

MAY 2017

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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality



## GANSBAAI TO BENEFIT FROM R8,4 MILLION BULK WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE

The anticipated upgrading of the final phase for the bulk water supply to Gansbaai has begun in earnest, and if all goes to plan the project will be completed by the middle of June this year.

The first two phases of the project were completed in 2010 and 2015 respectively.

The construction of the last phase comprises

more than 2 km of 355 mm-diameter PVC pipes that run to the main reservoir in Gansbaai.

The phased upgrade of the bulk water supply pipeline from the Franskraal Water Treatment Works to the Gansbaai main reservoir is needed to ensure that adequate volumes of treated water are conveyed to Gansbaai to supply the growing population with water.

The pipe route follows the existing pipeline servitude through largely undeveloped areas from the R43 main road and extends past the Gansbaai landfill site to the main reservoir.

A section of the water pipeline in Buitenkant Street will also be upgraded as part of the project. The disruption of traffic and water supply to residents in the area will be kept to a minimum.

Notification of planned water interruptions will be communicated to residents at least 48 hours prior to closure of the valves concerned. (The engineer's representative on site can be contacted at 082 925 2258 for any enquiries.)

### Please note:

- The Kraaibosch Dam supplies bulk water to the Greater Gansbaai area; including Gansbaai, Kleinbaai, Franskraal and Uilenkraalsmond. The water is treated to potable standard at the Franskraal Water Treatment Works.
- Overstrand Municipality's water allocation from the Kraaibosch Dam is still sufficient to ensure the projected water demand for the next 10 to 15 years is provided for. Similarly, the capacity of the Franskraal Water Treatment Works is also adequate for the medium-term projected demand growth.

## NO SEWER CONNECTION?

Consumers with conservancy or septic tanks who CANNOT connect to a sewerage network may apply to have their tariff changed at the beginning of Overstrand's financial year (1 July) and before 30 September; or when there is a change in the property's occupancy status.

### Option 1:

Pay a basic fee of R78,65 plus the infrastructure levy of only R10,94 per month, with the understanding that every time a tanker service is requested, the service will be charged at R537,09 per 6kl or part thereof (office hours, i.e. weekdays before 15:00) or R1074,18 per 6kl or part thereof (after hours) per removal.

### Option 2:

Pay a basic fee of R116,74 plus R13,14 per kl of water used per month, based on a maximum of 35 kl per month (70% of 50 kl), plus the infrastructure levy of R10,94 per month, which will entitle you to tanker callouts during office hours at no additional charge. As per option 1 above, all after-hour service requests will be charged at R1 074,18 per 6kl or part thereof per removal.

Any queries with regard to the above may be directed to Overstrand's Rates and Data Control Office at telephone 028 313 8000 or via e-mail to [enquiries@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:enquiries@overstrand.gov.za).

Please note: Prices quoted are valid until 30 June 2017 only.



## NO-NONSENSE GUIDE TO SELLING YOUR PROPERTY FOLLOW THESE POINTERS TO OBTAIN RATES CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES HASSLE-FREE

Buying and selling real estate entails a lot of paper work and one of the most important processes is to obtain a rates clearance certificate as a seller cannot legally sell his/her property without one.

1. Applications for rates clearance certificates are handled by a conveyancer (attorney) and not by the seller. The municipality will only issue a clearance certificate once it has received a completed, prescribed application form, together with all required documentation from the conveyancer. However, the seller remains responsible for paying all costs incurred in this regard, as well as for settling any outstanding amounts owed to the municipality.

2. Rates clearance applications for properties without any improvements (vacant land) require an initial inspection by the Fire Department before the conveyancer is notified of any outstanding amounts payable. Should the vacant stand be declared a fire hazard, a plot-clearing deposit will be added to the advance collections; unless the property is cleared, re-inspected and declared fire-hazard free by the Fire Department. The plot-clearing administration fee is R1 100 plus the actual cost of clearing the plot, which

will be levied as per Tender No 1481/2014.

3. The cost for manual applications for rates clearance certificates via e-mail or fax, plus valuation certificates amounts to R451. The cost for electronic applications via Korbitec or L@W amounts to R144 (therefore a cheaper option). Make sure your attorney applies online to obtain rates clearance certificates.

4. On the sale of any property within Overstrand's jurisdiction, Council will delay the transfer of a property by withholding a clearance certificate until such time as all rates, service and sundry charges and any estimated amounts payable on the property for the duration of the validity of the certificate, are settled in full.

