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SALUTING OVERSTRAND'S
INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN

*Mayor Rabie celebrating **Overstrand's Inspiration Women** in the company of some unsung heroines. In the back are Bea Whittaker, Anchelle Damon, Jenny October, Melinda Wessels, Dianne Galant and Jo-ann Lewis; and in front are Lana Coates and Maria Hofman.*

In celebration of Women's Month, Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, hosted two events where the unsung heroines of the Overstrand were treated to a scrumptious breakfast and live entertainment by local artists and dancers.

"Irrespective of whether you are a stay-at-home mom, a granny, an aunt or simply someone's sister, you are the ones who are making a huge difference by putting your talents and skills to best possible use in the interest of the community at large – be it at home or in the workplace.

"Time and time again, no matter how meagre your own means – little money, no data, no transport – you will always go out of your way to help someone else in need.

"Thanks to the unfailing commitment you display day after day, you have inspired many, many people to join hands in the quest to uplift and empower our communities: For that, we owe you a great deal of gratitude," the Mayor said.



Winnie Nywebeni, Noluvuyo Bandoza, Agnes November, Mqokuse Andiswe, Xoliswa Wogqoyi, Ntombenene Dlepu, Pheliswa Zimba, Vuyiswe Mbiko and Nomathamsanqa Max said that the recognition afforded by the Mayoral event inspired them to go to even greater lengths to empower their communities.

TOURISM INDABA
inspires players to think outside the box

Traditionally, September is Heritage and Tourism Month. Since Overstrand Municipality's intention is to develop a tourism strategy that speaks to what the industry wants and not what the municipality considers priorities, it invited role-players as well as interested and affected parties to attend a Tourism Indaba hosted from 6-7 September in Hermanus.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr Ivan Meyer, Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, who focused on the value of agri-tourism: An industry that is of particular interest to the Overstrand given that the wines, cheese, seafood, fruit, fresh produce and fynbos originating from here have already conquered markets the world over and have the potential to unlock so many more opportunities.

Against this background, the host, Cllr Clinton Lerm, who serves as chair of the portfolio for infrastructure, investment and tourism on Overstrand's Council, raised the question whether Overstrand should not, perhaps, be renamed Cape Whale Coast?

Thinking "outside the box", his contention was that renaming the municipal area would not only tweak the curiosity of potential tourists, but will also ensure that all villages and towns enjoy equal exposure when marketed as a single destination package: Food for thought, indeed.

Asked for her opinion on the outcome of the Indaba, Executive Mayor Dr Annelie Rabie said that the high attendance of the Indaba attests to the fact that most players in the industry are keen to share their insights and to learn more about how tourism opportunities can be explored in a sustainable and viable manner.

"The constructive discourse conducted during the Indaba will most definitely contribute to the formulation of a visionary strategy for tourism in the Overstrand, and we thank all attendees for their valued contributions and our supporting partners – be they in the public or private sector – for their advice, support and insights", she added.



Attending the Overstrand Tourism Indaba were Deputy Mayor Lindile Ntsabo, Executive Mayor Dr Annelie Rabie, Western Cape Minister of Agriculture Dr Ivan Meyer and Municipal Manager Dean O'Neill



Amongst those who were there to share their expertise and offer advice were Daleen Fouché (South African National Space Agency), Martina Barth (Liz McGrath Collection), Theresa Emerick (NightsBrige), Barry O'Donoghue (Cape Xtreme Adventure Tours), Jayne Rogerson (University of Johannesburg), Ali Abdullah (Thompsons Africa), Jessica Smit (White Shark Projects) and Teddy Ntsete (SA Grading Council)

NINE NEW GENERATORS INSTALLED TO PROTECT WATER AND WASTE-WATER FACILITIES AGAINST LOAD SHEDDING

All nine emergency generators procured with the R6.7 million received from the Western Cape Government's Emergency Municipal Load-shedding Relief Grant were installed by the end of August 2023.

Three are fully operational and the remaining six are in various stages of testing before being fully commissioned.

These generators are used at critical water and waste-water facilities to mitigate the impact load shedding has on the provision of these basic services.

