



Subject: RE: Re Mike Hampton's letters
From: "Elaine" <elaine@groupeditors.co.za>
Date: 01/03/2016 08:24
To: "'Love Knysna - Mike'" <mike@loveknysna.com>
CC: "'Group Editors - Nicole Moolman'" <nicolem@groupeditors.co.za>

Mike

Your right to response is a letter relating to the last week's edition (Young and Seton's letters) only and as stipulated before please keep it to 400 words.

No 'right of reply' letters going back to last year will be used.

Elaine

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From: Love Knysna - Mike [mailto:mike@loveknysna.com]
Sent: 01 March 2016 05:51 AM
To: Elaine <elaine@groupeditors.co.za>
Cc: 'Group Editors - Nicole Moolman' <nicolem@groupeditors.co.za>
Subject: Re: Re Mike Hampton's letters

Following up...

On 26/02/2016 11:49, Love Knysna - Mike wrote:

That would be insufficient and unfair, only seen to be favouring space for political ends whilst ignoring the Knysna-Plett Herald's repeated bad behaviour.

Additionally, you haven't responded to all the letters i wasn't allowed a right of reply.

Please responded fully and with reference to publication timelines.

The Knysna-Plett Herald has done wrong, not me. It is up to you to make it right.

You, the newspaper and i have a long journey ahead. Make that journey more pleasant by showing good, corrective behaviour that is maintained until we've reached a satisfactory destination. In between, make a commitment to fair reporting and apology.

On 26/02/2016 11:37, Elaine wrote:

Mike

You may send in a letter for publication, but please keep it to 400 words.

When I have space I will use it.

There are times when a longer letter is used if I consider it to be of significant importance, but I have the right to make this call.

No more space than this will be given to you, so you are welcome to add a link to your blog should you wish.

Elaine

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From: Love Knysna - Mike [mailto:mike@loveknysna.com]
Sent: 26 February 2016 09:21 AM
To: Elaine <elaine@groupeditors.co.za>; damon@gardenroute.com
Cc: 'Group Editors - Nicole Moolman' <nicolem@groupeditors.co.za>
Subject: Re: Re Mike Hampton's letters

It is interesting that you include me in this correspondence between you and a third party (surely not standard procedure) but i appreciate it as it further displays Knysna-Plett Herald's incorrect behaviour.

Since when is everyone who contacts you required to belong to a media group? Is your newspaper not open to correspondence with the public anymore? Does the merits of what is said not count? Or only ignored when Knysna-Plett Herald doesn't like it?

To Damon, thank you for expressing common sense. Much appreciated. Wish that there was more of it.

Hello Damon

In response to your message posted on Knysna-Plett social media:

I have noted what you have to say, as a blogger yourself with no affiliation to any accredited media group that I can see.

You cannot insist that we do anything.

As I told Mike Hampton these letters were a response to his ongoing blogs and had every right to be published.

Regards, Elaine

Dear Editor Responding to recent letters to the Editor concerning Mr. Mike Hampton, I would like to insist that the Knysna-Plett Herald offer Mr. Hampton his legal right to respond in kind to allegations made against him by Dr Martin Young and Dr Douglas Seton. It should be noted that Dr. Seton is the brother of Advocate Julie Seton, who together with Dr. Young has been waging a very public online libel / propaganda campaign against Mr. Hampton as a result of his sterling advocacy against corruption by the Knysna Municipality. I would remind you that fighting corruption should be a priority for all South African citizens, including the Herald. Allow both sides to speak and allow your readers to form their own opinions. Uphold the principle of fair and unbiased journalism please?! Yours Sincerely Damon Leff Editor-in-Chief Penton Independent Alternative Media