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UnCommon Sense

By Rose Scott

Starting Over is Part of the Syllabus

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off. Sit in the rawness. Take a breath. Honour what was. And then—one choice, one step, one morning at a time—begin again. You are not behind. You are not broken. You are becoming. This isn't a detour. This *is* the curriculum. It's the part that teaches resilience, self-compassion, and how to rise with your heart intact. The part that proves you are stronger than the chapters you've had to close. And when you come through it—and you will—you'll know something others don't. You'll know what it means to begin again, not as someone lost, but as someone found.

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Letter via the Editor

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The tournament aims to:

- Promote men's netball and challenge societal norms
- Provide opportunities for male netball players to demonstrate their talent
- Foster a sense of community and sportsmanship among participants

We are reaching out to your esteemed organization to request sponsorship support in the amount of R15,000.00. We are not asking for the full R15,000.00 but any amount that would help us reach that



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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.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DOLPHIN

1) Check for any obvious injuries. 2) Report to the local marine stranding organization and provide a detailed report of condition and location. 3) Unless advised by the stranding organization, do not attempt to return the dolphin to the ocean. Keep it cool by placing wet towels over it and wetting the towels about every 10 minutes. 4) Reduce any stress from dogs and crowds.

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MEMBERS and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PLETT TOURISM AND INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE AGM ON **3 SEPTEMBER, 10h30 - 13h00** AT THE BEACON ISLE RESORT LAGOON ROOM

AGENDA

1. Welcome (Bruce Richardson)
 2. Attendance Register and Proxies
 3. Apologies
 4. Quorum
 5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes / Video
 6. Matters Arising
 7. Presentation and adoption of Plett Tourism's Annual Report (Patty Butterworth)
 8. Presentation and approval of Annual Accounts (Patty Butterworth)
 9. Election of New Board Members
 10. Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Bitou Municipality Details
 11. Any Other Business (Bruce Richardson)
 12. Date of Next Meeting
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PROXY

In the event that any voting member of the Association in good standing is unable to attend, should you so wish, please fill in the proxy form below appointing another voting member of the Association in good standing to exercise your vote on your behalf and forward same to the Chairperson, Bruce Richardson on bruce@pletttourism.com.

Please RSVP to the Plett Tourism office on 044 533 4065 or email porche@pletttourism.com





Mr. Victor Felton
Acting Municipal Manager

Tel – 044 501 3000

Bitou Local Municipality

Private Bag X1002

PLETTENBERG BAY, 6600

Municipal Notice No: 279/2025

NOTICE:
2022-2027 INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) –
2025/26 IDP ANNUAL REVIEW, BUDGET AND PMS TIME
SCHEDULE

BITOU MUNICIPALITY (WC047)
NOTICE NUMBER: 279/2025

Notice: Is hereby given in terms of Section 28(3) of the Municipal Systems Act (Act No. 32 of 2000) prescribes that the Municipality must inform communities about the particulars of the process it intends to follow in drafting the Integrated Development Plan.

On Monday, 25/08/2025, Council adopted the 2025/2026 IDP Process Plan and Budget Time Schedule. The council resolution gives effect to sections 28, 34 of the Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2002, and section 21 (b) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003

Copies of the IDP Process Plan and IDP/Budget/PMS Time Schedule will be published on the Bitou Municipality's website, which can be accessed on the municipal website. www.bitou.gov.za

For more information, please contact the IDP office at 044 501 3364/3198 or send an e-mail to thenge@plett.gov.za / tnqolo@plett.gov.za

Mr. Victor Felton
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
Bitou Local Municipality

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS: PLETTENBERG BAY ERF 352

APPLICANT: MARIKE VREKEN TOWN PLANNERS CC
info@vreken.co.za / 044 382 0420

OWNER: LYNNWOOD CORNER PROPRIETARY LIMITED

The Municipality in accordance with Section 45(3) has instructed the applicant to attend to the publication of the land development application received in terms of Section 15(2) of the Bitou Municipality's Land Use Planning Bylaw.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 45 of the Bitou Municipality's Land Use Planning By-Law 2015, that Marike Vreken Town Planners CC has submitted a land development application to Bitou Municipality for the following:

1. The Removal of Restrictive Title Deed Condition C(a) and Condition D(a) from Title Deed No T27888/2025 in terms of Section 15(2)(f) of the Bitou By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2015) to allow the construction of the proposed dwelling house with a flat / mono-pitched roof.

A copy of the application is available for viewing on the municipal website. Enquiries may be directed to the Town Planning Department at (044) 501-3303/ 3470/ 3317 or townplanning@plett.gov.za.

Any written comments may be addressed in terms of Section 50 of the said legislation to townplanning@plett.gov.za and/or Municipal Manager, Bitou Municipality, Private Bag X1002, Plettenberg Bay, 6600 and/or fax number 086-457-3270 and/or be hand-delivered at the Municipal Offices on or before **Monday 29 September 2025**, quoting your, name, address or contact details, interest in the application and reasons for comments. The Municipality may refuse to accept comments received after the closing date. Any person who cannot write will be assisted by a municipal official by transcribing their comments.

The personal information of anyone who submits a comment / objection might be made available to the applicant/ owner or other party involved with the application and will be stored as public record.

