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Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

WISHING YOU PEACE & JOY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

A message from Executive Mayor, Dudley Coetzee

With the festive season fast approaching, my greatest desire is that everyone who chooses to spend their well-earned holiday in the Overstrand will enjoy a blessed time in the company of those near and dear to them.

Typically, with one year coming to an end and another just around the corner, many of us tend to reflect on our achievements over the past twelve months. But somehow we also have a tendency to dwell on those niggling things we simply never got around to doing.

Given that this is the time of goodwill and seeing that we will be spending quality time with family and friends, perhaps this will be an opportune time to reconnect with those we have so sadly neglected during recent times.

Here I appeal to one and all to bear the elderly, the lonely and the destitute in mind. Surely when we gather around a table laden with enough food to feed a small army, there ought to be room for one or two more? Then there are those who, unless someone extends a hand of kindness, will face yet another bleak day where hunger has the upper hand.

It is not too late to be kind and more caring towards others. The return on investing in the wellbeing of one's fellowman is far higher than you could ever imagine. Talking about investments in wellbeing, as much as it is Overstrand Municipality's sincere wish that everyone should have fun while relaxing along our shores, your safety is also of utmost importance to us.

To this end, we have gone to great lengths to ensure that those who wish to enjoy our beaches will find the amenities provided are clean and tidy. We have also employed additional law enforcement volunteers who will help to ensure that order is maintained in public spaces.



Ald Dudley Coetzee

"WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND WE WILL."

This solemn pledge was made by newly elected Junior Mayor, Akisha Johannes, when she and thirty-four of her peers were inaugurated as Overstrand's Junior Town Council for the period 2019/2020 during a special event held in the Hermanus Auditorium on 31 October 2019.

This undertaking tied in quite fittingly with Mayor Dudley Coetzee's message to the incoming junior council.

"Undeniably, the world as we know it is under threat due to the challenges posed by global warming and mankind's apparent disregard for its contribution to climate change," he said. "As a consequence, young people especially feel the need to voice their disdain with world leaders' inability to address the pressing need to preserve the universe and to create a safe environment for generations to come. 'Sadly, though, rather than actively taking part in the democratic processes to elect leaders of their choice who will point the way forward, the young electorate seemingly opt to assume a stance of 'I couldn't care a hoot'. 'That stance is counterproductive, to say the least: One cannot complain on the one hand, and then opt not to be part of the solution on the other.

"As you learn more about the workings of local government, I call on you to please share that knowledge with your peers and to do your utmost to

inspire them to take part in the democratic processes that underpin this great country."

To this, Akisha responded that she, with the support of her two deputies - Herschell Burns and Sisipho Lifaba - and her fellow junior council members fully intend to make a difference: "Let's work together. Let's be the change," she urged.

Programme director on the evening, Cllr Grant Cohen, cautioned the young people to that their time in office will pass in a trice and since there is such a lot that must be done in so little time, urged them "not to waste even one day" but to use every opportunity to grow and to work towards taking Overstrand to an even higher level through their inputs and contributions.

To underscore this message, Cllr Cohen quoted the following lines by British singer-songwriter Emile Sandé: *Time is easy spent, but it can't be bought. So stop acting as if tomorrow's promised. Never let the tide of change wash away the dream you've dreamt. Don't get left wondering where the summer went.*

Mayor Coetzee also used this opportunity to thank Claudia Weich, outgoing Junior Mayor 2018/19, and her team for their dedication during the past year and offered a special word of thanks to the parents, mentors and principals whose efforts and contributions largely contributed to the success of the programme.



Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee, incoming Junior Mayor Akisha Johannes and Overstrand's newly elected 2019/2020 Junior Town Council

Please note that the setting off of fireworks - including crackers, flares and Chinese lanterns - have been banned in the Overstrand.

I must also appeal to visitors and residents to use water sparingly. Due to the low water level of the De Bos Dam, Council had to institute Level 3 water restrictions in the Greater Hermanus area.

