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SCHOONGEZICHT. Priced to sell. Incredible opportunity to own a family home in sought after gated country estate. 4 bedrooms (all en-suite), 4.5 bathrooms, Linen cupboard; Open plan living/dining/kitchen; Laundry/scullery; Internal courtyard with pool; Compact garden; Double garage. R2 980 000 .00. Web-ref: 3898719

LOWER ROBBERG. Charming double storey, face brick home with views of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. 5 Bedrooms (2 en-suite); 3 Bathrooms; Open plan kitchen/ dining/lounge; partially covered patio; single garage; office. R 2 895 000.00. Web-Ref: 4024473

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LOWER CENTRAL. Duplex Apartment located on the edge of town centre, in walking distance of restaurants and the beach. Open plan dining/living areas; Kitchen; 3 Bedrooms (m.e.s); 2 Bathrooms; Covered parking bay; Covered and open patio. R1 850 000.00. Web-Ref: 3786836

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Wow, this is the fist time since my parents started The What's New in Plett in 1983 that we are closed.

We are trying our best to keep our beautiful community updated, but with the growing numbers of Covid 19 in S.A, it's not easy (follow our Hello Plett Group on FB)

I feel that while we cannot support our advertisers during this time, it's a nice reminder of "What we do and where to find us" while we are in lockdown and hopefully we can support each other when lockdown is lifted.

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Water scarcity is the next big challenge World Water Day – 22 March 2020
23 March 2020 - There is another crisis looming: that of water scarcity. On 22 March every year the South African government adopts World Water Day as a time to underline the importance of water. "After a very somber week, government and the private sector need to address the challenges ahead due to water scarcity," says Mannie Jnr. Ramos, COO of Abeco, the world's first 'bank' for water and leader in hygienic water storage solutions in Africa for over 35 years

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"Water scarcity is the next big threat we face in the coming months as the Coronavirus pandemic spreads, particularly in our country where there is a wide gap between 'first' and 'third' worlds. Not having access to water to frequently wash hands, could mean the difference between life or death for some."

Ramos does not welcome calling attention to this fact while our country is facing concerns around safety and their livelihoods, due to Covid-19.

"This issue has to be voiced," he says,
"there is a very real threat to those living in
areas where water is not accessible. In
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crisis planning, sooner rather than later." According to the 2018 General Household Survey from Statistics South Africa, while there were improvements to the supply of tap water inside dwellings in regions like Western Cape and Gauteng and the Western Cape, less than half of South Africans have access to piped water in their houses. Nearly 50% of others rely on communal sources, such as community or

sources, such as community or neighbours' taps or rivers.

He believes there are signs that water scarcity is increasing, citing recent news reports about water shortages in the Eastern Cape, a KZN water shutdown, water-shedding in Polokwane, water riots in the Free State, as well as water cuts in Tshwane, Mpumalanga and more

"A week-long riot happened in QwaQwa in February 2020 due to chronic water shortages in the Free State region," he points out.

Farmers in the Norther Cape are suffering as their rain-fed agricultural livelihood is threatened.

"We can't keep blaming weather uncertainty, drought or climate change for the water situation we are facing as a country, we must all take responsibility," Ramos firmly believes.

"Rainfall in SA has always been unpredictable and variable," comments Ramos, "we must build infrastructure with enough capacity to cope with regular dry periods. We are not implementing the right water strategies to increase supply and curb demand, which is very concerning to me."

Which brings us to the current crisis facing the entire nation. Ramos says the

private and public sector need to work together to address this risk and come up with solutions that will assist with water conservation and water access.

"We have to stand together; water scarcity and Coronavirus strategies need to be developed in conjunction with each other right now."

Data shows that South Africans consume about 237 litres of water per person per day, if this increased even by a marginal percentage, the impact on water resources has to be planned for

has to be planned for. South Africans' water usage per person is already well above the world average of 173 litres per day.

"We need to get smarter with our water resources," emphasises Ramos. "New solutions need to be put in place or the gap between demand for water, and the supply thereof, will continue to widen." For more information

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International guests are continuing travel through the Garden Rout including Plettenberg Bay as one of their destinations. It is a matter of public record that the highly contagious coronavirus is already in South Africa and as the local tourism association we feel duty bound to tackle the potential threat with dedication and purpose so as the contribute towards minimizing the potential impact on our town and vital tourism industry.

