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**KNYSNA.** Ground floor apartment with stunning views overlooking the serene Knysna Lagoon 3 Bedrooms (M.E.S): 2 Bathrooms: Open plan Living/Kitchen: Covered Patio: Under cover parking: Built-in-Braai: Pool in complex. **R2 500 000.00. Web Ref: 116476543**

**CUTTY SARK.** Four bedroomed home with views that will simply take your breath away stretching from Robberg Nature Reserve across the bay, lagoon, and Tsitsikamma mountains. Open plan living/dining/ kitchen: Scullery/laundry: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kitchen with pantry: 2<sup>nd</sup> TV/dining room: Hobby room: 4 Bedrooms (all en-suite): 4.5 Bathrooms: 3 x covered patios: 2 x uncovered patios: Double garage: Tandem double carport. **R8 500 000.00. Web Ref: 116635769**

**BRACKENRIDGE.** This stunning north-facing home overlooking a green belt with large spacious rooms throughout is not to be missed. Open-plan living/dining/kitchen: 3 Bedrooms (all en-suite): 3.5 Bathrooms: Open-plan Living/Dining/Kitchen: Scullery/Laundry: Covered patio: Double automated garage: Pool: Built-in-Braai. **R7 250 000.00. Web Ref: 116635819**

**SEASIDE LONGSHIPS.** North facing double storey family home, a 5-minute walk from Robberg Beach. Currently operated as well established 15 bed, Four-star guest house, which is ranked number 3 on Trip Advisor and has a 9.7 rating on Booking.com, this property is perfectly suited for extended families, dual living, or those with a love for hospitality, seeking a well-equipped property with excellent infrastructure and good income stream. Sitting room: Office: Dining Room: Kitchen: Bar: Scullery/ laundry: 6 Bedrooms (4 en suite): 5.5 Bathrooms: Study: 2 Covered patios: Double garage: Garden: Built-in-Braai: Swimming pool. **R9 500 000.00. Web Ref: 116638254**

**WHALE ROCK.** Luxurious home with breathtaking sea views in walking distance to the boardwalk. 6 Bedrooms (all en-suite): 6.5 Bathrooms: Study: Open plan living/ dining/ kitchen/ braai area: Scullery/laundry: TV/playroom: Covered patio: Swimming Pool: 3 Garages: Solar and inverter: Water storage. **R13 850 000.00. Web Ref: 116638222**

**LOWER ROBBERG.** Set over two levels, this north-facing family home offers versatile living. Ideally located with a mere 5-minute walk from Plettenberg Bay's Robberg 5 beach. 6 Bedrooms: 4.5 Bathrooms: Open plan TV room/Dining/Kitchen: Scullery/Laundry: TV room: Open plan living/bar: 3 Patios: Built in braai. Double automated garage. **R7 500 000.00 Web Ref:116465968**

**WHALE ROCK HEIGHTS.** Located on the front row, this 1050m<sup>2</sup> vacant stand is situated in one of Plettenberg Bay's top security estates. With simply stunning views across the bay, this stand presents a unique opportunity to build your north-facing dream home sheltered from the prevailing winds. **R1 950 000.00. Web Ref:116237083**

**SCHOONGEZICHT.** This smaller home, set over one level, is a true gem and rare find in Plettenberg Bay. 2 bedrooms (both en-suite): 2.5 bathrooms: Open plan living/dining/kitchen: Scullery & laundry: Study: Large covered and partially enclosed patio: Walk in linen cupboard/ storeroom: Single garage. **R3 750 000.00. Web Ref: 116656593**

**SCHOONGEZICHT.** Don't miss out on this property. 3 bedrooms (all en-suite): 3.5 bathrooms: Sun and mud room: Open plan living/dining/kitchen: Scullery & laundry: Study: Large covered patio: Double garage: Pool: Mature gardens: Views. **R4 250 000.00. Web Ref: 116635891**

**SCHOONGEZICHT.** This prime, elevated vacant stand is not to be missed. 2080m<sup>2</sup> in extent the property overlooks a greenbelt which guarantees uninterrupted views of fynbos as well as sea views. **R1 950 000.00. Web Ref: 116020378**

**UPPER CENTRAL.** North facing, apartment with views over the lagoon and Tsitsikamma mountains. Open plan Living/Dining/Kitchen: 2 Bedrooms: 2.5 Bathrooms: Partially covered patio: Built in Braai: Storeroom: 2 Undercover Parking Bays. **R5 200 000.00. Web Ref: 116636249**

**CUTTY SARK.** Well-presented double storey north facing home with sea views. Entrance hall: Open plan living/ dining/ kitchen: Scullery/laundry: 6 Bedrooms (3 en suite): 5 Bathrooms: Study: Covered patio: Double garage: Low maintenance garden. **R7 800 000.00 . Web Ref: 115604102**



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NSRI – STATION 14, Plett  
Friday, 2 January. 3 incidents:  
Jaco Kruger, NSRI Plett station  
commander, said:



At 12h37, Thursday, 1 January,  
NSRI Plettenberg Bay duty crew were  
activated following reports of a drowning in  
progress at Natures Valley Beach.  
The NSRI Plettenberg Bay emergency  
call-out siren was sounded.  
NSRI Plettenberg Bay crew were in the area  
at the time conducting routine training  
exercises. The NSRI rescue craft Spirit of  
Pilatus responded. NSRI rescue swimmers  
and our NSRI rescue vehicle responded to  
the scene while our NSRI duty crew  
responded to the NSRI Plett station 14  
rescue base and launched the NSRI rescue  
craft Courtenay's Rescuer. On arrival on the  
scene NSRI witnessed a 56 year old male  
being rescued from the water by a 16 year  
old male - the bystander Good Samaritan  
had used an NSRI pink rescue buoy to  
successfully rescue the man from the water.  
They were in shallow surf and nearly  
ashore. NSRI medics attended at the scene  
where the man was found to not be injured  
and he required no further assistance.  
The teenager Good Samaritan, Dylan  
Yorke, age 16, from Pietermaritzburg, has  
been commended for his efforts.

