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Every Missing Child Has a Name, A Family and A Story By Victoria Rowe | Child Safeguarding Awareness A missing child is never just a number. Behind every missing persons report is a family waiting for answers, a community hoping for a safe return, and a child whose safety matters. Recent reports highlighting missing children in the Western Cape have once again placed child protection at the centre of public discussion. While many children are located safely, families whose children remain missing continue to live with uncertainty and unanswered questions. Child safeguarding cannot begin only after a child disappears. It begins with prevention. It begins with adults knowing who has access to children. It begins with listening when children express concerns. It begins with teaching children about personal safety, online risks and trusted adults. Modern child protection also requires awareness of digital dangers. Online platforms can expose children to risks such as grooming, manipulation and exploitation. Communities, schools, families, organisations and authorities all have a role

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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

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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.

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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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Friday night was marked by a lack of sleep. We visited a 3x3 home with two adults and four children, led by a young woman who had lost her mother. The household's living conditions were extremely challenging, with no kitchen, forcing them to cook outside in the rain or sunshine, a truly shocking sight in Plettenberg Bay. Two mothers from the community reached out for help on behalf of the children. Gerrie Van Der Walt was informed, and we took immediate action, providing essential items such as 2.5 roof sheets, four scaffolding planks for a cooking area, beds, mattresses, pots, and pans, a couch, and more. We also responded to a fire that destroyed eight shacks in KwaNokuthula, one of which had two young children. We provided one of our bunk beds, a set of Coricraft couches, and more. We appreciate the exceptional efforts of Shelter Volunteers Hein and Sib. Other team members spent time with the Queen of Keep Plett Clean, who showed her appreciation for their hard work. We thank Plettenberg Bay for supporting the Dignity Hub based at Native Roots Shelter. Gerrie and the team are working tirelessly to make a meaningful impact on as many lives as possible. We also welcome Japan Jameson back from Groote Schuur Hospital, who is now assisting with pickups.



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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. For more information or to apply, contact FAMSA at training-knysna@famsa.org.za or visit our website: <https://famsaknysna-plett.org.za/>. Karin du Plessis Director

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July. A toddler is sadly
deceased after reportedly falling
into a storm water pond:



At 17h16, Friday, 17 July, NSRI
Plettenberg Bay duty crew and emergency
services were activated following an urgent
request for assistance from Plettenberg
Bay's First Responders who were on the
scene with Police at New Horizons where a
3 year old local male toddler was missing in
the vicinity of a storm water reservoir.
First Responders (Plettenberg Bay's
volunteer community emergency medical
services) and the SA Police Service had
responded following reports of a toddler
who had gone missing while playing with
friends at an area by New Horizons,
Plettenberg Bay, bordering on the N2
National road. On arrival on the scene,
during a search and investigations, children,
friends of the toddler, indicated that he had
gone missing after falling into a pond of
water at a storm water reservoir. While First
Responders and Police commenced a
search in and around the water, assisted by
community members and assisted by the
toddlers family, NSRI Plettenberg Bay
dispatched rescue swimmers and the NSRI
rescue vehicle responded (accompanied by
SAWDN - SA Whale Disentanglement
Network long poles - to be used to drag
search the bottom of the pond). Plettenberg
Bay Fire and Rescue Services, WC
Government Health EMS ambulance and
rescue squad, Bitou Law Enforcement,
Bitou Traffic Services and Bitou Municipality
authorities responded. Water extrication
pumps were deployed by rescue and
municipal teams to drain the pond where
the body of the child was located, sadly
deceased. The body of the child was
recovered in cooperation with Police and
Government Health Forensic Services.
The body of the child has been taken into
the care of Police and Government Health
Forensic Pathology Services. Police have
opened an Inquest docket. Condolences
are conveyed to the family of the deceased
child. The family, and those affected by this
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