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# The Bitou Post

December 2023 / Newsletter



## Bitou has new wheels | Bitou keeps the 'Blue' Flag flying

### All systems go for Bitou Public Safety

It was ululations, tears of joy and excitement as 20 Officers (POs) graduated from the Peace Officer programme in Bitou Municipality on Thursday, 9 November 2023.

They join law enforcement as Plett welcomes visitors for the season.

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*it's a feeling!*

Bitou Municipality has been **awarded a Clean Audit Outcome** by the Auditor General of South Africa.

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Bitou Municipality has acquired new fleet in a bid to address the service delivery challenges faced by different sections.

The R14 million investment made by the municipality to make significant improvements to its fleet.



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## FESTIVE SEASON GREETINGS

Plettenberg Bay has been declared one of only 10 Whale Heritage sites worldwide, awarded 8 Blue Flag accreditations for 2023/2024 and a first for Plett, a Green Coast Award for Nature’s Valley. We have also had a bumper whale-watching season that has attracted visitors to our area and given a much-needed economic impetus.

Building activity on both the residential and business fronts is rife, evidenced by the new Boxer shopping centre development in Kwanokuthula and the Plett Quarter on Main Street. This will benefit our communities by creating work opportunities and economic growth. Many new businesses have opened, and others have expanded their business.

Some of our hotels and wine estates have received international recognition and awards, our scholars have excelled in international competitions, and sportspeople have held Plettenberg Bay’s name up high in various individual and team competitions both nationally and internationally.

Bitou was the host for the first time to the Western Cape Government Premier’s Coordinating Forum at the end of August, where ministers and mayors of the Western Cape met in Plett and had one-on-one engagements with the public. The Western Cape Speakers Forum was also held in Bitou in October. Deliveries of new municipal

vehicles, including refuse compactor trucks, are ongoing to replace the ageing fleet and enhance service delivery. Yes, there has been a lot happening this year, much more than is mentioned here, and the Bitou area has been a hive of activity.

We need to remember that all this is only possible because of the interaction that we are seeing from all of our communities who are taking control of their areas through reducing crime and illegal dumpsites and ensuring the cleanliness of their immediate neighbourhoods. None of this growth currently being experienced in Bitou would be possible if we were not working together as is currently happening.

While there is still much work to be done with replacing ageing water pipes and pump station equipment, maintaining and expanding the electricity supply, and improving the standard of our road infrastructure, there is undoubtedly much positive energy from our population in Bitou.



As we wind down 2023 to our ‘holiday season’ with the kick-off of the annual Matric Plett Rage and the annual influx of holidaymakers, I appeal to all, both residents and visitors, to be patient and courteous when moving around our area. Our traffic officials, law enforcement, and other municipal officials are there to assist you and ensure a happy time in Bitou. Please adhere to the various regulations, speed limits, etc. Be considerate of others, do not drink and drive, and make every effort to conserve water. For those who celebrate Christmas, I wish you a joyous Christmas.

To those who do not celebrate – enjoy the holiday.

To everyone, I wish you a prosperous 2024. Enjoy your time in Plettenberg Bay.

### Mayor’s guide to a safe holiday

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**  
044 533 5000 / 044 501 3230

**CUSTOMER RELATIONS**  
Toll free: 080 021 2797 / 044 501 3174/5

## BITOU REPLACES ITS AGEING FLEET TO BOLSTER SERVICE DELIVERY

Some of the service delivery challenges experienced by Bitou Municipality have been attributed to the ageing vehicles within its fleet. Therefore, to address this matter, the municipality made provision for a significant overhaul of the fleet in the 2023/24 financial year. The municipality has invested R14 million in acquiring vehicles for various departments.

Bitou Executive Mayor Dave Swart, Deputy Mayor Mavis Busakwe, and Council Speaker Claude Terblanche were delighted to unveil the new fleet of vehicles on Monday, 16 October 2023.

This fleet consisted of two compactor trucks, a front-end loader, two LDVs for the electrical section, two LDVs for the water services section, and a traffic services vehicle.

