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# Bulletin

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## DEMAND CONTROL PROJECT LAUNCHED



Homeowners in Hermanus, Kleinmond, Gansbaai, Stanford and Hawston are requested to join hands with Overstrand Municipality and Eskom to help reduce the electricity demand by participating in a programme aimed at installing appliance-control devices connected to the geysers in their homes. The control units will be installed at no cost to the homeowners.

This Residential Load Management (RLM) project forms part of Overstrand's demand management initiative in the region. It involves the connection of control units to geysers, making it possible to switch them on and off remotely. This will enable Overstrand Municipality to manage the demand for electricity, specifically during peak periods.

Geysers account for between 30% and 50% of the electricity consumption in a household, and this makes them an ideal starting point for electricity demand management in the residential sector. The main advantage of the load management system is that the relay system can switch the heating element off during times when the electricity load needs to be reduced. However, it is important to note that interruption of supply can be done while still providing hot water to a household due to the heat retention properties of a geyser.

The RLM project in Overstrand works as follows:

- A small appliance-control device (or relay) is installed in the home of the customer.
- This device then switches off the power supply to the geyser during the evening peak demand period between 18:00 and 20:00.

Qualified technicians with Overstrand Municipality, Eskom and Powertech IST Otokon identification cards will visit homes in high-consumption areas to install the units between March and December 2012. Homeowners are requested to only allow contractors with the necessary identification cards to enter their homes.

For further information, please call the RLM project office on 083 228 0268.

This project is in the national interest and will help Overstrand Municipality to comply with legislation that will be implemented later this year. The implementation of the project is funded by NERSA (National Energy Regulator of South Africa) via Eskom and will not create an additional financial burden to ratepayers.

## NEW VALUATION ROLL OPEN FOR INSPECTION

Overstrand Municipality's new General Valuation Roll for the financial years 2012/13 – 2015/16 is currently open for public inspection; the inspection period runs from 9 February 2012 – 4 April 2012. During this time, any person who wishes to object to any matter reflected in or omitted from the roll may do so by filling in the prescribed objection form. This form is available on the municipal website ([www.overstrand.gov.za](http://www.overstrand.gov.za)) and at the municipal offices.

Some important aspects to take note of:

- The revised valuation as well as the revised property tax for the new financial year will come into effect on 1 July 2012 and will be reflected in your municipal accounts for July 2012 and onwards.
- Objectors must comply with the timeframes regarding the inspection of the valuation roll and (if necessary) lodging of objections. Raising concerns after the expiry of the objections period will not achieve meaningful results.
- An objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the valuation roll as such.
- Please note that the market value of the properties reflected in the above-mentioned valuation roll is the amount the property would have realised

if sold on 2 July 2011 in the open market by a willing seller to a willing buyer.

- The success of an objection depends on the merits of comparisons drawn between properties sold on 2 July 2011 and the property in respect of which the objection is raised. Comparisons between your property and neighbouring properties do not necessarily provide evidence that your property's value is incorrect.
- It must also be emphasised that in terms of section 45 (1) of the Act, physical inspection of the property to be valued, is not obligatory. This reality is often overlooked by owners.
- After the inspection period has come to an end, all the objections received will be forwarded to the Municipal Valuer, who must promptly decide and inform the objectors of the outcome of his/her decision.
- Objectors who are not satisfied with the outcome of their objections will then be able to lodge an appeal with the Valuations Appeal Board.
- It is important to note that the Act requires that the objector continues paying rates while his/her objections are being processed and finalised.

For any enquiries regarding valuations, please contact Carien de Beer at 028 313 8133 or via e-mail: [cdebeer@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:cdebeer@overstrand.gov.za).

## MANY QUERIES ABOUT BOREHOLES AND WELLPOINTS

Overstrand Municipality has been inundated with queries regarding procedures for sinking boreholes and wellpoints.

Property owners are advised to notify the municipality's Client Service Centre before sinking a borehole or wellpoint, and to register it. Registration costs R40. On payment, the municipality will issue a borehole notice which must be affixed to the boundary fence/wall.

Legislation in this regard determines that the municipality will require from the owner of any premises within the area of jurisdiction of the municipality upon which a borehole exists, or, if the owner is not in occupation of such premises, the occupier thereof, to notify it on a prescribed form of the existence of a borehole on such premises, and also to provide specific information in respect thereof. The information required as part of the notification must state the aquifer into which the borehole is drilled and provide the final depth drilled and, ideally, the driller's log or comments.

