Welcome to the

# NATURES VALLEY

CONSERVANCY / ULONDOLOZO / BEWAREA

## GREEN LIVING GUIDELINES

**SEWERAGE:** Overflowing conservancy tanks and old, over utilized septic tanks contribute to the pollution of ground water and the lagoon. **Please empty your tanks timeously and have your septic tank assessed.**

**FIREWORKS** are strictly prohibited in the valley or national park.

**FEEDING WILDLIFE:** Feeding wildlife does more harm than good. It's unhealthy, spreads disease and habituation causes wildlife/human conflict. **Plant indigenous species that attract birds and butterflies and allow wildlife access to your garden.**

**INDIGENOUS GARDENS:** Invasive alien plants can become a significant threat to an area; displacing indigenous vegetation, creating a fire hazard and using excessive amounts of water. **Remove all invasive aliens and plant indigenous, wildlife-attracting gardens that don't need to be fenced.**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:** Bins that are not "baboon-proof" attract scavenging wildlife that suffer serious health consequences, and once habituated can become aggressive and dangerous. **Baboon proof your bin (the Conservancy/NVRA will assist you). Get 2 bins if one is not sufficient. Use the waste transfer recycling facilities and for refuse that does not fit in your bin.**

**COMPOST GREEN WASTE OR HAVE IT REMOVED.**

**FRIENDLY FENCING:** To allow for the free movement of wildlife through the valley reduce fencing to a minimum. **Enclose pets and prized plants in only a section of your garden, use removable e-fencing and leave your gates open when you are not using your home.**




**THE LAGOON:** The Groot River lagoon is one of the few pristine estuaries in the country. It is an extremely sensitive system and a critical breeding ground for many fish and bird species. **Fisherman, please adopt Catch-and-Release. Homeowners please do not let your conservancy tanks overflow and pollute the lagoon. Respect the areas set aside for breeding birds.**

**HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT:** Please use eco-friendly, biodegradable home-care, pest and insect control products. For rodents, use only products like Racumin which do not cause the secondary poisoning of birds and mammals.

**LIGHT POLLUTION:** Artificial light disrupts nocturnal species' breeding, foraging and migrating behaviours. **Follow the conservancies' 6 lighting design principles to create wildlife-friendly lighting.**

**RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP:** Beach regulations accommodate dogs by zoning the beach to ensure the least impact on breeding birds. By law, dogs must be kept in fenced or partially fenced properties, and on leads in the village. Dogs are strictly prohibited from any area of the National Park. Doggie bags are provided at beach and park entrances. **Dog owners please promote a culture of responsible dog ownership by engaging with fellow dog lovers.**

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Scan for more information.

Key contacts overleaf.

# Contacts for the Nature's Valley Conservancy

Conservancy Manager: Giorgio Lombardi - 072 205 8740 - Email - Giorgio.Lombardi@nvt.org.za

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Bitou Law Enforcement**
044 533 5000 after hours 086 1248686 for bylaw transgressions such as alcohol on the beach, illegal camping, fires on the beach, dogs off leads.

**Police - Plettenberg Bay**
044 501 1900

**Police 24-hour crime reporting call centre**
Landline - 10111
Cell phone - 112

**ADT Vehicle in the Valley**
083 290 9085

**NSRI Sea Rescue**
082 990 5975

**Metro Ambulance**
10177 or Cel 112

**MediClinic Private Hospital**
044 501 5100

**Bitou Fire Department**
044 533 5000

**ER24 Private medical**
084 124
**NETCARE Private medical emergency**
082 911

**VET Robberg Vet Clinic**
044 533 0124 or 076 909 2577

For more info on snakebites see www.snakebiteinstitute.com

**NV Security Group WhatsApp** – for security alerts and info. Ask Annamarie Kovacik - 044 531 6699 to add you

## MUNICIPAL ISSUES

**Natures Valley Ratepayers Association (NVRA)**
044 531 6699
Email: office@nvra.co.za
Website: https://nvra.co.za

**Special Rating Area (SRA)**
**044 531 6699**
Email: office@nvsra.co.za
Website: https://nvsra.co.za

**Bitou Municipality – General Enquiries**
044 501 3000

**Natures Valley Municipal Superintendent**
Marco Barnardo
071 299 2458
044 532 6757
Email: mbarnardo@plett.gov.za

**Sewage (Honey sucker)**
1/ Pay:
Bitou Municipality
Standard Bank- Plettenberg Bay
Account number: search for Bitou Municipality, under business directory.
Add REF: 20200629985030 + ERF number.

2/ Send proof of payment to Customer Care: CustomerCare@plett.gov.za
They will then dispatch the honeysucker.

**Valley Bulletin Board WhatsApp –** for official Bitou/NVRA announcements and info. Ask Annamarie Kovacik - 044 531 6699 - to add you

**Valley Chat WhatsApp** – a social community forum for everyone and anything Ask Lynn Oberholzer - 072 194 9579 to add you

## CONSERVATION ISSUES

**Natures Valley Tsitsikamma (NVT) -** for all conservation related enquiries
Office 044 531 6820
Email: info@nvt.org.za
Website: https://nvt.org.za

**SANParks 24/7 Duty Ranger –** to report issues in the national park, such as poaching, injured animals, illegal fireworks, boats at Salt River Mouth etc
072 917 4474

**Fires -** 044 533 5000

**Marine Stranding Network -** to report any injured marine animal or bird
079 464 4837

**Tenikwa –** to report injured animals and birds
044 534 8170 / 082 486 1515

**Dogs off leads -** Report to Bitou Law Enforcement
044 501 5000 and post on Valley Chat

**Snake Removals –** call Tiago on 074 120 9416

**Fishing permits –** from the Crags post office or apply online:
www.fishing.dffe.gov.za

**NVT Connect WhatsApp –** for Urban Conservancy and NVT news and info – Ask Lauren - 082 572 0948 - to add you

**Baboon Monitors Natures Valley**
066 516 0161
Baboon Alert WhatsApp – for information as to baboon whereabouts and to report baboon sightings.
Ask Lauren - 082 572 0948 – to add you



Scan QR code for more information.