The two compactor trucks for the Integrated Waste Management section are expected to alleviate the current service delivery challenges. The first truck will be available for use towards the end of this month, and the second one will be available in the middle of next month. This will come as a welcome boost, as we are expecting a bumper festive season starting in the first week of December this year.

The newly received front-end loader will enhance efficiency at the waste transfer station. The current one used by the section does not effectively deal with the pressure at the waste transfer station. This top-of-the-range machine will ensure that waste compacting is effectively and efficiently done, leaving more space available at the transfer station.

The front-end loader will be used at the green waste facility to push and compact the waste. It will also be used to effectively deal with bulky waste at the bulky waste facility and in the communities where such waste is often dumped illegally. It will also assist the section to efficiently and effectively deal with illegal dumpsites in the communities.



BITOU MUNICIPALITY HIGH SEASON REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2023-24	
BITOU MUNICIPALITY - DAILY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE	
MONDAY	North of Piesang Valley, Poortjies, River Club, Kranshoek, , Keurbooms / Aventura, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates Etc.
TUESDAY	South of Piesang Valley, The Craggs,(Farm Area), Redford Road, Forest Hall, Askop, Natures Valley, , & Goose Valley, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates Etc.
WEDNESDAY	Kwanokuthula Phase 3 & 4 , Kuriland Village, New Horizons/ Lady Wood, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates Etc.
THURSDAY	Green Valley/ Wittedrift/ Keurbooms, Kwanokuthula Phase1 & 2 North of Piesang Valley , Industrial Area, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates Etc.
FRIDAY	South of Piesang Valley , Bossiegif /Pine Tree Caartjie / Qolweni , Natures Valley/ Covlie , Airport Road& Harkerville, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates Etc.
SATURDAY	Businesses
SUNDAY	Businesses
CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE TEAM	
J Windvogel : 084 798 5544 (Refuse Collection)	
L. Booyens :063 920 7027 (Refuse Collection)	
M Jafta :060 938 8402 (Transfer Station)	
Z. Tshangana:078 666 0610 (Street Sweeping)	
M. Dickson :066 375 2486 (Illegal Dumping)	
NOTE:	
NOTE: Refuse Collections start from 07H00am to 21H00pm for the period 01 December 2023 to 13 January 2024.	
Please take note that residents are advised not to hand out gifts( "Christmas Boxes") to Municipal Staff and that any official found guilty of transgressing by requesting gifts/cash will face disciplinary action. Residents handing out gifts/cash cause severe delays in collections operations which negatively effects the allocated budget for overtime.	

OPERATIONAL PLAN	
DAILY REYCLABLE WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE	
MONDAY	The Craggs, Forest Hall, Wittedrift, Airport Road, Bossiegif, Pinetrees, Qolweni & Kwanokuthula, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates in these areas.
TUESDAY	Kranshoek, North of Piesang Valley, CBD, Industrial Area , Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates in these areas.
WEDNESDAY	South Of Piesang, Longships, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates in these areas.
THURSDAY	Natures Valley, Craggs Farm Area/Redford Road, Keurbooms, Green Valley / Wittedrift, Twin Rivers, Harkerville, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates in these areas.
FRIDAY	Keurbooms, Covlie, Goose Valley, Formosa Garden Village, Kwanokuthula Schools, Industrial Area, Businesses, Hotels & Housing Estates in these areas
SATURDAY	BUSINESSES/ HOTELS
SUNDAY	BUSINESSES/ HOTELS
BITOU WASTE FACILITIES OPERATING HOURS:	
Waste Transfer Station & Ganzevallei Waste Drop-off Facility (Old Nick)	
Monday - Friday (07:30-16:30) Saturday 07:30-13:00	
Public Holidays - Open( 07:30 - 13:00)	
WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICE NUMBER:	
044 501 3462 / 044 501 3446	
CUSTOMER CARE:	
044 501 3174/5 - 044 501 3421	
Or	
060 378 2551/073 172 0657 - 073 171 8836	
Bitou Municipality encourages recycling due to the positive impact it has on our environment. We urge you to please recycle & make use of the various visible recycling bins during this season period. Ensure household recycling materials are ready for collection on specified collection days above.	