Furthermore, the municipality's water by-law states that if water is sourced from boreholes into the deep Peninsula or Skurweberg aquifers, the municipality must be provided with an estimate of anticipated

water use and satisfactory evidence to the effect that the usage of the water is to be metered. Any person given the consent for abstraction from such a borehole shall provide the municipality on a monthly basis with a reading from the metering device, stating the time and date of reading, as well as units of flow reading.

The municipality may also require the owner or occupier of any premises who intends to sink a borehole to undertake an environmental impact assessment for such intended borehole before sinking the borehole. Boreholes are also subject to any applicable provisions contained within the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

In a recent edition of a newspaper, a resident suggested that by using a wellpoint, property owners could not only water their gardens but could also use it for domestic purposes. Section 51(7) of the municipality's water by-law requires that such water should comply with the SANS 0241 drinking-water quality standards at all times. Under no circumstances may a water supply from a borehole or wellpoint be connected to a water installation which is also connected to the municipal water supply.

The municipality encourages the practice of rain-

water harvesting for irrigation purposes. Rainwater tanks are not deemed to be fixed constructions and may, therefore, encroach upon building lines. Prior consultation with neighbours affected by the erection of rainwater tanks is, however, advised.



## HELP BROADEN THE HORIZONS OF OUR SCHOOL KIDS

On paying a social visit to Overstrand's schools at the start of the new school year, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie once more came to appreciate the important role fulfilled by school libraries in the education system.

This goes far beyond the mere imparting of knowledge in class. Learners should also be encouraged to work independently and to broaden their frame of reference with the aid of the books and other resources on offer in the library. Gaining access to

libraries may prove difficult for some, and it is for this very reason that the school library system ought to be enhanced.

The Mayor would like to encourage all residents to donate suitable superfluous reading matter to a school in their neighbourhood – especially in those areas where residents find it hard to make ends meet.

**Feel free to contact her office on 028 313 8058 should you require additional information in this regard.**

## LIVE BY THE MORAL VALUE OF RESPONSIBILITY

There are several co-ordinates on the compass that has to set the course for our "journey" towards attaining a strong moral and ethical personal and community character. Responsibility as moral and ethical standard is one of the six co-ordinates indicated by the MSI. The remainder includes fairness, caring, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility and good citizenship.

- People whose moral compass has been set to demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility can probably be described as follows:
- They are prepared to shoulder the responsibility. They do not hesitate to become involved whenever necessary. They set a positive example for others.
- They choose to think and act positively. You won't find them sitting on the sideline, criticising and complaining. They don't sponge on the work and successes of others.

- They accept responsibility for their lives. That's why they set goals for themselves. They devise plans and go about attaining those goals in a disciplined manner.
- They are conscientious. They do what they undertook to do.
- Responsible people know their own limits. They don't shoulder more than what can be managed successfully.
- They are prepared to account for their actions. They don't hide behind excuses and other people when things don't go according to plan. They accept ownership and then take action to correct whatever went wrong.

Do you think our community displays a spirit of co-responsibility and positive involvement?

**Contact the MSI at  
ernstes@vodamail.co.za  
or cell no 082 412 4538.**

## CANSA RELAY A MUST-DO FOR ALL

The CANSA Relay For Life did not develop into one of Hermanus' biggest annual events for no reason. It is a very touching experience, while much needed funds are raised for more research on and the treatment of one of the most dreaded diseases of our time.

This year's event takes place on the night of 17 and 18 March at the Hermanus High School. The fee for late entering for a team of ten is R1 000, as entries already closed end February.

As usual, there will be a host of performers to get the teams through the night, such as Dillon Lerm, Marius de Bruyn, Amoré Rudman, Luan Groene-

wald, Jeandré van der Walt, Roxy's Music Academy, Mika van der Merwe and the magician, Christiaan Horn. Other activities, entertainment, food stalls and games will also be offered throughout the night.

The **Relay For Life** kicks off at 16:00 when Overstrand Mayor, Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, will open the event. **For further information, please contact CANSA's office on 028 316 1486, or call Elnette du Toit directly on 083 218 5980.**



## INTERNATIONAL PIANISTS ON STAGE

Overstrand Arts/Kunste is offering music lovers piano recitals by two outstanding young pianists.

On Sunday afternoon, 25 March at 15:30, Alexander Lubyantsev, 25 year-old laureate of piano competitions in Russia, US and Australia, will perform works by Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven and Ravel.

On Easter Saturday evening, 7 April at 19:00, Palliva Mahidhara (born in India and residing in the US) will perform works of Beethoven, Debussy, Scriabin and Prokofiev.

The young Ms Mahidhara played with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington DC at age 14 and has been lauded for her extraordinary achievements in the field of music.

**Tickets are R100 and R50 for students. Book early at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. Further enquiries may be directed to René du Plooy on 082 940 4238.**