On that note, allow me to express my heartfelt thanks to our residents who are doing their utmost to preserve not only our water resources but also the unique fauna and flora that set this part of the Western Cape coast apart.

Thank you, too, to my fellow councillors and the Overstrand workforce who, despite several challenges, valiantly upheld Overstrand's motto: **We belong. We care. We serve.**

In the spirit of the season, I wish one and all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. To our many visitors, may your stay in Overstrand be a memorable one for all the best reasons.

Sincerely Dudley Coetzee

CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES 2019/2020

Kindly note that all municipal offices in the Overstrand area, with the inclusion of libraries, will be closed for the general public from:

❖ 13:00 on Tuesday, 24 December 2019
to reopen on Monday, 30 December 2019 at 07:45

❖ 13:00 on Tuesday, 31 December 2019
to reopen on Friday, 3 January 2020 at 07:45

Be assured, though, that the delivery of essential services will not be disrupted at any point in time.

Also remember that municipal accounts can be settled via the Pay@ and Easy Pay systems, at several retail outlets, SA Post Office and EFT. In case of an infrastructure-related emergency, contact Overstrand's 24-hour Control Room at 028 313 8111.

Overstrand and its wards



The municipal area of Overstrand covers a surface of almost 1708 square kilometres. The area has a permanent population of 90 000. The municipality has its head office in Hermanus, but municipal services are delivered on a decentralised basis from offices in Gansbaai, Stanford, Hermanus and Kleinmond. The area is divided into three administrations: Hanglip-Kleinmond, Greater Hermanus and Gansbaai/Stanford.

The area is demarcated into thirteen wards, each with a directly elected councillor. These councillors are assisted by a ward committee of ten members. Ward committee members are elected democratically. Provision is made for the representation of organisations as well as individuals. Ward committees play an important role in the drafting and reviewing of the Integrated Development Plan and the identification of budget needs.

Overstrand's wards are as follows:

1. Franskraal and Masakhane;
2. Gansbaai, De Kelders, Kleinbaai and Blompark;
3. Hermanus and a portion of Westcliff;
4. Mount Pleasant, Hemelen-Aarde Valley and a portion of Westcliff;
5. Zwaline South;
6. Zwaline North;
7. Sandbaai;
8. Rawson, Fishershaven and Hooningslip;
9. Kleinmond, Mountain View and Pannier;
10. Betty's Bay, Frigate Bay, Roberts, Overhills and Proteadrops;
11. Stanford, Baansekouersbos, Pearl Beach, Vloersloot, Witvoogte, Buffeljagbaai;
12. Zwaline North-West;
13. Onus and Vermont.

Twelve of the twenty-five councillors represent political parties on a proportional basis. This means that residents of Overstrand can also use political channels to bring matters to Council's attention. Three political parties are represented: the Democratic Alliance, the African National Congress and the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF).

The Administration

Municipal Manager
Mr Coenle Groenewald

A Municipal Manager is appointed by Council. He is the link between the council and the administration, of which he is the head, and also serves as accounting officer who has to account for the municipality's income and expenditure, assets and other obligations, such as proper adherence to the Municipal Finance Management Act. In terms of legislation, he should have the expertise and experience to discharge his duties. Subject to the municipality's policy guidelines, he ensures, amongst others, that an economic, effective, efficient and accountable administration is established and developed, that the IDP comes to fruition, that municipal services are delivered in a sustainable and balanced fashion, that a personnel corps is appointed, managed, developed and disciplined and that sound labour relations are maintained. He should facilitate participation by the community and develop a system whereby the community's satisfaction with municipal services can be gauged.