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# Joy and excitement at Bitou housing handover in Ebenezer

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Bitou Municipality leadership handed over houses to 10 families from New Horizons in the presence of Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure Tertius Simmers on 29 November.

The Ebenezer Housing Project is one of Bitou’s legacy projects, which will yield 1600 mixed housing opportunities and, in the process, create jobs and subcontracting opportunities.

Speaking to the beneficiaries, Bitou Executive Mayor Dave Swart says lots of work has been done to get here, and more work will continue to form the new community.

He said: “We must acknowledge and remember people and instances who have helped us on the way; even with the trials and tribulations that we had, there were people who helped advance the project.

Councillor Swart said that while the process was long, everything was done correctly, so he lauded the Minister’s Office.

Minister Simmers, who gave the keynote address, said today’s handover had a message of hope and a true test of patience.

He thanked the community for their perseverance and urged them not to allow elements to delay the progress that has been made.

He said: “What we are starting today is forming a new community.”

“When they work with their government, and not against their government.

Bitou Deputy Executive Mayor Mavis Busakwe agreed with Minister Tertius and thanked all the role players involved in ensuring it was a success.

Meanwhile, Bitou Speaker, Cllr Claude Terblanche, who is also the ward councillor for the area could not hide his excitement.

Councillor Terblanche said today was a proud moment for New Horizon.

“To see people who have waited long to get houses is something that I have always been wishing to be part of.”

“The gentleman who received a house after being on the waiting list since 1999, is phenomenal,” he added.



TOP: Beneficiaries smile and laugh as they get their house keys.

LEFT: Ebenezer Housing Project



## FROM THE BITOU JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL TO THE UN

The Bitou Junior Town Council (BTCJ) will have their voices heard as far as the United Nations- thanks to a partnership between the council and the Western Cape Children Commissioner Christina Nomdo.

Ms Nomdo was in Plettenberg Bay after a partnership was hitched through the Secretary of BJTC, Solakha Noyi, a Child Government Monitor for the Commissioner for Children of the Western Cape.

The partnership led to a two-day workshop to empower children to understand their rights, budget monitoring and more.

Day one was centred around children being rights defenders, and the posters they created will be submitted to the United Nations Special Rapporteur.

On day two, the group also had a session on the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and the Municipal Manager, Mbulelo Memani, gave expert advice on how children could influence the IDP.

Mr Memani said he was excited that the children were interested in such.

He said: “The municipality should perhaps look at children as a separate stakeholder at the meetings so that their views can be heard.

Mr Memani said it was provided in the Constitution and the Municipal Systems Act that children cannot be ignored.

He implored the children to make written submissions on the IDP so that their views could find expression in the municipal budget.

Meanwhile, Ms Noyi said the weekend was just an eye-opening journey and experience.



TOP LEFT: PIC: Ms Christina Nomdo with Solakha Noyi  
TOP RIGHT: PIC: Teamwork makes the dream work  
BOTTOM: Mr Mbulelo Memani handed a token of appreciation





# BITOU KEEPS THE ‘BLUE’ FLAG FLYING

Bitou raked in numerous awards at the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) Blue Flag and Green Coast awards.

Bitou’s six beaches, Robberg 5, The Waves, Nature’s Valley, Lookout Beach, The Dunes, and Singing Kettle, retained their Blue Flag status.

Bitou also got a new Green Coast award for Plett for Nature Reserve Beach.

Bitou also received two Blue Flag awards for Offshore Adventures’ boats.



PIC: George Mayor Leon van Wyk and Wessa CEO Helena Atkinson hand over Bitou’s Blue Flag certificates to Herman Nieuwoudt, manager in the mayor’s office; Mziyanda James, manager in the deputy mayor’s office and James Sijama, facilities management.

