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Like many young people I found History boring at school and agreed with the famous Henry Ford who said "History is bunk". However, the rest of his quote is important- "It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present, and the only history that is worth anything is the history that we make today." Ford was talking about moving forward and being innovative and not being a prisoner of past methods and failures. He is best known for revolutionising car manufacture by introducing the assembly line. This meant huge savings in time and money which enabled him to sell his Model T at such a low price that even his workers could afford to buy one. The question we need to ask ourselves is "are we making history today" or are we prisoners of tradition and our comfort zone. Maybe you are basking in the success of your past-Christians can never "retire" from Christian service. Like Ford we must make our history now because there is a 'race to be run' and a prize still to be won as Paul tells us in Philippians 3v13 - "But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus". Friends the Lord didn't just save you so you will go to Heaven one day, but He has a special purpose for your life now which is to bring Glory to Him. Sadly there are too many Christians who are shackled by their past failures, guilt and loss. The greatest "goalscorers" for Christ were murderers (St.Paul), deniers (St. Peter), slave traders (John Newton who wrote the famous hymn Amazing Grace), adulterers(David), etc. They understood and believed 1 John 1v9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and



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Next week we will look at whether Winston Churchill was right when he said "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." God Bless Graeme Greenwood

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After the shark attack fatality on 28 June 2022, a group of concerned local business-people started discussing measures to create awareness and the need to set up an early warning system of shark activity to inform beachgoers to ensure their in-water safety as far as possible.

On 13 August 2022, a WhatsApp group for communication was established and so the **Plett Shark Action Group (PSAG)** was born. This group had their first meeting on

26 August 2022 at the Plett NSRI station

office.

The participants in this group currently number 14 members and include:
Bitou Municipality – Mayor, Municipal Manager, Director Community Services, Beach Manager, Environmental Manager. NSRI

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Decisions taken at this inaugural meeting
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October 2022 (earlier than previous years). Improved signage informing the public of various risks of the ocean *including* shark activity under the theme 'BE OCEAN SMART'.

A shark-spotter system will be in place for December, including cameras at high points.

The use of drones for shark-spotting.
Use of a jet-ski to track shark movement.
An app for reporting shark activity will be activated.

Mock-ups of the first draft signage was circulated amongst the group on 22 September 2022.

On 26 September 2022, it was agreed that

lifeguards were to be activated earlier than originally planned by the Bitou Municipality to also act as shark spotters after the second fatal attack this year on 25 September 2022

Much has happened behind the scenes. Except for the lifeguards that Bitou Municipality contract each season, ALL funding has been privately donated by many captains of business and private individuals, including donations of binoculars, drones, free wi-fi bandwidth if needed and much more is on its way.

Permissions have been obtained for the use of various high points at beaches and necessary equipment, clothing and other essential items are in the process of being

procured

It is estimated that the first signage will start making their appearance at our beaches by mid-October. Once appointed and trained, all shark spotters will wear clearly marked clothing.

clothing.
Instead of 're-inventing the wheel' the PSAG will be meeting with shark experts from Cape Town during the week of 3 October 2022 to understand what has been done in other areas that can be adapted for Plettenberg Bay.

The intention is to make use of and train as many local people as possible. Information relating to the progress of plans to make our waters safe for beachgoers have been and will continue to be distributed through Plett Tourism.

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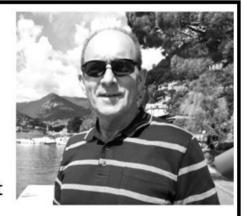
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