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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT TO THE TUNE OF R19 MILLION PAYS OFF



OVERSTRAND'S EXECUTIVE MAYOR, DR. ANNELIE RABIE AND CLLR CLINTON LERM, MAYCO CHAIR: INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HAD A RATHER HECTIC START TO AUGUST:

They had the pleasure of officiating at the official handover of not one but three major infrastructure projects in the space of two days.

On the 2nd of August, they were there to officiate at the opening of the bus route that will service the Blompark housing project and to celebrate the completion of the bulk sewer upgrade in the Masakhane area that will allow for the development of 1 184 serviced stands and 295 low-cost housing units in the area. These upgrades/improvements were necessary to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to accommodate current and future housing developments.

With a total value of R11.3 million, the bulk sewer upgrade involved the installation of a 970 m section of an HDPE gravity sewer pipeline with a diameter of 630 mm that discharges at the Gansbaai Wastewater Treatment Works and required excavations, micro-tunnelling, reinstating pipeline trenches and resurfacing road reserves. Two local subcontractors partook in this contract.

Given that an additional 643 serviced stands are currently also being developed in Gansbaai's Blompark and Beverly Hills area, Overstrand Municipality took heed of a recommendation that the transport network in the area must be improved for the sake of public safety. To this end, a bus route and sidewalks were created to simultaneously cater for an increase in pedestrian traffic and a greater need for public transport.

Creating this bus route involved lengthening access roads, widening lanes, upgrading intersections, broadening sidewalks and resurfacing road reserves. Total expenditure on this project amounted to R4.4 million and created 11 employment opportunities.

BULK SEWER COMPLETED, WATER-TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADED AND BUS ROUTE UP AND RUNNING

Pictured here in the company of Overstrand Mayor Dr. Annelie Rabie (centre) are from the left Coenie Loubser (Veolia), Hanré Blignaut (Deputy Director: Engineering Planning), Goosen le Roux (Manager: Bulk Water Services), Cllr Ronald Nutt (MMC for Community Services), Cllr Clinton Lerm (MMC for Investment and Infrastructure), Deputy Mayor Cllr Lindile Ntsabo, Ald Elnora Gillion (MMC for Local Economic Development) and Cllr Arnie Africa (MMC for Management and Services)

And then, on the 3rd of August, the Mayor and MAYCO members had the honour to officiate at the official commissioning of the new aeration plant at the Preekstool water-treatment plant in Hermanus.

Having undergone its trial operation period under the auspices of Overstrand Municipality and the respective contractors (iX Engineers, Tricom Africa and Veolia Water), this plant will ensure that the high concentrations of iron and manganese in water abstracted from the Gateway wellfield are treated effectively and that backwash water from the biofiltration and conventional treatment plants can be re-used. Simultaneously, thanks to biofiltration, the capacity to extract water from the Hemelen-Aarde Valley will also be increased.

The aeration plant has the capacity to treat seven million litres of raw water per day and has been constructed at a cost of R3.35 million.

"All of the foregoing projects have been undertaken in keeping with needs identified in Overstrand Municipality's current Integrated Development Plan," Mayor Rabie said. "As much as we are pleased with what we have achieved, there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that Overstrand lives up to its promise of being a home for all."

FIRST OF MANY TENDERS ADVERTISED TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT

During the Investment Conference held in June 2022, twelve land pockets identified for mixed-use development were brought to potential investors' attention.

These even can potentially be developed for a whole array of uses ranging from abalone farms, a desalination plant, retirement villages, higher learning institutions, restaurants, camp sites, small-scale industries, medical facilities and more.

The official processes for the alienation of the portions of land as identified at the conference are in progress, and the first of many tenders have been published and are now available on the municipal website:

Tender no.	Proposal
SC2308/2022	Lease and development of a portion of Erf 4831 Hermanus and a portion of Erf 5327 Hermanus for the development of a public resort
SC2331/2022	Sale of unregistered Erf 12308 Hermanus for the development of medical facilities and related community facilities
SC2332/2022	Lease, management and maintenance of Erf 9199 Hermanus (situated in Zwelihle) for community purposes

According to Cllr Clinton Lerm (MAYCO member for Infrastructure and Investment), the intention is to advertise the remainder of the tenders within the next couple of months. Interested parties are, therefore, advised to watch the press and to visit the municipality's official website www.overstrand.gov.za regularly.

PILLARS OF STRENGTH FITTINGLY HONOURED



Natasha Bruiners, Loretta Veldsman,
Mayor Annelie Rabie, Estelle Johannessen
and Erica Leukes.



Cornelia van Niekerk, Charlyn Vosloo,
Mayor Annelie Rabie, Sandy Waddingham
and Dr Anina Lee.



Christine May, Jenny Sauls, Maria-Anita
Pieterse, Mayor Annelie Rabie, Florrie
Cupido and Soraya Pieterse.



Nobelungu Mphemba, Thembsa Blekiwe,
Faniswa Shumane, Mayor Annelie Rabie,
Mary Motlohi and Khuthuzwa Nyalela

On Saturday, 13 August 2022, Overstrand's Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, had the pleasure of hosting a celebratory breakfast in Hermanus for the women in our communities who are always willing to go the extra mile to help those in need.

