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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## SPORT FESTIVAL IN TRUE OLYMPIC SPIRIT

Despite the rain, the Overstrand Sports Festival held on Saturday, 5 October, at the Hawston Sports Grounds turned out to be a huge success. Sports enthusiasts from all corners of Overstrand turned up to witness their Olympic heroes carrying the golden torch into the stadium and to cheer their teams on towards attaining yet another ultimate goal: The Mayor's Cup.

The ceremony opened with a symbolic golden torch being handed over to Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie by Olympians Cameron van der Burgh, John Smith, Sizwe Ndlovu, Matthew Brittain and James Thompson.

Nelson Nkanunu, an employee of Overstrand Municipality, then led the crowd in singing the South African national anthem, followed by the international Olympic anthem.

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie was joined on stage by local councillors and guests of honour Gideon Sam, President of the South African Olympic Committee, and Dr Ivan Meyer, Provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs, Sports

and Recreation. Both expressed their delight in being part of an event where the best of the best in Overstrand got to showcase their talent to the delight of the crowd.

Sam in his address said that he found it heartening to see children of such a young age participate and reiterated Mayor Botha-Guthrie's message by stating that festivals of this nature should serve as an incentive for all to become involved in sport. He also pointed out that SASCOC's primary objective is to afford young people the opportunity to be the stars of tomorrow, nevertheless cautioning that "These children standing in front of me today must look up to the Olympians; they [the Olympians] did not just land where they are - they started very small, but today are known worldwide. I would like to motivate teachers and parents to assist in making sure that our children live their dreams."

In his address, the Western Cape Minister of Cultural Affairs, Sports and Recreation, Dr Ivan Meyer, remarked that the "Olympic movement

encapsulates the dreams and aspirations of every sport lover. It grabs the imagination and puts on display the best of the human spirit, bravery and courage in its purest form as the athlete competes for the ultimate prize in sport - the Gold Medal."

In conclusion, Meyer recognised the role fans fulfil in awarding athletes due recognition by stating, "...the athletes present today. These athletes are our athletes. Their achievements bring us joy and pride. They fuel our sense of patriotism and regardless of who we are, their performances bring the nation to a standstill in a spirit of nationhood .....one anthem, one flag, one emblem and one South Africa."

**The end results of the games were as follows:**

**Rugby:** Hawston won 27-7

**against Black Leaves**

**Netball:** Hermanus beat Seastars 22-15

**Ladies' soccer:** Mighty Ladies 3

**vs Real Pioneers 2**

**Men's soccer:** Super Eagles 4 vs Early Birds 1

**Cricket abandoned due to wet weather**



Hermanus was the netball champion



Hawston Rugby walked off with the laurels



Super Eagles came out tops in tournament



Olympian wrestlers



Holding the golden torch



A fun tug-of-war challenge!



The disabled competed for the first time

### CLOSING OF OFFICES DURING HOLIDAYS

Municipal offices, including libraries, will be closed from 13:00 on Tuesday, 24 December, and on Tuesday, 31 December. Essential services will operate as normal. After Christmas and Family Day the offices will be open for business as normal on Friday, 27 December from 07:45. In the Western Cape, 2 January is also a public holiday and municipal offices will re-open again for the first time in 2014 on Friday, 3 January.

## GROTTO, KLEINMOND AND HAWSTON RETAIN BLUE FLAG STATUS

At the launch of this year's Blue Flag programme in Ramsgate, KZN, three of the 41 beaches awarded Blue Flag status for the 2013/14 season included Grotto, Kleinmond and Hawston. Grotto Beach was awarded Blue Flag status for the eleventh, Hawston for the fifth and Kleinmond for the seventh time.



Leon Steyn, Marthinus van Schalkwyk, Cllr Rudolph Smith and Thommie Burger.

Blue Flag is a prestigious, voluntary eco-label for beaches and is recognised as a trusted symbol of quality. An internationally-recognised annual award, it is designed to raise environmental awareness and to increase sound environmental practices amongst tourists, local populations and those charged with managing our beaches. To achieve Blue Flag status, 33 main

criteria encompassing four aspects of coastal management have to be met: water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, and safety and services.

Leon Steyn, Environmental Specialist for Overstrand Municipality, says "Grotto, Kleinmond and Hawston beaches met with all the standards of excellence required. We offer top-notch life-saving standards, effective top-rate ablation and parking facilities and, of course, access for the disabled. We are indeed very pleased with the awards."

Speaking at the launch event, Minister of Tourism, Marthinus van Schalkwyk, says in his opinion, the mere fact that Blue Flags are very hard to come by lends substance to the programme, which means that these flags have the true potential to enhance the sustainability of local communities and local government alike since they act as a drawcard for tourists, generate foreign income and create jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities.

