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By the time *Phambili* goes to press, the 2016 local elections will be a thing of the past - as will be the past five years of local governance under the auspices of a, by now, disbanded Council.

Soon, new office bearers of the new Council will be elected by Council and with whom we must foster good working relations in order to fulfil our constitutional mandate.

It is also for the new Council to issue policy directions in terms of which we have to execute our functions. Remember that we are at the service of our community as a whole.

Reflecting on Council's expectations of operations during the past five-year term, *Phambili* set out to establish how well we - the people at the coalface - fared in satisfying both Council as body-corporate and management's expectations in as far as service delivery is concerned.

Not surprisingly, we did extremely well: After all, Overstrand ranks amongst the country's top ten municipalities with reason, let alone being the most productive municipality in South Africa. To quote Municipal Manager, Coenie Groenewald, "Despite many constraints and having to face the

challenge of the negative impact of the global economy, improving standards and providing services to our communities, Overstrand remained steadfastly committed to rendering quality basic municipal services to all its communities".

When asked to what he would ascribe this extraordinary success, Groenewald immediately responded with the words: "Diligence, accountability and a sense of belonging." But then, on reflection, added that success of this scale presupposes that those at the forefront of service delivery must persevere, never lose hope and always remain confident, humble and enthusiastic.

On that score, when last have you checked your performance against Overstrand's values?

Yes, chances are that we will become over confident because we are receiving praise left, right and centre. Chances also are that we will lose sight of those critical elements which are key to realising Overstrand's vision: to care, to serve, to belong.

Thus, as much as we have every reason to be proud of what we have accomplished in the past,

## WHAT LIES AHEAD?

At this junction, the question that begs answering, is: **DID WE CHANGE THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE FOR THE BETTER?**

let us never become over confident and forget that we still have far to go before we can truly be called a centre of excellence for all we serve. We should ask ourselves on a daily basis "why are we here?" and we must be extremely honest when we answer this question.

In short, if you and I want to continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve, we need to commit to the Overstrand vision, irrespective of changing circumstances.

All it takes, is to care, to serve, to belong.

Municipal Manager,  
Coenie Groenewald



## LET THE CASUAL GAMES BEGIN!

Following shortly on Rio 2016, the organisers of Casual Day - **arguably South Africa's biggest fundraising event in aid of the disabled** - aptly chose sport as this year's theme. Here follows the rules for entering those games...

For starters, to qualify for entry to the games, you need to buy a token at the negligible cost of R10 per sticker from either Anandi Rust or Riana Steenekamp. The good news is that with this token in hand, your admission to **the fun and games** on Friday 2 September 2016 is guaranteed: Congratulations!

The next thing to do is to dress the part: Dig out the hockey sticks, cricket gear, rugby togs, table-tennis paddles and badminton plumes. Or, if your participation in sport is limited to doing "bench pressing" - i.e. getting extremely excited whilst watching your team from the sidelines - be sure to don every bit of paraphernalia that will distinguish you as an ardent supporter of your team.

Having complied with the above, it's a matter of on your marks, get set, go....! Why go to the trouble of supporting Casual Day? The answer is simple:

Every R10-token bought means that the Overstrand Association for Persons

with Disabilities (OAPD), based in Hawston, has a better chance of survival. This association supports services to around 174 persons with disabilities who reside in Hawston, Mount Pleasant and Zwelihle.

Unfortunately, given economic restraints and government's cut in subsidies to non-profit organisations, OAPD's continued existence is under threat.

According to Desiree Gelderblom, a social worker assigned to OAPD, this organisation aims to add value to the lives of the people they serve. "To begin with, we would like to ensure that people with disabilities are afforded every opportunity to reach their full potential," she said.

As Overstranders, we may not be able to change the world, but nothing is keeping us from making this world a better place for the disabled.

So, **buy that token!**



Guess who the South African Pool Referee Association designated as their representative to officiate at the 2017 World Eight-ball Pool Championships in England? You guessed it: **TANYA SMIT** of course! *Phambili* joins Gansbaai Operational Services in congratulating Tanya with this honour and on behalf of our readers, we wish you all the best for this major upcoming event. We trust you will not only keep the South African flag flying high, but will also add a little Overstrand colour to the event!

## Meet Ivin Witbooi - a number cruncher, yes, but also a sports enthusiast and a deeply religious man, as Anandi Rust learnt when she interviewed Overstrand's new Manager: Demand Management and Procurement to find out what makes him tick.

