

Director of Stakeholders – Philip-Ben Kotze

I have spent most of my life in Hermanus. Attended both Hermanus Primary and High School. After matriculating I studied B-Com Marketing in Stellenbosch. After completing my studies, the time was right to pursue work in the United Kingdom. My first real job was working for AIG (American Insurance Group). My role started right at the bottom and gradually worked my way up to become part of their Human Resources and being responsible for head hunting and training of new staff. My final role for them before I decided to return to Hermanus was that of being their Quality Assurance Representative.

I see myself as an entrepreneur and works for a Family-Owned Community Pharmacy Group that have been going strong in Hermanus for 36 years. I have been permanently employed by Hermanus Pharmacy for 20 year. After joining the pharmaceutical industry, I had to start studying again to enable me to legally dispense medicines and to learn that side of the business.

Currently I am director of “The Forum” (Whale Coast Business and Community Forum). I have been managing various projects in Hermanus over the last few years, latest one helping Suburbs to establish their own camera projects and security networks by mean of public funding. My motivation to develop Hermanus into a safer environment, originated one day when my eldest sone (eight years old) at that time, asked me, “Daddy, if you don’t fix Hermanus, then who will”.

In my private time, I am an active member of Alfa Neighbourhood Watch, Psira registered Proto Team Response Leader for Afriforum and a Qualified Private Drone Pilot. For leisure and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, I enjoy cycling, golf, angling, and hunting.