The total project cost (including the Municipality's contribution from own funding) amounts to R9 295 762.63 (VAT included).

The generators were installed at the following water and sewer facilities:

- Mossel River sewerage pump station;
- Kleinmond Tennis Courts sewerage pump station;
- Kleinmond water treatment plant;
- Klipgat Spring pump station;
- De Kelders water treatment plant;
- Pearly Beach water treatment plant;
- Gansbaai waste-water treatment plant;
- Palmiet River raw water pump station in Kleinmond; and
- Kraaibosch Dam bulk raw water pump station in Gansbaai.



Pearly Beach water treatment plant near Gansbaai



De Kelders water treatment plant in Gansbaai



Kleinmond water treatment plant



Mossel River sewerage pump station in Hermanus



Kleinmond Tennis Courts sewerage pump station

HELP EASE PRESSURE ON WATER & SEWERAGE SYSTEMS: PLEASE USE WATER SPARINGLY

Even though most critical water and wastewater facilities in the municipal area have now been equipped with back-up generators, it remains of critical importance to conserve the levels of our reservoirs and to reduce the flow of wastewater to sewerage pump stations.



Unfortunately, the higher levels of load shedding Eskom continues to impose from time to time still pose a huge threat to Overstrand Municipality's ability to safeguard critical sewerage treatment plants and the water reticulation network in general.

In short, disruptions in the electricity supply of up to 4.5 hours at a time and even for as many as 12 hours in any given 24-hour period may result in reservoirs not being filled adequately and sewerage pump stations failing:

☛ If reservoirs cannot be filled adequately, the water supply – especially to high-lying areas – will be disrupted.

☛ If sewerage pump stations fail, spillages are bound to occur.

For this reason, it is in everyone's best interest to use water as sparingly as possible.

Rest assured, though, that Overstrand Municipality is doing its utmost to safeguard the integrity of its water and sewerage reticulation system and will continue to warn residents timeously should any spillages occur.

SEWAGE SPILLS REMAIN A THREAT

The impact of load shedding continues to pose a threat to Overstrand's coastline, especially where pump stations have not been equipped with back-up generators yet.

Recently, a spillage from the Zwinger's Corner sewerage pump station was reported at Bayview, a popular surfing spot in the vicinity of Eastcliff in Hermanus.

The pump station in question has a very high inflow and limited sump capacity, causing it to overflow during load shedding and heavy rainfall events.

Given that suction tankers can also not gain access to the pump station due to the narrow access road, it has been earmarked for a total upgrade and eventual relocation.

Unfortunately, funds made available to mitigate the impact of load shedding had to be prioritised according to the greatest need and did not cover this particular pump station.

For the time being, the municipality will continue to erect warning signs should any spillages occur anywhere along the coastline and will immediately inform the public of such an event.



BACKLOG WITH APPLICATIONS FOR INDIGENT RELIEF ERASED

By the beginning of September, all 2 875 applications for indigent subsidies had been processed. Of these 2 341 were approved, 387 were new applications and 147 were incomplete.

Roughly 29.84% of the approved and new applications originated in the Greater Gansbaai area, 51.53% in the Greater Hermanus area, 8.80% in the Hangklip-Kleinmond area and 8.91% in the Stanford area.

The numbers are as follows:

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| Baardskeerdersbos | 6 |
| Buffelsjag | 4 |
| Blompark | 291 |
| Gansbaai | 81 |
| Masakhane | 434 |
| Pearly Beach | 75 |
| Uilenskraal | 26 |



HERMANUS

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| Fisherhaven | 10 |
| Hawston | 726 |
| Complexes | 2 |
| Mount Pleasant | 346 |
| Northcliff | 1 |
| Sandbaai | 32 |
| Vermont | 5 |
| Westcliff | 161 |
| Zwelihle | 486 |

STANFORD

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| Stanford | 280 |
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KLEINMOND

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| Betty's Bay | 24 |
| Kleinmond | 154 |
| Overhills | 36 |
| Proteadorp | 77 |
| Pringle Bay | 5 |
| Extension 6 | 27 |