# Plett Tourism Entrepreneurs’ Resources

Plett Tourism Association encourages entrepreneurs and youth business development in the Bitou region.



To assist young businesspeople, the association has put together a resources section on the website.

The resources section, which is regularly updated, features current funding and business opportunities including guidance on how to apply for funding and opportunities such as the SMME Booster Fund, the SATSA Job Corner and the National Empowerment Fund.

Also to be found are free training and webinars to enhance knowledge, handy downloads and marketing tips such as Business Plan templates, writing a bio and using social media sites such as LinkedIn and Youtube for business. Rounding off the Entrepreneurs’ Resources is a series of articles of interest which include travel and tourism trends, interviews with exceptional individuals, and advice for new businesspeople.

Find the resources under [www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com) >> Membership >> Entrepreneurs

*Bitou Municipality has received a clean audit outcome from the auditor general.*

*This is a proud achievement and a first since 2017.*

*We are thanking all internal and external stakeholders for making this possible.*

# THAT SUMMER FEELING!

The Plett Tourism Association welcomes visitors to chase that summer feeling throughout our beautiful Plettenberg Bay - a firm favourite for visitors in search of sunshine, playtime, and a lifestyle that embraces family, fun and outdoor adventure to make carefree summer memories.

‘Plett, it’s a feeling’ is a simple phrase that encapsulates a kaleidoscope of holiday moments and stays with our visitors long after they have returned home.

We know holiday time is family time and whether you’re travelling with children, fur-kids, wheelchair or walker, we wish you a fun and unforgettable stay in our beautiful bay. The Plett Trails app - which was launched earlier this year - offers opportunities for immersion in nature for all ages and fitness levels from the comfortable Garden of Eden walk in Harkerville’s indigenous forest to high-octane trail runs through MTO Plantations, there is an adventure that’s calling your name. The app currently has 29 trails - 16 of which are international Green Flag standard, with walks starting from as short as 1 km, and the world’s first Green Flag MTB trails. Install the app via [www.plettrails.co.za](http://www.plettrails.co.za).

If you’re travelling with little ones, give the new Jukani Farmyard a try, the ever-popular Birds of Eden or Adventureland Water Park. Young and young at heart will find all the adventure that they can handle with skydiving, bungy jumping, swimming with seals, scuba diving, kloofing, abseiling and more in Plett’s beautiful surroundings. Visitors are encouraged to sample Plett’s culinary offerings as Central and Robberg beaches feature new food stalls, Plett’s Tshisanyamas are serving up sizzling hot meals and the newly opened Market Off Main is creating quite a buzz.

Why not browse Plett’s markets and delis to create the perfect picnic basket to accompany you to the Kranshoek picnic site - the ocean views are quite incredible - or Keurbooms Nature Reserve. Whether you’re looking for seafood, snacks in the winelands, vegetarian delights or pairings for a picnic, you’ll find something delicious and out of the ordinary around town.

Events during Plett Summer don’t get better than this with the Plett Polo Season getting underway and an exciting new All White Picnic in New Horizons, Sabrina Love Challenge and Robberg Fine Foods

Classic Beach Regatta. The fun continues with Get Lucky Summer, Wanderbay, the Barrington’s Wine Festival and We Love Summer. All are sure to bring dance and music to your holiday memories.

Visit [www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com) for the full event schedule and accompanying gig guide or scan the QR code included.

## HOW TO MAKE SURE YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR HOLIDAY

- Visit [www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com) to browse activities, restaurants, events and gigs during your stay or email us on [info@pletttourism.co.za](mailto:info@pletttourism.co.za).
- Make use of the Concierge Service at the Plett Tourism office in Melville’s Corner to plan and book activities during your stay.
- Join the Plett Tourism Whatsapp group for up-to-the-minute updates (information available via the Plett Tourism website).
- Follow Plett Tourism on Instagram (@pletttourism), Facebook (@pletttourism) and Twitter @plett\_tourism to share our summer moments. And share your own using #plettsummer.

