

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

MESSAGE OF BEREAVEMENT ALDERMAN RUDOLPH SMITH



It is with profound sadness that Overstrand learned of the sudden demise of Executive Mayor, Ald Rudolph Smith, who died during the early hours of Friday, 5 January 2018.

Rudolph became a DA Councillor in the Overstrand in 2009 and Ward Councillor for Ward 8 in 2011.

In 2014 he was elected Deputy Mayor and served as Chairperson for the Community Services and the Infrastructure and Planning portfolios as well as on the Overstrand Disciplinary Committee. After the 2016 municipal elections, he was elected Executive Mayor of Overstrand Municipality.

Rudolph Smith was the custodian of the Old Age Member Club in Hawston and the Chairperson of the School Governing Body of Hermanus High School.

The Mayor was diagnosed with a benign brain tumour towards the end of November last year. Sadly he did not survive the surgical procedure that was performed in an effort to reduce the mass.

Fire fighters demonstrating their readiness for the fire season



FIRE FIGHTERS IN TRAINING: Pictured here are fire fighters Neil Cloete (back) and Maxisole Langatye (in front) - practising.

Given that hot, windy and dry weather conditions will prevail in the foreseeable future, the risk of runaway veld fires are greater than ever this year.

Our Fire Brigade is prepared and have full-time fire officers in all areas and a large contingent of volunteer fire fighters. Practices are held on a regular basis to prepare our fire fighters, but as the old adage tells us, *prevention is better than cure!*

Overstrand Fire Chief, Lester Smith, appeals to all residents and visitors to exercise extreme caution as far as fires are concerned.

In case of an emergency, please contact Overstrand Fire, Rescue & Disaster Management on **028 312 2400**. Also, please do report any suspicious activity immediately to your nearest police station, or call Overstrand's Law Enforcement on **028 313 8996** or **028 313 8000/8111**.

JOINING THE LIBRARY

You can become a member of the library, free of charge, by completing a membership form to apply for membership.

You need to provide a valid identity document together with proof of your home address (such as a utility bill) and a maximum of two references.

If you are applying for a card for a child who is younger than 17, you will need to sign their application form and bring along their identity document as well as your own.

If you are renting a property you must bring a copy of the first page of your agreement. If you live with somebody, he/she must give you a letter of confirmation.

LIGHTS ON MAIN GAVE KLEINMOND A GLOW

This annual event kicked off - as usual - during the early evening of Monday, 11 December, as usual - with food stalls and live entertainment from the Handevat Marimba Band, who delivered a wonderful medley of Christmas carols, campfire songs and folk tunes.

In her address, Cllr Elnora Gillion, mayoral committee member for Local Economic Development, called on the public to let the spirit of Christmas be their guide this holiday season. "As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, I pray that the light of kindness and hope be reborn in you. Peace and goodwill to you and your loved ones this Christmas season".

Residents and visitors were further urged to be thankful, never to forget the past and to trust the future.

"We should never become too busy to live, that we eventually forget that we need to make a life," she added.

The festivities concluded with Councillor Fanie Krige expressing his gratitude to the organisers, shopkeepers and residents for their co-operation and support.

"Happy Holidays! Best wishes for you and your family this Christmas," he said.



Seen at the 'Lights on Main' Festival on Monday, 11 December 2017, are (from left): Overstrand's Area Manager: Kleinmond Administration - Desmond Lakey, MC of the evening and Principal Clerk: Records - Dencil Arendse, Ward 9 Councillor - Grant Cohen, Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Development and Tourism - Cllr Elnora Gillion, Tourism Manager: Cape Whale Coast - Frieda Lloyd, Tourism Manager: Hangklip-Kleinmond - Anecia Abrahams and Ward 10 Councillor - Fanie Krige.

HERMANUS LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The De Bos Dam level was at 56.7% by end December 2017, compared to 62.9% by end November 2017, and 87.9% by end December 2016.