In Overstrand's case Mr. Groenewald is supported in the above by a teams of directors for the following:

- Finance: Mrs Santie Reyneke-Naudé;
- Management Services: Mrs Deirdre Aronson;
- Community Services: Mr Rodrick Williams;
- Protection Services: Mr Neville Michaels;
- Infrastructure, Planning and Electrotechnical Services: Mr Stephan Müller; and
- Economic and Social Development & Tourism: Mr Solomon Madikane

Know your Council
2019/20

Ward 1 Cllr Xolani Msweli (ANC)	Ward 2 Cllr Riana de Coning (DA)	Ward 3 Cllr Kari Brice (DA)	Ward 4 Cllr Anton Coetzee (DA)	Ward 5 Cllr Valerie Pungungu (ANC)	Ward 6 Cllr Michelle Sapepa (ANC)
Ward 7 Cllr David Botha (DA)	Ward 8 Cllr Elnora Gillion (DA)	Ward 9 Cllr Grant Cohen (DA)	Ward 10 Cllr Fanie Krige (DA)	Ward 11 Cllr Dudley Coetzee (DA)	Ward 12 Cllr Vuyani Macochoa (ANC)
Proportional Cllr Ronald Nutt (DA)	Proportional Cllr Siphwe Kalofo (ANC)	Proportional Cllr Christine May (DA)	Proportional Cllr Benet Molefe (EFF)	Proportional Cllr Lillie Ntsho (DA)	Proportional Cllr Hanne Morgan (DA)
Proportional Cllr Theodor Nqirata (ANC)	Proportional Cllr Theodor Nqirata (ANC)	Proportional Cllr Theodor Nqirata (ANC)	Proportional Cllr Theodor Nqirata (ANC)	Proportional Cllr Theodor Nqirata (ANC)	Proportional Cllr Theodor Nqirata (ANC)

Executive Mayor and Committee

In terms of Overstrand Municipality's Third Establishment Amendment Notice of 28 May 2003, Overstrand is a municipality with a mayoral executive system combined with a ward participatory system.

At its inaugural meeting, Council elects an Executive Mayor and an Executive Deputy Mayor.

Legislation allows the Overstrand Executive Mayor to appoint a Mayoral Committee of five members of which one normally is the Executive Deputy Mayor. Each of the members has a Portfolio Committee, consisting of members of political parties in Council. In Overstrand, these committees are: Infrastructure and Planning, Economic Development, Community Services, Protection Services and Management Services.

The Executive Mayor, members of the Mayoral Committee and the Speaker are full-time councillors.



Executive Mayor: Ald Dudley Coetzee

At its inaugural meeting, Council resolved that all powers not reserved by law for the council and with the exception of those vested in officials must be delegated to the Executive Mayor who will normally receive reports from Council's committees, which is open to the public. He also plays a leading role in the compilation and implementation of the integrated Development Plan, the Municipal Budget, the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan, performance management, community participation in council affairs and corporate communication services and performs ceremonial duties. He reports to Council.

Executive Deputy Mayor and Mayoral Committee Member for Infrastructure and Planning: Cllr Elnora Gillion



In addition to her duties as Deputy Mayor, she is also responsible for Infrastructure, Planning and Electrotechnical Services consisting of:

- Water and Transport Services;
- Environmental;
- Electrotechnical Services; Management;
- Project Management and Services; Development Control
- Solid Waste;
- Town Planning and Property Management; Administration;
- Geographic;
- Building Control; Information Systems

Protection Service: Cllr Annie Africa



- Protection Services
- Fire and Disaster Management;
- Traffic Services and
- Vehicle Consents;
- Law Enforcement and Security

Mayoral Committee Member for Local Economic and Social Development & Tourism: Cllr Kari Brice



- Local Economic and Social Development & Tourism and also responsible for Whale Coast Marketing

Mayoral Committee Member for Finance: Cllr Riana de Coning



- This member is responsible for:
- Finance, consisting of
- Income;
- Expenditure and Assets;
- Supply Chain Management; Management;
- Accounting Services and
- Systems and Data Budgeting Services; Control

Mayoral Committee Member for Community Services: Cllr Grant Cohen



- This member is responsible for:
- Area Management and Operational;
- Housing Services;
- Corporate Projects;
- Sport and Culture

Mayoral Committee Member for Management Services: Cllr Andrew Komani



- This member is responsible for:
- Human Resources;
- Information Technology;
- Corporate Communication Services;
- Council Support Services;
- Strategic Services;
- Legal Services;
- Records and Archives