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SCAN THE CODE FOR A LIST OF ALL EVENTS THIS SEASON





# Plett joins world leaders in sustainable shark safety by signing Shark Spotters MOU



The Bitou Municipality Council has resolved to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Plett Shark Spotters Non-Profit Organisation – a move that will see holidaymakers feel safer in Bitou’s Blue Flag beaches.

PIC: Jamila Janna

The council resolved to contribute an amount of R800 000 towards the employment costs of the 14 Plett Shark Spotters on an annual basis for a period of 3 years.

The Plett Shark Spotters has been established through a partnership with the Municipality, Plett Shark Action Group (PSAG) and the Cape Town Shark Spotters in November 2022.

It has been successfully recording shark sightings and has been well integrated into existing beach safety programmes, working together with Municipal Beach Control, Lifesavers and the NSRI.

Bitou Executive Mayor, Cllr. Dave Swart has expressed happiness at the resolution.

Cllr Swart said: “The Shark Spotters’ program is necessary to advise on bathers’ safety to make them aware of any shark activity.”

He said the council already funds the lifeguards working on the various beaches and the further funding of the program was another way that the municipality was empowering locals.

Meanwhile, Sarah Waries, who is Chief Executive Officer of Shark Spotters says the positive step comes as the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) has released a commission statement on shark bite mitigations.

“They do not recommend that people

use lethal control anymore and that they work towards non-lethal and sustainable methods.

“This is really great that Plett is joining world leaders in sustainable shark safety as per the IUCN directives.”

Speaking on the memorandum Waries said that she was grateful for the donation however more help was needed.



# SAFETY STRENGTHENED IN BITOU WITH PEACE OFFICERS AHEAD OF SEASON



The newly hired 20 Peace Officers will give the existing law enforcement officials a welcome boost as Bitou welcomes guests this holiday season.

The PO programme forms part of the Western Cape Safety Plan (WCSP), which prioritises strengthening Municipal Law Enforcement capacity across the Western Cape, particularly to enhance urban/ rural safety and combat crime within communities.

The province has invested more than R 1,8 million in the training, resourcing, and developing of these officers.

Seargent Melonie Mason had come from the City of Cape Town to present the training in Bitou for six weeks.

Bitou Executive Mayor Councillor Dave Swart, who had met the crew in September, had encouraged them to seize the opportunity.

Speaking at the graduation Cllr. Swart said he was proud that Bitou had scored a hundred percent pass rate with some graduates achieving a hundred percent in the competency test.

Cllr Swart said: “I’m glad to hear that all 20 of you have seized the opportunity and made the most of the opportunity that you had.

“We look forward to seeing you in our streets,” he said to the excited graduates.

Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Reagen Allen, said that there are over 60 PO’s that have been placed at strategic municipalities across the province.

He said: “As we head into the festive season, we want the visitors to be and feel safe so that we can make conditions which are conducive for further investment.”





# Bitou Bursary Programme



Internal Auditing with a focus on  
Forensic Investigation

Engineering (Civil Engineering &  
Electrical Engineering)

Artisans (Electricians; Plumbers;  
Carpenters and Bricklayers)

Building Inspectors

**ONLY scholars who went to school in Plettenberg Bay will be considered**

Bitou Municipality will **ONLY** consider completed Applications.

- A detailed Curriculum Vitae and cover letter
- Application form
- Certified copies of Latest or Grade 12 results or equal qualification; latest examination results of students currently enrolled at tertiary institutions.
- Certified copy of I.D.
- Affidavit of parents' combined income and proof of residential address.

Forward the application form and all documents to:

Bitou Municipality, 04 Sewel Street, Plettenberg Bay, 6600, for attention: Youth & Sports Coordinators section.

Please hand in application at Bitou Municipality Main Building – 04 Sewel Street Plettenberg Bay, 6600.

**CLOSING DATE: 26 JANUARY 2024**

## PRE-PAID METERS: TOKEN IDENTIFIER (TID) ROLLOVER

TID is a national project that requires all prepaid electricity meters to be upgraded before the existing software expires on 24 November 2024. Therefore, all the Prepaid meters in the Bitou Municipality must be upgraded to comply with this national requirement.



