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In the meantime, what does the Word say about dealing with these stressful situations? It is difficult to handle these situations by pushing back against them. Often this causes more stress. God requires, as a scriptural principle that we all need to adopt, to be at rest in HIM. Psalm 46 speaks of God as the refuge of His people and Conqueror of the Nations. Verse 10 "Be still and know that I am God." Most of the time, we meet God in the quietness of our own hearts.

As Peter, we are meant to cast our stress burdens upon Him – 1 Peter 5:7 "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you". We must not let our stress become distress. The Lord wants us to know Him believing in His sovereignty and His knowing and wanting the best for us in life. We need to take the time to step aside and hear what God is saying to each of us in those stressful situations. He is there wanting to show us the way forward. He wants His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. He

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A TURTLE.

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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UnCommon Sense

By Rose Scott

The Grab-and-Go File: Love in a Folder Let's talk about something wildly unsexy but deeply loving: paperwork. Yes, I said it. Paperwork. Documents. The stuff we usually shove into drawers, file under "later," or leave scattered between our inbox, handbag, and hopes that nothing ever goes wrong. But here's the truth: one of the kindest, smartest, most compassionate things you can do for yourself and the people you love is to have your important documents gathered, updated, and stored in one safe, central spot. Not because we're pessimistic. Because we're "practical". Life happens. And sometimes it happens fast. What if you need to evacuate due to a fire or flood? What if you land up in hospital and someone has to step in to help make decisions? What if you simply forget your ID number at Home Affairs (we've all been there)? Having a "Grab-and-Go" file isn't about being fearful—it's about being "ready". It's not a will and doom folder. It's a "love folder". A peace-of-mind package. Start with the basics: certified copies of your ID, passport, driver's license, medical aid card, and proof of address. Add your will (signed, witnessed, and current), your power of attorney documents, medical directives, and organ donation preferences, if you've made them. Include policies—life cover, funeral, hospital, and disability. Make sure someone close to you knows where the originals are, too. Now go further: birth

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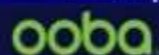
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Municipal Notice No: 288/2025

FIRST ADJUSTMENT BUDGET 2025/2026

BITOU MUNICIPALITY (WC047) NOTICE NUMBER: NO: 288/2025

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting held on the 25th of August 2025, the Council of Bitou Municipality passed a resolution in respect of the adoption of an Adjustment Budget on the 2025/2026 budget, compiled in terms of section 28 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003.

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.

Enquiries may be directed to Budget Office at 044-501-3315.

Persons who cannot read or write, may contact Mr. C.Payle during normal office hours at the Municipal Offices situated at Melville's Centre, Shop 67, for assistance as regards the contents of the above-mentioned document

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
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VOORGESTELDE VERWYDERING VAN BEPERKENDE TITEL AKTE VOORWAARDES VAN PLETTENBERGBAAI ERF 444

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

EIENAAR: K.A. BAIN

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. Die verwydering van beperkende titel akte voorwaarde D(5)(b) van die Titel Akte Nr. T21452/2025 ingevolge Artikel 15(2)(f) van die Bitou Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning (2015) om die konstruksie van die voorgestelde tweede wooneenheid bokant die motorhuis 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 06 Oktober 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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PROPOSED REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS PLETTENBERG BAY ERF 444

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

OWNER: K.A. BAIN

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 D(5)(b) from Title Deed No T21452/2025 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 second dwelling house above of the garage.

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 06 October 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.

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