5. The validity period of a rates clearance certificate is 90 days and the amount due for payment will include 4 (four) months' advance collections, plus all current outstanding debt on the property.

6. Upon receipt of the duly completed rates clearance application form, the municipality has 10 (ten) working days to forward the amount due for payment and a further 10 (ten) working days to produce the rates clearance certificate once proof of payment has been established.

7. Where a debtor has entered into an arrangement with the municipality in respect of the arrears on a property, the prescribed certificate as referred to in Section 118 of the Systems Act will not be issued until such time as the full outstanding amount has been settled.

8. Sellers are also reminded to ensure that disconnection forms are duly completed where properties are equipped with water and/or electricity meters, so that these can be transferred to the new owner (the buyer). Similarly, buyers of properties that are equipped with water and/or electricity meters are reminded to complete connection forms. These forms are available on our website at [www.overstrand.gov.za](http://www.overstrand.gov.za). Click on Documents, then Forms followed by Revenue Application Forms.

9. For queries, contact the municipality at 028 313 8000 and ask for the Rates and Data Control Office. Alternatively, fax your query to 028 312 1894 or send an e-mail to [enquiries@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:enquiries@overstrand.gov.za).

\*Prices quoted are valid until 30/6/2017

## AVOID POLYSTYRENE for the sake of your health and that of the planet

Expanded polystyrene, better known by its trade name Styrofoam, is a light-weight material comprising 95% air and 5% plastic used in housing and boat insulation, packaging for computers, TVs, and other electronics, amongst others. Its use is also widespread in the food industry, in particular trays for meat products, vegetables, and fruit. Styrofoam is also often used for take-away meals, doggie bags and hot drinks to go.

It is a petroleum-based product manufactured with finite resources such as oil, petroleum or gas, and is difficult to recycle. Styrofoam contains chemicals that can harm those involved in its manufacture, as well as those eating hot food served in take-away containers. Reheating the food in a microwave makes matters even worse. At 100 degrees the foam melts into the food and releases styrene gas, which is toxic seep. These chemicals have been implicated in various cancers, gastro-intestinal disorders, impaired concentration, and respiratory problems. For safety reasons, it is advisable to transfer your take-away food to a ceramic or glass dish to reheat.

Only major cities have the means to recycle Styrofoam; so in most places in South Africa, including Hermanus, it takes up a lot of space at landfills and as litter due to its bulkiness. Even when

recycled, it is not a closed-loop system where recycled Styrofoam cups can be made into more foam cups. As with most recycling, it is downcycled into items such as canteen trays or picture frames. Because it is very light, it often blows around as litter and ends up in rivers and the sea. Styrofoam is notorious for breaking up into smaller pieces that choke birds and animals that mistake the pieces for food. Often these creatures die because the plastic doesn't digest and clogs up their digestive systems.

In the USA, 25 billion Styrofoam cups are used a year, which is a horrendous number. Numerous cities and states around the world have introduced a ban on Styrofoam - maybe we should be considering this as well. It's not as if there are no alternatives.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Buy loose fruit and vegetables, where possible.
- If you eat meat, find out which butchers use cardboard or other sustainable containers, such as bagasse (made from sugar cane).
- Make sure your take-away container is made of cardboard or take your own reusable container.
- Avoid buying coffee in Styrofoam completely; look out for ceramic cups, eco cups, or take your own mug.

## SAVE PAPER, SAVE A TREE, your health and that of the planet, BY GOING ONLINE



Overstrand Municipality Rates Department received another Certificate of Achievement for its contribution to conserving the environment and reaching the quarterly 'Grow Your Tree' target by using the Rates Clearance.com system.

Every time a rates clearance certificate is issued electronically, the municipality saves roughly one tree for every 600 electronic applications processed.

The cost for a manual application for rates clearance certificates and valuation certificates via e-mail or fax amounts to R451. The cost for an electronic application for the same certificates via Korbitec or L@W amounts to R144 (therefore a cheaper option).

For the period 2016, no less than 3 000 rates clearance certificates were issued online, with the result that Korbitec donated five Eureka lemon trees on behalf of the municipality to Zwelihle residents Frans Manyani (White City) and Ayanda Ngonyama (Thambo Square). The other trees will be planted in Mshenxiswa Village.