Ivin Witbooi (32) heralds from the Hex River Valley and grew up in De Doorns, where he also met his wife. He obtained his B Com degree in Management Accounting from Stellenbosch University and has been working in the field of supply chain management since 2008. Ivin joined Overstrand Municipality in March 2016.

A love of accountancy and procurement pretty much courses through his veins, and Ivin says it is this passion that keeps him motivated day in and day out. He also believes that one should never attend a meeting - be it formal or informal - unprepared because an informed person can add value to any discussion.

Although he played soccer at school, he nowadays enjoys showing his support for rugby, soccer, cricket and athletics by cheering on his team from the sidelines. Asked whether he observed any rituals before starting his day, he replied: "I begin my day with prayer, because without the strength God lends me, I will be powerless. I thank God for every little success I had in life."

His advice to anyone who wants to be successful in life is straightforward: "Work hard, give your all and never stop being inquisitive. Also never let an opportunity pass you by, even if it might seem challenging. Life is what you make of it." He is a firm believer that the best managers are those who made their way through the ranks who have the ability to understand and empathise with those who report to them. In parting, Ivin quoted Shakespeare's recipe for success: "Know more than

others. Work more than others. Expect less than others."

We welcome Ivin, his wife and their three children to the Overstrand family and wish them all the best with this new chapter in their lives.



## TAKE ACTION. INSPIRE CHANGE.

A simple call many an Overstrander took to heart in honour of Madiba and pledged to live well beyond superficial displays of caring on one day of the year only.

In honour of Nelson Mandela, 18 July has been set aside worldwide as a day to commemorate a great man who said, "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead".

And, in an attempt to make a difference each in his or her own way, Overstranders went full out to devote their 67-minutes' worth on Madiba Day:

- Libraries all over Overstrand served as distribution points to hand out blankets lovingly knitted by Overstrand's elderly



Rosaline Matthews (Betty's Bay Library, Sherridan Goliath (Kleinmond Child Welfare), Charmaine Kotzé (Kleinmond Administration), Venda de Jager (Kleinmond Library), Heleen Slep (Narrative foundation) and Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie.



Poppy du Toit, Anne Jones, Petronella Ferreira, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Frances Hendricks, Ansie Hendricks, Marelize Hendricks, Maryanne Lewies and Edna van der Linde.

- Overstrand Traffic handed out warm soup, bread and blankets to the Hermanus homeless.



Officers in uniform are (from left) Maison Campher, Sivuyile Ngongo, Nelson Kanunu and Anthony Blankenberg

- Buli Plaatjies and her team as well as horticulturists, Lauren Rainbird, planted a whopping 80 trees to help "green" Mount Pleasant's latest low-cost housing scheme



Elzano Philander and Marvin Sameuls from the Parks Department

- And with the help of a couple of collaborators, Frazer and Deniel Barry's Tribal Echo Band managed to collect no fewer than 205 pairs of socks to help ensure that babies, learners and adults won't suffer from cold feet in the winter months ahead.

Adinda Jantjies from the Tourism office with some socks collected to encourage others to give for Mandela Day.





## GOEIE BUURMANSKAP, WAT WOU:

As jy jou bure met 40-13 kafdras, krul die tone van lekkerte!

**B**rendan Hunter, kaptein van Hawston se rugbyklub en werksaam by Overstrand Brandweer, is nie bietjie trots op sy span wat die bure, Hermanus se Atlantics, op Saterdag 9 Julie oortuigend die loef afgesteek het nie.

"Daar is gewoonlik groot wedywering tussen ons twee buurspanne, en die derby word altyd baie goed ondersteun," het Brendan gesê en bygevoeg dat spelers én afrigters baie hard daaraan werk om hul ondersteuners elke Saterdag met aanskoulike hardlooprugby te vermaak.

Hawston het nie minder nie as vyf drieë in hierdie kragmeting behaal: 'n Sege wat die Atlantics seker voor die einde van die Boland-rugbyseisoen sou wou oortref, of hoe?



Brendan Hunter

## BLOEDJONK, MAAR SY SIEN KANS VIR DIE BRITTE

**K**imberlyn Seconna, 'n graad 7-leerder verbonde aan Laerskool Hermanus, is genooi om eersdaags die Riebeek-vallei-netbalklub op 'n besoek aan Engeland te vergesel.

Die jong Kimberlyn, sy is maar skaars 13, is verlede jaar vir onderskeidelik die Overberg-0/12-streekspan en die 0/12-Bolandspan gekies en het ook aan die proewe vir Wes-Kaapse skole deelgeneem.

