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## Celebrate World Oceans Day with Plett Hope Spot

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Join millions of people around the world as we celebrate World Oceans Day on 8<sup>th</sup> June! The event started unofficially in 1992, but became recognised by the UN in 2008. Since then it has been coordinated internationally by [The Ocean Project](#) and the [World Ocean Network](#) with greater success and global participation each year. The Plett Hope Spot has organised some exciting events to help us celebrate our magnificent oceans, and to raise funds for the Plett Hope Spot initiative.

We kick off on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June with a marine theme art auction, where some fabulous art, in a range of mediums, from both well-known and up and coming Plett artists will be auctioned off. This includes some sculptures, paintings and photographs of marine animals and seascapes. The top entries from a marine art competition run in 6 local Plett Schools will also be under the hammer. Join us for wine and art at the Angling club at 18:00 for 18:30. Entry is R50, which includes a glass of great local wine!

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> we have activities for old and young alike. We kick off with a beach clean-up on Main Beach at 9am, followed by a sandcastle competition for the kids (R20/child) and social volleyball for the adults (R20/person), both at 10:30 on Main Beach. Then the big one, a reef dive clean-up hosted by Pro Dive Plett at 11:00. Cost is R545 for full gear and reef clean up. If divers have their own soft gear and just require scuba it's R380 per diver. Pro Dive will provide netted bags for the debris to be put in. Participants must be certified divers (bring your proof along with you) and have their own gloves to use for safety purposes. Two groups of divers will go out consecutively and the dive will last approximately 45 minutes. There will be awesome prizes for the most debris collected and for the weirdest item collected off the reef!

This is a great opportunity for locals and visitors alike to celebrate our wonderful Bay and it's amazing treasures on World Ocean Day, while at the same time getting to know a bit more about the Plett Hope Spot initiative. For more info please visit the Plett Hope Spot Facebook page, or email [pletthopespot@gmail.com](mailto:pletthopespot@gmail.com)

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