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Revamped Early Learning Centre in Masakhane promises “Good Hope” for pre-schoolers

At the official opening of the revamped-Good Hope Early Learning Centre in Masakhane in mid-July, Overstrand's Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee was treated to a hearty welcome by around 94 pre-schoolers and twelve enthused staff members who were overjoyed at being afforded a special place where the foundation for development during a child's early development years can be laid.



Tuli Martins from the Grootbos Foundation looks on as Mayor Dudley Coetzee gets a big hug from two of the kids who attended the official opening of the Good Hope ECD Centre.

The centre is based at the old primary school in Masakhane, a neighbourhood of Gansbaai, and has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 2013.

Back then, local resident Lingiswa Nyanderi started the centre - which she called “Good Hope” - in the back streets of Masakhane. At the time, Lingiswa cared for 15 young children in her own informal dwelling.

Not too long thereafter, the community Overstrand Municipality, Flower Valley Conservation Trust's early childhood development (ECD) programme and the Western Cape Department of Social Development joined hands with Lingiswa.

Jointly, they set out to address the needs of young children in Masakhane and to tackle the many challenges one faces on the ground, including meeting minimum standards for health and safety and affording sustainable access to quality ECD in marginalised rural areas.

Eventually, additional support from the municipality and the community made it possible for the Good Hope Centre to move to the school building.

In 2017, the centre received further support from I-Med Vision (a non-profit organisation) and the Grootbos Foundation. Last year, the abalone farming company operating in Gansbaai and Hermanus, Aquinion, also joined hands with the centre as a supporter of youth development in the area, in particular ECD.

“Standing together toward equity and justice”

At the time of the official opening of the revamped centre, Flower Valley's ECD Programme Manager, Gabbi Cook, remarked that the story of Good Hope started even before there was a Masakhane.



“This is a community-based school. It's the fruit of many people's hard work and dedication; it's an expression of kindness and care, but is also an expression of the intrinsic right of young children to the best possible start in life,” Cook said.

NOTICE

Invitation for comments with regard to additional revisions of the Overstrand Municipality By-law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2015; the Overstrand Municipality zoning scheme, 2013; the respective overlay zones and the integration of the zoning maps into the revised Overstrand Municipality land use scheme (regulation), 2013.

Full details with regard to the proposed revisions are available for inspection during weekdays between 08:00 and 16:30 at the Town Planning Department, 16 Paterson Street, Hermanus; the offices of the Area Managers in Gansbaai, Stanford, Hermanus and Kleinmond; all public libraries in the Overstrand; the municipality's corporate head office in Hermanus as well as on the official website <http://www.overstrand.gov.za/en/documents/town-planning>.

Please note that the closing date for the commenting period is as advertised in the newspaper and in notices at all public libraries.



2019 Mayoral Awards

Category 1: Achievers of Excellence

Category 2: Woman of the Year

Category 3: Environmental Conservation

Category 4: Entrepreneurial Achievements

Category 5: Tourism Development

Category 6: Junior Achiever

The Mayoral Awards Evening will be held at 18:00 on Thursday 3 October 2019 in the Overstrand Municipality's Auditorium. Attendance will be by invitation only.



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NOTICE TO ALL OPERATORS OF SMALL BOILERS

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004), all industries/facilities/institutions that make use of small boilers on their premises are required to register these boilers with their local municipality.

Small boilers are typically used on camp sites to provide hot water for ablution and washing-up facilities. They might also be used to heat outdoor swimming-pools, for instance.

To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Act, all industries/facilities/institutions currently making use of small boilers are requested to make arrangements with Overstrand's Environmental Management Section for an on-site inspection of their facilities with a view to registering these boilers.

Call the Environmental Management Section on 028 313 8000 or 028 316 3724 to make an appointment or email apalton@overstrand.gov.za.

MINISTER VISITS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION SITE IN HAWSTON

Recently, the newly appointed MEC for human settlements, Tertius Simmers, took it upon himself to conduct an on-site inspection of progress made with a project to develop housing in the Hawston area. He was accompanied by Overstrand Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee, the Overstrand Constituency

Head and Speaker of Parliament Masizole Mngasela, councillors and municipal officials.

The Hawston Integrated Residential Development Project (IRDP), situated on a portion of land adjacent to the R43 in Hawston, is an extension of an existing residential area and will cover around 13 hectares.

This R80.6 million project (civil services amounting to R25 983 993 and top structures to R54 662 000) commenced in June 2017 and, if everything goes according to plan, will be completed by December 2020.

Of the 498 sites developed as part of the project, 107 have been designated as residential sites for affordable housing resorting under either the Grant

Assistance Programme (GAP) or Finance-linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP), and a further 378 residential sites have been designated to serve the Breaking-new-ground (BNG) market. Of the remaining sites, two have been zoned for business purposes while the remainder will accommodate nine open public spaces, roads and a storm-water retention pool.