Dit was egter tydens haar deelname aan die netbaltoernooi wat in die loop van die Paasvakansie op Riebeek-Wes gehou is dat Kimberlyn se talent 'n span professionele keurders opgeval het. Hulle het haar net daar en dan genooi om deel te wees van die 0/13-netbalspan wat in Desember vanjaar die Britte die stryd gaan aansê.

Intussen lê die interdistriktoernooi op Riversdal êrens in Augustus voor waar Kimberlyn Overberg se 0/13-streekspan gaan verteenwoordig.

Ons wens haar alles van die beste toe vir die opwindende reis wat voorlê en hoop haar ma, Celeste Fortuin (nee Seconna), se senuwees gaan dit hou.



Kimberlyn Seconna

## May the Lord guide you, bless you and keep you safe...

**G**iven the perils Overstrand's men and women in uniform face at the height of the fire season, several churches within the vicinity took it upon themselves to hold special pre-fire-season church services to bless those whose task it will be to help keep us safe...and to hold post-season services to thank the Lord for their safekeeping.

*Lester Smith, Dawie Esau, Angelo Aplon, Patrick Africa, Pastor Christo Nel, Johan du Toit, Tony Blankenberg, Colonel Pillay, Chaplain Mark Robson and, in front, Pastor Isabel Nel who recently attended the 2015/16 post-season service at the Christian Family Church in Hermanus.*



## DIEPSEEHEGEL SY KOS

Twaalfjarige katrol WP-kleure in

**E**rik en Defrane Dahl het nie bietjie rede om trots te wees op hul seun, Christof, nie: Die jongie Stoffie, soos hy algemeen bekend staan, het 'n plek verower in die Westelike Provinsie se diepseehegelspan en gaan eersdaags aan die interprovinsiale kompetisie in die kategorie "Light Tackle Inshore" by Kleinbaai deelneem.



Christof Dahl

Volgens ma Defrane, wat werksaam is in Gansbaai-administrasie se menslike hulpbronne-afdeling, is Christof (12) 'n gebore visserman: "Hy eet, slaap en drink net visvang. Party dae vang die rowwe see hom bietjie onkant en dan moet hy maar 'n pilletjie sluk, maar nie eens seesiek kan hom weghou van die see-water nie," vertel Defrane.

Op 'n ligte noot gee Defrane toe dat die drie manskappe in haar lewe se ewige relaas oor visvang, katrolle en bote haar party dae soos 'n vis op droë grond laat voel.

Ons is saam met die Dahls trots op hul seun se prestasie en wens hom alle sterkte en voorspoed toe.

## KELSEY MONTAGU, A GRADE 4 LEARNER AT OCKIE SMUTS PRIMARY, WAS UNDER THE TOP FIVE STUDENTS AT HER SCHOOL



**K**elsey has been in the top five ever since she started school. She obtained 99% for English First Language, 97% for Afrikaans Additional Language, 89.8% for Mathematics and 93% for Science and Technology. This little girl also won the Overberg Spelling Bee last year and will be participating in the Mathematics and Languages Conquesta Olympiad later this term. Her proud mother, Shereen Montagu, is the Operational Clerk at Stanford.

Shereen & Kelsey Montagu

## Noluthando Zweni



Noluthando Zweni, Overstrand's Manager: Communication, recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Shortly before going on maternity leave, colleagues treated her to a stork party. Colleagues (from left) Director Desireé Arrison, Ntombi Mtholo, Glenda Saunders, Doret Taljaard, Elize van Zyl, Elmarie Sales, Wihan Louw, Lionel Wallace, Gerhard Smith, outgoing Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Sylvia Block and Rentia Pretorius.

Sitting with Noluthando is Charmaine Resandt.

## Care for that **Pool Car** as if it's your own

**"They may not be BMWs or Audis, but they still cost a fortune," Phambili correspondent, Anandi Rust warns.**

During the 2014/2015 financial year, 23 new vehicles were purchased consisting mostly of Nissan hardbodies and Polo Vivos and issued to different directorates including Protection Services, Infrastructure and Planning, Corporate Services, Finance and Local Economic Development. Although Overstrand's fleet now totals 359 vehicles, four more vehicles will have to be acquired at a whopping R1,5 million in the course of the 2016/17 fiscal year to meet the needs of the Fire, Electricity and Roads departments respectively.