At 15h04, Thursday, 1 January, NSRI Plett  
duty crew were activated following reports  
of a drowning in progress at Natures Valley  
Lagoon. An NSRI quad bike rescue vehicle  
was dispatched with NSRI rescue swim-  
mers to join Bitou lifeguards, in attendance  
after rescuing a 7 year old male child, from  
Craggs, from the water.

WC Government Health EMS were  
activated. The child was treated for  
non-fatal drowning symptoms and he was  
transported to hospital, accompanied by his  
dad, by Metro EMS ambulance, in a stable  
condition where he remains in hospital in  
the care of doctors and nurses in a stable  
condition. On Wednesday, 31 December,  
at 17h11, NSRI Plettenberg Bay duty crew  
were activated following reports of a  
drowning in progress at Robberg Beach.  
NSRI dispatched rescue swimmers and  
medics to the scene where on arrival found  
that two 24 year old males, from  
Johannesburg, had been rescued from the  
water by a bystander Good Samaritan using  
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The Good Samaritan had left the beach  
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**PRESS RELEASE**  
Seal Incident at Central Beach  
– 1 January 2026

Issued: 03 January 2026  
Bitou Municipality confirms that during New Year's Day celebrations at Central Beach, an unexpected and aggressive seal incident occurred at approximately 17:30.

Lifeguards on duty reported that a seal entered the swimming area and bit a person in the water. Beach Control immediately ordered the evacuation of all bathers from the ocean, as the beach was hosting a mass event at the time. Despite these swift actions, a raft/dinghy remained in the backline. The seal returned to the ocean, attacked the raft, and a second person sustained injuries.

Superintendent Prins and Bitou Lifeguards provided immediate assistance to both patients. One individual self-transported for medical care, while the second was taken to Mediclinic by J. Prins.

Beach Control alerted Mediclinic Emergency in advance to ensure readiness for the arrival of two seal bite victims.

Beach Control activated the Garden Route Rescue (GRR), who arrived promptly and, in conjunction with shark spotters, located the seal at BI Rocks. Under the authority of Officer Mostert, and with support from GRR and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), the seal was euthanized. The carcass has been retained for sampling by CapeNature.

The Plettenberg Bay Community Police Forum (PBCPA) is sincerely thanked for their assistance in crowd control during this challenging incident. Officer Mostert has filed a report with SAPS, recorded under OB 83/1/2026.

Statement from Bitou Municipality  
The safety of residents and visitors remains our highest priority. We commend the professionalism and courage of our lifeguards, Beach Control, GRR, shark spotters, and supporting agencies who acted swiftly under difficult circumstances. We urge the public to remain vigilant when enjoying our beaches and to follow lifeguard instructions at all times. Report all seal incidents to the



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For further information, please contact: Mr. Andile Namntu, Bitou Municipality Corporate Communications. Tel: 0445013006, Cell/WhatsApp: 0767348483, email: [anamntu@plett.gov.za](mailto:anamntu@plett.gov.za)

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Seal Incident – Central Beach, Plettenberg Bay

Date: 27 December 2025

On the morning of 27 December 2025, Bitou Beach Control observed a seal at the Central Beach launch site displaying erratic behavior. In line with established rabies protocols, Plettenberg Bay shark spotters and Central Beach lifeguards were immediately alerted. As a precaution, lifeguards cleared swimmers from the water when the animal moved closer to the bathing area. The seal subsequently came ashore near members of the public, and lifeguards continued crowd control to ensure safety. Video footage of the animal was shared with the Garden Route Rabies Response (GRR) group, which includes leading marine and veterinary experts such as Dr Greg Hofmeyer and Dr Gwen Penry. After reviewing the initial footage, the GRR requested further videos to assess the animal's condition. Additional footage confirmed abnormal behavior consistent with rabies symptoms. On expert recommendation, the decision was taken to euthanize the animal to protect public safety and allow for rabies testing. NSRI STATCOM Jaco Kruger and SAPS Officer Anton Mostert, both members of the GRR response team, attended the scene. After careful observation, and in consultation with GRR, the seal was humanely euthanized approximately 200m off Hobie Beach. The carcass was retrieved to the Central Beach launch site, where lifeguards maintained crowd control. The animal was packaged for laboratory testing to confirm rabies. Officer Mostert has submitted a formal statement to SAPS, and the matter is being handled in accordance with national rabies response protocols. Expert Comment was sought from Dr Greg Hofmeyer, marine mammal specialist and GRR member. "The decision to euthanize was not taken lightly. The animal's behavior was highly abnormal and consistent with rabies, a fatal disease that poses serious risks to both humans and other animals. Removing the seal was the safest course of action to protect the public and to allow for diagnostic testing. This ensures we can respond appropriately and transparently to any confirmed rabies cases in the region." He said. The Municipality thanks the lifeguards, NSRI, SAPS, and the GRR experts for their swift and coordinated response. Public safety remains our highest priority, and further updates will be shared once test results are available.

Issued by: Bitou Municipality Corporate Communications Contact Mr Andile Namntu on 0445013006, Cell 0767348483 (WhatsApp) or send email to [anamntu@plett.gov.za](mailto:anamntu@plett.gov.za)

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