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### 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

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"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

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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.

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Every launch we make carries responsibility, and these crafts will be at the heart of that mission. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the donors and sponsors who made this possible. Your support directly strengthens our ability to serve the community and keep people safe on the water. Quite simply, we could not do what we do without you. These rescue vessels are not just boats, they are lifelines. Here's to many safe launches and successful missions ahead.

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Date: 20 May at 18H00

Election of executive Committee Members.  
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16 May - Shinel Crerar

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18 May - ♥ Jaco Grobler ♥;

Jason Whitehead

19 May - Milagros Murchio;

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give the the following info:

1. Your name and telephone number.
2. Your Position
3. Position of casualty.
4. Nature of casualty.

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## BITOU MUNICIPALITY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT NOTICE REGISTRATION ON AND UPDATE OF SUPPLIER DATABASE

NOTICE NO:

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In line with the **Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations 14(1)(ii)**, all municipalities must annually invite suppliers to register as accredited providers.

To streamline this process, National Treasury created the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

**Important:** Any business that wants to work with Bitou Municipality **must be registered on the CSD**

### KEY BENEFITS OF REGISTERING ON THE CSD

- Reduces paperwork and administrative burden
- Automatically checks compliance (e.g. tax status via South African Revenue Service and company details via Companies and Intellectual Property Commission)
- No need to submit supporting documents manually
- Each supplier receives a **unique CSD number (MAAA...)** for all tenders and orders
- Minimises duplication of compliance processes and costs

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENT** - Since **1 July 2016**, all suppliers doing business with municipalities **must be registered on the CSD**. Suppliers must ensure: Their **CSD registration details match their actual business activities**. Example: A catering company must be listed as catering **both on CSD and the Bitou system**.

### TYPES OF SERVICES ELIGIBLE

Suppliers can register for (but are not limited to):

**Hiring** - Transport, tents, chairs, sound systems, staging, screens

**Construction & Building maintenance** - Fencing, civil works, steel, roofing (Must be registered with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB Grade 1+)

**Repairs & Maintenance** - Plumbing, electrical, painting, carpentry, aircon repairs, roofing, grass cutting, tree felling, illegal dumping removal

**Event Management** - Catering, décor, beverages

**Logistics** - Supply and delivery of materials (stationery, pipes, cleaning supplies, etc.)

**Other Services**- Accommodation, travel, advertising, IT services

### ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE NOTE

Even though the CSD handles most verification: Municipalities may still require checks for Municipal accounts, Vehicle registration, Catering compliance certificates, Cidb verification etc..

The CSD registration platform is available on the National Treasury website at:

<https://secure.csd.gov.za/Home/HomePage>

#### Prospective providers may obtain registration information from the following office:

The Supply Chain Management Unit Bitou Municipality Shop  
59, 2nd Floor, Mellville's Corner, C/o Main & Marine Drive,  
Plettenberg Bay, 6600 <http://www.bitou.gov.za/procurement>

#### Enquiries may be directed to:

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