Although these vehicles may not exactly be your idea of a "dream car", you still need to care for them as if they were your own pride and joy. Given that the acquisition and maintenance of a comprehensive fleet is such a costly affair, Overstrand Fleet Management calls on all employees concerned to do their utmost to ensure that the fleet management system functions efficiently and that the lifespan of vehicles are extended. Remember, too, that your driving has a direct bearing on Overstrand's public image.



1. Keep vehicles clean and hygienic
2. Report damages and defects immediately
3. Complete logbooks and hand in petrol slips
4. Use vehicles for official purposes only
5. Refer to the Fleet Management Policy for the full set of rules (available on intranet)

**Always be mindful of your own safety and that of other road users:**

1. Wear your seatbelt at all times
2. No talking on cell phones or texting while driving
3. Don't drink and drive
4. Safely keep within the prescribed speed limit.
5. Switch on the vehicle's lights even at all times
6. Maintain a good posture while driving



## EVER QUESTIONED OVERSTRAND'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY?

Then let's see how quickly you come up with a response to the following:

**Question:** What is the common denominator between an online tax clearance certificate and a crèche? Would it be (a) paperwork, (b) a tree or (c) audited financial statements?

**Answer:** If you answered (b), you would be spot on, because thanks to online tax clearance certificates, Overstrand can now do its bit to help turn yet another crèche into a shady haven many a future generation can enjoy.

Overstrand Municipality's practice to issue rates clearance certificates electronically rather than printing them out means that the little ones attending the Yomelelani Crèche in Zwelihle will one day be able to play in the shade of a couple of sturdy Outeniqua yellowwood trees.

These trees have been donated by ratesClearance.com in lieu of Overstrand having yet again achieved its quarterly Grow-Your-Tree target.

Elmarie Hoonenberg, Senior Manager: Income, explained that "every time Overstrand issues a rates clearance certificate online, our virtual tree grows. When it is fully grown, rates clearance.com donates a tree on behalf of the municipality which we can plant at a location of our choice. By issuing rates clearance certificates electronically, municipalities are saving roughly one tree for every 600 electronic applications processed as it takes 17 trees to make one ton of paper".

Yomelelani Crèche is part of the recently renovated Hou Moed Centre in Zwelihle and was the finance department's recipient of choice. Lauren Rainbird, the municipality's horticulturist, suggested that the evergreen *Afrocarpus falcatus* (Podocarpus falcatus) - commonly known as the Outeniqua yellowwood - be planted and arranged with Yomelelani to look after the trees.



**Celeste Fortuin, Marion Baartman and Shantel Maree from Overstrand Municipality's finance department.**

## LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS CHAMPION THE ESSENCE OF OVERSTRAND - in harmony we will excel



**Nina Visser, Sayola Zungula, Noni Afrika, Monelisi Lutshwati, Lize Visser, Siya Saul and Shaun Bailey.** (Nina and Lize are the daughters of Annelize who works for finance in Hermanus, Noni is the daughter of Nollita who mans reception at Kleinmond's operational services, Siya is the daughter of Kleinmond-area foreman Patrick Latoli and Shaun is the son of Christiaan, at Kleinmond's electricity department.)

Since their inception in 2013, the "Handevat Marimbas" set out to create harmony amongst the culturally diverse groups typical of Overstrand. And the way they go about doing just that is to create opportunities where people can make music and simply gel.

Today, these Marimba players are comprised of eight members who represent no fewer than five schools in the immediate vicinity.

Of interest, though, is that all members of the group can read a score and all have passed (with distinction) their UNISA theory exams - a sure indication of the conveners' commitment contributing towards developing their young protégés' musical talents.

Rocking up for practice on a Friday afternoon - the only day available for band practice since a third of the group are at boarding school in Caledon - most definitely calls for a lot of dedication. But it also requires a certain degree of commitment on the part of their parents.

Phambili salutes Annelize, Nollita, Patrick and Christiaan who undoubtedly had a hand in helping the "Handevat Marimbas" walk off with the coveted first prize in the Cape Town Eisteddfod recently.

Yes, having won top-honours for three years running in the Overberg Eisteddfod, the group pictured here spread their wings to include other eisteddfods further afield.

Furthermore, this group of Marimba players had the honour to be featured on the TV programme Mooiloop and recently to perform at the Pan-African Society for Musical Arts Education conference held in Paarl.

**Well done guys! Your dedication towards being top of your class and to unite people will not go unnoticed.**

*Here's hoping that many will follow in your footsteps.*