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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## MAYOR GIVES RECOGNITION TO COMMUNITY LEADERS

On Thursday evening 21 September 2017, the Overstrand Executive Mayor Ald Rudolph Smith, honoured community members who are making a difference in their communities, at a prestigious Night of Achievers Awards ceremony that was held in the Auditorium at the Overstrand Municipality.

This annual occasion, recognises individuals who contribute exceptionally well towards their communities. This year, recognition was given to global stalwart, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who's name was among those who received a certificate for the Honorary Citizens Charter/Honorary Citizens Award - in acknowledgement of a life-long devotion to the wider South African communities, and in honour of continuing his human rights work in the Overstrand area. Unfortunately, he was not present to receive his award. Other awards included the Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation, the Overstrand Woman of the Year, and certificates for Achievers of Excellence.

This year, the following Categories were recognised:

### Category 1: ACHIEVER OF EXCELLENCE RUNNERS UP:

- **Nols Jonas** - In honour of his wide-ranging care of stray and neglected "pets" through BARC.
- **Stanford Conservation & Recycling (SCORE) - Elma Hunter** - In honour of social impact made in the Stanford community through conservation education, with their "littering and recycling" programme.
- **NIKA Trust - Hennie Nieman** - In honour of proactive efforts in poverty alleviation, through the rendering of support to disadvantaged individuals and families, as well as organisations and communities of the Overstrand.
- **Nellie Nokwanele Tebele** - In honour of years of dedicated and pioneering service to the community of Zwelihle.

### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **Michael Lutzeyer** - In honour of his contribution to the development of responsible ecotourism, through the establishment of the "Grootbos Nature Reserve" and the associated "Grootbos Foundation".
- **Gladys Gillion** - In honour of her continued contribution to the social upliftment and promotion of education in the community of Hawston.

### Category 2: WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### RUNNERS UP:

- **Carolyn Martin** - In honour of her pioneering business acumen and contributions to social development, with the promotion of the Hemel-en-Aarde wine industry.
- **Trone Meintjies** - In honour of her charitable contributions made to Overstrand communities as the founder of "Hermanus staan saam".
- **Johanna Lidia Morgan** - In honour of her contributions to the social upliftment of the community of Zwelihle.
- **Julie Cheetham** - In honour of her extensive contribution to youth development in the Overstrand as an employee of the "Grootbos Foundation".

### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **Ann Wright** - In honour of her invaluable contribution to community upliftment through her work with various charity organisations.

### Category 3: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

#### RUNNERS UP:

- **Grootbos Foundation Conservation Team** - In honour of their contribution towards the preservation and conservation of fynbos in the greater Overstrand area.
- **Antonio de Silva-Swart** - In honour of his passionate contribution to the conservation of our

beaches and educating others about the environment.

- **Dr Vic Hamilton-Attwell** - In honour of his passionate contributions and education in the fields of Botany and Zoology.
- **Duncan Heard** - In honour of his long-standing contribution to conservation in the greater Hermanus area.

### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **Sheraine van Wyk** - In honour of her invaluable contribution to nature conservation, as well as socio-environmental education.

### Category 4: ENTREPRENEURIAL

#### RUNNERS UP:

- **Jan Lutzeyer** - In honour of the successful establishment of innovative online ventures.
- **Margaret Motsoene** - In honour of her entrepreneurial spirit and contributions to entrepreneurial skills development.
- **Gilbert Muchanyara** - In honour of his entrepreneurial success in the catering industry.

### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **De Waal Steyn** - In honour of his contribution and success in the industry of print and online media.

### Category 5: JUNIOR ACHIEVER

#### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **Conrad Strydom** - In honour of his outstanding contribution to the promotion of education in the Overstrand and greater South Africa.
- **Camden Jansen** - In honour of his exceptional effort in caring for animals and volunteering at the "Hermanus Animal Welfare Society".
- **Tairemo Pietersen** - In honour of his exceptional effort in caring for animals and volunteering at the "Hermanus Animal Welfare Society".
- **Marlen Plaatjies** - In honour of his exceptional effort in caring for animals and volunteering at the "Hermanus Animal Welfare Society".

### Category 6: TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

#### RUNNERS UP:

- **Jan Lutzeyer** - In honour of contributions to the tourism industry and promotion of the Overstrand as a world-class travel destination.

### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **Johan Hugo** - In honour of services to the Overstrand community that include the development of a unique tourism product and contributions to Local Economic Development (LED).



In the picture with the Mayor Rudolph Smith, from left to right, are: Bantu Sam (obo) Sheraine van Wyk, Conrad Strydom (Youth achiever of the year), Ann Wright (Woman of the year), Johan Hugo (Tourism Development and Marketing), De Waal Steyn (Entrepreneurial) and Michael Lutzeyer (Achiever of excellence).

### Category 7: OVERSTRAND OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

#### CATEGORY WINNER:

- **Aden Johannes** - In honour of exceptional client service and dedication beyond the call of duty.
- **Liezl de Villiers** - In honour of her innovative solution towards baboon control in the Hermanus area.
- **Marzaan Middleton** - In honour of exceptional and versatile service delivery beyond the call of duty.

### PRINCIPALS NOMINATED

- **Lionel Pedro** - Die Bron Laerskool, Stanford  
In honour of services to Overstrand communities beyond the call of educational duty.
- **Tommy Wilson** - Gansbaai Academia  
In honour of services to Overstrand communities beyond the call of educational duty.
- **Tommy Volkwyn** - Gansbaai Primêre Skool  
In honour of services to Overstrand communities beyond the call of educational duty.
- **Julius Swart** - Hawston Primêre Skool  
In honour of services to Overstrand communities beyond the call of educational duty.
- **Johannes Mouton** - Curro School  
In honour of services to Overstrand communities beyond the call of educational duty.
- **T Morris Tsabalala** - Lukhanyo Primary School, Zwelihle. In honour of services to Overstrand communities beyond the call of educational duty.

### SPECIAL AWARD

- **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** - Honorary Citizens Charter/Honorary Citizens Award. In acknowledgement of a life-long devotion to the wider South African communities, and in honour of continuing his human rights work in the Overstrand area.

## Onrus mini-transfer station closes

Following repeated complaints in recent years about safety, untidiness and the associated health and safety risk of the facility, the mini-transfer station at the Onrus Trading Post Shopping Centre will be closed before December 2017.

This decision was taken after Ward 13's ward committee recommended it during September 2017's public meeting. Several other options were considered and a survey was made about, among others, who make use of the transfer station. Because the facility is on municipal land, it can't be expected of the tenants in the centre to take responsibility for the transfer station. The intention of the transfer station was never that residents could dump their garbage, including garden refuse, there. It was erected in 2006 so that visitors, who depart on a day other than when garbage is removed, have a waste facility for household refuse. It would prevent full black bags standing around that get destroyed by stray dogs.

"Even though the transfer station is there, visitors still put their bags on the sidewalk on days when refuse is not removed," said Hermanus Area Manager, Don Kearney.

Unfortunately, it is also a meeting place for homeless people. A number of homeless people have grown in numbers and intensity over the years. "It is also disruptive for visitors to the centre and does not create a good overall impression at the entrance of the town," said Kearney. "We also notice more and more baboons in the area and are worried that they will 'discover' the mini-transfer station." When refuse is off-loaded, leftover food is often given to the homeless community. Particularly elderly people are targeted under the pretext of assistance, while the actual motivation is the tips.

The Onrus mini-transfer station will not be closed summarily, but it's intended to close ultimately by 30 November 2017. The Municipality requests residents - especially those who rent out holiday homes - to make early arrangements regarding garbage disposal. They could arrange with a permanent resident to make the bins and bags available on the scheduled days for removal. Municipal disposal of household waste takes place on Mondays (Vermont) and Tuesdays (Onrus River).

## Hawston sod-turning grounds for celebration



Western Cape MEC for Human Settlements, Bonginkosi Madikizela (fourth left) and Overstrand Executive Mayor, Rudolph Smith (next to minister) seen at the sod-turning ceremony of the Hawston Housing Development Project on Friday, 8 September 2017. With them were the respective provincial and municipal officials, Overstrand councillors, Hawston community social compact members, as well as representatives of the implementing agency and contractors.

The Provincial MEC for Human Settlements Bonginkosi Madikizela, along with Overstrand Executive Mayor Rudolph Smith, launched the multimillion-rand Hawston Housing Development Project, with a sod-turning ceremony held on the site where the new housing project is taking place on Friday, 8 September 2017. The event was marked with much elation from community members, contractors and stakeholders concerned.

