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One recent support case highlighted the hidden impact of trauma following child protection interventions involving allegations of abuse within a family environment.

The parent involved described feelings of loss, confusion, heartbreak, and uncertainty while trying to navigate the welfare system and understand the future for their children. Support workers say these emotions are common and often misunderstood.

Many parents experience overwhelming guilt, even when they were not responsible for the harm caused.

Over time, the individual engaged with emotional support services and developed strategies to manage stress, process emotions, and focus on personal growth.

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opportunities, and independence. The story serves as a reminder that trauma recovery is not simply about surviving a crisis. It is also about rebuilding confidence, hope, and purpose afterwards. Professionals involved in support services stress that healing is possible and that seeking support can be a powerful first step towards recovery

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- 1) Do not return it to the ocean. It has stranded as it is either weak, ill, tired or has ingested plastic.
- 2) Do not place it in a container of water. Turtles are air breathing and can drown if weak and tired.
- 3) Keep it in a dry, ventilated and room temperature box, preferably placing the turtle on a towel.
- 4) Contact the turtle rescue number or the local marine stranding organization.
- 5) Get a location pin

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A LIVE SEAL.

- 1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest.
- 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it.
- 3) Call your local marine stranding organization.
- 4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A PENGUIN

- 1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest.
- 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it.
- 3) Call your local marine stranding organization.
- 4) Take a location pin to share with the

rescuers. 5) After you have spoken to a marine animal rescuer, and they request you to collect the Penguin, follow their instructions on how to handle it and where to take it. Please be aware that they have extremely sharp beaks and need to be handled with care and cautiously.

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For those with the passion to help others and the time to learn, a remarkable opportunity awaits. FAMSA (Families South Africa) Knysna/Plettenberg Bay/Sedgefield, a trusted name in strengthening families and communities, is offering a comprehensive counselling course that equips volunteers with the skills to support individuals through life's most challenging moments. The course, which is both transformative and practical, is open to individuals who are ready to dedicate their time and heart to making a difference. Designed with both theory and hands-on experience, this training prepares participants to become FAMSA volunteer counsellors — capable of providing emotional support, guidance, and practical tools to those in need. It also improves skills and knowledge to helping professionals.

"We believe that anyone with empathy, commitment, and time can become a powerful force for healing," said Karin, Director of FAMSA Knysna. "This course doesn't just

teach counselling techniques — it shapes compassionate listeners who can help others rebuild their lives." As shared below by a 2025 USHO Graduate explaining the impact of the course on his life:

"USHO (Understanding Self to Help Others) counselling course was the onset of change for me, as well as the platform for processing decades worth of trauma and self-trauma. It emancipated me from my old-self and stimulated growth into new areas of my life which were under-developed, or just plain stagnant. In short, "I found me". Do it for yourself and in time you will indirectly, and directly inspire and help others who surround you.

Participants learn about trauma support, relationship counselling, communication skills, crisis intervention, and more. The program includes supervised practical sessions, group work, and regular feedback, ensuring volunteers are confident and competent by the time they begin their service.

Graduates of the course not only gain invaluable skills but also join a community of dedicated volunteers who are changing lives every day. Whether you're looking to give back, explore a new path, or grow personally, this course is a stepping stone to meaningful impact.

One of our volunteer counsellors says: *We give our clients this safe place (counselling room), we peel back the layers to their gold centre and we are witness to their struggles ... past and in recent years. It is a privilege to walk a little way with our clients ... we walk them to a place of healing.* ♥

The next intake is open, and FAMSA is encouraging all interested individuals to apply early as spaces are limited. If you have the time to learn and the heart to help, this may be your moment to make a real difference.

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BITOU MUNICIPALITY (WC047)

NOTICE NUMBER: 168/2026

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 22(a) of the Local Government: Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) and Section 18 of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations 2008 respectively, that the Annual Budget 2026/2027, tariffs and IDP was approved during the Special Council meeting held on 29 May 2026.

Notice is also hereby given in terms of Section 25(4) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) that the 2026/2027 review of the IDP (2022 – 2027), was also adopted during the Special Council meeting held on 29 May 2026.

In terms of Section 21 and 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000), BITOU MUNICIPALITY hereby notifies the local community that the Council Resolution, and all other relevant documentation, may be inspected at the under-mentioned offices of the Municipality during normal office hours from 01 June 2026. The said documentation is also available on the website of the Municipality: www.bitou.gov.za, as well Main Offices: 4 Sewell Street, PLETTENBERG BAY, Tel: 044 501 3000 (Mr. Christopher Lungelo Mapeyi, Chief Financial Officer); IDP Offices: 58 Melville's Centre, PLETTENBERG BAY, Tel: 044 501 3364/3198 (Mr. Thembinkosi Henge, IDP Manager), Qolweni office, Green Valley office. Libraries: Town (Melville's Corner), Kwanokuthula, Green Valley, Kranshoek, Kurland, Central (New Horizons)

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 22(a) van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur wet, 2003 (Wet Nr. 56 van 2003) en Artikel 18 van die Munisipale Begrotings en Verslagdoening Regulasies van 2008, onderskeidelik, dat die 2026/2027 Jaarlikse Begroting, tariewe en die Hersiening GOP 2022 – 2027, goedgekeur is gedurende die Spesiale Raadsvergadering van 29 Mei 2026.

Kennis geskied ook hiermee ingevolge Artikel 25(4) van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels wet, 2000 (Wet Nr. 32 van 2000) dat die Hersiening van die 2022 – 2027 GOP ook goedgekeur is gedurende die Spesiale Raadsvergadering van 29 Mei 2026.

Ingevolge Artikel 21 en 21A van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels Wet, 2000 (Wet Nr. 32 van 2000), gee BITOU MUNISIPALITEIT hiermee kennis aan die plaaslike gemeenskap dat die Raadsbesluit, en alle tersaaklike dokumentasie beskikbaar is vir besigtiging in die ondervermelde kantore van die Munisipaliteit gedurende gewone kantoorure vanaf 01 Junie 2026. Die vermelde dokumentasie is ook beskikbaar op die webtuiste van die Munisipaliteit: www.bitou.gov.za

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Ngokwecandelo 22(a) lo Mthetho ka Masipala wezekhaya omalunga nokulawulwa kwezemali zakwa Masipala ka 2003 (uMthetho ongunombolo 56 ka 2003) neCandelo 18 lohlahlo lwabiwo-mali ne Mqathango yokunikwa kwengxelo ka 2008 ngokulandelelanayo, kwintlanganiso yeBhunga ebingomjhlaba we (29 May 2026),

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