**How the TID Rollover Project will be implemented:**

The rollover project will commence in Ward 2, which covers Central Plettenberg West and East. Once these areas are done, the project will move to the other wards until all are done. Extensive communication will be undertaken to inform and educate the public about the TID rollover project. Communication will consist of advertisements and notices on various communication platforms, as well as loud hailing. The project will also be discussed in ward based public participation meetings.

**What is expected from the customer:**

Once we reach your area for upgrading, you will receive your unique 2x 20-digit update codes along with their normal

20-digit electricity token. This means that instead of getting a token or "slip" with a single 20-digit code, it will have 3 x 20-digit codes printed on it. This will be a once-off occurrence. We appeal to customers to ensure all unused tokens are entered into the meter before the unique 3x20-digit tokens.

It is important to enter these in the sequence as printed on your "slip". The following steps must be taken when entering the digits into the meter. Enter the first 20-digit update code and wait for it to be accepted. 2. Enter the second 20-digit update code and wait for it to be accepted. 3. Enter the usual 20-digit token to recharge units as standard.

Any units still registered on a meter before entering the update codes will be retained.

**Bitou Municipality implements processes to ensure compliance with Small-Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG).**

The increased cost of electricity and the increased demand on the ESKOM grid have prompted an increase in demand for SSEG across the country. It has become very important for municipalities to ensure that there are measures put in place to coordinate and regulate SSEG compliance to mitigate potential risks. The Bitou Municipality has adopted a set of guidelines that spell out the application process as well as the costs of installing SSEG.

**Scan the barcode to get more information.**



Once the update codes have been issued to a meter, that meter will not accept any old recharge tokens.

**The customer must note the following:**

The municipality will NOT be liable for any tokens that were purchased and not entered into the meter before the key change was completed.

Customers may contact the Bitou Customer Care division should they need assistance or have queries while implementing the changeover. This can be done by calling 0800212797 or sending an email to CustomerCare@plett.gov.za.

**ENQUIRIES: Mr Duncan Meyer on 044 501 3457 during office hours.**



# OPEN MODE WATER DEVICES TO BE ROLLED OUT IN BITOU.

In an effort to improve service delivery and customer satisfaction, Bitou Municipality will embark on a process to install Open Mode Water Management Devices in the entire Bitou Municipal area.

In June 2021, Council resolved implement these Open-Mode Water Management Devices and this is also in line with most of the conventional meters have reached the end of their life cycle and needs to be replaced and this prompted the municipality to explore smart water management devices will be beneficial to both the customers and the institution.

The current meters that will be replaced with the smart devices have posed many challenges which amongst others include, inaccurate readings, vandalism, not accessible to be read, inconsistent data. All these have an impact on the billing system resulting in various challenges with accuracy of account statements issued. These Open-Mode Water Management Devices are not prepaid meters and would

not disconnect the water supply of the consumer. However, it gives the consumer more opportunity to better manage water consumption.

These devices offer the following benefits:

- Automated reading and billing cycle.
- Leak detection is enhanced leading to reducing water losses.
- Improved management of water usage and analysis of consumption trends,
- Improve frequency and accuracy of readings.
- Improves the billing process and accounts are more accurate.

Based on the above the Open-Mode Water Management Devices which have

an expected 15-year constant accuracy lifespan has a lots of advantages that will benefit both the consumers and Bitou Municipality. The leak and burst alarm notifications enable consumers to better control and manage their water consumption and enable the Municipality to react faster to water losses and provide a holistic view of the town's water usage.

Bitou Municipality is committed to ensure that the community is fully involved in the smooth rollout of the Open-Mode Water Management and hence public participation and communications is essential components of this project. Regular communication and public participation campaigns will be undertaken to create awareness and update residents on the project.