Hermanus had 3.2 mm of rain during December 2017, for a total of 502.9 mm in 2017, compared to the long-term average of 620 mm per year.

The average daily water demand of Hermanus during December 2017 was 13.0 million litres per day, compared to 15.98 million litres per day during December 2016. This amounts to a saving of 18.6%, or 92.1 million litres of water in December compared to the previous year.

The good co-operation and sense of responsibility demonstrated by consumers since the implementation of water restrictions in Hermanus is commendable.

The Buffels River Dam, which supplies water to Rooi-Els, Pringle Bay, and Bettiesbaai, is still filled to 93% of capacity, the Kraaibosch Dam at Gansbaai at 91.6%, and the Pearly Beach Dam at 85%. The boreholes supplying Hermanus, Stanford, Baardskeerdersbos and Buffeljagsbaai have not been adversely affected by the drought at this stage.

The Overstrand Municipality continuously monitors the water situation in all its supply areas, and additional measures will be taken when deemed necessary.

We need your help to stop illegal dumping on commonages and open erven in the Overstrand.

Please see the below list of facilities where domestic waste is accepted at no charge to the public. Note, small quantities of building rubble (bakke builders) 0 to 1 ton, general and garden refuse as well as industrial waste can also be disposed of here. However, a disposal fee may apply, depending on the volume and type of waste. Builder's rubble of more than one ton can be dropped off at Karwyderskraal Landfill.

Weekend visitors are also urged to make use of one of the following transfer sites for the disposal of house hold refuse.

For your convenience, the transfer stations are also open during weekdays from 08:00 - 18:00 and Saturdays from 09:00 - 16:00.

As a reminder of where and when you can dispose of general waste DROP-OFF | DAYS | TIMES

■ KLEINMOND: KLEINMOND TRANSFER STATION, MAIN ROAD

Kleinmond Transfer Station	Monday - Friday	07:30 - 18:00
	Weekends & public holidays	07:30 - 16:30
Betty's Bay Drop-off	Monday - Sunday	08:00 - 16:00

■ HERMANUS: HERMANUS TRANSFER STATION, SWARTDAM ROAD

Hermanus Transfer Station	Monday - Friday	08:00 - 18:00
	Saturdays	09:00 - 16:00
	Public holidays	09:00 - 14:00
Voëlklip Drop-off	Mondays	08:00 - 16:00
	Tuesdays - Fridays	08:00 - 18:00
	Saturdays	09:00 - 16:00
	Public holidays	09:00 - 14:00
Hawston Drop-off	Mondays - Fridays	08:00 - 18:00
	Saturdays	09:00 - 16:00
	Public holidays	09:00 - 14:00

■ STANFORD: STANFORD DROP-OFF, RIVIER STREET, INDUSTRIAL AREA

Stanford Drop-off	Mondays - Fridays	08:00 - 17:00
	Saturdays & public holidays	09:00 - 14:00

■ GANSBAAI: GANSBAAI LANDFILL, VOORTREKKER STREET

Gansbaai Landfill	Mondays - Fridays	08:00 - 18:00
	Saturdays & public holidays	08:00 - 16:00
Pearly Beach Drop-off	Mondays - Fridays	08:00 - 17:00
	Saturdays & public holidays	09:00 - 14:00

As part of a trial run, additional bulk waste skip bins were placed at strategic positions in Franskraal (Rossouw Street), Kleinbaai (Perlemoen Street), Blompark (Kampeerweg) and Masakhane. This was to address the need of holidaymakers who are unable to dispose of their DOMESTIC refuse on the scheduled collection days in the areas concerned.