As of Monday, 16 March 2020, no one has tested positive for COVID-19 in our area, but we must reasonably anticipate that the virus may already be circulating throughout the region. Health officials are testing people daily, in high traffic areas.

Plett Tourism is working within government protocols and encourage all individuals to diligently follow the necessary procedures to avoid infection.

We need to state from the outset that this is a MEDICAL matter and therefore all plans and actions are based on recommendation already in existence from the Department of Health and/or the National Institute for Communicable Disease (NICD). At this stage, there is no reason to be alarmed.

The tourism industry is likely to be the primary industry in Plett to be hit the hardest with inevitable knock on consequences for all other industries. We at Plett Tourism will be implementing a campaign that will help mitigate the impact on our own area which, it is hoped, will spread to other centers and assist in mitigating the impact on the country as a whole. Plett Tourism will be engaging with local tourism service providers to assist with these endeavors.

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Letter via the Editor

Hi all, I have deliberately been off posting on Face-book for a while .

There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, what I know about this actual virus is dangerous. I am a layman in this regard. Do I know what the dangers of this virus and the spread, very much so. Am I aware of the affect on my family, very much so. Secondly, the hysteria that is associated with this virus is unbelievable. Abled and abetted by many.

Mention the words, Mask and or Glove and we get flooded by keyboard warriors who express their opinions, over and over. Thirdly, the amount of fake, and sometimes deliberately so postings, with two things in mind, misleading the community and attempting to divide the community. The nastiness and ugliness is unbelievable. At the end of the day, when all this is behind us, we will have to face our neighbors again. Hopefully we have not

neighbors again. Hopefully we have not done so much damage that the good neighborliness of our community's is not damaged for ever.

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We sometimes forget that Bitou is greater than the town itself and includes all areas. To rebuild our town's economy, we will need those self same holiday home owners and holiday makers that we have been so scathing about, to come back. After all, we know without them we will not have an economy worth much.

Yes we should be afraid of the consequences of this virus, but to create the levels of panic? This in itself is causing health issues.

I would ask that that the administrators of our Plett pages exercise their prerogative to keep our pages clear of this nonsense. Keep us properly informed of fact. If this means vetting posts beforehand, so be it.

I have chosen to only follow the posts of Anton Muller. Anton has a good understanding of fact versus fiction, as well as having a great understanding of the consequences of this virus, both on a humanity level and that of an economical level.

Let's choose our words carefully, our actions even more carefully.

One thing I do know, South Africa has been through a lot and has proven itself to be very resilient.

We will get through this and come out stronger on the other side. We need to respect each other in this process.

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1. Optimism: This is going to be great. I can finally get to all the side-projects I've been wanting to work on, or improve a certain skill, pick up that hobby.

certain skill, pick up that hobby.

2. Determination: When you can feel that you're less positive about self-isolation, but you're determined to keep going and stick to your routine and have a schedule to help you manage the situation.

3. Satisfaction and frustration: You'll experience times when you're more productive, and times that you're less productive, and alternate between moments of satisfaction and periods of frustration.

and periods of frustration.

4. Depression: When you start struggling and feeling, "this is hard". Boredom might settle in. Your routine or lack of routine might not be working for you anymore. You might experience restlessness that makes it difficult to concentrate. You miss going out and seeing friends and loved ones. You might feel demotivated, hopeless, or feel a sense of despair.

5. Anger: You might experience anger about the situation, the confinement, and get easily irritated by others in your house-

hold.

 Acceptance: When you accept the situation for what it is and carry on doing whatever is in your control and letting go of what is not in your control.

7. Making meaning: Remembering that this move to self-isolate is necessary and that you're serving humanity and the greater good to help prevent more sickness and death."

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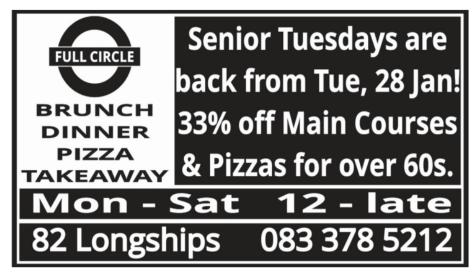
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KWANO LAUNCHES A MUCH-NEEDED CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The community of Kwanokuthula (Kwano), a formalized area in Plettenberg Bay and within the Bitou Municipality, launched a much-needed community inspired crime prevention unit on the 5th of May at Kwanokuthula Community Hall.