VOORGESTELDE VERWYDERING VAN BEPERKENDE TITEL AKTE VOORWAARDES VAN PLETTENBERGBAAI ERF 352

AANSOEKER: MARIKE VREKEN STADSBEPLANNERS BK
info@vrekco.za / 044 382 0420

EIENAAR: LYNNWOOD CORNER PROPRIETARY LIMITED

Die Munisipaliteit het ingevolge Artikel 45(3) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning die aansoeker opdrag gegee om toe te sien tot die publikasie van die bogenoemde grondontwikkelingsaansoek ingevolge Artikel 15(2) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning.

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 45 van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning, (2015) dat Marike Vreken Stadsbeplanners (BK) die volgende grondontwikkelingsaansoek ingedien het by Bitou Munisipaliteit:

1. Die verwydering van beperkende titel akte voorwaardes C(a) en D(a) van die Titel Akte Nr. T27888/2025 ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(f) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning (2015) om vir die konstruksie van die voorgestelde woonhuis met 'n plat / enkel hellende dak toe te laat.

'n Afskrif van die aansoek is beskikbaar vir besigtiging op die Munisipale webwerf. Navrae kan gerig word aan die Stadsbeplanningsdepartement by (044) 501-3303/ 3470/ 3317 of na townplanning@plett.gov.za.

Enige skriftelike kommentaar ingevolge Artikel 50 van die genoemde wetgewing kan gerig word aan townplanning@plett.gov.za en / of aan die Munisipale Bestuurder, Bitou Munisipaliteit, Privaatsak X1002, Plettenbergbaai, 6600 en / of faksnommer 086-457-3270 en / of afgelewer word by die Munisipale Kantore voor of op **Maandag 29 September 2025**, met verwysing van u naam, adres of kontakbesonderhede, belangstelling in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar. Die munisipaliteit mag weier om kommentaar wat na die sluitingsdatum ontvang is, te aanvaar. Persone wat nie kan skryf nie, sal deur 'n munisipale amptenaar bygestaan word deur die kommentaar af te skryf.

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VOORGESTELDE VERWYDERING VAN BEPERKENDE TITEL AKTE VOORWAARDES & PERMANENTE AFWYKING VAN KEURBOOMSTRAND ERF 117

AANSOEKER: MARIKE VREKEN STADSBEPLANNERS BK
info@vrekco.co.za / 044 382 0420

EIENAAR: CHARTER CENTER BK

Die Munisipaliteit het ingevolge Artikel 45(3) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning die aansoeker opdrag gegee om toe te sien tot die publikasie van die bogenoemde grondontwikkelaarsaansoek ingevolge Artikel 15(2) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning.

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 45 van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning, (2015) dat Marike Vreken Stadsbeplanners (BK) die volgende grondontwikkelaarsaansoek ingedien het by Bitou Munisipaliteit:

1. 'n Permanente afwyking, ingevolge Artikel 15(b) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning (2015) van die volgende voorgeskrewe bou lyn:
 - a. Westelike sy bou lyn van 2m tot 1.278m om die bestaande hout dek toe te laat;
 - b. Oostelike sy bou lyn van 2m tot 0m om die nuwe hout dek toe te laat;
 - c. Westelike sy bou lyn van 2m tot 1.722m om die nuwe voorgestelde aanbouing op die eerste verdieping toe te laat;
 - d. Suidelike straat bou lyn van 4m tot 2.82m om die nuwe voorgestelde motorhuis uitbreiding toe te laat; en
 - e. Westelike sy boulyn van 2m tot 0m om die bestaande hysbak relings toe te laat.
2. Die verwydering van beperkende titel akte voorwaardes B(2) en B(1) van die Titel Akte Nr. T7058475/10 ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(f) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning (2015) om die bestaande woonhuis binne die titelakte-boulyne van die eiendom toe te laat, asook die motorhuis op die eiendom.

'n Afskrif van die aansoek is beskikbaar vir besigtiging op die Munisipale webwerf. Navrae kan gerig word aan die Stadsbeplanningsdepartement by (044) 501-3303/ 3470/ 3317 of na townplanning@plett.gov.za.

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PROPOSED REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS & PERMANENT DEPARTURE: KEURBOOMSTRAND ERF 117

APPLICANT: **MARIKE VREKEN TOWN PLANNERS CC**
info@vreken.co.za / 044 382 0420

OWNER: **CHARTER CENTER BK**

The Municipality in accordance with Section 45(3) has instructed the applicant to attend to the publication of the land development application received in terms of Section 15(2) of the Bitou Municipality's Land Use Planning Bylaw.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 45 of the Bitou Municipality's Land Use Planning By-Law 2015, that Marike Vreken Town Planners CC has submitted a land development application to Bitou Municipality for the following:

1. A permanent departure in terms of Section 15(2)(b) of the Bitou By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2015), on Keurboomstrand Erf 117 for the relaxation of the following building lines:
 - a. western lateral building line from 2m to 1.278m to allow the Existing timber deck.
 - b. eastern lateral building line from 2m to 0m to allow the new timber deck.
 - c. western lateral building line from 2m to 1.722m to allow the Proposed new addition on the first floor.
 - d. southern street building line from 4m to 2.82m to allow the Proposed garage extension.
 - e. western lateral building line from 2m to 0m to allow the existing lift rails.
2. The Removal of Restrictive Title Deed Conditions B(2) and B(1) from Title Deed No T7058475/10 in terms of Section 15(2)(f) of the Bitou By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2015) to allow the as built dwelling house within the title deed building lines of the property, and the garage on the property:

A copy of the application is available for viewing on the municipal website. Enquiries may be directed to the Town Planning Department at (044) 501-3303/ 3470/ 3317 or townplanning@plett.gov.za.

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