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# Bulletin

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## • ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION BOREHOLE DRILLED IN HERMANUS

# WATER-SAVING INTENSIFIED

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie announced an intensification of water saving measures for Greater Hermanus at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 30 March 2011, but also reported progress on projects to make the town less susceptible to draughts in future.

Watering of gardens has been limited to half an hour per week from 15 April 2011. As has been the case thus far, watering hours will be in accordance with street numbers. For residences with even numbers, it will be on Fridays, and for those with uneven numbers, on Saturdays – for half an hour between 18:00 and 06:00.

Mayor Botha-Guthrie said the existing measures and the application of the first level of restrictive tariffs resulted in an average saving of more than 25% per month on water consumption in Greater Hermanus over the past three months and a much lower drop in the dam level than anticipated. The De Bos dam is fast nearing the 20 percent level, when the second level of restriction tariffs will kick in.

Plans to increase water provision from boreholes, which required an upgrading of pumps, the construction of a reservoir to increase our purification capacity as well as other infrastructure, will be operational by the end of

May despite problems experienced with one of the production boreholes (GWPO2), resulting in reduced yields.

As successful and timeous rehabilitation of this borehole cannot be guaranteed, the drilling of an additional borehole is underway. This will increase the abstraction rate from the present 30l/s to 55 l/s during the next month as infrastructure comes on line, and thereafter to 60 l/s, which is the abstraction rate which has been approved by the Department of Water Affairs' authorisation.

As is the case with the other municipal abstraction boreholes, the borehole will target the Peninsula Aquifer, a deep confined water bearing fractured quartzite. The borehole is likely to be approximately 220+m deep. The drilling of the previous abstraction boreholes recorded 'blow yields' in excess of 100 litres per second.

When this borehole is drilled, GWPO2 will be rehabilitated, providing the well field with a standby borehole. The additional borehole does not impact on the authorised abstraction volume of the well field, which is based on water balance predictions and numerical groundwater models, which take into account the recharge to the aquifers.

The response to the abstraction is monitored by a comprehensive moni-

toring network.

Overstrand Municipality is still on track with the implementation of longer term plans to make Greater Hermanus less susceptible to draughts. At the end of next year, all our well fields will be in production and supplying in 75 percent of the town's water needs.

An investigation into the purification of sewage water found this to be a very viable project and a comprehensive report on the financial aspects of

implementing such a project will soon be presented to council. Also in the pipeline is a desalination project in cooperation with the private sector. This plant will supplement the town's water supplies with 1 mega litre desalinated water per day.

Various other steps are applied in the municipality's effort to create awareness and curtail water wastage. One of the steps is the replacement of taps at beaches and public venues with demand-control taps.



**FIRE SERVICES MOURN**

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON 18 MAY

A total of 45298 voters are registered in Overstrand for participation in the municipal elections of 18 May 2011. A high turnout is expected at the 30 voting stations in the municipal area.

A total of 118 candidates are competing for the 13 ward and 12 proportional representative (PR) seats in the new enlarged municipal council that will come about with this election in Overstrand Municipality. Eight political parties as well as independents are in the contest.

Voting stations will open at 07:00 on 18 May and close at 19:00. All

those inside the boundaries of the voting station at closing time, however, will be allowed to cast their ballots. There are three ballot papers: a yellow one for the PR ballot where you vote for a political party, a white one for the ward election, where you vote for a person to represent the ward, and a green PR ballot for the District Municipality, where you vote for a political party.

Remember to take your green bar-coded ID document along. You can only vote at the voting station where you are registered.

Special votes will be allowed at this election but should have been applied for between 15 April and 3 May 2011. To check if and where you are registered, you can:

- Send an SMS with your ID number to 32810 (costs R1 per SMS received or sent);
- Go to [www.elections.org.za](http://www.elections.org.za) or [mobi.elections.org.za](http://mobi.elections.org.za);
- Phone the IEC call centre at 0800 11 8000 (free from a landline); or
- Inspect the voters' roll at your Municipal Electoral Office during office hours.

Representatives from all the respective fire services that were involved in containing the Kleinmond mountain fire mid-March again converged on Sunday 27 March to pay their last respects to the young fire fighter, Harold Jacobs, who died in a freak accident during this operation. It was the first time Overstrand Fire Services lost a member during active service. Members of the service received counselling after the incident and were also encouraged on site by Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie and Municipal Manager Werner Zybrands. Some consolation was found in the fact that Harold was mad about his work and had already distinguished himself as a brave fire fighter in the early stages of his career. Kleinmond residents also expressed their sympathy by hanging ribbons from a tree near the entrance to the town.

# RECYCLING KICKS OFF IN THE EAST

From 25 April 2011 recycling at source can also take place in Gansbaai and Stanford.