The municipality is in favour of the planting of trees inside private properties in townships, as space on most sidewalks in the informal settlements is usually insufficient. However, only trees that are donated to the municipality may be used for this purpose - provided that the property owner takes full responsibility for the maintenance of the trees concerned.

The municipality does not have jurisdiction over trees planted on private property, but firmly believes the planting of trees in our towns must be promoted by the implementation of sustained planting programmes with community participation.

Therefore, Overstrand Municipality welcomes requests from residents wanting to plant trees on their property, on condition that owners or occupiers accept responsibility to water the trees until they are fully established; and as agreed upon.

"The main objective of beautifying informal settlements is to change the dust bowl landscape of townships and new settlement areas to become green and beautiful. In brief, the aim is to create sustainable and liveable human settlements."

## Cigarette Butts - CLEAN UP OVERSTRAND

*The mess has BUTT to go!*



Cigarette butts have increasingly become one of our major litter issues. The problem has escalated to a greater extent in recent years, due in part to government legislation that restricts smoking in public buildings and restaurants. This, in turn, forces smokers outside, where butts are often littered.

Cigarette butts may seem small however, with an estimated 28,5 million cigarette butts (equivalent to 14,3 tons) being discarded annually in the Hermanus CBD alone (an area of 0,25 km<sup>2</sup>), the toxic chemicals contained within add up.

"We still find huge amounts of waste that make it into the ocean. Especially plastic bottle caps, straws and cigarette butts. People tend to think that these are small pieces of rubbish and will not make a difference, especially when it is thrown into drains," says Anina Lee of Whale Coast Conservation (WCC).

"The battle against waste is not solely won by clean-up operations, but by making people aware of what they are throwing away and where they are doing it," she added.

Aside from the obvious risk of fires, discarded butts are taking a toll on our waterways and marine life. A commonly held misnomer is that cigarette butts are biodegradable, but actually, they're not. The plastic in the filter can take up to 10 years to decompose. There are also chemicals in cigarette butts that are toxic to marine life.

### So what can I do?

Always dispose of cigarette butts responsibly. Smokers, for instance, should refrain from flicking cigarette butts out of car windows, or to dispense of these in an open grassland area when using public amenities such as camping sites, beaches and braai areas.

Rather use a portable cigarette butt holder available on the market or something as simple as an empty bottle or can laden with a bit of water to dispose of butts.

Businesses and other organisations looking for permanent solutions to cigarette butt litter can contact the Whale Coast Conservation for one of their specially designed butt bins. The bins are locally manufactured and thus provide employment. You can also sponsor a bin at a cost of R450 per bin. For more information, contact Anina Lee at 028 316 2527 or e-mail [anina.wcc@gmail.com](mailto:anina.wcc@gmail.com).

• Any incidents of illegal dumping can be reported to the Overstrand's Control Room at 028 313 8000/8111. For day-to-day law enforcement complaints, phone 028 313 8980.



On Sunday afternoon, 21 May 2017, OVERSTRAND ARTS/KUNSTE (OAK) will host a young Italian professor of piano in concert. Giovanni Nesi is regarded as one of the most outstanding musicians of his generation, has earned several awards and has played extensively all over Europe. He will play sonatas by Beethoven and Schubert.



Giovanni Nesi

The concert will take place in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus and commences at 15:30. Contact BELLINI at 028 312 4988 to book your seat. Tickets are R130 and R60 for students. Contact René du Plooy at 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.



## 2017 Mayoral Awards Call For Nominations

**Category 1: Achievers of Excellence**

**Category 2: Woman of the Year**

**Category 3: Environmental Conservation**

**Category 4: Entrepreneurial**

**Category 5: Junior Achiever**

**Category 6: Tourism Development and Marketing**

**Category 7: Overstrand Officials of the Year**

- Area of Service Delivery
- Area of Client Service
- Area of Innovation

Please complete the nomination forms available at the Office of the Mayor, and submit it accompanied by a short CV of the nominee, as well as a detailed motivation letter by the nominator.

All nominations can be forwarded to Doret Taljaard at [dtaljaard@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:dtaljaard@overstrand.gov.za) or hand delivered to the Office of the Mayor by 30 June 2017. Any questions and queries can be directed to Samantha Carelse at [pro@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:pro@overstrand.gov.za) or Tel: 028 313 8193.

Mayoral Awards Evening will be held on 21 September 2017