated R200 000 for capital projects and, because the community has participated in the identification and prioritisation of needs, it was really easy to allocate those funds responsibly and over as wide a field as possible,” said Ms Hart.

SMOOTH RIDE…” THE SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SPEED BUMP-PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BETWEEN THE SPAR CENTRE AND SEDGEMEER PARK HAVE BEEN FILLED UP AND LEVELLED OUT TO MAKE CROSSING WITH WHEELCHAIRS EASIER. PICTURED HERE ARE COUNCILLOR HART WITH WHEELCHAIR ROUND ALBERT BOTHA AND SEDGEMEER PARK MANAGER ANTON KRUGER.

In Ward 2, ward allocation money has paid for fire fighting equipment and training in Bosdorp, as well as wheelchair ramps at the homes of disabled persons, toilets, two play parks, braai facilities and speed humps in Karatara. More details will soon be announced regarding a joint project with Knysna Rotary. In Sedgefield town, funds went towards paving and levelling of sidewalks, a handrail at the library and decorative mosaics.

A few volunteers have also started a small committee that will assist in the upgrading of the Sedgefield CBD. The members are Rose Bilbrough (Sedgefield Tourism), Phillip Hendriks (SA & VA), Barrie Hardie (Ward Committee), Bomber Webb (The Edge Newspaper), Ian Perriman, Carl Lamprecht and André Gauché. The first meeting will be convened shortly.

Many years ago, a small municipal building was used for the laying out of bodies at the Karatara cemetery. In more recent years the practice has changed and the little building stood empty and unused. Local resident, Mr Zeelie, thought the disused building could be converted into toilets for funeral-goers as no such facilities were available at the cemetery, and he approached Ward 2 councillor Louise Hart with his idea. His timing was perfect as Councillor Hart’s ward had just received its ward allocation money.

“The project is the perfect example of how the community and the municipality can work together for the advancement of our town and its people. It was wonderful to be involved in a solution that was practical, sustainable and relevant,” said Councillor Hart.

**MPAC WELL UNDERWAY**

Since its appointment at a council meeting in February, the Knysna Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) has already held several meetings to compile its first Oversight Report.

The MPAC was established in terms of Section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act. It is a further link in the accountability process by ensuring objective political oversight in addition to other governance structures such as Portfolio Committees, the Mayoral Council and Council. It will meet at least four times a year and will include the following functions:

- to consider and evaluate the Annual Report and make recommendations in this regard,
- to compile an Oversight Report following the Annual Report.

**NEW MANAGER ADMINISTRATION**

The Knysna Municipality appointed Mr Carl Mattheus as Manager Administration. He fills the position previously held by Mr Johan Roux, who retired at the end of last year.

Municipal manager Lauren Waring said the municipality was privileged to gain the expertise of Mr Mattheus who has more than three decades of local governance experience. “I am confident that his knowledge will enhance the functioning of our organisation.

Born and raised in Krugersdorp, Mr Mattheus gained his tertiary qualifications at the University of Pretoria and UNISA. His 33- year career, in eight different municipalities, includes more than 18 years at Senior Management level. Before his appointment at the Knysna Municipality, he was the Director Corporate Services at Bitou.

CHAIRED BY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN DE VRIES (BACK RIGHT), THE KNYNSA MPAC INCLUDES (BACK LEFT) COUNCILLOR RAY BARRELL AND (FRONT FROM LEFT) COUNCILLORS MERTLE GOMBO, IREN GROOTBLOOM AND BEAUTY TOYOKOLO.
The Knysna Main Library has successfully moved into temporary premises in Woodmill Walk Centre in Long Street last month.

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### View Your Municipal Account Online

The municipality has upgraded its online municipal account viewing facility to offer improved access to ratepayers’ municipal accounts. This facility will have great benefit for persons who own or manage more than one property, as they can now be linked to the same account login. To access the online account facility, click on the ‘Account Login’ tab on the Knysna Municipality website www.knysna.gov.za and click ‘Register’ if you are new to the system. Provide your cellphone number and your ID number to register.

### Used Motor Oil Depot

Take your used car oil to the depot at the municipal Waste Transfer Centre at the bottom of Queen Street. Situated inside a brightly-coloured yellow and green container, the depot provides drums in which motor oil and filters may be deposited. The used oil is collected by the ROSE Foundation, a non-profit organisation that facilitates responsible recycling of oil. The depot is open on weekdays from 8am to 4pm.

### Draft Budget


The above-mentioned documents are also available at the Municipal Customer Care Centre in Woodmill Lane, Knysna, the Sedgefield Municipal Offices in Flamingo Street, Sedgefield, and all Municipal Libraries.

Public comments and submission of representations should be made to the Office of the Municipal Manager or emailed to budget@knysna.gov.za by 3 May 2013.

### Draft By-Law Outdoor Advertising

The deadline for comment on the Draft By-law relating to the regulation of Outdoor Advertising, Heritage and Building Aesthetics in the Knysna Municipal Area has been extended to 30 April 2013. Public meetings to discuss the main features of this bylaw were held on April 15 and 16. Send your comments to mpaulsen@knysna.gov.za

### Freedom Day Festivities

Celebrate Freedom Day with the Knysna Municipality on 27 April at the Hornlee Sports Fields from 12pm to 3pm. Join in the fun and festivities which includes live entertainment, drama and poetry, a parade, food stalls and traders, and more. Contact the office of the executive mayor for more information.