The Hawston Integrated Residential Development Project (IRDP), situated on a portion of land adjacent to the R43 in Hawston, forms an extension of an existing residential area and is approximately 13 hectares in extent. It comprises 489 sites that include 107 residential sites for the affordable housing market, i.e. Grant Assistance Programme (GAP) and Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP), 378 residential sites for the Breaking New Ground (BNG) market, two business sites, two community zoned sites and nine open public spaces, roads and a stormwater retention pond. This development is representative of the Department's mandate to deliver integrated and sustainable human settlements, in which beneficiaries have access to the resources they need in order to thrive in life.

On addressing those present Mayor Smith stated, "My thanks go to the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements, the project managers, implementing agent, contractors, my fellow councillors and the Overstrand administration, whose combined efforts have led us here today."

In his keynote speech, MEC Bonginkosi Madikizela commended the Municipality for the progress made in the delivery of housing in the region. However, he pointed out that government is unfortunately not in a position to provide free housing indefinitely, and its strategic objective is to promote partnerships with the business and banking sector in the Western Cape, in order to help alleviate the housing need. To this end, Madikizela stated, "We will continue to work closely with the banks and financial institutions, to ensure that carefully constructed mortgage packages that cater for the lower income brackets, become available to more people."

"This development will benefit a number of people and is aimed at meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and deserving beneficiaries, and addressing the problem of those people that earn too much to get a free house and too little to get a bond," said the minister. With that in mind, he cautioned the municipality to listen to the requirements of the middle earning class, and to try to find the means to accommodate this group who in essence are valuable tax paying contributors. He further urged the community to assist with ensuring that the development reaches completion, by not entertaining those who may have a tendency of blocking and sabotaging projects such as this, saying: "Toy-toying" slows down service delivery. People should rather speak up so that we can look at ways to address any problems they may encounter along the way."

## Career Exhibition generates great interest amongst Overstrand Youth



Qhayiya Senior Secondary pupils listen attentively as Luvo Bomvana of Overstrand's Local Economic Development provides them with some insights of the mechanisations and prospective career opportunities within the organisation.

On Thursday, 7 September 2017, the Department of Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), in partnership with Zwelihle Youth Café and Overstrand's Zwelihle North Ward Councillor Vuyani Macotha, hosted a career exhibition for grades 9, 12 and out of school youth.

The event forms part of the government's activities to mark Heritage, Public Service and Tourism Month that falls in September.

Aimed at creating a platform for the youth to engage with various stakeholders and receive information on career prospects and accompanying skills development programmes, the exhibition is also a means to try and reduce the number of unemployed youth or graduates in the country.

## Overstrand on a roll towards less plastic



The Cape Whale Coast and Hermanus, in particular, has always had quite a few environmentally aware people residing in this beautiful part of the world. What's more is, they want to keep it that way and are starting to push back against the oncoming tide of plastic packaging we are subjected to, whether it be at the supermarket, local take away or restaurants.

More individuals and groups are organising themselves to say that, they don't want overpackaged grocery products or fresh produce that could be sold loose, wrapped in plastic or on a polystyrene tray. People are tired of having a plastic straw plonked in their drink - whether they want it or not - and takeaways in polystyrene, when more earth-friendly alternatives are available.

There have been campaigns against trash for years, which is highly commendable, but it's really more than just about litter, isn't it? All this collected litter just goes to the recycling depot or to landfill. What the aim should be, as more people are realising, is to radically reduce the amount of trash completely.

**To quote the motto of Bea Johnson, the doyen of zero waste living:**

**REFUSE** - what you really don't need or want, such as single-use packaging  
**REDUCE** - what you need, stop mindless shopping - you will save so much money and time

**REUSE** - what you already have - glass jars, paper bags, fix things, repair clothes.

**RECYCLE** - what you can't use. Ideally, there should be very little to recycle

**ROT** - Compost your food waste or use a Bokashi bin if you live in a flat.

The Country market is radically reducing plastic and numerous restaurants are also cutting out straws and another single-use packaging. There is still lots of room for improvement, but we are definitely moving in the right direction in the Overstrand.

For more information, please contact Fiona: [fionamatthes@gmail.com](mailto:fionamatthes@gmail.com) or visit Facebook - Rethink Single Use Plastics.