Transparent refuse bags with all the necessary instructions in the form of a newsletter were already widely distributed during the previous week, but those who did not receive any must contact the municipal offices.

When the recycle bags are full, they, together with the black bags, must be placed out on each day the relevant household's refuse is to be collected. Each household that puts out a recycle bag will, in turn, receive a new transparent bag where after the same routine is to be repeated.

The recycle bags are taken to the recycling plant in Gansbaai where the content is sorted and baled.

Some of the area's residents voiced their concern in local newspapers about the fact that informal rakers have been banned from the dumping site and are no longer allowed to collect recyclable material there. However, the conditions of the municipality's permit prohibit this and if these conditions are not met, the pro-

vincial authority can recall the permit with the result that the dumping site will have to be closed.

Similar opportunities have, however, been created with the construction of a recycling shed. The service provider EnviroServ gainfully employs jobless persons to sort the recyclable material under controlled conditions.

In light of the above, all householders are called upon to give their full cooperation in order to ensure this project's success.

The same modus operandi is followed in the Hangklip-Kleinmond region. In Hermanus, recyclable material must be placed out on the second collection day of the week.

Another service soon to be offered at the transfer stations in Gansbaai and Stanford is special containers in which hazardous household waste, such as old batteries, long-life and fluorescent globes, chemicals and garden poisons can be deposited free of charge. This service is already available at the transfer stations in Hermanus and Kleinmond.



Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie attended the hand-over procedure of title deeds in Zwelihle recently. Present during this occasion were Zoleka Sitemela and Melanie Tenners in front and (in the middle row) Roderick Williams, Director of Community Services, Nowonde Kosani, Bulelwa Hlazo, Mayor Botha-Guthrie, Cingelwa Lusiba, Liziwe Molete, Nowindasi Bokolo, Frankie Frans, Housing Manager; and in the back row, Piet Konstabel, Siyabuya Mduyulwa, Yoliswa Nel and Goodman Bokolo.

## PROOF OF HOME-OWNERSHIP

Home-ownership only takes effect once you have a title deed of a property registered in your name. For a variety of reasons, many beneficiaries of low-cost housing units did not receive their title deeds in the past and this affected their ability to improve their living conditions and even their estates in the case of death.

Overstrand Municipality has now launched a concerted effort to address this problem, which requires a lot of research and various methods to resolve the causes of the problem. The Housing Department is working closely with the attorneys to attend to all outstanding transfers.

According to the Housing Manager, Mr Frankie Frans, a major stumbling block is the ownership of the original land, which in many cases belonged to national or provincial government

and not the municipality. The land must first be transferred to the municipality before the transfers to the beneficiaries can take place.

Another factor is the cost of the transfer process. Nowadays, the municipality is making a financial contribution towards fees in an effort to assist and speed up the transfer process. Delays were also caused by outstanding municipal debt, and special arrangements have been put in place in order for poor people to obtain the necessary rates clearance certificate.

Transfers are also delayed by changes in the beneficiaries' status, and failure on their part to provide new status information regarding deaths, divorces and remarriages is a factor to contend with.



## BOAT OF DEVELOPMENT SETS SAIL

Following on several years of planning and preparing, the first sod of the Kleinmond Harbour development has been turned on Wednesday, 30 March by the Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie. This five year long development project to the value of some R344 million will eventually result in 168 new residential units and add a further 6500 square metres of retail space to the area. Concurrently, harbour infrastructure of R10,9 million and municipal infrastructure of R10,1 million will be installed. According to estimates, 300 job opportunities will be created during the construction phase and the end result will be 128 permanent positions in the retail trade and 226 other positions. Municipal revenue from rates and taxes will amount to R2,28 million over the next five years. "The boat of development has now set sail from the harbour," Ms Botha-Guthrie said. "I wish all involved a prosperous journey. Now it is full steam ahead!" With her at the event were amongst others (from the left) Edward Appolis, Briand Louw, Johan Pauw, Werner Zybrandts, Desmond Makka, Mark Myles, Peter Makka and Charles Swartz.



## RENOWNED VIOLINIST ON OAK STAGE



On Monday evening, 30 May, the renowned Russian violinist Andrey Baranov will be playing works by JS Bach, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Van Dijk, Wieniawski and Gershwin in the Auditorium of the Overstrand Civic Centre in Hermanus. He will be accompanied on the piano by his sister, Maria Baranova. Baranov walked off with the second prize at the fifth UNISA International Strings Competition (violin section). In 2008, he won the Second Benjamin Britten International Violin Competition in London and in 2009, he received the second prize at the Seoul International Music Competition in Korea. Tickets at R80 and R40 for students are available from Bellini's and can also be booked on 028 312 4988.

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