WATER QUALITY AT MUNICIPAL SCHEMES

DRINKING WATER QUALITY: APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2019

DESCRIPTION OF TEST	UNIT	STANDARD AS PER SANS 0241	AVERAGE TEST RESULTS FOR POTABLE WATER TEST SAMPLES AT								
			BR	KM	HM	SF	GB	DK	PB	BB	BJB
pH	(pH) units	≥ 5 to ≤ 9,7	7,2	7,1	6,7	7,4	7,7	7,6	7,7	9,0	7,6
Electrical conductivity	mS/m	≤ 170	30,1	35,1	45,8	76,6	93,8	55,2	52,5	68,5	171,0
Turbidity	NTU	≤ 1	0,5	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,6	0,1	0,3	0,6	0,2
Colour	mg/l as Pt-Co	≤ 15	4,5	4,0	4,2	4,0	4,2	4,3	4,0	5,0	4,0
Iron	µg/l as Fe	≤ 300	51,8	24,0	43,0	-	24,0	-	40,2	67,7	24,0
Manganese	µg/l as Mn	≤ 100	--	19,5	-	-	-	-	70,4	-	-
Aluminium	µg/l as Al	≤ 300	154,5	73,7	93,3	-	145,2	-	24,3	-	-
E.coli	Count/100ml	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* **BR:** Buffelsrivier | **KM:** Kleinmond | **HM:** Hermanus | **SF:** Stanford | **GB:** Gansbaai | **DK:** De Kelders | **PB:** Pearly Beach | **BB:** Baardsekerdersbos | **BJB:** Buffeljagsbaai

The Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) recommends that municipalities periodically publish information on the quality of drinking water supplied to consumers.

Water quality is measured against Code 0241 as set by the South African National Standards (SANS) for drinking water.

On the accompanying drinking water quality table

the average scores attained by Overstrand Municipality's nine water treatment plants from April 2019 to September 2019 can be seen. Water samples are collected monthly by an accredited laboratory where different bacteriological, chemical and physical parameters are measured.

Overstrand Municipality's water quality is of an outstanding quality, with 98% of the average results

complying with Code 0241 as set by the South African National Standards (SANS) for drinking water. When the drinking water quality does not comply with SANS 0241, corrections are made at the water purification works and in the reticulation network if applicable. The drinking water quality is then retested against the SANS 0241 limits for compliance.

WASTE WATER EFFLUENT QUALITY AT MUNICIPAL SCHEMES

APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2019

DESCRIPTION OF TEST	UNIT	DWS GENERAL AUTHORISATION STANDARDS	AVERAGE TEST RESULTS FOR POTABLE WATER TEST SAMPLES AT:					Hermanus Permit Authorisation Standards
			GANSBAAI	HAWSTON	STANFORD	KLEINMOND	HERMANUS	
pH	(pH)	5.5-9.5	7,3	8,1	7,4	7,4	7,6	5.5-9.5
Electrical conductivity	(mS/m)	150	142	157	136	106	193	5000
Faecal coliform bacteria	(count/100ml)	1000	74	329	62	39	63	1000
Chemical oxygen demand	(mg/l)	75 Max	50	51	54	47	46	75 Max
Ammonia nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	6 Max	2	1	4	5	2	7 Max
Nitrate nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	15 Max	6,1	0,9	4,5	5,0	3,2	17 Max
Nitrite nitrogen	(mg/l as N)		0,2	0,2	0,2	0,6	0,2	
Total suspended solids	(mg/l)	25 Max	8	30	15,0	13	8	25 Max
Ortho-phosphate	(mg/l as P)	10 Max	1	3	2	2	2	10 Max

(Applicable to all WWTWs except Hermanus)

The Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) recommends that municipalities periodically publish information on the quality of drinking water supplied to consumers as well as final waste water effluent quality results.

Waste water effluent quality is measured against standards as set by DWS, which are classified as

either General Standards, or Special Standards.