# BITOU UNITES AGAINST GBV

Bitou Municipality recently held a march to mark the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism. The global theme has been set by the United Nations Secretary-General's campaign: "UNiTE! Invest to Prevent Violence against Women & Children." Violence against women and girls remains one of the most

prevalent and pervasive human rights violations in the world. During these 16 days, there are other relevant commemorative days that will be acknowledged, namely World Aids Day and the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. This year the focus is on increased actions to end gender-based violence and safe access to clean water for women.



# IN SHORT...

Bitou hosted the year's last Speakers' Forum gathering- a first the last Speakers' Forum gathering for the year- a first for the region.for the region.

The Forum is a South African Local Government Association (SALGA) elected body that brings council speakers from across the province together.

Following a request to the Municipal Manager and Mayor to showcase Bitou's diverse tourism to the other 41 Western Cape speakers, Bitou was given the nod to host this time.

Speaking on the Forum Bitou Council Speaker, Cllr. Claude Terblanche said: "The importance of the forum is for us to debate on matters that we are not sure of, especially in legislation and an ever-changing world.



SALGA Speakers' Forum in action.

# Bitou Municipality Rally Behind the Boks

Bitou Councillors and officials joined into the Springbok Frenzy and proudly displayed their support for the Boks. Colleagues supporting the All Blacks got a taste of the medicine the Boks fed the Kiwis a day before the final.



Bitou Human Resources department backing the Bokke.

# Call for proposals to participate in the adopt a park programme:

The public is hereby invited to submit proposals to participate in the "Adopt a Parks" program as per Bitou Council Resolution, C/4/78/04/23, that gives the public approval to adopt a designated park within the Bitou Municipal



Members of the public are invited to submit proposals to adopt designated parks within Bitou. Proposals must;

- ✓ CLEARLY SPECIFY WHAT THE PARK WILL BE USED FOR.
- ✓ THE PARK REMAINS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- ✓ THE MAINTAINANCE OF THE PARK IS THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPOSER AND THE MUNICIPALITY





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1 - 8 December  
**Plett Rage**  
12 am - 12 pm  
Plett Central Beach  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

9 December  
**The Surfers Ball**  
Bikini Beach Tent  
Central Beach  
6 pm - 12 am  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

15 December  
**Hospice Carols by Candlelight**  
Barrington's Plettenberg Bay  
7 pm - 8 pm  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

16 December  
**Robberg Fine Foods Classic Beach Regatta**  
Hobie Beach  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

17 December  
**Barrington's Wine Festival**  
Barrington's  
1 pm - 6 pm  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

17 December  
**Get Lucky Summer Plett Edition 1 (ft Goodluck & Jethro Toit)**  
The Beacon Island  
4 pm - 9 pm  
[www.howler.events](http://www.howler.events)

23 December  
**Get Lucky Summer Plett Edition 2 (ft Goodluck & Lee Cole)**  
4 pm - 9 pm  
The Beacon Island  
[www.howler.events](http://www.howler.events)

26 - 29 December  
**Sabrina Love Summer Challenge**  
Kurland Private Estate  
6 am - 10 am  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

28 December  
**Trans Agulhas Inflatable Boat Challenge**  
Hobie Beach  
8 am - 9 am  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

29 December  
**Secret Sunrise**  
The Wedge Beach  
7 am - 8 am  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

29 December  
**Plett Polo Festival**  
Kurland Estate  
12 pm - 9:30 pm  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

29 December  
**We Love Summer**  
Adventure Land  
12 am - 12 pm  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

29 December - 3 January  
**Big Five Orienteering Week 2023 /2024**  
Plettenberg Bay / Garden Route  
9 am - 2pm  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

30 December  
**Kore Staptog en Rieldans**  
Plett Police Station  
cnr of Main Street and High Street  
9 am - 1 pm  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

31 December - 1 January  
**Wanderbay**  
Plettenberg Bay  
5 pm - 2 am  
[www.pletttourism.com](http://www.pletttourism.com)

31 December  
**Barrington's New Year's Eve Party**  
Barrington's  
6 pm - 1 am  
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