

Steve Ritky (30 Sept. 1964)

Residence: 2 Bitou Glade, Co-owner with my wife Tanya since 2021.

Qualification: B.Arch (Wits) 1991. Contracted to various Architectural practices, 99% of work done on large corporate and commercial projects – O.R.Thambo Airport, SAPPI, Nedbank etc.

Since moving to Plett (2011)... Farmed on Airport Road with Honeybush, Bamboo, Rose Geranium & Paulownia Trees.

Community service:

Set up "Airport Rd Support Group" (2012) Response & communication network. Brought crime in the area (Robberg quarry thru to the school near N2) from at least 1 SAPS case opened a day, down to what is now a monthly average of 2 incidents of petty theft. In the Chair till 2022.

Actively involved with getting the tar onto the Airport Rd, the Municipal building amnesty to regularize illegal structures on farms and various other projects.

Crew member (2015) for Plett South Fire Management Unit (Brackenridge falls under PSFMU area) Currently "Senior or 1 In Command" of the fire teams & reluctant Admin Champion!

Following 2017 Fires... set up the "Associated Fire Management Units" in Bitou to improve equipment, training, communications etc of all Volunteer Firefighting Units in Bitou. In the Chair till 2022. Currently still in the Chair for "Sounds the Call" NPO - set up to fund above.

Set up "Masks4All- Bitou" (2020) which pushed R1.2mil into informal sewing groups in Kranshoek, Kwano, Green Valley & town. Around 75k masks made from donated cloth, distributed in Bitou. People who would have had no work, ended up being crazy busy during all lockdowns.

Conclusion: Using my past experience & hands on abilities, I aim be of use to the residents of Brackenridge in the ongoing upliftment and the realization of the true value of what, for many, is one of our largest investments – our homes.