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SCHOONGEZICHT. This prime, large elevated 1902m² vacant stand is ideally positioned on an east-facing slope in Plettenberg Bay's sought-after Schoongezicht Country Estate. **R2 350 000.00. Web Ref: 116937193**

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SCHOONGEZICHT. This prime, elevated vacant stand is not to be missed. 2080m² 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**

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If you've been anywhere near the courts at Plett Country Club, you've probably heard Riley Clark before you've seen him. At 17, Riley brings a mix of talent, energy, and unmistakable enthusiasm to every match he plays — the kind of presence that makes tennis fun to watch and impossible to ignore. Riley first picked up a racket at six years old, and from that moment, tennis became part of who he is. By ten, he had joined **The Olsen Tennis Academy**, where he found the coaching and competitive environment that helped turn his passion into real progress. Over the years, he's built a reputation not just for his ability, but for the spirit he brings to the court — loud, lively, and always fully committed. Here in Plett, Riley is a regular at the Country Club courts. He thrives on the social side of the sport just as much as the competitive side, and he especially loves being invited to the annual **Wimbledon Mixed Doubles Tournament** — an event that suits his personality perfectly: fun, competitive, and full of community. This year, Riley reached a milestone that reflects years of hard work and dedication: **he has been selected for the South African U19 Schools Tennis Team**. It's an incredible achievement for a young player from our small coastal town, and it opens the door to an exciting opportunity — travelling to the **United Kingdom** to compete internationally as part of the SA team. The experience will expose him to new opponents, new conditions, and a level of tennis that will help him grow even further. As with most international sporting tours, the costs are significant. Riley's family is working hard to make the trip possible, and the community's support — whether through sponsorship, donations, or simply spreading the word — will help him take this important step in his tennis journey. Riley is a vibrant, hardworking, and proudly Plett teenager who gives everything he has to the sport he loves. With the backing of the community that has watched him grow, he'll head to the UK not just as a member of the SA Schools Team, but as a spirited ambassador for the town that shaped him. Riley Clark, FNB, 6242 271 9867

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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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Snakes do not form relationships. Males and females will mate with various partners in a breeding season, so a clutch of eggs can have multiple fathers. Female snakes retain viable sperm for years which means that they can produce fertile eggs for a few seasons after one successful breeding season! Most snakes lay eggs (oviparous) with clutches of just 3 eggs and up to around 30 eggs depending on the species.

A few species might lay 2 to 3 clutches a year. These take 55 to 65 days or longer, to hatch. Skaapstekers (*Psammophylax rhombeatus*) are an exception because their eggs take only 6 weeks, and they are the only snakes in the Garden Route that protect their eggs during incubation. All of the other oviparous species find a nice safe place to lay their eggs and then leave. No snakes build nests in South Africa.

Some snakes give birth to live young (ovoviviparous) because the mother retains the eggs in her body for the period of incubation, without developing a proper shell, and upon hatching she births them.

Snakes in Bitou that are ovoviviparous include: slug-eaters (*Duberria lutrix*), mole snakes (*Pseudaspis cana*) and Puff adder (*Bitis arietans*). With slug eaters giving birth to as little as 4-16 young, mole snakes and puff adders 20 to 50 (or more!) young. Most of these don't make it to adulthood.

There is no parental care in any species and the baby snakes enter the world ready to take care of themselves.

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"Two Sisters — One Story": New Awareness Talk Highlights What Children Experience Inside Domestic Violence. A new awareness talk titled "Two Sisters — One Story" is set to bring an important and often overlooked perspective to the conversation around gender-based violence (GBV): the child's experience. Presented by sisters Victoria and Sarah through SHIELD GBV Response & Safeguarding Consultancy, the talk focuses on what children truly experience inside homes affected by domestic violence — not only the visible incidents, but the atmosphere, the fear, the silence, and the long-term impact that shapes their understanding of love, safety, and self-worth. While public conversations around GBV often focus on adult relationships, "Two Sisters" shifts the lens to the child who watches, listens, and learns from what happens behind closed doors. "Children may not always understand the words," Victoria explains, "but they understand the feeling. They feel tension. They feel fear. And those feelings shape their identity long before they have language for what is happening."

The awareness talk explores how repeated exposure to violence can normalise unhealthy patterns, sometimes carrying into adulthood. It addresses themes such as trauma bonding, the cycle of abuse, community silence, and the difficult realities surrounding leaving abusive environments. Importantly, the talk does not aim to blame or sensationalise. Instead, it encourages reflection and responsibility. The sisters share how children often attempt to become protectors in violent homes — stepping into adult roles far too early. They also highlight how communities sometimes see warning signs but remain

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silent out of fear, uncertainty, or the belief that domestic violence is a "private matter." "Silence protects perpetrators more than it protects victims," Sarah says. "Awareness creates choice. And choice creates change." Through storytelling combined with educational insight, "Two Sisters" encourages audiences to recognise that violence is not only physical. Emotional control, isolation, intimidation, and constant criticism can all create environments of fear — environments that children absorb deeply. The talk concludes with a powerful reminder: while the past cannot be changed, awareness gives communities the opportunity to respond differently for the next generation. SHIELD GBV Response & Safeguarding Consultancy offers awareness talks, workshops, and community education programmes aimed at strengthening early response and prevention.

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BITOU MUNICIPALITY (WC047) NOTICE NUMBER: NO: 53/2026

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A copy of the above-mentioned resolution and the Adjustment Budget is electronically available in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 for public scrutiny during normal office hours at the municipal offices and libraries within the Bitou Municipality region as well as on council's website at **www.bitou.gov.za**.

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