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The unit includes representation from taxi operators, local business people, members of the clergy and concerned residents generally, all sharing a common vision of abolishing crime in Kwano. The unit comes after Kwano has seen a rise in what Kwano Crime Prevention has identified as the challenges facing their area right now, including housebreaking, drugs, poor street lights, staggering rape cases and lack of police officers. They have partnered with a number of community based organizations who were also in attendance at the launch. they include among others Green Hearts, Youth Community Changers, New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch, Bitou Law Enforcement and Community Policing Forums. One upset was the absence of the South African Police Service.

The main speaker for the night was regional head of the Correctional Services Department, Mrs Booi, who spoke on the importance of collaboration among key stakeholders in fighting crime in our communities.

The organiser of the Kwano Crime Prevention unit, Mr Sindile Mdlalani, told us that without the support of local businesses in Kwano, the launch would have never happened, he also expressed their gratitude to the local Clicks shop at Melville's corner for their contribution. As a tourism town, crime is one of our biggest challenges we need to nip so that Plett remains a preferred tourist destination for our visitors. It is the responsibility of all of us to belong to a neighbourhood watch, police forum or unit in our respective areas, in order to make sure that we all play a role in keeping Plett safe.

Kwano Crime Prevention is led by Chairperson Siphelele Matshotyana and he can be reached at 083 350 5346. By Plett Tourism Correspondent, Wandisile Sebezo

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Meekness concerns itself with the Glory of God. It does not ask for special privileges or resort to self-pity.

Meekness is not provoked by
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2020 Knysna Motor Show scheduled for May 3 is cancelled due to COVID-19
Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the 2020 Knysna Motor Show, scheduled for May 3, has been cancelled. The organisers confirm that there will be no Knysna Motor Show this year, due to the lockdown imposed by the government on March 15.
Chief organiser Peter Pretorius, on behalf of the organising club, the Garden Route Motor Cub, has issued the following statement:

"It is with much regret and sadness that we herewith advise that the Knysna motor show (KMS) planned for May 3 has been cancelled. The influencing factors in arriving at this decision are the banning of gatherings of more than 100 people, as outlined by the President, and the withdrawal of sponsors from the event . "Through consultations , uncertainty about the future , the health risk for elderly people and the restrictions imposed in the president's emergency announcement last night, we have also decided that unfortunately no Knysna motor show will take place at a later stage in 2020 either . In the greater scheme of things the Knysna motor show is sacrificial, and from today we are entering a period of unprecedented uncertainty in this modern world that we live in.

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Matthew 11:30 [MKJV] "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

I'm not afraid to admit that, even as a Christian, I sometimes carry a burden that presses heavily on me as I struggle to deal with the cares of this life and the heartaches we often experience.

In these troubled days of testing with the threat of Covid-19 infection looming over virtually every person on the planet, this is a feeling that probably many or even most of us have to deal with and experience from time to time.

However, in spite of this, isn't it wonderful to know that in the midst of such periods of utter confusion and uncertainty we know, with absolute certainty, that God is still on the throne and in control of everything and that He is always there for us.

David, the Psalm writer, knew all about troubles, probably more than anyone of us and experienced many of them not only as the king of Israel, but also as a family man, and he writes: "Give your worries to the LORD, and He will care for you. He will

never let those who are good be defeated." [Psa. 55:22 ERV] At another time - in the midst of serious affliction - he writes these comforting words: "Praise the Lord! Every day He helps us with the loads we must carry; He is the God who saves us."

[Psa. 68:19 ERV]

We must, however, understand that these promises are reserved only for those who have realized their total need of God and know that, in their own strength, they won't be able to deal with all the adversities that life constantly throws at us.

Only when one has come to a place of complete surrender to Christ, can one call upon Him as one's "Shepherd" and appropriate the well-known

promises contained in David's 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd - I shall not weet."

In writing this week's Thought I was reminded of an old familiar Gospel song "He touched me", recorded by Bill and Gloria Gaither in 1964; the first lines read as follows:

"Shackled by a heavy burden - neath a load of guilt and shame; then the hand of Jesus touched me and now I am no longer the same. He touched me, oh, He touched me and oh the joy that floods my soul; something happened and now I know: He

touched me and made me whole!" Right now, as we are facing a very uncertain future let us bring our burdens to the Lord and ask Him to carry them for us, keeping in mind all the time that no matter what lies ahead, we as believers in Christ are in a "Win-Win" situation knowing that if we shall live we are with Him [I'll never leave you, nor forsake you!] but should we die we will also be with Him. Henk.

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