The table for waste water effluent quality illustrates Overstrand Municipality's average effluent quality parameter measurements at the 5 treatment plants over the past six months. Samples are taken for analysis on a monthly basis by accredited laboratories.

Overstrand Municipality's final waste water effluent quality complies 96% overall.

When the final effluent quality does not comply with the General Standards, corrections are made at the treatment works. The final effluent quality is then re-tested against the General Standards for compliance.



SOD-TURNING CEREMONY A FITTING BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR OVERSTRAND FIRE SERVICES

Municipality to invest R2.48 million in construction of a dedicated vehicle hangar

Ten years since the inception of professional fire services in Overstrand, the Fire Brigade is to get a brand new fire station, complete with its own vehicle hangar. Up to now, fire engines were housed on the adjacent premises of the Traffic Department, which meant crews had to run to the bay next door, cutting down on their response time. As a first step to refurbish the existing fire station, construction of a dedicated vehicle hangar commenced on 29 October 2019 and, if everything goes according to plan, this hangar will be ready for occupation by June 2020. Further upgrades to the existing fire department building, adjacent to the hangar in Mussel Street, will be completed in phases. "The new station will house fire engines, office space and overnight accommodation (living quarters) for fire fighters," explained Assistant Fire Chief for Operations and Training, Angelo Aplon. The fire station will be open 24-7 and will be able to run independently with

back-up generators in case of an emergency. In the long run, it is envisaged that the station will also accommodate a state-of-the-art Incident Command Centre from where responses to major incidents or disasters can be coordinated. The windy conditions that prevailed at the time of the sod-turning ceremony was a fitting reminder of the many hazardous elements Overstrand fire fighters have to contend with on any given day. In his moving address delivered on the day, Fire Chief Lester Smith thanked Mayor Dudley Coetzee, Municipal Manager Coenie Groenewald and Director Neville Michaels for their guidance and support, adding that "the new fire station is bound to become a beacon of hope since it will bring emergency, fire and rescue services closer to our communities". This sentiment was reiterated by Mayor Dudley Coetzee who remarked that time is critical in rescue situations given that fires can get out of hand rather rapidly, as we sadly witnessed at the beginning of the year. "To this end, the new station will greatly assist in cutting response times - which means that our fire fighters will be able to get to the scene quicker to save lives and to protect properties," he concluded.



SMOKERS, PLEASE BIN YOUR BUTTS!



Angelo Aplon, Assistant Fire Chief: Operations and Training, is confident that Overstrand's Fire Department is geared to face the fire season with full-time fire officers in all areas, complemented by a large contingent of volunteer fire fighters.

Summer heralds the fire season in the Western Cape.

Given the prevailing high temperatures and strong winds, Overstrand appeals to all residents and visitors not to cause runaway brush fires as a result of human negligence - and here we want to address smokers in particular.

Please dispose of your cigarette butts responsibly: Make use of a portable cigarette-butt holder (freely available on the market) or use something as simple as an empty bottle or can filled with a bit of water to dispose of your butts.

Whatever you do, don't flick your butt out the car window or in the brush.

Remember, too, that those butts are a major cause of pollution the world over: They belong in the trash, not in a gutter, not in a stream and most definitely not in the ocean.

So, if you must smoke, please do so responsibly with due regard for your fellowman and nature.

FLARES, FIREWORKS & CHINESE LANTERNS FORBIDDEN



All fireworks, including the sale thereof, have been banned in the Overstrand region. Residents and holiday-makers are reminded that no fireworks, including fire crackers, may be discharged anywhere in the Overstrand municipal area - be it a beach, public space or private property.

Any contravention of the municipality's by-laws in this regard constitutes a criminal offence and offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, resulting in hefty fines and lengthy prison sentences.

Note, too, that only vessels at sea may discharge flares in the event of an emergency. Discharging flares on land is strictly forbidden.

Residents and visitors are also reminded that the same by-laws forbid the use of so-called Chinese lanterns since the unpredictable flight patterns of these lanterns pose a serious threat to the surrounding fynbos and infrastructure.