"Your 'can do'-attitude and joyful approach to life serve as an inspiration for everyone who crosses your path, and for that we thank you.

"May we also never forget those who came before you and who, despite many hardships, never shied away from that instinctive call to come to the defence and aid of those in need.

"There are few people who have negotiated the various stages of life who cannot relay a story about a woman – a mother, a sister, a niece or even a stranger – who crossed their paths and helped them to tackle whatever challenges they faced with renewed vigour.

"Let us all take this page from your book: Never shy away from crossing the road – be it at home or at work – to help someone seemingly in need.

"Remember, sometimes, all it takes to make a huge difference is being that someone another person can lean on."

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN UNIFORM
TEMPORARILY RELOCATED

"You not only keep the peace but go out of your way to keep everyone safe, and for that we owe you a great deal of gratitude."



Quite fittingly, Women's Month kicked off on the 1st of August with Executive Mayor Dr Annelie Rabie welcoming a whole contingent of uniformed women to a special event held in their honour in the Hermanus Auditorium.

Organised by Overstrand Protection Services, female officers representing the SAPS, Correctional Services, Community Policing Services and Provincial Road Safety as well as representatives from several government departments and NGOs such as Women in Action attended the event.

In her opening address, Mayor Rabie stated unequivocally that "society should be proud of and respect our women in uniform and value the hard work they do. They are there to help keep the peace and to ensure that everyone, but especially our women and children, are kept safe and sound in communities that show respect for the law and one another.

"We owe it to them to join hands in the fight against gender-based violence, child abuse and neglect and to seek justice for those who fall victim to these horrific crimes.

"If you suspect that a woman or child is being abused, mistreated or neglected, don't keep quiet: Report your suspicions to one of our law enforcement agencies immediately. If you keep quiet, you are not only forsaking the victim, you are also strengthening the hand of the perpetrator. And that in itself is a crime.

"The women present here today are themselves wives, mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins and nieces. In short, they understand the challenges women face on a daily basis and, as our "colleagues" in the fight against crime, are there to ensure that women are shown the respect they deserve everyday of the year, not just during August.

"And on this, the first day of Women's Month 2022, my message to every woman out there is this: Take control, take pride in yourself and your contribution to society, and never apologise for who you are. You are just as worthy of respect as every other citizen in this country."

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– even the furry, four-legged kind



On Friday, 15 July, Fire and Rescue Services – with the assistance of those who maintain our sewers and streets – yet again proved that Overstrand's dedicated personnel are more than willing to go the extra mile.

The beloved puppy of a family visiting from Gauteng got caught in a storm-water pipe in 10th Street, Voëlklip.

It took some doing but, eventually, the rather flustered but unharmed pup was overjoyed to be reunited with its family.

FARMING REBATE

Owners/farmers who can provide proof that their properties are used for bona fide farming purposes can apply for a rebate on property rates.

Applications close on 30 September 2022 and the necessary forms can be downloaded from www.overstrand.gov.za. Go to Documents, and click on Forms.

Direct queries in this regard to Overstrand's Rates and Data Control Office at 028 313 8000 or send an e-mail to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- In case of an **EMERGENCY OR DISTRESS**, call Overstrand Fire & Rescue Services on 028 312 2400
- Report issues related to **INFRASTRUCTURE** (water, electricity, sewerage, refuse removal, etc.) to the 24-hour emergency control room at 028 313 8111
- Lodge general complaints regarding **LAW ENFORCEMENT** at nearest police station, or call 028 313 8980 or 028 313 8996.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Direct enquiries regarding municipal accounts, progress with building plan approvals, et cetera to enquiries.overstrand.gov.za. Alternatively, call your local administration:



Kleinmond	028 271 8400
Hermanus	028 313 8000
Stanford	028 341 8500
Gansbaai	028 384 8300

A WORD OF CAUTION TO WEEKENDERS
AND HOLIDAYMAKERSBE SURE TO BOOK TANKER SERVICES AHEAD
OF TIME TO AVOID UNDUE DISCOMFORT

Over long weekends and during holidays, people from all over flock to this beautiful part of the world to relax and to enjoy a bit of quality time in the company of family and friends.

Sadly what was supposed to be a relaxing breakaway often turns out to be an ordeal because someone neglected to book a tanker service.

By way of example, in the course of the 2021 Easter Weekend, 1 820 emergency requests for tanker services had to be attended to in the Hangklip-Kleinmond area alone.

Given that this service is operated based on a lead time of between two to three days, weekenders and holidaymakers are advised to book a tanker service well ahead of time.

To schedule the emptying of your sewage tank, call:

Hangklip-Kleinmond	028 271 8400/8404/8435
Greater Hermanus	028 313 8000/5059/8090
Stanford	028 341 8500/8516
Greater Gansbaai	028 384 8300/8328/8367

When scheduling such a request, be sure to quote the number of your erf or, in the case of farms, your account number. Also be sure to ask the operator who attended to your request for a reference number.

#ThinkBeforeYouFlush and please don't wait till your tank overflows.