Completion of the project, however, depends on the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements granting the funds to construct traffic

lights at the intersection of George Viljoen Street and the R43, which is a provincial road. At the time of Minister Simmers' visit to the site, Dennis Hendriks, Senior Manager: Engineering Services, pointed out that this project came to a standstill in 2018 as a result of the main contractor being liquidated and protest action in the Overstrand area.

Consequently, civil works were delayed and the building of top structures could only commence in February 2019.

"We are aiming for a phased handover of completed housing units commencing as early as November 2019, but currently that is dependent upon the provincial authorities playing their part in assuring beneficiaries' safe access across the busy R43 to amenities such as crèches, schools, churches and shops," Simmers said.

An application for funds to construct the traffic lights was submitted to the provincial department and approval was granted, but due to a lack of funding the construction of the traffic lights might not go ahead.

Once the traffic lights at the intersection of George Viljoen Street and the R43 have been erected, the handover of houses will be implemented in phases:

In November 2019, 69 units will be handed over (phase 1); in February 2020, 62 units will be handed over (Phase 2); in May 2020 another 68 units will be handed over (phase 3); in August 2020 altogether 75 units will be handed over (phase 4); in October 2020 a further 57 units will be handed over (phase 5); and in December 2020 the final 47 units will be handed over (phase 6).



LATEST EDITION OF BROCHURE ON HERMANUS' UNIQUE CLIFF PATH LAUNCHED

The heavy clouds and cold, wet, wintery weather did little to dampen the spirits of the Cliff Path Management Group at the launch of the latest edition of the Hermanus Cliff Path Brochure that took place at the Windsor Hotel on Monday 8 July 2019.

The brochure is dedicated to the memory of David Beattie who literally and figuratively put the Hermanus cliff path on the map.

The ± 12 km cliff path is one of the most unique attractions of Hermanus and stretches from the New Harbour along the coastline to Grotto Beach. Wheelchair-friendly sections along the path have been created wherever possible for the benefit of the disabled, elderly and infants in strollers and prams.

A major improvement in the updated edition of the brochure is that it now also explains the origins of the names of various points along the path, such as Tamatiebank, Kammabaai and Sieverspunt, to name but a few.

Speaking at the event, Overstrand Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee pointed out that David was a man who truly dedicated his life not only to conservation, but also to unlocking the treasures so richly bestowed upon Overstrand.

It was a moving gesture when the Mayor handed over the very first copy of the new cliff path brochure to the late David's wife, Jane. "I am sure David would have been proud of this moment," he said.

In his address, the Mayor remarked: "All too often, I am humbled by our residents' willingness to sacrifice their time and energy without reward. These people work to ensure that the legacy is preserved for many generations to come - and to ensure that it remains accessible to whoever wants to indulge in the bountiful pleasures the Overstrand has to offer - and Hermanus' cliff path in particular.

"As a local authority, Overstrand will continue its efforts to protect the unique biodiversity that sets this stretch of the coastline apart. Moreover, we have an obligation to unlock as many opportunities for empowerment and economic growth as we possibly can for all who call Overstrand their home.

"This is no easy feat, but I am grateful that with the aid of caring non-profit organisations like the Cliff Path Management Group - who took it upon themselves to manage and market the cliff path - many tourists from all over the world have had the opportunity to safely wander along these paths and, perhaps, witnessed the wondrous experience of a whale breaching; heard the shrill call of a Black Oystercatcher (Tobi); and feasted their eyes on the luscious colours of a Floral Kingdom that has no equal anywhere else in the world.

"I am convinced that the cliff path - so uniquely set against a backdrop of rugged mountains and a panoramic view of Walker Bay - will remain a major draw card for tourists from all over the world for many years to come.

"On behalf of Overstrand Municipality, I wish to thank the Cliff Path Management Group for their relentless efforts to preserve and market this unique attraction," he said.

"This brochure will also remind locals that the privilege of experiencing a walk somewhere between the rugged Kleinriviersberg and Walker Bay's pristine coastline is theirs to savour every day," the Mayor added.

For more information, please email hermanuscliffpath@gmail.com.



Pictured at the Hermanus Cliff Path Management Group's launch of their brand-new updated version of the Hermanus Cliff Path Brochure are (front) Jane Beattie (the late David Beattie's wife), Lizelle Hendricks, Anina Lee of Whale Coast Conservation and Ward 3 Councillor Kari Brice. In the back are Jennifer Beattie (the late David Beattie's daughter), Mayor Dudley Coetzee and Morgan Hendricks. Lizelle and Morgan are Whale Coast Conservation's youngest members.



THE PROBS

THE PROBS is a South African all-African female musical trio formed in 2016 who will perform for OAK on Sunday 6 October at 15:30 in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus. They will be joined by guest star, Reuben Mbonambi. All four youngsters are currently enrolled with the University of Cape Town's Opera School and they promise that their performance will delight music lovers, irrespective of preferences. Tickets are available from the Tourism Office (028 312 2629) and cost R150 (R60 for students). Further enquiries may be directed to René du Plooy on 082 940 4238.