"Due to the ongoing drought, our area is very dry and the risk of causing brush fires is extremely high," Overstrand's Fire Chief, Lester Smith, cautioned. He appeals to everyone to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in this regard and to work together to help ensure that celebrations over the upcoming festive season will be a safe and joyful occasion for one and all. **In case of an emergency, please contact Overstrand Fire & Rescue on 028 312 2400.**

TRISTAN BRINGS THE MOST COVETED BODYBOARDING TROPHY HOME!

And where is home? "Onrus, of course," says 22-year-old Tristan Roberts who was recently crowned world champion on completion of the 2019 APB World Tour.

Every year, the Association of Professional Bodyboarders (APB) hosts a world tour where the world's best bodyboarders battle it out against the waves (and one another) at various venues ranging from Hawaii to Chilli, Australia to Morocco, Portugal to the Canary Islands - and points in between.

Despite the fact that he has surfed the "seven seas", so to speak, Tristan is still of the opinion that

Onrus is the ultimate place to bodysurf, and am sure that his fellow competitors will rock up anytime soon to discover exactly what makes conditions along the Western Cape's coastline so appealing.

Tristan's feat is all the more impressive since he is the first competitor ever to be crowned champion in both the junior and men's category: Yes, in 2014, Tristan also walked off with the junior world title.

On welcoming Tristan back to these shores, Overstrand's Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee jokingly remarked that he, too, has now arrived: "For the first time ever, I got to shake the hand of a world champion!"

On a more serious note, the Mayor added that Tristan's accomplishments will serve to inspire a nation and, in particular, the Overstrand community. "Yes, we need to celebrate our heroes, but it is your perseverance to pursue the ultimate goal that will inspire people and our youth for many years to come. Thank you."



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FOR THE SAKE OF EASY REFERENCE, PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ON HAND:

- For distress calls relating to **fires or accidents**, call **Overstrand Fire & Rescue**:
☎ 028 312 2400
- For emergencies relating to **municipal infrastructure**, call **Overstrand's 24-hour Control Room**:
☎ 028 313 8111
- For **general enquiries**, call **Overstrand's Head Office**:
☎ 028 313 8000
- For issues relating to **law enforcement**, call:
☎ 028 313 8996
- To report any **suspicious activities**, call your nearest police station:
☎ Gansbaai: 028 384 0201
☎ Hermanus: 028 313 5300
☎ Kleinmond: 028 271 8200
☎ Stanford: 028 341 0601

CASTLE BEACH TO SPORT OVERSTRAND'S FOURTH BLUE FLAG

When the 2019/20 holiday season officially kicks off on 1 December, Overstrand will hoist not three but four Blue Flags.

At the official award ceremony held towards the end of October at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, it was announced that Castle Beach in Pearly Beach has earned its Blue Flag status and will now share this distinction with Grotto, Hawston and Kleinmond.

On top of that, Onrus Beach has been afforded pilot status, and Overstrand is confident that it will be in a position to add a fifth Blue Flag to its portfolio come the 2020/21 holiday season.

Full Blue Flag status are awarded to beaches who have met minimum requirements in terms of safety, amenities, cleanliness and environmental standards, while pilot sites are recognised for working towards meeting those requirements.

Elsewhere in Overstrand the shark-cage diving boats operated by Marine Dynamics and Great White Shark Tours, as well as the two whale-watching boats operated by Dyer Island Cruises have also earned their Blue Flag status.

In South Africa, the Blue Flag programme is run by WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) in conjunction with participating municipal authorities. Blue Flag status is awarded seasonally and municipalities must apply annually to renew the status of their beaches.

Altogether 45 South African beaches, nine marinas and ten sustainable tourism boats were awarded Blue Flags, of which 33 recipients are from the Western Cape.



Overstrand's Blue Flag Coordinator, Lauren Rainbird, and Mayoral Committee Member for Community Services, Councillor Grant Cohen (centre) on being handed the Blue Flags soon to be unfurled on four of Overstrand's beaches by Dr Thommie Burger, CEO of Wessa, and Sarah Ferguson of Breathe Conservation.