## PARKING FEES: GROTTO & KLEINMOND BEACHES

Bus drop-off (more than 14 seats)	R110.00
Parked buses: municipal parking area per day	R170.00
Per vehicle per day or part of a day (Western Cape December school holidays)	R10.00
Resident permits per year (only two per owners of erven)	R40.00
Season ticket per motor vehicle (Western Cape December school holidays)	R120.00

The above-mentioned fees will be charged from 4 December 2013 until 14 January 2014 (school holidays) from 08:00 until 16:00.

The contact persons for season tickets and resident permits (available from 1 November 2013) are as follows:

- Hermanus Administration: Heather Appel 028 313 8135
- Kleinmond Administration: Carla Swartz 028 271 8411

## BINS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE

Oil paints, pesticides, batteries, used motor oil and many cleaning products are just some examples of household hazardous waste residents generate daily. These items contain toxic ingredients and should be used and disposed of with caution. Do **not** place out for regular garbage pick-up and please do not pour motor oil, paints or solvents down your drain or into sewers.

Two shipping containers and an array of bins have been provided for household hazardous waste and electrical/electronic waste (e-Waste) in each administration at the following places:

- Kleinmond: Kleinmond Transfer Station, Main Road, Kleinmond
- Hermanus: Hermanus Transfer Station, Swartdam Road, Hermanus
- Stanford: Stanford Drop-off, Rivier Street, Industrial Area, Stanford
- Gansbaai: Gansbaai Landfill, Voortrekker Street, Gansbaai

**Six different bins for household hazardous waste are provided:**



### Bin 1 for CORROSIVES

Examples are drain cleaners, rust removers, pool acids and bleach (corrosive and oxidising) as well as oven cleaners. Labels usually state: "Corrosive - avoid contact with skin or eyes"



### Bin 2 for FLAMMABLES

Examples are gasoline, fuel oil, butane, oil-based paints and paint thinners. Labels usually state: "Extremely flammable" or "Highly flammable"



### Bin 3 for TOXIC MATERIALS

Examples are benzene, cyanide compounds (found in rat fumigants), thallium sulphate (ant traps), carbon tetrachloride (old fire extinguishers) and old pesticides, such as warfarin in rat poison. Labels often display the skull and crossbones and usually state: "Danger/Poison" or "Warning - Keep out of reach of children"



### Bin 4 for OXIDISERS

These chemicals react strongly with other compounds and may cause fires or explosions. Examples include chlorine pool chemicals, sodium hypochlorite (household bleach), etc. Labels usually state: "Warning - Strong oxidisers"



### Bin 5 for DRY-CELL BATTERIES



### Bin 6 for COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS AND LONG-LIFE BULBS

Take care that the lights do not break since they contain toxic gasses. Should a light shatter indoors, leave the room immediately until fully ventilated.

Note must be taken that the bins are for household hazardous waste only, and businesses and farmers who have hazardous waste in bulk must take it directly to the Vissershok Hazardous Landfill in Bellville.

All old computers and printers can also be discarded at the above-mentioned sites in the e-Waste container.

Used motor oil can be taken to Walker Bay Recycling in Swartdam Road, Hermanus, where a special bin has been provided for this purpose.

## OVERSTRAND TO HAVE ITS VERY OWN TOURISM AMBASSADOR



Craig Holmes

With the wet and cold weather dissipating, best be prepared to welcome our visitors to yet another stunning summer holiday in Overstrand. That's the message from the chair of Overstrand's Tourism Advisory Committee (OTAC), Craig Holmes. According to Craig, this year's Whale Festival in Hermanus yet again drew a large number of visitors simply because they could not resist the urge to feel, see, taste and smell all Overstrand had on offer. Naturally, the possibility of chancing upon a whale breaching with a tremendous splash added to the excitement and then, of course, there were the fortunate few who, late at night, heard the haunting song of one whale calling another... Enough to make anyone's hair stand on end!

In light of the upcoming holiday season, though, Craig would like to remind all residents that Overstrand's attractions extend well beyond whales. Consider, for example, the record attendance at the annual Fernkloof Flower Festival, inclement weather despite.

And it is exactly because Overstrand has such a lot to offer that OTAC took up an opportunity to partner with Wesgro (the Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotions Agency) by appointing a Tourism Ambassador: A celebrity capable of promoting the area's virtues both domestically and internationally.

Bob Skinstad, a well-known former Springbok rugby player who is now a sports broadcaster, presenter and entrepreneur, agreed to be our very own Tourism Ambassador. OTAC wishes him best of luck in presenting the credentials of the Overstrand and all it encompasses to the tourism world.

## DUO AND VIRTUOSO PROMISE TO DELIGHT

On Saturday, 9 November, at 19:00, OAK will present Korean violinist Yura Lee in concert. Lee won with the first prize in UNISA's 2010 International Competition!

On Sunday, 17 November, at 15:30, the Italian cellist duo, Jerome Pernoo and Jerome Ducros, returns to Overstrand.

Both concerts will be held in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus.

Tickets are R100 (R50 for students) and bookings can be made at BELLINI GALLERY on 028 312 4988. For further enquiries, contact secretary René du Plooy on 082 940 4238.



Jerome Pernoo & Jerome Ducros



Yura Lee