OVERSTRAND ARTS/KUNSTE (OAK) will present two young Belgian artists in concert on Friday night, 9 February, at the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus. **Nikolaas Kende** (piano) and **Jolente De Maeyer** (violin) who hail from Antwerp in Belgium, have proved to be firm audience favourites when it comes to applying their skills and technique. They will play the *Sonata for violin and piano in F Minor, Op. 4* of Felix Mendelssohn; *Romanza for violin and piano* of Lodewijk Mortelmans, *Sonata for violin and piano in A minor*,

Op. 162 - 'Grand Duo' of Robert Schumann and lastly, the *Sonata No. 9 in A Major, Op. 47 - 'Kreutzer' of L van Beethoven*. The concert will commence at 19:00. Tickets are R140 per person (R60 for students) and available at the Tourism Office in Mitchell Street (tel. 028 312 2629). Further enquiries can be made to Secretary René du Plooy on tel. 082 940 4238.



SUCCESS FOR THE PILOT BLUE FLAG STATUS AT CASTLE BEACH



Overstrand Municipality, especially the Gansbaai Administration, is incredibly proud and honoured to be awarded a pilot status for Pearly Beach. Pictured here, are Environmental Officer - Benjamin Kondokter, Area Manager: Gansbaai Administration - Francois Myburgh, Horticulturist and Blue Flag Co-ordinator - Lauren Rainbird, Deputy Mayor - Dudley Coetzee and some visitors, enjoying the day at the beach.

Not only has Blue Flag status once again been bestowed on Grotto, Hawston and Kleinmond - but Castle Beach in Pearly Beach received pilot Blue Flag status for the first time! The pilot period for Castle Beach ended on the 15 January 2018. Pilot beaches are not required to comply with all Blue Flag criteria, but must work towards meeting fundamental elements like water quality, environmental education and information, beach and environmental management, and safety and services within a two-year period, to stand a chance to ultimately acquire full Blue Flag status. Each Blue Flag site is compelled to conduct several environmental education activities during the year, and to practise effective and efficient conservation management.

The accreditation is awarded for one season at a time and if conditions deteriorate at the beach, it can be withdrawn.

Grotto's Blue Flag status kicked in on 1 December and remains effective till 31 March 2018. In the case of Hawston and Kleinmond, this status lasted till 15 January 2018. It should be noted that no pets are allowed on Blue Flag beaches for the duration and that the consumption and/or possession of any alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited in all public areas, including beaches. Life-saving and security services will be fully operational for the duration of the holiday season on the afore-mentioned beaches, as well as at the two municipal swimming pools, namely Hawston (next to the camp site) and Hermanus (Zwelihle).

RESCUE TRAINING EXERCISE SUCCESS



A joint rescue operation training exercise was conducted at Fernkloof Nature Reserve in December, to hone the search skills and to bolster the rescue capability of the various rescue teams involved. According to Angelo Aplon, Assistant Fire Chief: Operations and Training, the exercise was a 'mock' search and rescue operation that was based on a past scenario and one that could likely happen again. "These exercises help to ensure that staff and volunteers throughout the Overberg region, working in the emergency and rescue services field, are familiar with their roles and responsibilities in the event of a search and rescue emergency", he added. Overstrand Fire fighters, Environmental Officers, Traffic and Law Enforcement Officers - including members of the Task Team - as well as Western Cape Emergency Medical Services and Hermanus NSRI Station 17 took part in the successful rescue operation.

Calling for assistance in an emergency

Any emergency and/or distress call regarding drowning or accidents, can be reported to the Municipality's 24-hour Emergency only number, on 028 312 2400.

For day-to-day law enforcement complaints, phone 028 313 8996.

For general enquiries, contact Overstrand's control room on 028 313 8000/8111.

NSRI: 082 990 5967

EMR PRIVATE AMBULANCE: 076 585 0899

AMBULANCE PROVINCIAL: 028 312 3219

RESIDENTS ADHERE TO CALL

The Overstrand Municipality would like to thank residents of the Overstrand for their co-operation during the festive season when a call was made for no fireworks and especially during new year's eve celebrations. Fireworks were banned throughout the Overstrand this summer as the drought resulted in extremely high fire risk conditions. There were few incidents and minor disturbances. The Directorate for Protection Services reported that new year's celebrations went 'relatively well' and thanked members of the public for their co-operation in ensuring the safety of all across our region.